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It's always the little things that make a difference.

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This is the key to time management - to see the value of every moment. - Menachem Mendel Schneerson

Happy August and Happy Reading!

Here I sit, writing to you from our new shop location at 1100 Taft Street in the City of Rockville. It took a while to get



up and running. We're finally ready to receive visitors to our new showroom. We can help with commercial, residential, and emergency services, as well as keys for vehicles.

I think that you'll love our new digs. So, drop over for a visit soon.

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it to anyone else. - Charles Dickens

**B1G1 - Business for Good**. <u>Visit the website here</u>. With every purchase from Mike's Locksmith, you are making a difference in the lives of those less advantaged.

In this issue: "We've Moved!", and "5 Gadgets to Make Your Car Smarter".

Be sure to read below about the charity that I've designated for the month of August. And, once again, many thanks for your business and your referrals.

Mike-the-Locksmith



Mike\_s Locksmith Showroom

### **Visit Us At Our New Location!**

Mike's Locksmith has moved to a new location. Now, you can find us at 1100 Taft Street, Rockville, MD. Our contact information remains the same. Come by to check out our new showroom or just to say hello. We're looking forward to seeing you.

# **5 Gadgets to Make Your** Car Smarter.

These 5 gadgets help to bring your car into the modern era.

Whether you'd like to connect your car to the internet, get more data about your car's diagnostics or get some apps for your vehicle, there are a number of



Make Your Car a Smart Car

devices available that can help upgrade your car to smart car status for a fraction of the price of your dealership.

#### Automatic can give you data about your car.

Automatic is a small car adapter that you plug into the on-board diagnostics port of your car to get all kinds of data about your vehicle. The device - which pairs with your phone via Bluetooth - diagnoses engine problems, remembers where you parked, displays your trip history, and can even call for help in the case of an accident.

#### Vinli will turn your car into a WiFi hot-spot

Vinli plugs into the port under your dash and links to your smartphone to give you access to apps that can share information about your car. But there's another perk: Vinli also enables in-car WiFi via T-Mobile's 4G LTE network. You'll have to pay for the data, though, which starts at under \$10 a month for 500MB. But you'll have a way to connect to all of your devices while in your vehicle.

The device also allows you to track your car remotely and enables you to geo-fence areas so that you know when your car has been driven outside a set parameter.

Apps in the Vinli app store range from those used to track performance to integration with your smart home. For example, the Samsung SmartThings app can be used to control and automate compatible devices so that they automatically set when you are leaving or arriving home.

# Zubie Key will track vital information about your car.

The Zubie Key is another plug-in device that also links your car to the internet for enhanced features.

It has built-in GPS, a wireless connection to the cloud and sensors that track your car's health and activity.

The device is always connected to the Zubie Cloud and analyzing your car data to track your travel and share alerts. It can also track your driving behaviors so that it can give you safety tips.

For example, if you have a tendency to brake hard, the device will alert you to help change your bad driving habits. It can also be set to alert parents if their teenage driver is doing something like speeding.

You can even connect your Zubie with the Amazon Echo so that you can ask Echo things like "how much fuel does my car have?"

The Zubie Key also gives users access to Zubie Perks, which are exclusive discounts on things like roadside assistance, car insurance and for car maintenance services.

The device is marketed as an annual service priced at \$99.95 per year. For that you get the Zubie Key, one year of always-on cellular connection and access to Zubie Perks. The subscription automatically renews for the same price each year.

Users can also opt to get Zubie with WiFi service included so that you can use Zubie as a hot-spot in your car. This service runs an extra \$10 a month.

## Pearl's RearVision system transforms your smartphone into a backup camera

<u>The RearVision system</u> basically consists of three components: the licenseplate frame with its two high-definition cameras, an adpater that plugs into your OBD port, and a magnetic mount for your smartphone that sticks to your dashboard.

Once the adapter is plugged into the car, it enables the camera's to stream footage to the driver's smartphone. It also analyzes the video stream for obstacles and will alert the driver if it senses a possible collision.

Pearl, which was founded by ex-Apple engineers, is currently accepting preorders and expects to begin delivery September.

You can purchase the RearVision system for \$499 on Pearl's website.

### Mobileye 560 lets your car see like a smart car to help you avoid collisions.

<u>Mobileye</u>'s consumer product gives drivers real-time updates that can help prevent accidents.

The system consists of a smart camera that is installed on the front of the windshield, an audio alert buzzer, and a display so the driver can view the warnings.

Basically, Mobileye's smart camera has a computer in it that's capable of doing things like measuring the distance between vehicles, reading the speed limit, and detecting when pedestrians are nearby. This technology lets the car warn the driver when it senses a dangerous situation.

So, for example, if you are going 30 miles per hour on a road with a speed limit where the speed limit is 25 miles per hour, the system will send an audio alert as well as an alert on the display.

Or say you are driving down the highway and approaching stalled traffic, the system will send an alert letting you know to slow down. It can also let you know when you are straying from your lane.

The high-tech sensing system will set you back about \$850, but hey, it's cheaper than buying a brand new car decked out with the same Mobileye tech.



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