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Digitally Un-Cool

Verizon Wireless Broadband

Planning to 'hit the road' and eagerly looking forward to Verizon's wireless broadband service for my laptop, I carted my new Fujitsu Lifebook to my local Verizon store and was given a contract, software and this PCMCIA card. --->

With my new account, I successfully connected to the Internet and *received* my digitaltimes.com email from the mail server of the company that hosts my website, but was unable to *send* any

provider of my wireless broadband Internet service.

After several unsuccessful and frustrating attempts to get Verizon customer / technical support to correct the smtp problem, I eventually returned from my travels and cancelled the 'service' and contract. My immediate, out of pocket expenses for trying Verizon broadband? Well, about \$99 for the PCMCIA card, [they said no refunds after 9 days] a set-up charge of \$29.99, \$59.99 a month for the 'service,' plus \$175 to cancel.

During my road trip numerous OTHER wireless and hard-wired services were used to connect to the Internet. Sending and receiving email was without difficulty. All I had to do was change my smtp to whatever service the hotel or my friends were using...smtp.sbcglobal.net, for example...nothing fancy. And they all worked.

Verizon -- take notice!

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The **BEST** and **WORST** online shopping!



BEST: Zappos.com always has a terrific selection of men's and women's shoes with FREE 2-day shipping and FREE return shipping, always! Zildor is a good source for shoes, but they charge to-o-o much for shipping! SkinStore.com for incredible service, free samples of fabulous products, and free 2-day shipping on orders over \$34 plus a return label, [I have never needed it]. Treat yourself and the environment, with the softest clothing ever, made from tofu waste and 100% cotton at FairiesDance.com.

NFL Nut.com had unique items for football fans that even diehard collectors don't have yet, including this 'fab' s.S.F. 49'ers hammer!



Yoox.com has incredible European and American styles for men and women in clothing, shoes and accessories, a convenient 'favorites' feature, a service that keeps track of inventory and advises of 'last-item availability in your size,' superior turnaround and return label.

WORST: Stay away from: SpaLook.com. It's been over a month, and I still haven't had a follow-up from them on a backordered item. Tri-State Camera was the s-l-o-w-e-s-t online vendor imaginable, and Archie McPhee was a close 2nd. Nixon watches sent the wrong item way back in early September. Instead of the *credit* for my return of the item, they sent the item out again. I returned it again, and it took until December to finally get the credit, insisting that they had to apply the credit to a **cancelled** card.



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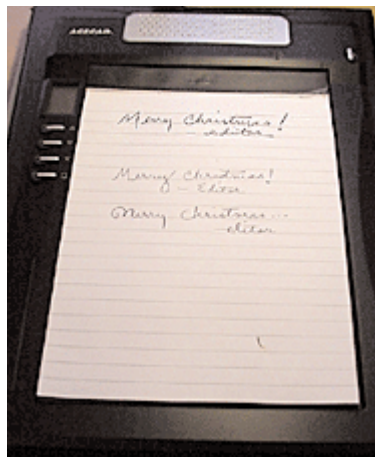
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Merry Christmas ...
-editor



Have you ever wanted to **create a graphic out of your auto-graph or business meeting notes?** Sounds nifty for emailing, doesn't it? With that in mind, last month I ordered this **DigiMemo 692** by Acecad. Free Shipping and fast order fulfillment by DS Intl was nice, too! Basically, you write with a Digital Pen on ordinary paper and the whole thing becomes a graphic that you download to your computer. More pressure is necessary than I would like -- but, satisfied with the product, I also ordered one for my granddaughter, who is having a lot more creative fun with the DigiMemo than I am! -editor

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