

Newcomers and Elmers Net: Christmas Gift Ideas! 11/30/14
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From stocking stuffers to full-blown boxes under the tree, this is the time to be making plans for Santa!

-- Black Friday sales, Cyber Monday sales, R&L Dec 6th customer appreciation extravaganza, and all of the other great places to shop
-- we cover small to large gifts, things I have come up with, things you may think about as we go along, and just have some fun in general!

Radios: HTs; multi-band mobiles; HF Receivers like the Alinco DX-SR8T \$520; Icom 718 \$625; Yaesu FT-450D \$679

Scanners: analog; digital; or buy an HT with some big scanning ranges like the Yaesu FT-60

Antennas: mobile; replacement HT (a wise purchase!); G5RV or antenna supplies to build wire antennas

Accessories: amplifier brick for 2m or 2m/440; speakers and/or headphones for almost any radio is useful;

Books and Magazines – Kindle books, ARRL books; ARRL Membership; RSGB Membership; The Spectrum Monitor; CQ Magazine

Software – logging software; monitoring software (Flightaware, PlanePlotter); digital mode software

-- while most things are free, there are some commercial programs you might want to check out for various reasons, and even if you make donations, a small budget could be set aside for this