

Tech Briefs

Stem Cap Provides Extra Perch on Handlebars

CHICO, CA—Riders who can't find a spot for their computer or light on their bars need not fret. Paul Component Engineering, which has been building bike parts since 1989, has come up with a solution. The company's Stem Cap Light Mount lets riders mount a light, cycle computer, power meter or GPS unit right in the center of a bike's handlebar and stem. "It's just starting to get noticed by consumers," said company owner Paul Price. The mounts are CNC'd in-house from 6061 aluminum and are anodized in black or silver. Designed to replace the top cap of a threadless stem, the light mount provides a perch for accessories that would normally mount on the handlebars. This is especially useful if bars are crowded by grips, brake levers and shifters. Like the traditional cap it replaces, the Stem Cap Light Mount comes with its own screw for headset adjustment. It's available for 1 inch and 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch systems. It sells for \$28. Paul Component Engineering is celebrating 20 years in business this year and threw a party July 4 to honor the milestone, complete with hot dogs, bike races, live music and beer.



GPS Delivers Data Without Breaking the Bank

LAKEWOOD, OH—The i-gotU GPS Travel Logger is a much cheaper alternative to a cycling computer with nearly the same function. This nifty little GPS gadget captures a rider's location, and based on satellite positioning stores that information on its built-in memory. "The i-gotU GPS data logger easily records and maps where you've been and where your picture was taken and directly shares your bike trip on www.a-trip.com," said Bill Cochrane of Active Outdoors Group, which distributes it in the United States. "People will be interested in carrying the i-gotU GPS if they desire a gadget to record and display their trip with mapped photo on Google Maps and Google Earth." It comes with a USB cable that connects to a PC for charging of the internal battery and for data transfer. The iGotU GPS Travel Logger retails for \$79.95. For more information, e-mail Cochrane at bill@coastal-cruisers.com.



Hokey Spokes Light Blades Enhance Visibility

GARY, IN—The Hokey Spoke Company has incorporated fun into its bicycle safety lights. Its Hokey Spokes light blades display computer-generated images and text inside the spoke cages while riding at night. "We get wonderful feedback," said Carole Barnes, owner of Hokey Spokes. "We just had a bunch of teenagers running down the street, chasing after us while riding." Not only are Hokey Spokes fun and interesting, but they also provide important side visibility. Hokey Spokes are transparent blades that attach to bicycle spokes. As the blades spin during riding, a computer inside the blades modulates the internal LED lights so that images and text appear. For the best effect, cyclists should use three per wheel. The blades retail for \$29.95 each.

