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The day has finally arrived! The new site design is finished and ready for testing. Yay! Thanks go to Rob Tillotson for his genius programming and Mike Stamm for his artistic talents. We will be running both this current/old site and the new site in tandem for a few days so that we might discover any potential problems. There is no need to bookmark this new URL as it is only temporary. By the end of the week or early next week, your current bookmark will resolve to the new site. Please let me know of any bugs/problems/issues that you discover along with your comments and criticisms.

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Judie's Latest Gear Diary Entry

06-14-2005 06:15pm

Well, here is an update on my [Samsung i550](#) saga for those of you that have been writing to ask:

I called SPCS yesterday to get my service switched over from the i500 to the i550. I already had the lock code for the [handset](#) - I just needed to get things set up on their end - or so I thought.

After giving my eight digit hex number, I was told "That's a Samsung i550? When did that come out?" I felt guilty and a bit squeamish as I told the CS rep that it wasn't *technically* out yet, but would hopefully be soon. Of course I didn't mention that the phone was never and probably will never be a supported Sprint device - even though it is branded nine ways to Sunday with "Sprint PCS" markings. Anyway...

We recently had an area code change in my town, so I was erroneously told that my PCS number and MSID numbers should be the same, when in fact the MSID number needed to be set to the old area code. This kept my phone from being recognized by the PCS [network](#), even though when I called back I was assured that everything was working "perfectly." This morning, I finally admitted that I was getting nowhere and went to the local PCS store. The assistant manager was all set to say "no" about helping me figure out what was wrong with the phone, until he saw all of the "Sprint" branding as well as the Sprint startup screen. That's when he decided it should work and he would help me. Not even five minutes after walking into the back, he came back out with the fixed unit - and explained



V-Accordian

06-12-2005 11:18am

We all know that accordians have always been the geek instrument of choice, but now they have reached a new height in geekiness with this new digital accordian from Roland.



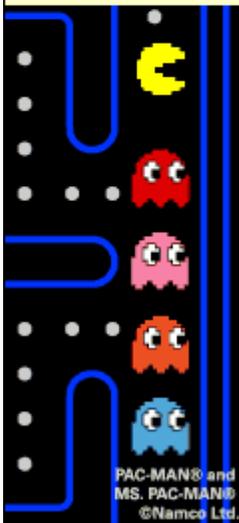
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the dual number issue.

Well, that solved 1/2 of the problems I have been having - yay!
The other 1/2 is trying to get the i550 to hot-sync. I had read in an i550 devoted forum that one user had gotten his to sync by using the i500 cradle and [software](#). Well, I tried many times, and in many different ways, but I couldn't get it to work. :0(
If anyone out there can think of anything I should try to get the phone recognized by my computer, it would be much appreciated. For the record - the i500 will even sync in the i550's cradle, but not the i550. It is definitely a driver problem, not a hardware issue
In the meantime, I have beamed all the programs that I needed from the i500 to the i550. I was even able to bypass the lack of a hot-sync user ID with a clever little freeware application - Change Name. It has been a little bit frustrating, but I feel that getting this i500 will ultimately be worth it, as I now have the coolest phone I have ever owned...one that Sprint PCS evidently doesn't want anyone to have. :0P [more...](#)

Julie's Latest Gear Diary Entry

06-13-2005 04:40pm

Mother nature must really hate me... Last Sunday it was raining and rumbling just a bit, nothing major, when all of a sudden POW POW! I saw orange sparks outside the window. Looked around and didn't notice anything on fire, so I went about my business. Later that evening, when I went to watch some TV, my DirecTV receiver said all my satellite channels were trying to find a signal. Oh oh... The next day, I had a repair guy come out and sure enough, my LNB was toast. He replaced it, and I thought all was good in the world again. Well, except for the \$200 bill he gave me! All wasn't good though. 3 days later I noticed that my ReplayTV 5040 box was showing no info in the online guide. I scratched my head and tried to do a net connect. No luck. Guess what? The storm also fried the ethernet port in the Replay. It wouldn't be so bad if the modem in the Replay box hadn't been fried last year. Do you see a pattern here? ;o) To get back at Mother Nature, I did some eBay shopping today and snagged myself a DirecTV HR10-250 HD satellite receiver with Tivo built in. I've never had Tivo before, so it will be interesting to see how it differs from Replay. I should have it tomorrow. That is if Mother Nature cooperates. [more...](#)

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