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Winegard WiFi, Calyx Sprint Unlimited Plan & Mobile Routers Overview

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Greetings <<First Name>> —

One last newsletter before we end the month (wow, where did September go??).

In the upcoming month, we're expecting a lot of new & refreshed mobile routers on

the market - so we're gearing up to prepare you for it. Starting with an exclusive MIA webinar going over the typical features of a router and how to determine what makes best sense for you (and if even if you need a mobile router).

Mobile Router Updates

Winegard Connect WiFi Extender - Coming in October



[Winegard](#) has a long reputation in the industry as the leading provider of both satellite and over-the-air TV antennas designed for RV use.

But perhaps noticing that more and more people are watching TV over the internet than over the air, Winegard has just publicly announced that it is also pursuing an entirely new direction:

RV Wi-Fi range extending.

We've been beta testing the new Connect package since May - and at long last we can start to share about it publicly.

The Winegard Connect package consists of an indoor and outdoor unit that are designed to work together.

The outdoor unit looks like an inverted three legged stool, and honestly it looks a bit odd on an RV roof. The three legs of the stool are actually high-gain 5dBi Wi-Fi antennas, and the Wi-Fi radio in the base can use these three antennas to lock on to distant 2.4GHz 802.11b/g/n campground Wi-Fi.



The indoor unit is a modern 802.11ac dual-band 2.4GHz / 5GHz AC1750 wi-fi router, which should be able to fill the interior of any RV with an extremely fast indoor private wireless LAN.

If you have wired equipment as well, the Connect also provides a single wired gigabit ethernet port.

The outdoor unit connects to the indoor unit via a 25' ethernet cable, which provides both power and a data connection between the two units.

The Connect package is scheduled to ship in "mid October" this year, for a list price of \$549. The roof unit will be available in both black and white, to better match your RVs rooftop decor.

Winegard has set up a [signup page](#) for people who want to be notified when the Connect is available.

Will Winegard be as successful helping RVers pull in distant campground Wi-Fi as they have been in helping them pull in distant TV stations?

For more information, and our MIA insider first impressions - proceed to: [Coming Soon: Winegard Connect RV Internet WiFi Extender](#)

WiFiRanger Go3 Update

We've also just received the new 802.11ac capable WiFiRanger Go3 prototype for testing this past week.

This product is still not officially announced, but WiFiRanger has given us permission to share about it exclusively with our MIA members.

You can track all the latest on the Go3 in [this thread in the MIA forums](#).

Pepwave/Peplink Updates

Also in the mobile router space, Pepwave is currently firming up their upcoming refreshed product line.

The SOHO (Small Office Home Office) and MAX (MAX-BR1 and MAX-Transit) products are being updated - and these updates are expected to be launched in October according to the Pepwave user forums.

You can track all the latest news and rumors on the Pepwave Fall refresh in [this thread in the MIA forums](#).

Basically, right now it is a good idea to hold off on any mobile router purchases until all these new options are on the market. We will be getting as many evaluation units as we can, and do some head to head testing to share with our MIAs. We appreciate your patience, as it will take us some time to get all of the units in, setup and tested.

MIA Video Session: Mobile Router Overview

When: Tues, October 4, 2016
8pm EDT / 5pm PDT

Where: [Fuze Meeting ID 33561734](#)

In the month ahead we expect there will be several new mobile routers hitting the market - the WiFiRanger Go3, Pepwave SOHO & Max refreshes and the new Winegard Connect. Adding to the plethora of options already on the market - Cradlepoint, Mofi, Alfa and more.

It seems like an ideal time to go over the concept of mobile routers so you can be better prepared to select the right equipment for your needs.

We'll not only go over what mobile routers are (and if you need one) - we'll cover the common variety of features mobile routers offer that make them mobile, including:

- WiFi as WAN (roof versus internal antenna)
- Cellular support (embedded modem vs. tethering)
- WiFi vs. Ethernet local area networking
- Firmware features: failover, device management, etc.

And of course, as always - we welcome questions, and this video will be archived for viewing later. We'll be doing a lot of show and tell of various sample routers we have on board for illustration too - but this won't necessarily be a product specific demo.

We WILL be archiving this chat for viewing later. You can find it in the [MIA video archives](#) and our [Mobile Routers Overview Guide](#). Q&A to follow, first on LTE and then general mobile internet questions welcomed.

Where: [Fuze Meeting ID 33561734](#)

You will need the Fuze App downloaded or you can access via web browse to attend this exclusive interactive meeting. You can also dial in to 201-479-4595. This topical video session will be archived for viewing later.

Also in the News

Other topics recently in the news you might want to get caught up on:

Sprint Unlimited through Calyx Institute

A new Sprint unlimited plan option is making the rounds. This time, a membership to the non-profit internet privacy protector - Calyx Institute - gets you access to their Sprint 4G/LTE plan. For as little as \$33.33/month - this might be an option worth looking into if you'd like to have a Sprint option on board.

More Info: [Calyx Institute Offering Unlimited & Unthrottled Sprint Service](#)

Verizon Prepaid Devices Now have 1 Year Waiting Period

It used to be if you purchased a prepaid Verizon device, after a month of use you could then use that device on other services. Now, Verizon is switching that waiting

period to one year.

More Info: [Verizon Increases Waiting Period Before Prepaid Devices Can Be Used On Other Services](#)

Verizon Overage Charges Being Investigated

There's been a rash of thousands of complaints of unexplained increases in data usage on Verizon accounts. The FCC has taken notice, and is currently investigating.

More Info: [Thousands Complain of Surprise Verizon Overage Charges – FCC Investigating](#)

New Guide - TV & Movie Entertainment

Back in July, we hosted a MIA webinar on TV & Movie Entertainment options on the road - with the intentions of having a newly expanded member guide on this topic.

The Verizon UDP crack down coverage took away the extra time we had to dedicate to that article.

The article is now available for your viewing pleasure, including the archive of the video cast.

View the new Guide:

[TV & Movie Entertainment on the Road: Tips for Streaming, Downloading & Alternatives](#)

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- [Review your membership benefits](#) at any time (and your quick guide to all we offer)
- [Member Discounts](#) - Several vendors offer our members discounts on mobile

internet equipment. Check here before purchasing.

- Looking for something? Be sure to browse the [Resource Center](#) from time to time - most our in-depth content lives there. Anything marked with 'two little blue dudes' is exclusive content just for you.
- [Review Center](#): Our newest addition to the resource center, a single place to look up information and reviews of the products we track. We encourage members to leave their reviews too!
- If you have questions about anything related to mobile internet, always feel free to leave a note in the [Member Q&A forums](#).

Again, we can't thank you enough for becoming a MIA member. It is your support of our efforts that inspires us and gives us the ability to make it a priority to report on all of this emerging news. May the bandwidth be with you!

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