

Highway Helpers

Cool stuff to make your next road trip safer and way more fun **By Laura Daily**



■ Speak Easy

It's a walkie-talkie on steroids: the **Motorola Talkabout MR350R** features an alert siren, 11 weather channels, and even a flashlight. You'll get an extralong range of 35 miles between units, and the large buttons are driving-glove-friendly (\$79.99 per pair; 866-289-6686; hellomoto.com).



■ The Spill Is Gone

Hot coffee is usually more enjoyable when it's in a mug and not in your lap. With the insulated **Autoseal Stainless Steel Mug** you can easily push the button to drink your favorite beverage; the lid automatically seals between sips (\$19.99 each; 888-262-0622; gocontigo.com).



■ Grip Service

Say cheese—anywhere! The **Original Gorillapod flexible tripod** wraps around just about everything, from trees to lamp-posts. And its rubberized feet keep it steady on most surfaces—so you can get the clearest pics on your favorite routes (\$24.95; 888-569-5629; joby.com).



■ You've Got Game

After you've passed your third Stuckey's, the big drive has probably turned into a big snooze. Perk things up with the **Go Games** series from Magnetic Poetry. Choose from 12 compact games, including chess, hangman, and pachisi (\$9.95 each; 800-370-7697; magneticpoetry.com).



■ Use Less Gas!

Saving gas can be fun—if you have a **Kiwi**. Just plug it into the diagnostic port (usually under the steering wheel). The Kiwi offers feedback on how efficiently you're driving and how much fuel your car is burning (for 1996 or later-model cars; \$289; 800-270-5699; juicedhybrid.com).



■ Great Escapes

Driving into a lake can put a real damper on the ol' road trip. To break out fast, carry the **Houdini Automotive Escape Tool**: the pocket-size device shatters car windows and saws through seat belts. Plus, its whistle can be heard for a quarter-mile (\$24.95; 866-927-2280; houdinitool.com). ■