

A Gearhead's Guide to the Holiday Season

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What holiday offering do you give the engineer or manufacturer in your life? Why should you come to the holiday party empty-handed this year? There are so many gizmos, gadgets and whatchamacallits to consider this season the only question will be if Amazon, UPS or the Postal Service can send them before March 2022! Here's some of our holiday favorites this season:



For the Aerospace Engineer

Autopilot, gyro stabilizer, up to ten minutes of flight time! The POWER UP Smartphone Controlled Paper Airplane let's you fly great distances via your phone for only \$79.99. Apparently even the strongest of winds can't keep this aircraft from logging serious miles. Buy it for the "kids" and watch mom or dad take full control of the airplane's unique capabilities.

www.poweruptoys.com

For the Mechanical Engineer

Nikola Tesla Wall Prints in frames would look nice in any office. These blueprints show off some of Tesla's most popular mechanical patents.

For the Human Resources Manager

Tired of looking like you just woke-up for the Zoom meeting even if you just woke up for the Zoom meeting? Apparently, celebrities even use the OlumiRing to magically enhance the lighting around their laptops. Sit in style during budget meetings for only \$24.00 plus shipping and handling. Are you ready for your close-up?

oluminate.com

For the Mad Scientist

Imagine walking into a room and having the ability to flip a large electric paddle to turn on your lights just like Dr. Frankenstein? Amazing, right? Gone are the days of flipping a tiny, insignificant light switch now that the Frankenstein Switch Plate Cover (\$14.99) is available on Amazon. It will not work, however, if you don't shout, "IT'S ALIVE!" at the top of your lungs every time you enter the room. Think of how much fun this would be for your office buddy next door!



For the Robotics Enthusiast

Blast off into STEM with this robot assembly kit. Build. Code. Create. Make and program three fearless robots — AstroBot, Rover, or Astron — or create and control one of your own (\$199.99) These bots will be set (using Blockly code) to navigate obstacles, pick-up objects, control light and sound effects, plus show emotion. Explore new custom action with PRP (Pose, Record, Play) functions.

giftshop.thehenryford.org/jimu-astrobots-kit-stem.html

For Your Supervisor

Your supervisor has survived most of the pandemic and has sat through enough video conference calls to get a job at your local television news outlet. They don't want engineering or manufacturing gifts because they eat, live and breathe engineering and manufacturing. They need a break. May we suggest a West Coast-Style IPA Beer Brewing Kit (\$45.00)?

Show your love for the legendary, seafaring ale of the British Empire with this IPA brewing kit containing everything you'll need to turn your kitchen into a craft brewery: 100% malt extract, specialty grains, high quality yeast, and, of course, aromatic Summit and Cascade hops sourced from Washington state's Yakima Valley. And if they don't like beer simply buy them a nice bottle of scotch or bourbon and be on your way.

www.uncommongoods.com/product/west-coast-style-ipa-beer-brewing-kit

Happy Holidays! Cheers to Gears and a prosperous 2022! 