
Subject: Best dirt cheap near fields?

Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2007 20:51:46 GMT

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at is costly to replace or

> crossgrade) - just saying that imho, Shelly's reasoning is based on the

> fact that he's enamoured with the chicue (sp?) of Apple, rather than

> just getting

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Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2007 21:06:33 GMT

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>>>> MacBook Pro."

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>>>> This makes no sense. Notice that the price he complains about is the

>>>> price WITH the flash drive option. Yet Apple actually charges less

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Posted by [Carl Amburn](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2007 21:19:02 GMT

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Subject: Re: Best dirt cheap near fields?

Posted by [Neil](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2007 22:39:22 GMT

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>>>> important announcement of MacWorld for future impact on Apple's

>>>> growth. He did like the Time Capsule, which is at least interesting.

>>>> He hates the iPhone and AT&T, so he'll just have to keep complaining

>>>> about that until their exclusive relationship ends.

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>>>> Cheers,

>>>> -Jamie
>>>> www.JamieKrutz.com
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Subject: Re: Best dirt cheap near fields?
Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2007 00:29:37 GMT
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tween \$1100 and \$2800 for one
>> of the six base m

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bleeding edge for \$2-4k to email Aunt Sally and store the
>>>>> family photo album.
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>>>>> I don't think that's what he's saying. The box he's complaining
>>>>> about _is_ under \$2K (configured the way most people who care about
>>>>> price would buy it). Just because he stupidly overpaid for his Mac
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>>>>> Macs for less than \$2k.
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>>>>> noted that the new desktop boxes are less expensive than Dell's, and
>>>>> the new super light notebook is less expensive than Sony's (and
>>>>> under 2K in the standard configuration).
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is the issue, it's too soon to buy a 54GB solid state
>>>>>>> drive on ANY laptop, not just Apple's. Also, he adds the SSD to
>>>>>>> the MacBook Air and then compares that configuration to laptops
>>>>>>> without an SSD. If that's the comparison, then he should compare
>>>>>>> the \$1700 non-SSD version of the Air to the other subnotebooks.

>>>>> And at that point he has little point.
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>>>>> He could have complained about the lack of firewire or groused
>>>>> about the need for an adapter to use ethernet, but he didn't.
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>>>>> "The movie studios like this, I like it! However, Wall Street

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>>>>> The article I linked the other day showed that Apple shares
>>>>> usually go down after the keynote. Also, the entire market took a
>>>>> hit on Wednesday for issues not directly related to a speech by
>>>>> Steve Jobs. :^)
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>>>>> "I really wanted to see something really great and useful from
>>>>> Apple this week. On the top of my wishlist was a true
>>>>> sub-notebook. Something I could throw in a portfolio or briefcase
>>>>> for short hops."
>>>>>
>>>>> Since he's not complaining about a lack of ports, I don't know why
>>>>> the Air doesn't fulfill that role for him. Maybe he's too cool to
>>>>> buy the base version with the hard drive.
>&g

Subject: Re: Best dirt cheap near fields?
Posted by [TCB](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2007 18:27:52 GMT
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ad but not a great analysis. He phoned it in.
>>>>>

>>>>> easily be replaced by \$1,500 Windows kit."
>>>>>
>>>>> If price were the issue, he would have paid a lot less for the
>>>>> MacBook Pro and added 3rd party RAM at considerable savings. So he
>>>>> blows his credibility right off the top with that exaggerated
>>>>> comparison.
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>>>>> "It costs \$1,799 for the base model. But, set up the way anybody

>>>>> 1.6Ghz, 64GB box. The same 4k buys you a mind-blowing Vista box or

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>>>>> Hypberbole. He's blaming Apple for the cost of a solid state
>>>>> drive. This makes no sense. Notice that the price he complains
>>>>> about is the price WITH the flash drive option. Yet Apple actually
>>>>> charges less than street price to add that drive.
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>>>>> If price

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>>> reports ;-).
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Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2007 13:14:27 GMT
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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2007 15:06:54 GMT
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mplying that the only reason people buy Macs is to be "brand
>>
>>>> loyal and hip," you're wrong. That doesn't apply to most of the Mac

>>>> users
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>>>> I know, who own Macs to get work done and chose them as the preferred
>> tool
>>>> given the options. Frankly, I would rather be using B

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Posted by [DJ](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2007 08:36:07 GMT
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>> the biggest monopolies (and yes, marketing organizations) on earth. As
>> you imply, some of that choice is illusory. But not all.
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>> If Apple still had clones there would be more choice for OSX boxes, if
>> Apple could have survived that (I think yes but those who justify
>> dropping the Mac clones long ago think it saved the company).
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>>> If I could get a MacMini with the option to trick it out with 8G and
>>> a second SATA drive it would be seriously enticing
>>> for peripheral sample libraries (you need to come down and see this
>>> in action - it's a beautiful thing to offload that much
>>> processing). I know other composers that would have gone that route
&g

Subject: Re: Best dirt cheap near fields?
Posted by [Neil](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2007 14:57:40 GMT
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>>>>> desktop release with more than
>>>>> 3 models... so, "every" means "every". That's not called
>>>>> hyperbole, it's called history. ;-))
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>>>> Maybe I misunderstood you. I saw "hyperbole" in your

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2007 01:58:19 GMT
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>> nice long look at this. I think for me two Mix thingys + one Control would
>> be pretty sweet.
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Posted by [Neil](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2007 02:05:40 GMT
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>> TCB
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>> "LaMont" <jjdpro@gmail.com> wrote:
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>>>Ok.. I just went over to the Euphonix site, and I saw the new artist
>>>series
>>>MC/MC-Mix.. I'm very impressed.
>>>
>>> http://euphon221.securesites.net/artist/products/artist_systems/overview.php
>>>
>>>Those early pictures did not do these babies justice. Nice. And, I can

>>>configure
>>>thes babies for a very (Cosmetics) nice setup...
>>>Think BrianT's(Paris setup with the 4 Mec's and screens..
>>>
>>>I'm actually floored and I'm "eating" my words. Nice Job Euphonix..

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> does
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>>>> have a partially aluminum case, and feels better than the Ma

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>>>>>> The MacBook, feels cheap, and while it has good specs and isn't really

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>>>>>> out of line with a comparable PC laptop, it sits alone in it's sub

>>>>>>

>>> \$2k

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>>>>>> price point in the Apple lineup.

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>>>>>> Other than the Mac Mini and iMac. Oh, you mean laptops. Yes, except

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>>> for

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>>>>>> the low end MacBook Pro and the new MacBook Air, sans flash drive.

>As

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>>>>> for

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>>>>>> "feeling cheap," the MacBook does have a plastic case. But my wife

>has

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>>>>> one

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>>>>>> (G4 version); it seems reasonably rugged and has held up well. It

>also

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>>>>>> gets better wireless reception than my metal-clad Powerbook.

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>>>>>> My laptop cost \$750 and has comparable specs to the Macbook, but

>with
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> more I/O (it's closer to the Macbook pro in feature set - not psyched
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> about Vista on it, but I can't deny it gets the same job done for
>a
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>>> lot
>>>
>>>>>>> less money).
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>>>>>>> It's good to have choices. Apple is only one choice. If another choice
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>>>>> is
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>>>>>>> better for you, by all means buy it. If everyone bought a Mac, Apple
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>>>>>>> would
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> be insufferable. :^)
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>>>>>>> Competition is good. On the flip side, if Apple weren't pushing the
>>>>>>> envelope, the other companies building commodity MSWindows boxes
would
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>>>>> be
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>>>>>>> less motivated to give you stuff you like. So keep buying what moves
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>>>>>>> you,
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>>>>>>> be it Apple or someone else.
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>>>>>>>> The same is true of desktops. So his point is based on his opening
>>>>>>>> comments about being enamoured with all things Apple.
>>>>>>>> Sure, he could have gone cheaper, but money is hardly a concern
for
>>>>>>>> Shelly considering his success - it's just a reference point
>>>>>>>> that he could have spent 1/3 of what he did and accomplished the
>same
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>> amount of work, but being enamoured with Apple, he goes for the

gold

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>>>>>>> instead. In other words, he's a victim of clever marketing - getting

>>>>>>>

>>>>> you

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>>>>>>> to buy way more than you need or want.

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>>>>>>> I can't speak for him, but I didn't buy way

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Posted by [DJ](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2007 03:09:12 GMT

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more than I need or want,

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>>>>> and

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>>>>>>> I have a Mac.

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>>>>>>> When you have the option to pay \$1000 or less and get the same job

>>>>>>>

>>> done

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>>>>>>> (depending on what job you are trying to accomplish of course),

vs.

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>>>

>>>

>>>>>>> going

>>&g

Subject: Re: Best dirt cheap near fields?

Posted by [Chris Latham](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2007 05:19:32 GMT

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>>>> Btw - I was in Best Buy today - there were probably 20 different

>>>> laptop models, and 30 desktop models there

>>>> to choose from. 2 iMacs, 1 desktop, and 3 laptops. Regardless of

>>>> prefer
