

## Roadside Treasures

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I see a lot of stuff on the side of the road while riding my bike. Sometimes, I even stop to pick it up...sometimes.



Those things include:

- Remote Control
- Laptop TV Tuner Card
- Cell phone
- Cyclocross tire and tube
- Pants and a bag of bagels

I can't say I've ever kept the things I've found. In the case of the cell phone, it was ran over, and the battery was missing. I put in one of my own batteries, and used the phone book to call the owner. She came and got the phone, and was irritated I didn't include the battery and battery cover. After that, I usually just leave things in the ditch now.

There's a thread on the **OBRA** mailing list right now, people sending in things they've found. It's pretty amusing:

- Michael B. Found an iPod, nobody claimed on craig's list lost and found
- Ivan M. found a plaid blazer
- Steve L. found a cheapish diamond engagement ring
- Brian E. finds music CDs on every ride, 12 in one spot once. Also a drill, and a pair of Oakley sunglasses. However, his "best find ever" was a bundle of 25 hacksaw blades.
- Dan H. found various tools (lots of them), knives (one thrown at him), and a sharp shooter medal.

I didn't realize we cyclists are such scavengers of the roadside. A few months ago, I saw a big roll of duct tape on the side of the road. "Oh, neat," I said, "Duct tape." I rode on by without stopping. Sure enough, on my way back, I saw a cyclist on the other side of the road, big roll of duct tape in hand. Haha.

What have *YOU* found on the side of the road? I know you've done it, so you might as well come clean.

