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The new Samsung Monte
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Samsung Goes Social and Touchscreen with New Monte (S5620) Handset

Providing extensive social integration features

Since the MWC is approaching pretty fast, it's very likely that we'll see quite a large number of announcements related to the field of mobile phones and communications over the next couple of days, coming from pretty much all of the major players in this field. And one of them, Samsung to be precise, has decided to start early and released their new Monte (S55620) model, which, despite not actually being a smartphone, delivers a set of features that almost qualify it to be included in this category.

So, the gadget runs Samsung's own TouchWiz 2.0 Plus platform, which takes advantage of the handset's 3-inch capacitive touchscreen. The gizmo also sports UMTS/HSDPA (900/2100, 3.6Mbps) connectivity, plus quadband GSM, WiFi, A-GPS and Bluetooth 2.1, and a 200MB internal memory expandable via a microSD card slot.

Moreover, the handheld comes equipped with a 3.2-megapixel camera with smile-shot and face detection, an FM radio with RDS and Google Maps 3.0. The 1,000mAh battery is rated for up to 298 minutes 3G talk time or 454hrs 3G standby.

Furthermore, the Samsung Monte has a lot to offer to the social network savvy consumer with a suite of native social networking applications including Facebook and MySpace, allowing users to access their profiles whenever and wherever they choose. This is teamed with advanced Twitter and Bebo widgets - and multi-IM capability - to provide users with the opportunity to chat in real-time via their chosen service.

In addition, Monte users can enjoy full Internet browsing, with an accelerometer sensor allowing the onscreen image to automatically adjust as users rotate the phone.

"Samsung Monte is designed for those who appreciate beautiful design and outstanding performance at affordable price," said JK Shin, president and head of Mobile Communications Business, Samsung Electronics. "The phone offers a compelling set of features, such as the native social networking applications, with an intelligent User Interface, design and connectivity options to provide users with the performance they demand."

Sadly, there's no info on the pricing and/or availability of the new Samsung Monte, but perhaps the Korean company's officials will be a bit more generous with such details during MWC.

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