

THEIR OPINION**Old-school gifts can still thrill dad**

Father's Day is June 15 and I would guess there's a few sons and daughters out there wondering what to get dear old dad.

I never worried about Father's Day because it was easy to find a gift for my dad, who died 20 years ago. He was a jack of all trades who never met a tool he didn't like, unless it wasn't made in America.

Dad didn't buy anything without the Made in the USA sticker, except perhaps Hai Karate aftershave. He liked the Hai Karate television ad where the nerdy looking guy wearing the aftershave used karate to fend off good looking women overcome by the masculine scent. I hate it when that happens.

For those of you who have yet to buy your dad a gift for Father's Day and because Hai Karate is off the market, the Internet is filled with gift suggestions.

Toolboxes and tool bags are great gifts for Dad, according to CableOrganizer.com, which sells cable management supplies.

Boxes and bags are made of canvas or nylon, metal, plastic



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or leather, fit in five-gallon buckets or are made for every type of tool from the mechanic to the gardener.

CableOrganizer also recommends gifts for the dad who is into gadgets.

Popular ideas are remote controls for audio-visual equipment, retractable components for portable computers, chargers, meters measuring electrical usage, cushioned hand tools and label printers.

Inventorspot.com lists the top eight gifts for the military man. No. 1 was a laser-guided pool cue. A laser-guided pool cue? Must be off a surplus smart bomb.

Also on the list are MP3 players that you crank to generate power, the Lifeguard Floating Keychain, a Pentax waterproof

digital camera, the IronKey USB flash drive that doesn't rust, a Wii Hero Pack, the Isaburo Rucksack and the Soldiers Egg Holder to protect rations.

From my perspective, you can't go wrong with giving a tie, socks or aftershave for Father's Day.

I must be behind the times, according to this Top 10 list of Father's Day gifts from askmen.com. My commentaries are added.

10: An auto card manager to organize cards your dad would carry in a wallet, such as an ID, a driver's license, debit and credit cards and money. I never heard of a card manager, but I say if you need such a thing, you're carrying too much.

9: A Swiss Army knife. I agree and recommend the Victorinox.

8: Fishing gear. I don't fish anymore, but this has to be one of the best gifts for men. A bad day fishing is better than a good day at work.

7: Golf clubs. You can't go wrong with golf equipment for a man who loves to hit the links. A

bad day on the golf course is better than a good day at work, too.

6: A bridle leather dress wallet. These wallets are carried in the breast pocket of your coat. Perhaps they're stylish, but most guys keep their wallets in their pants.

5: Wine. In vino veritas (in wine there is truth) goes the Latin phrase. I used to help my grandfather make wine in the fall when I came home from school, so a bottle of wine better be pretty special or come in a bottle bigger than a fifth to be a gift for me.

4: Grooming kits. AskMen.com says the Tweezerman is the perfect grooming kit for all men. I use a Tweezerman badger hair shaving brush and have found it to be of excellent quality.

3: Facial care products. Shouldn't this have been in the Mother's Day Top 10.

2: Tickets to sporting events. I recommend the Pittsburgh Pirates.

1: Wristwatch. This is my personal favorite. A man bonds with his watch.

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