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UTS Holiday Kris Podcast  
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>> Welcome back to Up to Speed, a Verizon podcast. For today's episode, Katie Regner with the self-proclaimed gift-giving specialist who goes by the name of Kris and seemed to have some magical insight into all the tech gifts that people really want this holiday season.

>> KATIE REGNER: Hey everyone, Katie here. Welcome to our last podcast for 2018. What a year it's been from our series from C-suite execs to entrepreneurs to Academy Award-winning actors, we've had a lot of great conversations this year. I'm excited we were actually able to pull this one off. We had a last-minute cancellation, and Kris, a self-proclaimed gift-giving expert was able to clear some time from his schedule to stop by the studio for a special holiday edition of the Up to Speed podcast. Welcome Kris and thanks for joining us.

>> KRIS: Hello! It's so wonderful to be here!

>> KATIE REGNER: Today we're going to be talking about some of the hot gifts and accessories this season. Are you excited for holiday shopping, Kris?

>> KRIS: Of course I am! It's the most wonderful time of year, after all. Although, sometimes it can get pretty busy. It feels like I need to shop for millions and millions!

>> KATIE REGNER: Oh, I know the feeling. What is one thing you're hoping ends up under your tree this year?

>> KRIS: Well, I've really had my eye on The Fitbit Charge 3. And my wife has had her eye on my pants waist size. I think she might get me one this year. With 15 different exercise modes you can customize the right routine for you and keep track of your progress. You know, sometimes I find myself in a lot of hmm, tight spaces on the job. And well, slimming down a few pounds always helps me out. Although, it's so hard to do at this time of year with all the cookies around!

>> KATIE REGNER: What did you say was your line of work again?

>> KRIS: Holiday gift management and gift-giver extraordinaire.

>> KATIE REGNER: Right. So Kris, help me out. What is a game changer this season?

>> KRIS: Personally, I love the Palm Connected Device for my smartphone. It's small, sleek, and portable, and you can slip it out of your pocket or arm band. It connects to all the essential apps on my phone. It's the perfect stocking stuffer. There are many times when taking my big smartphone with me doesn't make sense and the Palm is all I need. I love being able to leave the smartphone behind in my sleigh?

>> KATIE REGNER: Sleigh?

>> KRIS: Sleigh? Car, car! Did I say sleigh?

>> KATIE REGNER: You did.

>> KRIS: Silly me. I have a car, Katie, just like everyone else with lots and lots of horsepower.

>> KATIE REGNER: All right, Kris. What about music? What's a hot gift?

>> KRIS: The Ultimate Ears Boom 3 is a fantastic for our shop! I have a lot of coworkers who love to sing, dance, and be merry. The Boom 3 has incredible 360-degree sound that keeps those tunes cranking up in every corner of my shop during our busiest time of the year. With up to 15 hours per charge, I can take it with me on long, long delivery rides for work.

>> KATIE REGNER: Okay. We talked a lot about work. What about gifts for the time?

>> KRIS: I love my Nest thermostat. I live up north.

>> KATIE REGNER: Oh, nice! Whereabout? Vermont? Maine?

>> KRIS: Uh ...

>> KATIE REGNER: Minnesota.

>> KRIS: Not quite. Let's just say far up north. And it's very cold there. With my Nest I can turn my thermostat on from my phone before I even get home so it's nice and toasty. And with the scheduled feature, it helps me to save a ton of money on my energy bill, as well.

>> KATIE REGNER: Kris, what do you think about the Nest camera?

>> KRIS: It's a wonderful gift. It's great for security, but I must confess, I do wish people would turn it off one night a year.

>> KATIE REGNER: Sounds good. Kris, what would you recommend for parents this time of year?

>> KRIS: I would have to recommend the Gizmo Watch. It's an amazing tool for parents and a fun toy for the kids. With its GPS in Gizmo Hub, parents can keep track of their kids' whereabouts at all times. And call them right on the watch!

>> KATIE REGNER: All right. That's got to bring a lot of parents a lot of peace of mind during the rush of the shopping season.

>> KRIS: Now what about you, Katie? What is the thing on your list that you absolutely must have?

>> KATIE REGNER: Oh, that's a tricky one! But I would have to go with the Pixel 3. I love the Google lens that lets you identify and shop for products just by taking a picture of them.

>> KRIS: Katie Regner, Pixel 3. Just double checking. All good!

>> KATIE REGNER: Kris, what are you writing down on your phone?

>> KRIS: Oh, no. I was just writing a note on my list.

>> KATIE REGNER: So Kris, we've talked a lot about great gift ideas. These are all on the Verizon network, though, right?

>> KRIS: Of course. It's the best network! And everywhere I go I'm always connected with Verizon. And my work takes me all over the world. So I use the Verizon Travel Pass and it's fantastic!

>> KATIE REGNER: What excites you about the future of technology?

>> KRIS: Oh, with 5G, everything is going to be so much faster! Verizon will be leading the way with 5G. Just like Rudolph leads Santa's sleigh.

>> KATIE REGNER: Interesting analogy.

>> KRIS: Ho, ho, ho.

>> KATIE REGNER: Thanks for stopping by, Kris. And we're wishing you the best of luck this holiday season.

>> KRIS: Thank you, Katie. I'm certainly going to need it. I always do.

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