

MythBuster charged \$11,000 for using cellphone in Montreal

Twitter complaint leads to refund

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Adam Savage, the co-host of the popular TV show MythBusters, has solved the problem of the unfathomable \$11,000 cellphone bill he got while travelling.

This time, instead of using science to find the truth, he turned to his Twitter account.

Savage and his wife were in Montreal for a five-day vacation this month. He used a mobile modem to connect his laptop to the Internet for "a couple of hours."

On Friday, after he returned to the United States, he discovered his cellphone had stopped working. When he called his provider AT&T Mobility to find out the problem, his jaw dropped.

He was slapped with an \$11,000 bill for data usage during his five-day stay. With his Canadian roaming rates at \$0.015 cents per kilobyte, he would have had to use about 750,000 kilobytes worth of data transfers.

"I have a hard time imagining that was the case," Savage said from Los Angeles. "I feel like, quite honestly, it could be a missed decimal point."

So while his assistant was on the phone with AT&T trying to sort the issue out, Savage decided to go on the popular micro-blogging site Twitter to let his 50,000 fans that follow him know about the problems.

His message spread amazingly quickly on Twitter. Within three hours, AT&T was the second most discussed topic on Twitter, second only to Michael Jackson.

By the end of the day, the carrier was "very gracious about taking care of it all," Savage said, deciding to free him of those costs.

Representatives with AT&T didn't respond a request for an interview.

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