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I've mentioned our Augusta (see photo) in previous posts, and I've mentioned that Augusta with Quick Chip and M/Chip Fast is patent-pending. But why? Why is it patent-pending? What the heck is patentable about it? Isn't Quick Chip in the public domain? (Yes, actually. Visa considered patenting it, but decided not to.) What is there about Augusta with Quick Chip and M/Chip Fast that's so darned innovative, anyway? Short answer: The Big Innovation here is that Augusta is the only chip-card reader on the market that can do EMV entirely in keyboard mode. Which means it can be adapted for use in browser apps: that is, virtual terminal apps that slurp character data from a reader. It means you can talk to a chip card — and get ordinary ASCII data back. That's a Very Big Deal. It's not hard...

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