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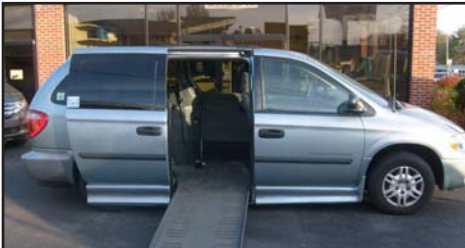


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Our mission is to bring people with disabilities and the elderly complete access to new and pre-owned adaptive equipment, services, resources and events throughout Virginia and West Virginia

About The Founders:

Rob Smith, has been a quadriplegic since 1980 as a result of a diving accident. Robert served eight years in the armed forces and retired as an E-6 Staff Sergeant.

Stella Smith, an RN, has been APRried to Robert since 1991. She brings her five years experience in Spinal Cord injury to Disabled Dealer Magazine. Since the V.A. she has worked as a Community Health Nurse with the Governors Healthy Start Program. She now dedicates 100% of her time to Disabled Dealer.

Oliver O'Riordan, serves the Disabled Dealer organization in a number of ways. His mainstay is overseeing general management duties for DDM Graphics. He also assists Disabled Dealer Enterprises, Inc. in the sales and Graphics sector of the initial training process. "Our mission is to bring people with disabilities and the elderly complete access to new and pre-owned adaptive equipment, services, resources, and events throughout the country."

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Publisher's Note

Welcome to the October 2012 issue of Disabled Dealer Magazine, and welcome fall. The fall season is by far my favorite time of year here in the Shenandoah Valley. All of the fall colors are just beautiful, and I am always ready for the cooler weather.

Believe it or not, before the next issue of DDM, we will have elected a new President! Remember to vote on November 6th. Happy fall everyone!



About the Cover

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2001 Ford E 150 with a Braun Vangater II Lift. 6" lowered floor, Automatic doors with dash mounted, exterior magnetic, and hand held remote entry. EZ out passenger seat. 4 pt. tie downs and lap belts. Call 1-800-420-6470 for details. OCT V5



Mobile *Lifestyle* Advisor

Need answers to your mobility questions??
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Technology? Would you like to learn money saving tips on how to purchase your next van, scooter or lift? Get these answers and more from "The Mobile Lifestyle Advisor" brought to you by Disabled Dealer of Virginia and West Virginia. This monthly column might make you roll with laughter, cringe with fear, or jump for joy, but it guarantees to produce solutions that you can take to the bank. So "Let's Get Rolling".

Q. Hello Richard, I am having a problem with my van. None of the switches on my van want to work; I have a 2003 van with low miles, and a Ricon lift. The outside toggle switches worked to let the lift down, then the switch on lift would not work and the inside control would not work, finally after much trying, the outside toggles worked to put the lift back in the van. I wonder what is wrong. I have made an appointment at a mobility dealer for next Thursday.

A. Let's look at the easy things first: Check the door open switch if your lift has one on it. If the brain is not seeing the door all the way open then it will not let the lift function. Next easiest place to look is the connection plug from the rear switches to the main brain of the lift. These have a tendency to come loose. You can also check the continuity of each of the rear switch wires. These units are subjected to some outside corrosion and could cause a cross communication problem with the brain box of the lift. Good to see that you have scheduled an appointment with a mobility dealer versus your local mechanic. He can probably diagnose the problem much quicker and save you money on the repair. Thanks for asking.

Q. I have a motor home that my wife and I travel in frequently. We tow a car behind it now. My wife needs to use a scooter for long walks during our trips and I am trying to find a small vehicle that will hold a lift and scooter in the back. It must be towable. I am looking at some of the smaller SUV's. Do you have a suggestion? Myers T.-VA.

A. Let's first look at what type of scooter you have and what size of SUV you would need to carry the scooter and lift. Without the exact measurements (go to Bruno.com their web page has a format to help you decide which vehicles will work for your type of scooter) I will say that you will need a regular SUV in order to get the proper opening height to accept a scooter lift. You will also find that the seat may have to be removed from the scooter in

order for it to clear the opening. This means that your wife may not have the ability to load and unload the scooter by herself; it all depends on her mobility. If you both travel together all the time then it will work. After deciding which SUV will work with a lift, you will need to find out which of these units can be towed easily. To my knowledge, and I would always check with a dealer for proper and safe towing of any vehicle, Jeep makes a SUV that may be a good fit. Interestingly, the new MV-1 is a rear wheel drive unit which would allow towing and it has a built in ramp allowing you to easily load the scooter. A great solution but the cost (\$41,000.00) may be a bit steep.

Q. I am in the market for a bariatric bed. With no insurance to cover the expense I will have to pay out of pocket. These units run upwards to \$5,000.00 and higher. Do you know of any resources I can tap into to purchase a new or used bed? Fred K.-Va.

A. Fred turn to the resource page in this issue of the magazine and first look for the FREE organization. They now have locations throughout Virginia and their main goal is to provide equipment like beds to those in need and yes it is free! I would also direct you to the Virginia AT reuse site, www.passitoncenter.org. It is designed to do just what you are asking, get pre-owned DME equipment into the hands of individuals that can use it. For you readers that HAVE DME equipment and want to donate it, both of these organizations will gladly accept donations. You may also want to contact your local Independent Living Center as they may have a list of equipment that is available locally.

It is that time of year when old man winter knocks on our door. Don't let him knock your van out of service. I highly recommend a complete cold weather service check up on your ENTIRE van, not just the mobility equipment. Belts, batteries, lubrication points and even windshield washer fluid are all subject to cold weather breakdown, especially if they have not been changed in sometime. Don't delay, it could mean a costly tow bill or more. Call Rick at 1-800-906-6487 to schedule an appointment today. Tell him the Mobile Lifestyle Advisor sent you and you will receive 10% off your total bill on your next visit. This offer is good thru November.

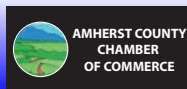
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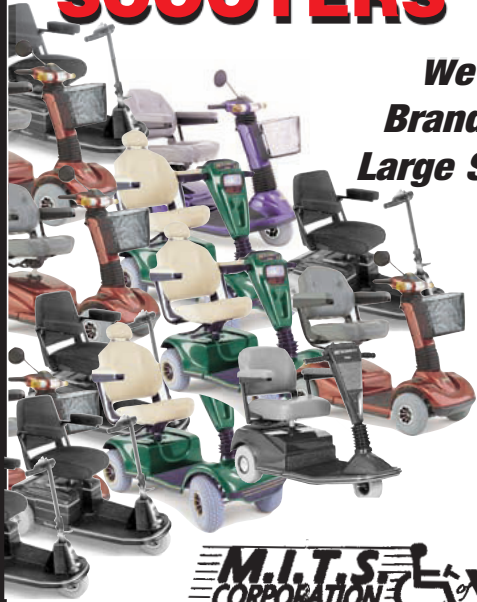
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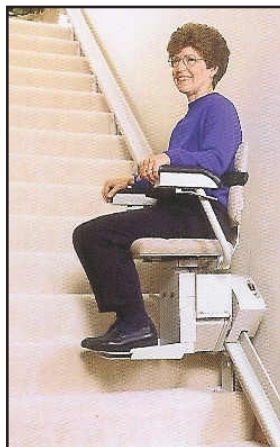
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540-942-6718
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www.spiritrollerministries.org

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Parent Resource Center

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Email: carole.highhopes@yahoo.com
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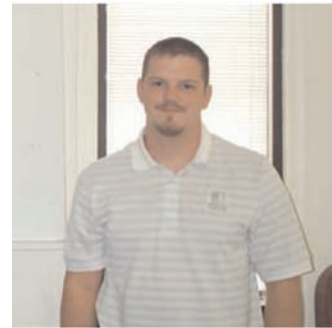


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Most of the physical injuries suffered from combat are visible; however, because PTSD falls into the category of a psychiatric disorder, many soldiers consider this stigmatizing. The symptoms of PTSD include frustration, extreme anxiety, startle responses to sudden noises, panic attacks, depression, social withdrawal, self-isolation, nightmares (or flashbacks of combat) and sleep deprivation.

Saint Francis Service Dogs can help. We provide free, professionally trained service dogs to assist wounded soldiers who have been honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces. A Saint Francis Service Dog can contribute to physical and occupational therapy and offer 24-hour emotional support and companionship to a wounded soldier.

Saint Francis Service Dogs can assist veterans who have experienced injuries by helping them with physical tasks, allowing them to be more independent. Service Dogs are taught a wide range of commands to assist in the activities of daily living. They are trained to open doors, turn lights switches on and off, help the veteran undress, bring the telephone, retrieve the remote control, carry bags, retrieve things from the refrigerator, brace a soldier when he transfers from the bed to a chair, and get help if the veteran falls. Through the game of "tug," a service dog can help soldiers as they adapt and work with their new prosthetic limbs as well as many other remarkable tasks that allow the disabled veteran to function more freely. At the same time, their round-the-clock companionship provides the safety and peace of mind that comes from knowing that the dog can both provide assistance and seek help if needed.

Service dogs can also be an efficient, effective, and holistic health-care treatment for these men and women who have served our country. Many veterans have not only wounded bodies but wounded spirits, and service dogs can help to treat both. This partnership facilitates veterans' recovery from mental, emotional, or social issues. A service dog can act as a bridge to the world around a veteran, providing a positive focus for both civilians and the veteran, steering attention away from their disability.



The partnership generates a strong emotional bond between human and dog. Through this bond, the veteran often develops a positive focus and a stimulus to be active. The result is increased motivation, higher self-esteem, a greater sense of belonging, and a higher quality of life that facilitates our veterans' recovery. A service dog can allow a veteran to cope with daily civilian life on so many levels. The presence of a service dog relieves feelings of isolation and encourages social interaction. People are fascinated by the work of a service dog and want to know more, so they ask questions.

In working with the trainer and the dog in public, the veteran learns how to answer questions and deal with curious people. This engages the veteran and allows him to become more comfortable dealing with strangers.

The companionship of a service dog eases the social anxiety when the vet is in public because the conversation is about the dog. Another advantage to the partnership of a veteran with PTSD and a service dog is that the presence of the dog often distracts the veteran from focusing on his own adversities and social apprehensions. Instead, they must focus on their dog, its behavior, its safety, and its care.

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