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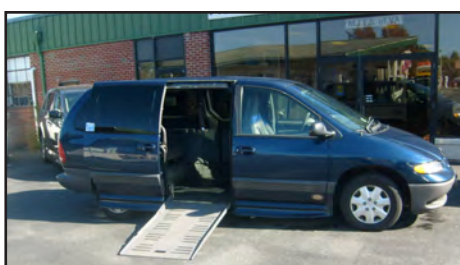
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Rob Smith, has been a quadriplegic since 1980 as a result of a diving accident. Robert served eight years in the armed forces and retired as an E-6 Staff Sergeant.

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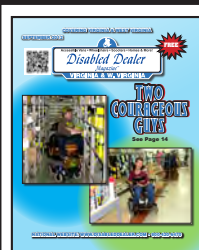
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Publisher's Note

Welcome to the September 12 issue of Disabled Dealer Magazine, we have lots of vans to choose from this month, as well as transport vehicles on pages 12-13. Also, this month we have some new DME shown. Remember, if your looking for something more then you're finding in the Disabled Dealer Magazine, give us a call! We are here to solve YOUR Mobility Needs!



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Orange County brothers GW and Ben Plumb are semifinalists in a national contest for a handicapped-accessible vehicle. More than 1 million people submitted names of their local heroes and voted online during the first National Mobility Awareness Month. When the voting ended, the Plumbs were among the top 10 percent of entries with the most votes. See Page 14.

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Q. I continue to receive notices by email that my vehicle warranty is about to expire and that I can renew at a special price. When I emailed back the information on my Braun van they said that they could cover only the Dodge part of it. I want to cover the wheelchair Braun conversion. Where should I go?? Emma T.-Va.

*A. Emma, it is a good thing you did not buy the warranty for your chassis. I have heard of all sorts of problems from customers who have purchased aftermarket warranties for their converted van. It seems that the vendors, who support the warranties, immediately caution the owner that the claim may not be covered because of the aftermarket conversion. So what did you buy?? Now, my first suggestion is that you visit the Braun Mobility site to see if they have options on extended warranty for the conversion. Next, go to your dealer to see if they might carry extended warranties that apply to your van. If you did not buy thru a dealer, go to the NMEDA website and call current dealers in and around your area. I know that this type of warranty is difficult to purchase, but I am told that MITS of Virginia has a very competent plan that can cover your chassis and your conversion, *even if you did not buy it from them*. Your contact there is Rick Hicklin at 1-800-906-6487. Be sure you are familiar with everything that is and is not covered and are satisfied with the handling of issues. Better to know in advance than after you have mechanical problems.*

Q. I have had repeated problems with my door automatically opening and the ramp unfolding while I am sitting with my van "in park" with the engine running. I enjoy coffee in the mornings at McDonald's and usually leave my van running for A/C or heat when I am doing your Sudoku puzzle. I have contacted the Braun dealer that sold me the unit and they said it was very unusual that this could happen, and they asked me to check and see if I may have mistakenly hit the open button on the spare key F.O.P. I carry in my fanny pack. So, I took the battery out of that spare F.O.B. and the door automatically opened and the ramp deployed again at the ice cream stand. I explained to the dealer this was a safety hazard of immense proportions and it should be fixed ASAP. Is there a site that I can check on to see if this is a reoccurring problem with Braun vans, I may have missed a recall? Frank S.-Va.

A. Great question about recalls and common conversion issues. We are always aware when the big three auto makers have issues that require recalls but to my knowledge I have never seen a public recall

of wheelchair conversion vans. My first guess would be to check with Braun's website for recalls or service bulletins and then follow up with a call to your dealer that you reported the problem to. I have seen service bulletins that have asked dealers to look out for potential problems, especially with wheelchair lifts, and several occasions where mobility dealers were asked to contact customers to have them come in for an evaluation on potential problems with lowered floor minivans. Nothing, that I am aware of that mentioned mysterious deployment like you are describing. Your dealer should do a thorough electrical check of all the switches, and also the main "brain" control box mechanism. Something is sending a signal for the van to open. Don't drive the van anymore than you have to before getting it back to the dealer, as you mentioned it is a hazard to you and other cars around you. Let me know what the fix was, ghost operations are very uncommon.

Q. I noticed big discounts available from Honda on their conversion vans. I am interested in trading in my van and visited the local Braun dealer that sold it to me. Everything sounds good however he tells me they are sold as "USED" vans not "NEW". What is the catch and how does this affect the warranty?? Bob J.-VA.

A. Bob, great question that has been addressed in previous months but well worth discussing again. Yes, you are right the Honda discounts that I have seen are fabulous on both the VMI and Braun conversions. You are also correct in that the dealer you are talking to is selling the vehicles as "used", in other words they have been titled once before. You will notice that on most of these vans the odometer reads 10-20 miles, so they are "new" but the title does not reflect that. Honda corporate has allowed mobility dealers to sell new converted Honda vans but the chassis has been titled to the converter either Braun or VMI, before it was converted for wheelchair use. Thus, it becomes "USED" or "Pre Owned" by DMV standards. VMI and Braun are not recognized as the "first retail sale". This means that you will be the first retail owner and all implied warranties that come with a new Honda will be recognized. Check however the time the van was ready for sale and the date you bought it. Shelf life of the warranty is limited in that the dealer has only so many months to sell the unit before time starts to tick. At present I am told that both VMI and Braun add 6 months to the OEM warranty to cover shelf time on dealer's lots. Make sure you are thoroughly briefed on HOW to submit a warranty claim; it may not be as easy as driving into your local Honda dealer. Great question worth repeating.

You can now catch the "Mobile Lifestyle Advisor" column on the popular blog site Disaboom.com. This email version makes it even easier for you to talk about your individual mobility questions. Check us out.

Keep those questions coming in and keep those wheels rolling on! Send your questions and comments and receive a "free gift" from "The Mobile Lifestyle Advisor", c/o Richard Baldwin, 2075 W. Main St. Waynesboro Va. or email to mobility@ntelos.net.

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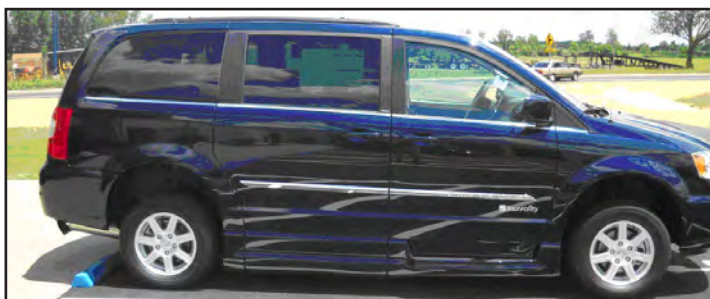
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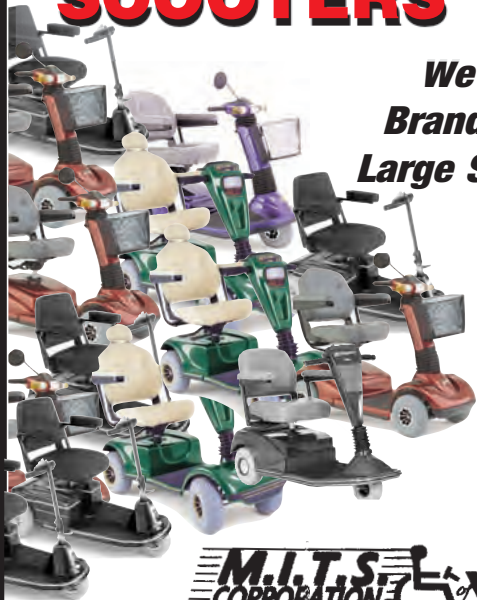
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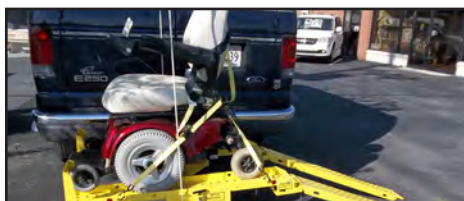
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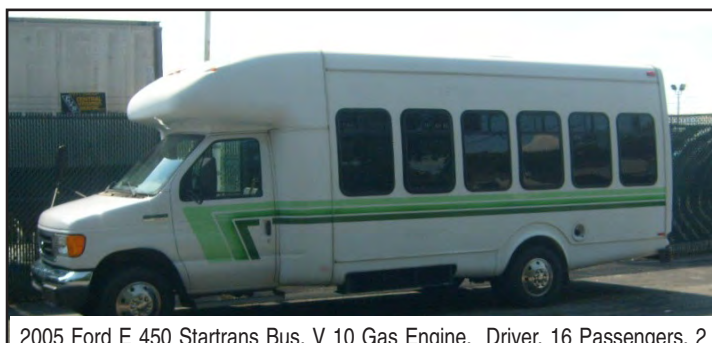
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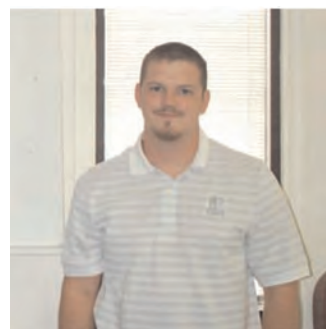


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In Orange County, Virginia, live two brothers whom many consider "heros": 26-year-old George "G" and 24-year-old Ben Plumb. These two young men were born with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a rapidly worsening degenerative disease and are confined to motorized wheelchairs .

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Their parents, Jane and George Plumb, have provided as normal lives as possible for their sons. "We have always, always, always treated those guys as if nothing was wrong," Jane said. "They played T-ball. They walked for a while. They fish and hunt with equipment they've adapted. We always made them think they have to do everything like everybody else, that they have responsibilities and obligations." Both young men work in local retail stores: G at Faulconer Hardware and Ben at Virginia Tractor. To get to work, their mother lifts them out of their chairs and into seats in a van. Once at their jobs, they are again lifted out of the van seat into their chairs. The Plumbs leave an older electric wheelchair at home for each son and a newer one at their workplaces. Jane works full time at Dogwood Village, a nursing home in Orange. Their dad, George, works for Dominion Power and keeps up with the farm's Angus herd.

G has worked at the hardware store since he was a junior at Orange County High School. Conway Faulconer, calls G an invaluable member of her staff. Folks at Virginia Tractor, where Ben works, say the same. Conway's brother, John Faulconer, is a salesman there, and Ben works in the service department.

Fellow staff members modified his scooter. They put wooden blocks in the seat and another on the footrest so Ben's chest is even with the service counter. He's able to find things in the service department that others can't, just like his brother at the hardware store. Ben is not supposed to reach for items above his head or lift anything too heavy. Yet, he regularly pulls down lawnmower blades from upper shelves, causing co-workers to fuss at him. Ben just balances the blades on his lap and maneuvers to the counter, grinning all the while. When G wanted to go hunting, he designed a stand with PVC pipe and camouflage mesh. Folks at the hardware and tractor stores built it to his specifications . "He is the designer, and they are his hands," Jane said.

"It's important for the boys to get out and be social," Jane said. "I think their work today.

keeps them going. They have their purpose. They have a schedule."

The Plumb brothers were born with Duchenne, a genetic defect that occurs in about one in 3,600 male births. Symptoms, including muscle weakness and difficulty walking. By age 12, most patients are in wheelchairs. That was the case with G, who can still maneuver the buttons on his wheelchair, but has no other movement. Ben walked until he was 21 and still has upper-body strength. "I made it through graduation. That was the only thing I wanted to do: to walk across the stage," Ben said . "And that was probably because someone told you you wouldn't be able to do it," John Faulconer said. "Yep," Ben responded, his blue eyes twinkling.

The Plumbs don't get any disability payments or government assistance. They pay for their sons' health insurance, and Jane said they're blessed that the bills haven't been astronomical.

In May, during National Mobility Awareness Month, G and Ben were semifinalists in a national contest for a handicapped-accessible vehicle. They did not win the contest but community interest and support for them was amazing and a fund has been started to buy a van for them. At first, they were reluctant to agree to the fund raising on their behalf, but Ben said he came to realize that people in the community just wanted to help, and he appreciates that.

A Money Market account has been set up with Virginia National Bank in Orange, Virginia.

Contributions are to be made payable to "Virginia National Bank" P. O. Box 709 Orange, VA 22960. Memo for "Van Fund for G and Ben".

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