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From the
Editors Desk

EDITORIAL

It's Holiday shopping time, and this issue is jammed packed with gift ideas. One of our favorites is the hardcover book, *Golf Car Classics* with 300 plus pages. ORDER NOW so you have it in time for Christmas gift giving. We're also approaching the final photo submission days for our 2022 Golf Car Calendar, so get your photos sent in ASAP! This years winner will be featured on the January cover, will be crowned golf car of the year, and will receive a FREE ECOXGEAR Soundbar.

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Thank you to Scott Kovesdy, Owner for taking the time to discuss Desert Fox Golf

GCOPTIONS: Can you tell our readers a brief history of your Company?

SCOTT: Desert Fox Golf was formed in Arizona in March of 2018. The idea for our lead product, the Phone Caddy, originated the prior year when our co-founder, Eric Fox, invented the first prototype. He was tired of not having a convenient place to keep his phone in the golf cart that wouldn't scratch it or cause him to leave it behind. After hundreds of prototypes later, we made our first public appearance at the PGA Fashion and Demo Experience in Las Vegas in the fall of 2018. With orders in-hand and very positive feedback from industry participants, we were off and running. While still a small company, our vision is to introduce more unique golf accessories and resell popular items as we continue to grow and develop the brand.

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GCOPTIONS: What is Desert Fox's main product?

SCOTT: Our core product is the Phone Caddy, the best phone holder for golf carts, period. Our patented Phone-FIT (TM) design allows you to make adjustments that securely hold your phone yet allow you to slide it in and out for easy access. We offer custom logo options on the sides and front of the Phone Caddy along with the microfiber storage bag when purchased in bulk orders. It is the perfect tee gift for events or promotional

item for companies. As more and more apps emerge to help with navigation, yardage, scoring, swing analytics, entertainment and more, the cell phone is playing a bigger role in our lives. Every golf cart owner will need a better place than the cubby or drink holder for their phones.

GCOPTIONS: Are there any significant achievements or accolades that you would like to highlight?

SCOTT: Desert Fox Golf and the Phone Caddy have been recognized in many gift guides from GOLF.com, Golf Digest and Breaking Par airing on Fox Sports across the country. The Phone Caddy is consistently in the Top 5 selling Golf Cart Accessories on Amazon and maintains a 4.7 out of 5 star review ranking. We believe in conscientious capitalism and are constantly looking at ways to help our community and give back. Some of our assembly is done using a local Arizona company em-

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GCOPTIONS: Is there a characteristic or quality that you feel is essential to your success?

SCOTT: Our customer first mindset ensures that customers are satisfied with their entire experience engaging with Desert Fox Golf. This starts with an education about our products, custom logo preparation when needed, and finally the purchasing and shipping process for final delivery. We stand behind everything that we sell, and if there is an issue, we are quick to resolve it so that our customers can enjoy their purchase for its long-term use.

GCOPTIONS: How did the pandemic affect business?

SCOTT: The pandemic forced us to shift our focus from events and promotion to direct to consumer online sales. Fortunately, we have a silver lining story due to the explosion of golfers across the US and places where touch-less scoring became the new normal as scorecards and pencils were taken away. Golfers had to look to alternative methods to keep score, and the multitude of golf apps made the cell phone a necessity on the course. The USGA even moved quickly to sanc-

tion the use of cell phones and digital scoring for competitive play and there is no going back now.

GCOPTIONS: What is the best piece of advice you've been given?

SCOTT: As a small company, we need to make decisions quickly and adjust based on the outcome. Many successful businesses have encouraged us to keep it simple and move fast. You can waste a lot of time over analyzing things that can be tested when you are not sure of the outcome. This has allowed us to make smaller investments, test the success and then go big on those that looked the most promising.





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10 Wacky Golf Car Gift Ideas for the 2021 Holiday Season

As we, once again, approach the holiday season, it is time to start thinking about gift ideas. I have scanned the internet and curated unique and thoughtful golf car gifts in one handy gift guide. Share with family and friends to guarantee the best golf car gifts will be wrapped under your holiday tree.

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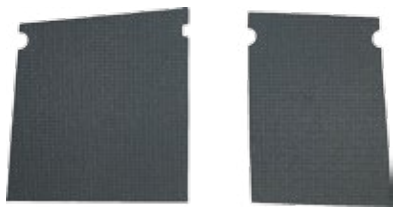
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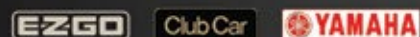


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WINTERIZE YOUR CART



Golf carts are incredibly versatile and can be utilized in so many activities. From recreational occasions to professional events, they provide a sense of freedom and convenience. To ensure that you get the longest life possible out of your golf cart, preventative maintenance is key.

Taking time to proactively care for your cart is potentially the best way to guarantee that it is in top-notch condition when you need it most. A large part of proactive care is preparation and storage during months in which the weather may prevent consistent usage, such as during the winter season.

The following recommendations will help to guide you through the prepping and storage process.

1. Clean the vehicle

Before storing, it is imperative that you clean your golf cart, inside and out. Using soap, water, and a degreaser if necessary, clean away any dried mud, dirt, grime, and grease from the outside body of the cart, the wheels, the interior, and the battery. If the battery exhibits serious corrosion, mix a bit of baking soda with water and use a brush to carefully clean the terminals. Rinse and dry with a towel.

2. Drain the fuel

Drain the gas from your cart. Any leftover fuel can solidify in crevices while stored and cause maintenance problems later. If your cart has a shut-off valve, make sure that it is off. If there is no shut-off valve, the fuel line will need to be disconnected from the fuel tank.

3. Perform a full check-up

Give your cart a tune-up. Check fuel and air filters, spark plugs, and fluids to see what may need to be changed or replaced.

4. Prepare the battery

Fully charge the battery before storage, as a fully charged battery will not freeze in winter temperatures. Additionally, disconnect battery cables to ensure that there aren't any electrical problems that may occur while in storage.

5. Inflate the tires

Check tire pressure to confirm that they are at the correct tire pressure before storing. This will ensure that the tires maintain their shape.

6. Ensure the cart won't move

Place blocks behind the tires and disengage the parking brake. This relieves pressure on the brakes while in storage as well as prevents the cart from moving.

7. Park the vehicle in the proper position

Finally, turn the key switch to the OFF position, remove the key, and leave the Forward/Reverse switch in the NEUTRAL position.

It may take some time to prepare your golf cart before storing, however, it will prevent future costs for unnecessary repairs after the season is over and ensure you're ready to hit the course as soon as Spring rears its head!

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How to Recycle Your Old Lead-Acid Batteries

Have you ever wondered what happens to your old golf cart batteries when you get a new one? Chances are it gets recycled. Lead-acid batteries are banned from landfills and incinerators in every state because they are so toxic. But, how does that battery get recycled, and what should you do if you replace the battery yourself? We have the scoop.

What is a lead-acid battery?

There are two types of lead-acid batteries: starting batteries and deep-cycle batteries. A starting battery quickly delivers a large burst of power to help an engine start. A deep-cycle battery delivers a continuous low level of power to help an engine keep operating. Lead-acid batteries were invented in 1859 by a French scientist named Gaston Plante and were the first rechargeable batteries used for commercial purposes. When most people think of lead-acid batteries they think of car batteries. But, the technology has many other uses. They are used in other

vehicles such as boats, buses, and golf carts. They power backup generators at hospitals, prisons, and other facilities during storms. Utility companies use them to handle fluctuations in energy demand and prevent power outages. True to their name, lead-acid batteries contain large quantities of lead and sulfuric acid. A set of lead plates, which represent the positive and negative sides, are lowered into an acid and water solution to charge the battery. Once the whole battery is built, it gets tucked into a plastic container to contain the metals, chemicals, and their interactions with each other. Lead-acid batteries can hold their charge for years before the plates begin to wear down and the acid mixture begins to dilute. For a detailed explanation of how lead-acid batteries are made and how they work, visit Battery Council International's website. A quick look at the contents of a lead-acid battery tells you just how important it is to recycle them. These batteries can seriously harm humans, animals, and groundwater supplies if their contents leak out of that protective plastic case. In addition, the lead must be mined, which brings its own set of harmful environmental consequences.

How do lead-acid batteries get recycled?

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, specialized lead-acid battery recyclers crush old batteries into nickel-sized pieces and separate the different components. The plastic in lead-acid batteries is mostly polypropylene (also known as PP or by the resin code #5), which has a high heat tolerance. It can be recycled. The lead in the batteries is sold to companies that make new batteries. The EPA estimates that up to 80% of the plastic and lead in any new battery you purchase is recycled.

Where can I take an old lead-acid battery for recycling?

Since lead-acid batteries are so dangerous, states have made it easy to get them to recyclers. Stores that sell new lead-acid batteries should take the old one and recycle it for you (nearly every state has a law that requires them to do so). Places that sell car supplies, such as Napa Auto Parts, Autozone, and Firestore Complete Auto Care all offer recycling programs. The battery retailer Batteries Plus also accepts them (along with several other types of batteries and some small electronics, so see if you have anything else around the house you need to recycle before you visit your local store). Check with locally-owned retailers in your area to see if they recycle lead-acid batteries.

Household hazardous waste facilities should also accept lead-acid batteries for recycling. Call ahead to find out when your local hazardous waste center is open and if it has any fees. In some places household, hazardous waste facilities are open nearly every day, while in other communities they only open for collections once or twice a month. Many towns have made hazardous waste drop-off free to encourage people to bring in materials rather than dumping them, but some charge a small fee for the service.

When you remove a lead-acid battery from your vehicle, leave the lead cable ends attached. Check the battery to make sure it is not leaking. If it is, immediately place it in a leak-proof container (you can buy special battery boxes made of Fiberglas or plastic at auto parts stores). Battery acid can eat through concrete, so if you must put it on the ground, see if you can find a sealed asphalt surface. Clean up any leaks with lime or baking soda (the cleanup materials must then also be treated as hazardous waste).

While transporting the lead-acid battery to a recycler, place it in a leak-proof container and make sure you keep it upright so the acid cannot leak out. If you have more than one battery, separate them with a piece of wood or another material so the post terminals do not touch each other.

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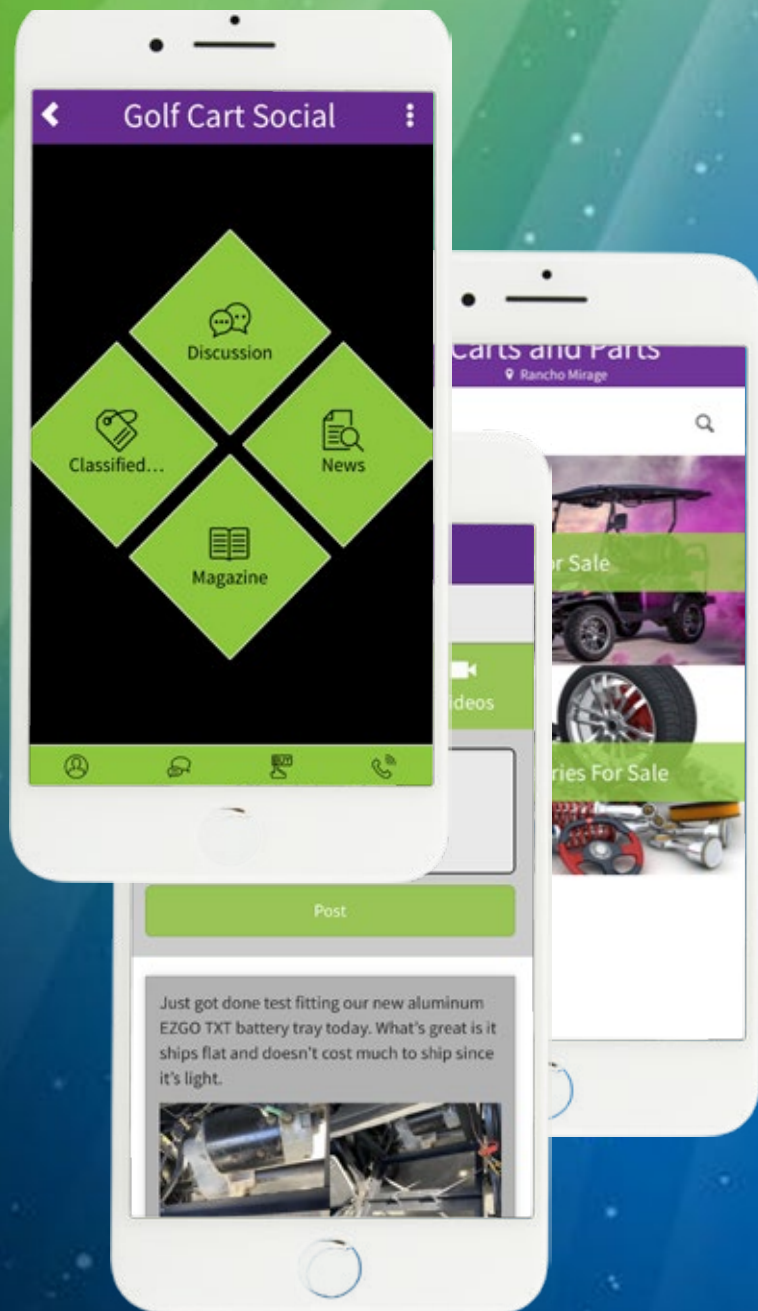


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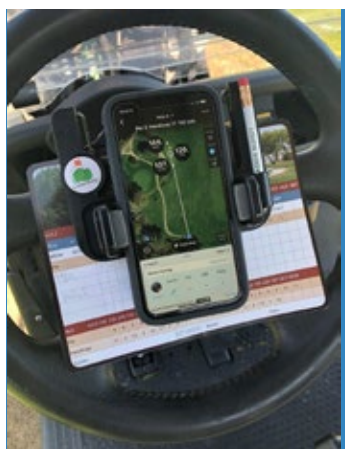
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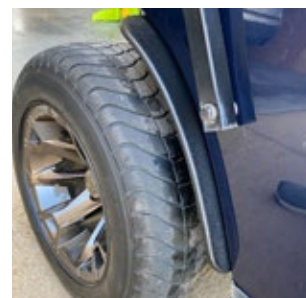
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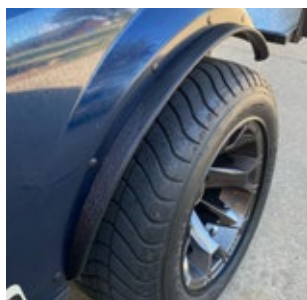


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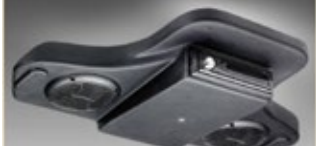
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As Bobby Thomas' son JR told the Desert Sun in an

2014 interview - "It all started with that one order". From that first sale, Desi Arnaz and Ray Bolger followed Firestone's lead and bought their first golf cars as well.

Bobby Thomas Sr. was a pioneer in the custom golf car business on the West Coast, and counted former presidents Dwight Eisenhower and Gerald Ford, former vice president Spiro Agnew and crooner Frank Sinatra among his many clients.

Among JR Thomas' memories of high-profile clients are the time Spiro Agnew peered over his shoulder as he did a service call and the time

Leonore Annenberg walked in with her maid and wanted only shades of off-white for her golf car.

One of JR's favorite pieces of celebrity lore is the story he heard a hundred times from his father.

As JR remembers his father saying, it was the 1970s, and Frank Sinatra had just entered the store alone, sans entourage. Sinatra looked at a golf car that looked like a Rolls Royce. "How much is this one?" "Five thousand dollars", Thomas Sr. said. That was too expensive for Sinatra, who bought a \$3,500 golf car instead. On his way



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The law requires all newly sold small-motor equipment primarily used for landscaping to be zero-emissions — essentially to be battery operated or plug-in — by that target date or as soon as the California Air Resources Board determined it is feasible. New portable gas-powered generators also must be zero-emissions by 2028, which also could be delayed at the discretion of the state agency.

Machinery with so-called small off-road engines also includes chainsaws, weed trimmers, and golf carts, all of which create as much smog-causing pollution in California as light-duty passenger cars, and reducing those emissions is pivotal to improving air quality and

combating climate change, proponents of the law said.

“It’s amazing how people react when they learn how much this equipment pollutes, and how much smog-forming and climate-changing emissions that small off-road engine equipment creates,” said Assemblyman Marc Berman (D-Menlo Park), author of the legislation. “This is a pretty modest approach to trying to limit the massive amounts of pollution that this equipment emits, not to mention the health impact on the workers who are using it constantly.”

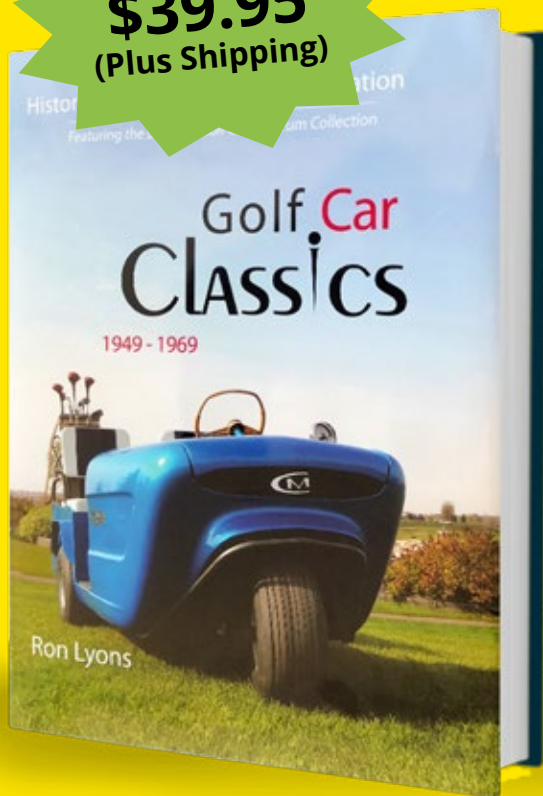
The new law applies to any engine that produces less than 25 gross horsepower, including lawnmowers, weed trimmers, chainsaws, golf carts, specialty vehicles, generators, and pumps. It does not apply to on-road motor vehicles, off-road motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, boats, snowmobile or model airplanes, cars, or boats.

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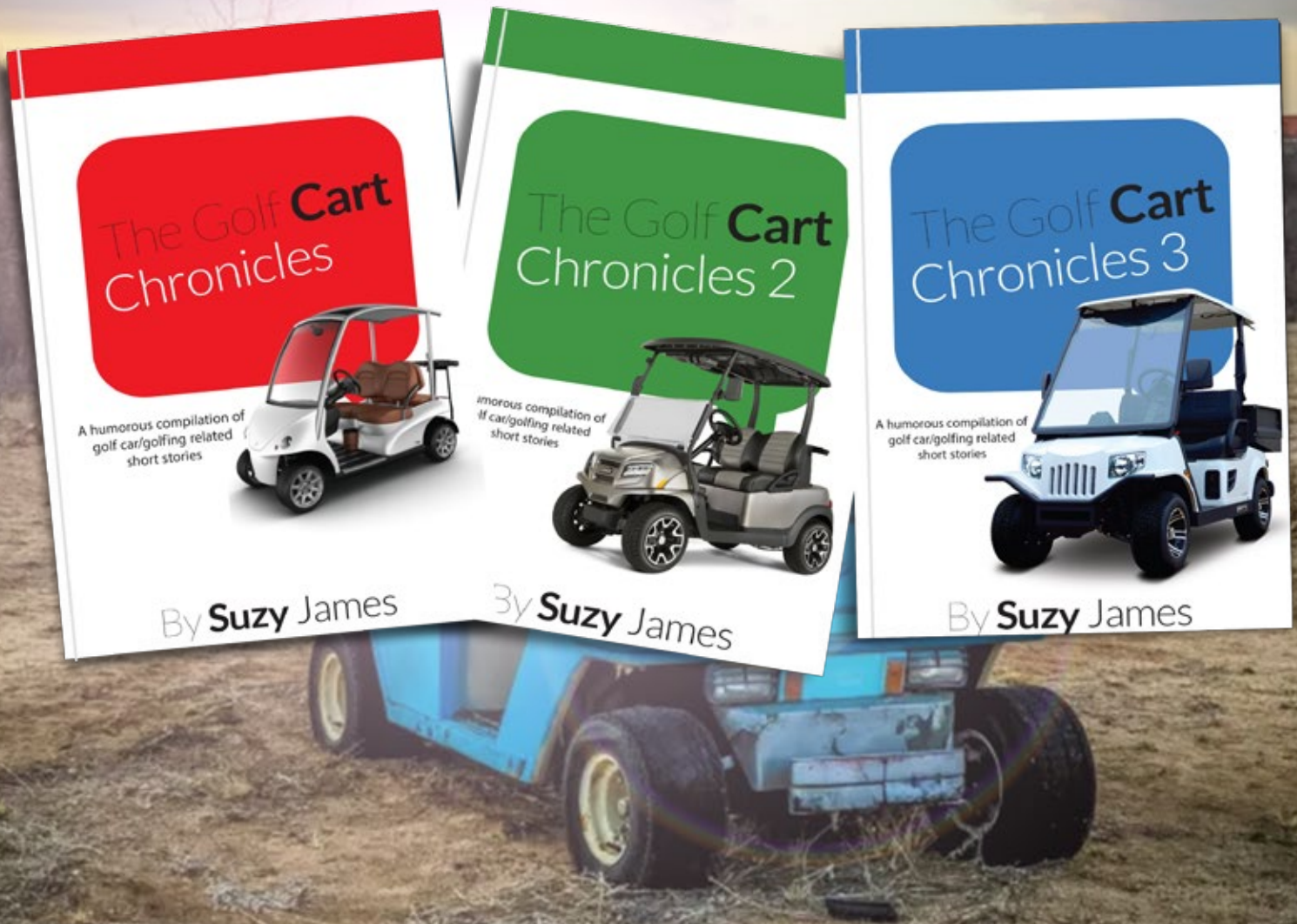
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Michigan Golf **CART** Laws & Regulations (What You Need To Know)

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Federal Rules Dictate Your Travel

Michigan is, in many ways, a state very focused on many highways.

As it is close to Canada and was the center of the automobile revolution, many freeways cut through this state.

Therefore, anybody interested in riding low-speed vehicles in this state must pay attention to federal law.

Currently, the federal government does not allow low-speed cars on their highways.

That's because these carts cannot travel fast enough to reach the speeds on these roads.

Thankfully, the government does not regulate what states and local governments decide on low-speed vehicles.

That said, the federal government does ask that all low-speed vehicles follow a specific guideline.

States are allowed to tweak these

rules in the sense that they can add stricter ones.

Michigan mostly follows federal law and guidelines in this way.

However, they have a unique population-based ruling that dictates when and where you can ride golf carts and other low-speed vehicles.

Please note: when golf carts are used as low-speed vehicles – or upgraded to serve this purpose – they are no longer classified as golf carts.

Instead, they are considered motor vehicles.

Keep this fact in mind whenever reading through these regulations.

For example, all low-speed vehicle must have headlights, turn signals, stop lights, tail lights, reflex reflectors, parking brakes, seat belts for each rider, a vehicle identification number, and windshields.

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Michigan's Population-Based Guidelines

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So pay attention to which avenues you ride on, here, to avoid legal troubles.

This ruling also means that one city may allow golf cart or low-speed transportation use while others do not.

Talk to local governments as you travel to ensure that you don't ride on roads in a place that restricts golf cart travel.

Remember: ignorance of a law is not considered a defense.

So even if you didn't know about regulation, you might still be prosecuted for breaking it.

Interestingly, Michigan does not force cities to charge a fee for listing golf carts or their operators.

Waiving these fees means that you don't have to let a city know when and where you plan on riding your golf cart. However, that doesn't mean that you can ride in any way that you want.

Many restrictions are in place to ensure that you don't break any laws.

For example, you must be at least 16 years or older to ride a golf cart.

Beyond this age restriction, you must also have a valid driver's license. A driver's permit is not good enough in this state – you must be fully licensed to qualify.

The restrictions for when and where you can ride will be entirely up to the cities that grant you that permission, however.

Some cities have granted access to all of their roads under a certain speed – usually either 30 or 35 miles per hour.

Others have much lower maximum inn speeds and limit you to specific areas.

For example, some may force golf cart use only onto roads touching golf courses.

Again, we suggest that you read through your local regulations to make sure that you qualify.

Other Guidelines and Rules to Consider

All golf carts on Michigan roads must be capable of speeds of no more than 25 miles per hour but at least 20 miles per hour.

They cannot travel on any route that is above 35 miles per hour.

However, they can cross these roads temporarily if they are on an appropriate and legal street for their cart.

When riding, you must stay as far to the right side of the road as is practical.

The idea is that you are protected from other faster cars when you are further to the right.

You must also obey all traffic laws, such as not drinking while you drive.

If you do, you may be ticketed appropriately and will pay fines and may even get jail time.

Federal Golf Cart Laws
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Helpful Links

www.legislature.mi.gov – Low-Speed Vehicle Laws & Regulations

Disclaimer

Because local and state laws can change, we recommend that you perform your research and check with your local municipality on rules as well.

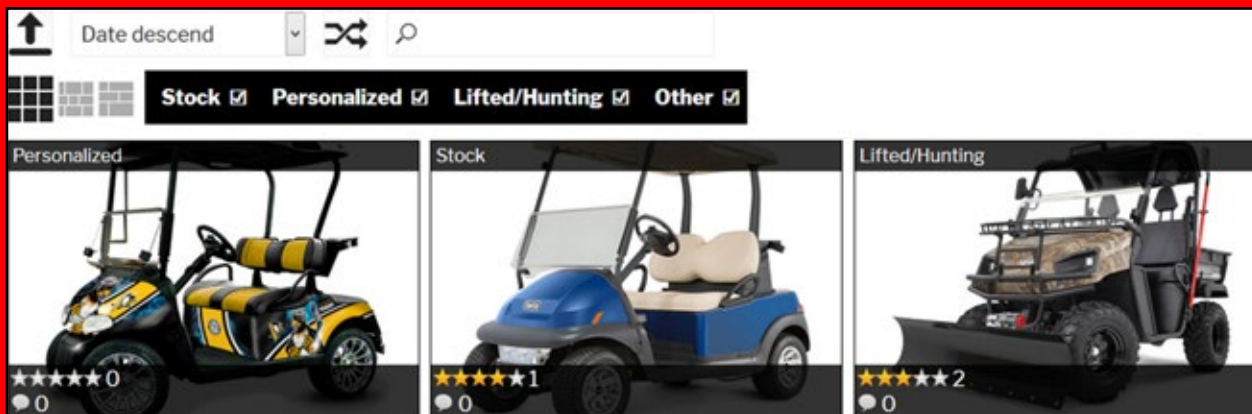
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BEYOND THE GATED



Vehicle Diversity in a New Age of Dispersed Living Lifestyles

Sales of personal transportation vehicles (PTVs) and light duty utility vehicles (LDUs) are now well beyond the golf-centric market. These two categories of vehicles, historically and even currently, are associated with golf car manufacturers. Most of the current models are still designed in such a way as to reveal their roots in golf car-type vehicles.

Despite appearances what is going on “under the hood” speaks to the emerging markets in urban/suburban mobility and last-mile delivery systems.

Urban/suburban mobility (USM)

In the USM market factors driving change include an emphasis on “taking back the streets”, which envisions a sort of throw-back to earlier days when neighborhood streets were packed with pedestrians doing their shopping, vending, or simply saying good morning to people one saw every day. In the modern world, this translates to

drastically reducing the use of conventional on road vehicles, using instead bikes, scooters, skateboards, and shoe leather, as in just plain walking.

In less densely populated areas including suburban neighborhoods and planned municipalities, such as gated communities, dealers report more frequent use of PTVs and greater demand for low-speed vehicles. Based on local regulations, a personal transportation vehicle that is LSV qualified need not be licensed, but is favored by consumers for its faster speed and safety features.

Aspects of inclusion and equity

Often cited as a policy objective is the need to achieve broader access to alternative forms of transportation in underserved communities and demographics. In achieving this objective, it is likely that the market will see:

- increased use of fleet-based systems;
- On-call ride sharing;

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- Use of three- and four-wheel vehicles, which among other things, accommodates an older demographic.

Trend toward all-season use of alternative vehicles

The shift toward alternative personal transportation solutions strongly suggests that ride-sharing and fleet vehicles will need to be equipped with features which support comfort and safety in all weather conditions.

The implications for golf car-type vehicle manufacturers and other market entrants

- Full-enclosure vehicle design, or designs that accommodate full, hard body detachable enclosures;
- Greater, perhaps complete reliance on lithium batteries to achieve greater distance and longer battery life.

Growth prospects

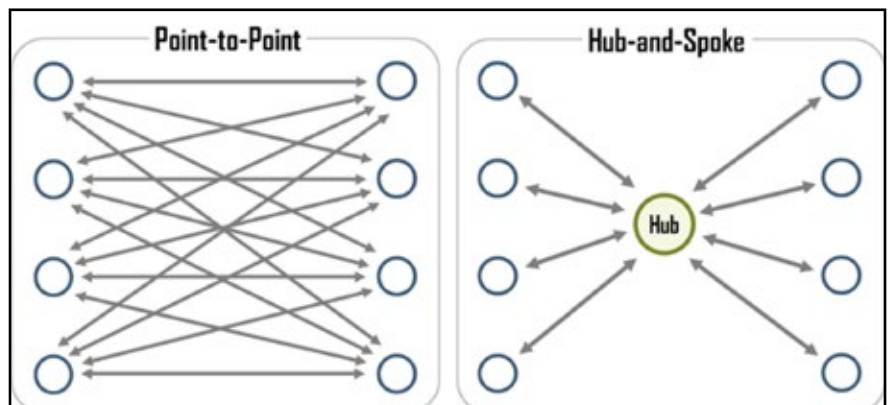
The USM market should see significant growth over the next five years and become considerably less golf-centric. As the market becomes a more generic urban/sub-urban mobility market, an important question is whether PTVs and the companies currently producing

them will become significant players.

Last-mile delivery systems (LMDS)

In the LMDS market the key factor driving change is the on-going transformation of the distribution system throughout the United States market. This transformation is, in turn, driven by:

- The continuing upsurge of on-line, remotely ordered products;
- Major carriers such as Amazon, DHL, and UPS, implementing hub and spoke distribution networks, which bring inventory into smaller scale warehouses, closer to delivery destinations;
- Big box retailers, such as Walmart, Home Depot and Lowes developing their own delivery systems;
- The competitive premium on same day and 24 hour delivery service;



- The expansion to virtually all types of products, including groceries and restaurant meals.

Contrast in point to point and hub and spoke distribution designs.

The combination of the above factors represents a fundamental change in shopping habits and delivery options. With the addition of internet-based communications impacting home and business communication—and the compounding influence of health measures brought on by the COVID pandemic—the stage is more than set for the further transformation of living styles; i.e., a dispersed living style which promotes a healthier, less polluting environment.

What vehicle types are likely in a dispersed living style?

Because there are degrees of dispersed living styles, the most likely characterization of vehicle types would be wide diversity. It is unlikely that the same type of vehicle would be delivering restaurant meals as would be delivering small appliance. Optimal vehicle types are also likely to be different in (less crowded) inner cities as compared to suburban neighborhoods on quarter acre lots.

From golf car manufacturers, a vehicle with great potential would be the Club Car Current. Other prospective vehicles might be the Club Car Carryall, E-Z-GO Hauler, and the Yamaha UMax. The Current, however, is specially manufactured and designed for the LMDS market. According to a Club Car official, the vehicle is undergoing test trials in undisclosed locations.

Other LMDS vehicle designs

Emphasizing the point with regard to diversity of vehicles, DHL and others have initiated last-mile delivery services using e-bikes or e-cargo vehicles. Some of these vehicles are three-wheelers and others, four-wheelers. Whether the optimal design is a Current-type vehicle, or an e-cargo three-wheeler would largely depend on local conditions, as well as proximity of a spoke distribution facility, relative to the neighborhood served.



In addition, major automotive manufacturers are entering the market, with somewhat larger vehicles. So, the question is, will the LMDS market support the diversity of vehicle solutions that are emerging, or yet to emerge?

Market size and operational environment

The answer lies in the market itself. Adam Smith in the Wealth of Nations observed two and one-half centuries ago that it was the extent of the market that incentivized specialization and greater efficiency. As the LMDS market grows specialization grows apace in all aspects that feed into it: the brick and mortar of warehouses, tracking software, automated systems, a host of other technologies, and, of course, the vehicles that do the last mile delivery.

Thus, it is quite likely that a considerable variety of vehicles will be employed in the task of last mile delivery. Vehicle specialization is, and will be, greatly influenced by the type of product delivered. The vehicle delivering food products is unlikely to be the same type as the one delivering white goods. On the other hand, vehicles capable of delivering a wide variety of products in diverse operating environments will enjoy the greatest level and growth of sales.

Promising vehicle type: Club Car Current

Among the major golf car manufacturers the Club Car Current best fits the rule of diverse product delivery in varied operating environments. This model, pictured to the right, is fully-enclosed for all weather comfort and can be fitted out to handle a wide variety of cargo.

Conclusion: Great promise, but major risks, external to the private sector

While the USM and LMDS markets offer significant growth potential in the coming years, there are also significant risks in the outlook. The U.S. economy, as well as the global economy, is locked in the throes of a supply chain crunch. This crunch is characterized by a massive disequilibrium in the marketplace with demand greatly exceeding supply.



Club Car Current—Best LMDS entry from the major golf car manufacturers.

Left alone freely operating markets will, over time, adjust to restore market equilibrium. Interfered with, this process of adjustment is only prolonged and can, potentially, be rendered immobile. Risks of this nature arise from two sources:

- An infusion of new, greatly increased government spending, as has been proposed by the Biden Administration. Given the already strained supply chain and the inflation already experienced in the first half of 2021, trillions of dollars in new demand can do little more than worsen the situation.
- Accompanying the spending proposal are the various increased tax proposals that will further dampen private sector spending and worsen the supply chain imbalance.

Keynes advocated increased government spending when private sector demand was weak and seemingly unable to recover in a reasonable period of time. In no way would he be advocating increased government spending when the economy was in full recovery mode and demand in the private sector booming.

It is not as well known that Keynes also wrote a paper shortly after the end of World War I, in which he predicted that the reparations demanded of Germany by France and Great Britain would lead to a second war. He resigned his position on the commission overseeing the Treaty of Versailles in protest, and history is a testimony to his insight and brilliance.

The ghost of Keynes hovers over the U.S. economy issuing a similar warning.

Newly-published market study from Small Vehicle Resource, LLC predicts PTV market growth at over 12% per year on average, thereby virtually doubling the market over the next five years. See smetzger@smallvehicleresource.com for more information.



WINTER TIME DIY

HOW TO MAKE A BARREL TRAIN THAT YOUR KIDS WILL LOVE!

Is there any kid who doesn't like riding on a train? Now imagine seeing your kids and their friends having a ton of fun while you get to have another reason to be out in your golf cart!

Thanks to the creativity and skilled hands of some DIYers, we found a nice tutorial on how to make a trailer train using plastic drum barrels. Basically, you'll need to install the frames and wheels on the barrels and attach them to your golf cart. You can even customize each barrel car with a steering wheel and horn to make it look like a real car and keep the little ones entertained. The barrel train will be a party favorite. Once the kids see the train, they won't be able to resist it. It's perfect for birthday parties, family gatherings, special events or just everyday fun around your backyard!

INSTRUCTIONS:

Paint your barrel at the beginning, when it is easiest. You can also paint it after your trailer is fully assembled if you want the entire frame and barrel to be the same color. Most barrels come in white or blue, and either color can be applied with a couple of coats of spray paint.

Once you are satisfied with the color, turn the barrel on its side and cut the opening you want into the top. If you want an easily accessible open trailer, cut the barrel open along the entire length. If you want to make a trailer for riding and amusement, cut off only the top of the barrel and make an attractive seat.

Next, create the simple rectangular frame that your plastic barrel will rest upon. Cut and weld your square hollow-section steel rods to a rectangle approximately 35"x20," adding a rod extending at a right

angle from the center of one of the 20" sides. (This will become your trailer hitch.) Measurements will vary according to the size of your barrel, but you should end up with a frame that fits around your barrel from end to end when the barrel is laying on its side. Keep the frame small enough to allow the barrel to rest on it, but not big enough to pass through it.

Using your equal-angle steel rods, cut and weld two "V" shapes and attach them to the frame, on the end opposite the hitch, centering the point of the "V" approximately 10" from the back of the frame. Now weld your hollow circular rod into the crotch of the "V" shape; this will provide housing for your axle. Finally, drill holes through the bars on the short sides and bottom of your frame and into the barrel, then insert nuts and bolts, securely fastening the barrel to the frame.

You can now insert your steel dowel or wheel axle through the hollow circular steel rod, and attach your wagon or wheelbarrow wheels. Inflatable tires are preferable to hard plastic wheels for durability, and a smoother ride, if used as transportation.

For most users, a flat steel tongue can be welded to the hitch and, by drilling a hole in the tongue, you can attach your new trailer to your golf cart. Finally, you have the option of adding a seat to your trailer.

TIPS

Take stock of your needs before you purchase materials to avoid wasting time and money on options you will not need. Take your time. While trailers like these are relatively straightforward, careful work helps avoid frustrations.

WARNINGS

Always wear proper safety gear when cutting or welding. Never work alone. Make sure you understand how to use the tools needed.

Friendly reminder: It's very important to always check the weight capacity for safety purposes.

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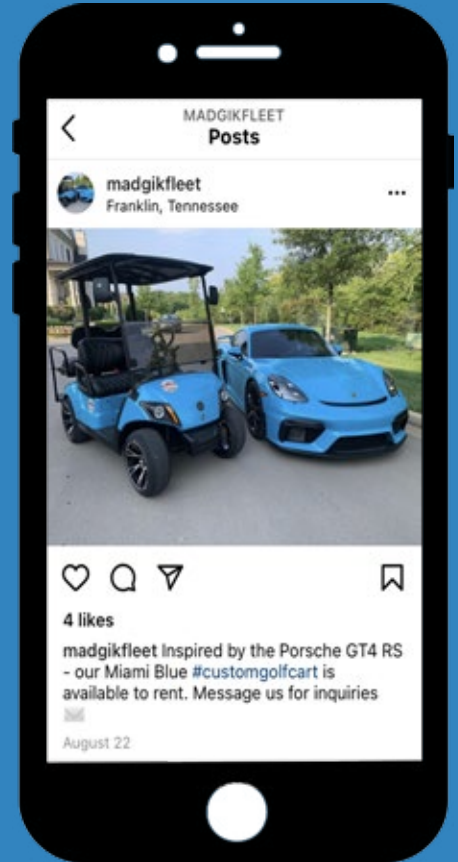
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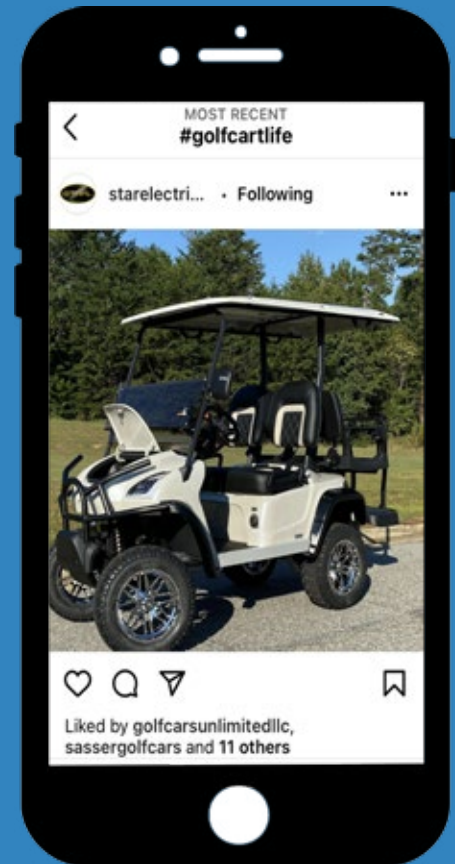
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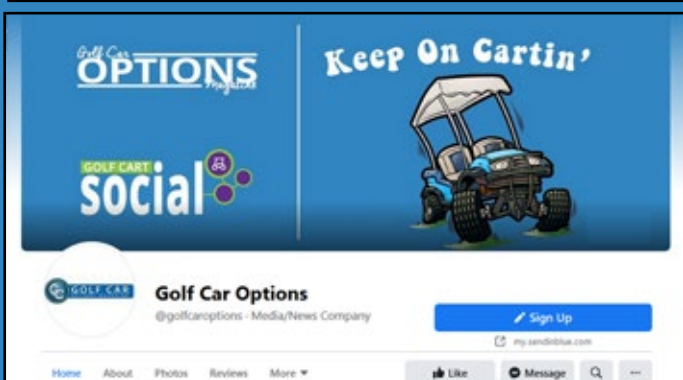
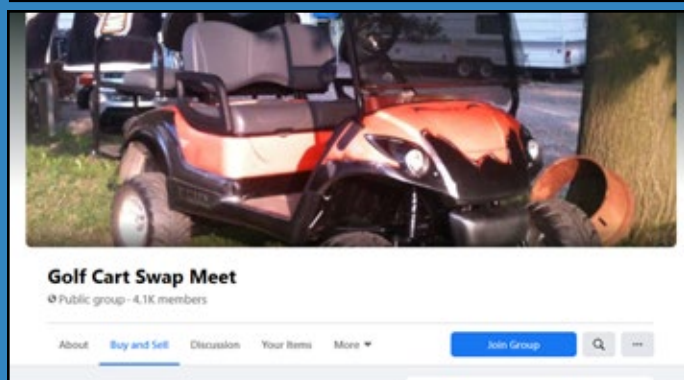
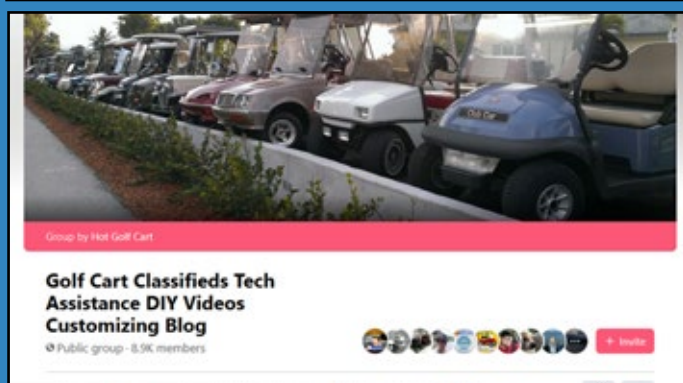


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5 Cheap Ways To Store Your Golf Cart



Golf cart withdrawal...yes, it's real!

With winter's cold and snow just around the corner, many golf cart owners will have to move their beloved carts into storage. Where over the next several months, summer carting fun will only be a memory.

Here are the five most inexpensive ways to store your golf cart in the off-season.

Golf season is ending for the winter months in many states. What will you do with your golf cart during the off-season? You can park it in the garage and forget about it until spring if you have space.

Even then, there are a few preparations that you will need to make to winterize your golf cart so that it is ready to go when the winter frost thaws and it is time to hit the course again. So, make sure you prep your golf cart no matter where you store it. Here are four inexpensive ways to store your golf cart.

IN YOUR GARAGE OR CARPORT

The cheapest place to store your golf cart is in your garage or car-



port. If you can tuck it away in a corner, the only cost you will have is the time that you need to prepare it for storage. The cost is small and if you have space this is ideal. Many homes, though, do not have the space for extra storage and some homeowners associations frown on extra items cluttering carports and outdoor areas. Storage prep is important no matter where you store it.

BUY A COVER

You may have space for your golf cart in your garage, under a carport, or in a shed on your property if outdoor storage is permitted in your neighborhood. Even if it is under a roof, a cover for your golf cart will protect it from the elements, dust, and sunlight if it is stored outdoors.

Covers can be custom-made to fit your brand of golf cart perfectly so that it is protected from top to bottom. This will prevent damage from rain, ice, and snow if you need to store your golf cart outside and from dust if you are storing it inside. Can't afford a custom-sized cover? A good quality tarpaulin or generic golf cart cover will do the job at half the cost.

RENT A STORAGE UNIT

If you do not have a covered area for your golf cart, space in your garage, or a carport, a storage unit may be

your best solution for long-term storage. Rental storage units are secure and weather tight, often heated or cooled, and are a good solution for golf cart storage but are not as inexpensive as storing it on your property.

PORTABLE CARPORT

Portable carports can be as inexpensive as a golf cart cover if you take the time to shop. You may find one large enough to cover more than your golf cart and it can be placed anywhere in your yard if your neighborhood permits it. Storage need not be expensive. But you need to make some preparations to protect the batteries, tires, and finish of your golf cart before the winds of winter come howling and an inexpensive storage method can help you get this done.

CHECK YOUR LOCAL DEALER

Be sure to check to see if any of your local dealer(s) offer on-site winter storage.

These areas are usually safe and secure so no need to worry. Some are even manned with security guards and systems to keep an eye on, and to protect the carts. Your local dealer may even be open, not selling and servicing many carts, but quite a few of them, depending on their location switch their product line to winter-based vehicles, such as snowmobiles. For you, that means another layer of security for your prized possession.

Also, be sure to check, many dealers also offer pre-and post-storage maintenance checks. That means when it's time to break out the cart, it will be serviced and ready to go!



GOLF CART HAPPENINGS *in* THE UK

Golf Car UK goes further in 2021

Golf Car UK is the UK's largest single golf buggy dealer and has released early details of a £2m investment in substantial new premises capable of storing over 1,000 E-Z-GO vehicles.

The firm has also announced that it now supplies over 30% of golf clubs in England and Wales and that by the end of 2021 100% of its new buggy sales will be the new E-Z-GO® ELiTE™ Lithium Series, activated by the advanced Samsung SDI Lithium Technology battery system.

"We passed the 600-club mark last year, so almost a third of golf clubs in England and Wales now get their golf buggies from us," said Chris Ivess-Mash, Golf Car UK Managing Director. "We believe that this is testament to the levels of support and service that Golf Car UK provides. However, we are still on an upward curve, and we have already signed many new customers for 2021."

Golf Car UK's commitment to selling the new generation of high-performance lithium battery-powered models has driven much of the growth for the firm.

"Demand for the new E-Z-GO ELiTE Lithium models has been exceptional," said Matthew Patton, Golf Car UK Sales Director, "and as far as new buggy sales go I can confidently predict that by this autumn, every new E-Z-GO buggy which leaves our distribution center will be a lithium model."

E-Z-GO ELiTE Lithium buggies travel further than

their lead-acid counterparts on a single charge, and the brand's patented Intellibrake means that E-Z-GO buggies can be parked safely on slopes – with no dangerous wheel-spin when driving up or downhill. Their lightweight nature also makes them kinder to playing surfaces. They are also cheaper and less time-consuming to service and operate than the older lead-acid models – which still form the majority of sales elsewhere in the industry.

Golf Car UK is preparing for further expansion by planning new premises close to its existing base in Wiltshire. "We've bought the land, we have the planning permission, and we will soon begin work on a new £2m facility to cope with demand," said Ivess-Mash. "We will be further increasing our mobile engineer team, along with more workshop and support staff. The new 1,800 square meter building and its surrounding secure yard will have room to house over 1,000 vehicles. This will ensure that we can meet the most demanding delivery schedules."

Steve Pockneall, who operates a fleet of 34 E-Z-GO buggies at four venues in the south of England, said: "My advice to golf club owners would be don't deal with anyone until you've spoken to Golf Car UK.

"I don't even get quotes from anywhere else. The service they give me is so fantastic that I have complete peace of mind about my buggy fleet, and the revenues keep going up each year. Golf Car UK is simply second to none in my view" he said.

"While others scramble to figure lithium out, E-Z-GO has been perfecting it," said Ivess-Mash. "It gives you so many demonstrable advantages, and it is no surprise that we have outgrown our current facilities."

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THE GOLF CART CHRONICLES

WHO SAID YOU CAN'T EAT A
GOLF CAR? (August 17)

Last week my straight talking husband Bert reminded me that next Friday will be Buddy's one year anniversary.

I knew immediately he was hinting about having a special anniversary party to mark the date he took ownership of buddy his flashy brand new powder blue motorized golf cart. There is no question Bert is preoccupied with Buddy, his soul mate, chum, pal, friend, companion, and playmate.

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Weird as it may sound, this was not a laughing matter. Almost nothing in our inner circle would be more important than celebrating this extraordinary occasion as one would for a loved one. I would never ignore Bert's wish because to do otherwise would create a great disappointment.

In our family, we do not break one's heart even if the subject matter is harmlessly unusual. Fred will have a spectacular surprise anniversary party for Buddy.

Plans were made, invitations were sent out, and party food was ordered. The only missing item was dessert. Traditionally a wedding cake is served at a wedding reception. So, I thought; in keeping with this significant anniversary celebration for Buddy, why not serve a custom-made to order Golf Cart Cake?

That is to say, Bert would have his cake and eat it because Buddy sure as heck could not. Just imagine a real Golf Cart eating a delicious cake replica of its self. Doesn't that take the cake?

So, I visited the local Anything Goes Bakery to order a one-of-a-kind Golf Cart Cake with all of the elaborate features Buddy possesses. I gave the cake maker guy a framed photo of Buddy to use when designing the four hundred

and fifty dollars edible monument.

Spending this kind of money meant cutting down on my expenses. It will depend on how many new designer shoes go on sale this month. After all, my lifestyle demands new stuff once in a monthly blue moon.

I'm thinking this cake baby on 4 wheels is costing me a lot of money so it better be exceedingly self-indulgent. Hopefully, there will be no self-control when my spouse and our guests dig in and devour Buddy the imitation.

Yea! It is the anniversary surprise celebration day. Genuine Buddy is parked in the driveway looking pretty spiffy. He is adorned with blue and white balloons and silver streamers. The guests have arrived and Bert will be here in one hour. He is at the barbershop getting his usual monthly haircut.

But, where the hell is the glorious reproduction Buddy cake? Just then a big forklift truck pulls up to our driveway. OMG, it's a full-size replica cake of Buddy sitting on a beautifully carved powder blue platform. The wheels are covered in baby blue glitter, and sitting in the driver's seat was a life-size replica of Bert.

It was perfect timing for a fabulous VIP red carpet arriv-

al. Bert was standing there in front of the twin Buddy Golf Carts with his mouth hanging down to the glitter-covered driveway. Even a selfie would not do justice to this exhibition.

It was amazing and worth every single dollar and then some just to see my proud partner so happy. That was the good part.

Here is the ending of my story. Can you believe anyone (including Bert) did not get to devour any part of his copy golf cart cake? Why?

Because my entitled husband insisted "you can't eat a golf cart, especially this one. It is just too good to eat. This masterpiece is a keeper." Bert named his new impostor twin Buddy Boy. It was encased in a hemispherical dome for display purposes and to protect Buddy Boy from harm. A prestigious country golf club has it on view in their main lobby area.

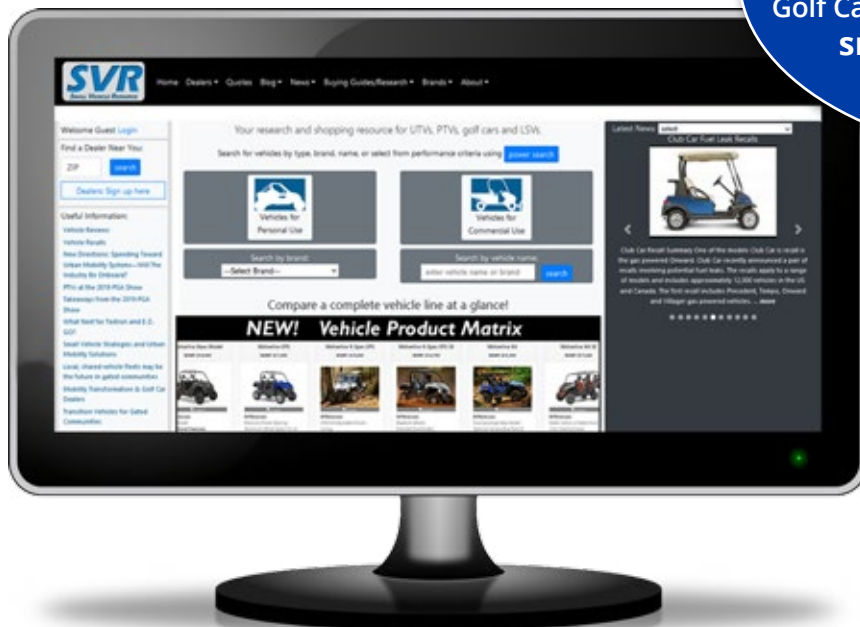
Oh yes, I did tell Bert the sample piece of taster cake, when ordering Buddy Boy from the cake maker guy was decadent. Whoops, did I just put the cart before the horse?

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MORE THAN 6,500 CHILDREN INJURED BY GOLF CARTS EACH YEAR

In a nationwide study, a team at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia investigated golf cart-related injuries in children and adolescents and found the number of injuries has increased to more than 6,500 each year in the past few years, with just over half of the injuries in those ages 12 and younger.

The study, "Nationwide Injury Trends Due to Motorized Golf Carts Among the Pediatric Population: An Observational Study of the NEISS Database from 2010-2019," to be presented at the virtual American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference & Exhibition, also assessed injuries based on sex, type of injury, injury location, injury severity, and event associated with the injury.

During the nearly 10-year study period, researchers found a total of 63,501 injuries to children and adolescents from golf carts, with a steady increase each year.

"I think it's important that we raise awareness of the severity and types of injuries that golf carts pose to children including pre-adolescents, so that greater prevention measures can be instituted in the future," said Dr. Theodore J. Ganley, director of CHOP's Sports Medicine and Performance Center and Chair of the AAP Section on Orthopedics.

Over the past decade, motorized golf carts have become increasingly popular and more

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widely available for recreational use at a variety of events. Regulations vary from state to state, but many places allow children as young as 14 to operate these vehicles with minimal oversight, paving the way for injury. In addition, children riding in golf carts driven by others can be thrown out and injured, or they can be seriously hurt if a golf cart rolls over.

Because of this troubling trend, researchers determined it was necessary to expand

on previous reports exploring golf cart injuries from earlier time periods and to examine current injury patterns. In their new analysis, the researchers found:

- 50.8% of the injuries occurred in those ages 0-12 with the mean age of the population of 11.75 years.
- Injuries occurred more frequently in males than females.
- The most frequent injuries were superficial injuries. Fractures and dislocations, which are more severe, were the second most common set of injuries.
- Most injuries occurred in

the head and neck.

- Most injuries were not severe, and most patients were treated and released by hospitals/medical care facilities.
- School and sporting events were the most frequent locations for injuries.

The updated data can be used to improve safety guidelines and regulations to help prevent injuries from motorized golf cart usage, especially in an at-risk pediatric population, the authors urge.

<https://medicalxpress.com/news/2021-10-children-golf-carts-year.html>

LAMBORGHINI-KINETIC GREEN ENERGY

LAMBORGHINI GETTING INTO \$3 BILLION GOLF CART MARKET

Lamborghini and Indian EV maker Kinetic Green Energy are developing golf carts, with sales to start next year.

The joint venture follows a tough year for Kinetic, largely due to the global pandemic, with revenue dropping 30% in 2020 compared to a year prior. Lamborghini also took a hit in 2020, generating \$1.9 billion in revenue, an 11% drop compared to 2019.

Now, Kinetic and Volkswagen-owned Lamborghini will descend upon the \$3 billion golf cart market together.

The collaboration adds to a growing list of massive golf-related deals in recent months.

- In March, Callaway merged with Topgolf. Callaway already owned a 14% stake in Topgolf and paid \$2.66 billion to acquire the rest of the company.
- Platinum Equity, run by Detroit Pistons owner Tom Gores, announced in April its plans to acquire Club Car, Ingersoll Rand's golf cart business, for \$1.7 billion.
- Private equity firm Centroid Investment Partners acquired TaylorMade Golf in May for \$1.7 billion, the largest acquisition ever in the golf goods industry.

The Italian-designed and Indian-made golf carts from Kinetic and Lamborghini will feature solar panels and be sold to airports, hotels, and resorts.

Kinetic plans to raise \$35 million to \$40 million from private equity investors to supplement growth over the next decade.

FAIRCHILD EQUIPMENT, POLARIS ANNOUNCE NEW AGREEMENT

FAIRCHILD EQUIPMENT HAS SIGNED A DEALER AGREEMENT WITH POLARIS TO REPRESENT POLARIS' GEM AND PRO XD UTILITY TASK VEHICLE (UTV) LINES OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.

Fairchild Equipment has signed a dealer agreement with Polaris to represent Polaris' GEM and Pro XD utility task vehicle (UTV) lines of commercial vehicles.

While Fairchild Equipment has been a trusted Taylor-Dunn distributor for many years, this new agreement expands the dealer's territory from their Green Bay, Marinette, and Stevens Point, Wisconsin, branches to the entire states of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota as well as Michigan's Upper Peninsula and northern Illinois.

"We are very excited to partner with Polaris given the breadth of their product portfolio and the value of their name and market presence," said Fairchild Equipment's President Van Clarkson. "It gives us access to products and customers in markets we don't play in today, and having it cover our entire trade area made sense for both parties. I know our team is excited to start selling products and parts, and servicing existing Polaris customers immediately!"

"We are proud to have Fairchild Equipment in our dealer network and excited for our customers that they are expanding their offerings to include Polaris GEM and Pro XD vehicles," said Jamie Juliano, director of sales North America, Polaris Commercial. "We appreciate that

Fairchild Equipment provides customers with a one-stop-shop by focusing on customer training, service, and post-sales support above and beyond the team's product line knowledge and sales."

Polaris GEMs are all-electric, street legal low speed vehicles (LSVs) designed to move people and goods safely and efficiently across campuses. GEM vehicles help reduce fleet operating costs, increase vehicle utilization, and reduce the CO2 footprint of a fleet in a real, actionable, and affordable way.

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GOLF CART INSPECTIONS

Residents of the City can register and license their golf cart for street use with the Code Compliance Division for a two year period. All registered golf carts must meet the requirements of the Palm Desert Golf Cart Program. When you are ready to license your golf cart, please call the Code Compliance Division to schedule an appointment. The cost is \$10 for a two year permit. All inspections are scheduled for the next working day service.

Safety Equipment Required

The State of California requires that golf carts be the shape and size that conforms to the industry standards of manufactured electric golf carts. The golf cart must be equipped with the following:

- Seatbelts
- Front and rear turn signal indicator lights
- Headlights
- Rear lights
- Brake lights
- Mirrors, one of the following selections
 - Left and right side mirrors
 - Left side and rear view mirrors
 - Multi-directional cross bar mirror
- Red reflectors; required on the left and right rear of the cart between 15 and 60 inches above the ground. (CVC 24607)
- Windshield
- Backup buzzer
- Horn
- Covered passenger compartment
- Unobstructed view to the rear
- Locking device king brake

Helpful Hints

Many manufacturers utilize standard keys for individual golf carts. Extra precaution should be given to locking your golf cart in public places. A locksmith may modify or replace the golf cart-locking device for your protection. Other security devices are also available.

It is an Industry estimate that a fully charged golf cart can travel 20 miles. Be sure to know the range of your golf cart before traveling on public streets. A state of charge gauge is highly recommended.

Inspection

Once your golf cart is modified with safety equipment, your next step is to schedule an appointment to have a code enforcement officer come to your home for an inspection. If the proper safety equipment is installed on the golf cart, then a permit may be issued.

Operation Requirements

All rules of the road that pertain to automobiles pertain to golf carts, including the prohibition of alcoholic beverages. You must have a valid driver's license to operate a golf cart on public streets. Golf carts do not accelerate and travel as fast as automobiles, so know the capability of your golf cart-especially when crossing intersections.

Only two people may ride in the golf cart while in operation, including the driver. All occupants must be secured with seat belts while the cart is in operation. Younger children must utilize appropriate car seats.

Golf carts may be operated on public streets between one hour prior to sunrise and one hour after sunset.

Insurance Information

You and your golf cart must be adequately insured and proof of insurance or financial responsibility must be carried at all times.

Permits are adhered to the right rear fender of the golf cart after it has been inspected for safety equipment. For more information and inspection, please contact the City of Palm Desert Code Compliance Department:

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1. The multifunctional steering wheel is very user-friendly and lets you take control of the lights, the tilt angle of the windshield, horn and other system. The steering wheel's easy-to-use ergonomic design means you'll be driving with maximum comfort, convenience and added safety.
2. The 9-inch touchscreen puts rich content at your fingertips and provides mobile connectivity so that you can easily entertaining yourself during your driving. High definition backup camera has been optimized for visibility and safety. Press the POWER button under the touchscreen once to start the cart. Rotating knob to shift between Sport, Reverse, Neutral and Drive.
3. The key fob allows you to press buttons to open the front trunk, accessing the cargo area.

4. A built-in fridge under the rear seat. Taking out the fridge, the seat of the utility model adds one more storage compartment, which makes full use of the space under the seat, making it not likely to accumulate dust, and has more practicability.

5. It has all the necessary features including head rest and back rest that support your posture while sitting. You can adjust seat forward/backward and adjust the seat's height and tilt angle up/down and backrest indi-

vidually to fit your needs until you're totally comfortable.

6. LED headlights, taillights, and brake lights help illuminate your path to keep your vision clear and glow in the dark. Four speaker amplifiers are at the bottom of the canopy.

7. Lithium batteries stand out because of their high energy capacity, electrode stability, high electrochemical efficiency, low-cost, and long cycle capacity.

8. Windshield wipers and spray nozzles ensure you have a clean, clear view of the road ahead at all times.

9. Carts have brakes on all four wheels, operated by a hydraulic system, offering equal braking effort to all wheels.

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Koppla Swift, a local brand in golf course motorcycle industry. Essentially, this fat wheel scooter is a pedal-less, throttle-powered, big wheel scooter. It's incredibly easy and intuitive to operate. Plus, it's whisper-quiet and gives you a cushioned, smooth ride. And its front ATV tire offers a sense of flexibility while turning. Kickstand switch prevents unexpected start.

Koppla Swift comes with 2000W brushless motor, power enough to carry you and your clubs for 18 even 36 holes(Terrain and rider weight will affect range), saving your energy for when it counts.

Single battery 30Ah/40Ah which takes about 8-10 hours to fully charge, have to admit Swift fat wheel scooter is the highest single battery capacity on market at present, out of juice will no longer a problem. What's more, Koppla Swift Golf Cart is the only golf motorcycle on the market with the battery and electronics located under the seat instead of the foot board, this offers much better protection from the weather, just remove the battery by lifting the seat with the key, as simple as that.

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First-ever Student-run Golf Cart Ride Service Launches In Tallahassee

Curb Caddy provides a hop-on, hop-off experience around campus, College Town, and downtown Tally

Matthias Serrano, a senior at the Florida State University Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship, has announced the launch of Curb Caddy, the first-ever, student-run golf cart ride service in the area around the FSU campus, College Town, and downtown Tallahassee, which has been welcomed with rave reviews and high demand.

Seeing a market opportunity, Serrano began the hop-on/hop-off riding experience business in August as a proof of concept, but quickly realized the tremendous demand among students and visitors for local transportation that is safe, convenient, and af-

fordable. With demand so high, Serrano just added his second, brand new, six-seater golf cart equipped for street-legal transportation, with plans for an even larger fleet soon.

"The response to Curb Caddy has been tremendous and demand is through the roof," said Matthias Serrano, FSU senior and founder of the golf cart ride service. "We're very grateful to all of our customers for supporting our fledgling business and to the Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship for their help as a start-up incubator. Curb Caddy is fully committed to serving the Tallahassee community with a fun, safe, convenient, and affordable way to get around town, especially on busy nights and exciting Seminole gamedays," he concluded.

MORE ABOUT CURB CADDY

Curb Caddy drivers are always held to the highest standards of safety and customer service. Payment methods are very convenient as Curb Caddy offers payment via Venmo, Cash App, and cash. Curb Caddy carts, which are equipped with premium Outside Of Home (OOH) ad space, also provide a great advertising alternative for local businesses interested in achieving high visibility among FSU students and staff, business and government leaders, and visitors. The ads gain visibility with tens of thousands of impressions on the busiest days of operation with high foot traffic volume around the FSU campus and downtown Tallahassee. Tidy University, a local, student-run cleaning service, is among the first advertisers to join the Curb

Caddy family.

For more information about Curb Caddy and its days and hours of operation, go to **curb-caddyllc.com**, or to book a ride today go to **@CurbCaddyLLC** on Instagram and click the button in the bio or just yell out “Hey, Curb Caddy” whenever you see a Curb Caddy cart on a curb near you.

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The term golf carts came into use beginning in the 1970's. The history of golf cars prior to 1969 is where *Golf Car Classics*, the book focuses and in the early days they were almost always referred to as golf cars. As you flip through the book (available here) you will see in the descriptions and the ads, references like cars, kars, carts, karts, buggies, scooters, electric caddies and a myriad of other names and variations.



The first image of golf cars appeared over 100 years ago in the 1912 editions of Robert Hunter's "The Book of the Links". He demonstrates a great deal of foresight. The cartoon shows a pair of golfers in little cars, one equipped with a telescope. They're playing a par three that is over a mile long. Golf is a game that is rich in tradition and seeing a golf car for the first time must have surely been shocked to the purists. The cartoon was meant to provoke debate as to how the then new Haskell ball was changing the game - forcing golf course

architects to lengthen existing course...does this debate sound familiar? Early pioneers experimented with motorized golf cars, but nearly four decades would pass before Hunter's glimpse into the future would become a reality and the first golf cars would appear.

When you peruse the book you will see that most of the cars were produced in limited number, but none more so than the the two below images, These cars were produced prior to the first patent being awarded and represent the earliest examples and true patriots.



Golf Car Classics, the book, makes a perfect gift for that special someone. Order it [HERE](#) for Christmas delivery.

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Golf cart driver charged after passenger ends up in hospital

On Oct. 2, 2021, at approximately 11:15 p.m. Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) received a report of an injured person on Elgin Street, Fergus. Initial reports indicated that a passenger on a golf cart had been ejected and was being transported to a local hospital by paramedics.

OPP responded and while speaking with the driver formed the opinion that the operator was impaired by alcohol. Police made a demand for a breath sample and attempted to conduct a Roadside Screening test with the operator, however they refused.

As a result of the investigation, Logan Alexander Orobono, 29-years-old of Fergus has been charged with failure to comply with a

demand for breath and failing to stop after an accident. A 90-day administrative driver's licence suspension (A.D.L.S.) and 7-day vehicle impoundment was initiated as per statute. The accused is scheduled to appear in the Ontario court of justice - Guelph, on Nov. 5, 2021.

If you suspect someone is driving while their ability to operate a motor vehicle is impaired by drugs or alcohol, please call 911 immediately.

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