

In A Nutshell September 2018 Have Scooter, Will Travel

For anyone who travels by wheel (wheelchair, rollator, scooter) you know that The Villages is the ideal place to live. My preferred mode of transportation outside is by scooter. I have two. The smallest is a 4 wheel Pride Elite Traveler. This scooter is easy to take apart and put into a car trunk. I use it for short trips in the neighborhood and for vacation traveling. Maximum speed is 4 mph and the battery range is about 8 miles. My other scooter is a 4 wheel Pride Victory Sport. It is much larger than the other but it is also faster. And I do have a need for speed. The Victory Sport will go 8 mph and has a battery range of about 12 miles. I have found that I can go just about any place in The Villages with ease. There are a few restrooms which offer a challenge but for the most part I manage. I live in Gilchrist which is the first village on just south of 466A off Buena Vista. From there it takes me about 40-45 minutes to get to the Lake Sumter Landing area, about 25 minutes to Brownwood and 25 minutes to Colony Plaza Shopping. I routinely attend events at Lake Miona Rec Center, Canal St Rec Center, and Bacall Rec Center. Putting all this aside I would love to have a scooter that goes faster with the ability to travel more miles on a single charge. Such a scooter does exist. There are those which go 15-18 miles per hour with a battery range of up to 45 miles. Now that is for me. However, there are draw backs. The wheels on these are much bigger than what I have now. This causes the seat to be higher which makes it difficult for me to get on. They are also longer than mine. This could present a problem entering and exiting buildings as well as maneuvering in a bathroom. For the time being I will be satisfied with my Victory Sport. What is your preferred mode of transportation? I have been to 2 showrooms of scooters and I recommend them both for anyone interested in pursuing the purchase of a scooter.

Here are some suggestions:

There are 2 locations within a reasonable range which have showrooms where you can try out different mobility products.

At Groveland, Fl

<http://www.enhancemobility.com/factory-outlet/>

<http://www.easymedonline.com/mobility-scooters-power-wheelchairs-in-groveland-fl>

At Hudson, Fl there

<http://www.topmobility.com/>

Website that compares 5 popular scooters

<https://bestreviews.com/best-mobility-scooters>

At Hudson, Fl there is a showroom with many scooters which can be test driven

<http://www.topmobility.com/>

Just for Fun

An email came to me not long ago and it was asking me to fill out a questionnaire about my needs and desires for the perfect scooter. This couple is trying to come up with one that will have popular, needed features. Here is a link if you are interested:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUPBiTQoFEXM0mVFkMBa1bN4cu-0IB9C7SzlYw1L205BOCDA/viewform>