

Segway Transporter Available Locally

Software upgrade solves recall problem



The Green Carrot's Michael Shubic (l) demonstrates the Segway. Darrell Barker (r) of the News, mastered the controls in only minutes.

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GOLD CANYON- The Green Carrot in Gold Canyon is your source for the popular Segway Human Transporter, and "Top Carrot" Michael Shubic can help you with all your Segway needs.

The Segway Human Transporter is the first electric powered self-balancing human transportation device. With dimensions similar to the human body, it allows riders to access areas that can normally be traversed by foot, but in a quicker more efficient manner.

By mimicking human balance, it is designed to work with body movements by using sensors that monitor the users' center of gravity 100 times a second. Forward motion requires a slight lean of the body in that direction and a slight lean back for a backward ride. A small device on the handle allows for turns.

With a maximum speed of 6-12.5 mph and a range of about 15 miles

it can take the place of other less economical and more restrictive alternate vehicles.

"Currently, only the diehard early adopters have shelled out the more than \$5,000 to purchase the revolutionary device. This is typical with any new technology as it takes a while to trickle down to the masses," says Shubic.

Although Segway recently issued a voluntary recall after it became clear that some riders were having difficulty controlling the unit when the batteries were near the end of their charge, the recall issue was resolved with a simple software upgrade. "All our machines will be upgraded within the week," said Shubic.

The Green Carrot is the first and only authorized Segway rental company in Arizona, providing rides, tours, rentals and leasing for parties and events. For more information visit their website at www.thegreencarrot.com, email at holler@thegreencarrot.com or by phone at 480-983-3100.