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About Golf Carts And Their Surprising Uses

By Frank Hague

Golf Carts -- An Amazingly Diversified Niche Industry

Golfers out for a Sunday afternoon game just take them for granted on the golf course, and never think about their origin. I am talking about golf carts, those miniature vehicles dotting each golf course. Even so, golf cart production is a multi-million dollar industry and different systems abound. Golf carts are manufactured as miniature cars, and golf-cart corporations provide leasing and financing choices just as the huge car corporations do.

Golf originates from a medieval game played on the coast of Scotland in the 15th century. Golfers would hit a pebble instead of a manufactured ball around the sand dunes employing a stick or wide club. As time passed, stones were exchanged for man-made balls, the earliest of which were thin leather bags stuffed with feathers. The gutta-percha ball wasn't invented until 1848 and might be hit the maximum distance of 225 yards. In 1899 rubber balls were invented that may reach distances of 430 yards if hit by a professional. Golf sticks evolved into carefully weighted golf clubs, and in the 1880's the use of golf club bags became fashionable. The caddie, a servant who carted all the player's gear around the golf course, had his burden lessened in the early 1950's by the introduction of the golf cart.

The 1st golf cart manufacturers were E-Z-Go, Pargo, Harley Davidson and Cushman. The cost was astoundingly high for this era, \$1200, however as even more manufacturers entered the field it dropped to \$600, still a steep price for this era in inflationary terms. Fifty years later, E-Z-Go is still producing golf carts today. There are 100s of golf cart manufacturers listed online, and virtually all of these corporations specialize solely in these vehicles, and don't produce any larger cars.

The 1st golf carts were gas-powered, however recently the market has shifted to even more battery-powered systems. Golf carts can be customized just like cars, and lift kits and ATV wheels are sold to golfers who wish to express their individuality out on the course. There are corporations which specialize in creating entire custom golf cars, or even miniaturized versions of full sized cars, like the Humdinger (Humvee), mini Jeep, Rolls-Royce, Cadillac or even Mercedes-Benz.

Golf carts come in three forms: manual push/pull carts, electric motorized carts, and electric or even gas golf cars that hold passengers as well as gear. Push/pull carts have two to three wheels and a

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vertical support to hold a golf bag. They are basically just a manual dollies with clips and holders especially adapted for golf gear, and sell for \$50 to \$100. Moving higher in sophistication, motorized golf caddies cost about \$500 all the way to \$1000. Golf carts, which resemble dune buggies in size, begin at about \$1800 for a small basic model.

Ebay has a massive choice of both new and utilized golf carts at low prices however service can be a problem with the smaller vendors. Check if the vendor has a physical store as well and is not just a reseller of a larger firm. Warranty service can be affected by this.

Manufacturers are also expanding their sales by renaming carts "Electric Utility Vehicles" and suggesting alternate utilizes for them, like hauling lawn equipment and travelling around rural properties.

Frank Hague is sort of an expert on golf carts, he does a lot of golfing with them.

<http://www.golf-carts-2006.info>

Used Golf Carts – Gas Powered or Electric?

By Chris Miller

Used golf carts essentially are available in two options, gas powered or electric powered. Each power option has its strength and weaknesses on the golf course or out in the field. Feel free to use the information below to help steer you in the right direction when buying a used golf cart.

Gas powered golf carts simply run on gas. Diesel gas or standard unleaded gas powered golf carts are available. One negative aspect against the gas powered golf carts is that you might need to carry around a can of gas with you incase your engine runs out. If this were to happen, you would simply refill the golf cart with gas and then be on your way. However, if you did not have an extra can of gas with you, you might find yourself stranded where you ran out. Used golf carts that run on gas can be to your advantage. Sure running out of gas is not something you want to happen. However, it is much easier to refill and get going again if you have a spare gas can with you.

Contrary to the gas powered golf cart, the used electric golf cart has a major setback if you run out juice. If you are driving up the fairway and find the electric golf cart no longer able to drive, you also find yourself in a major dilemma. Where in the world can you plug into to get a recharge? I'm not aware of too many golf courses that have convenience outlets placed throughout the course.

Used electric golf carts are much more environment friendly than used gas powered golf carts. Electric does not emit any pollution that you may find coming from a gas powered golf cart. An electric powered cart also runs much quieter than a gas powered cart.

These are just a few pros and cons of buying used golf carts, either electric or gas powered. Much more information regarding used golf carts and golf carts in general can be found at

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