

My name is Ron McCurdy, retired from teaching for some 31 years. When looking for something meaningful to “give back” I began to work as a volunteer for Etobicoke parks and rec in the special needs pool programme. After some time I decided working with one or two people was not making much of an impact. I noted that most of the clients could likely ride a safe, semi-recumbent, easily accessed tricycle. They would get exercise, transport, and fun anytime they chose. I found a design and made ancillary devices and modifications, worked with Easter Seals, Variety Village, Holland Bloorview Hospital and many other centres dealing with the special needs community.

In the process I have over 650 people riding trikes. In addition I have helped get funding for the cost of the trikes.

At 86 + I can no longer carry on this activity and would be grateful if there were someone who might be interested. I can help with leads and promotion but can no longer go to shows and readily work with the clients. I have developed several devices to make riding possible and will gladly help anyone who might be interested in furthering this rewarding activity.

As I became less able to go to special needs centres, my own physical condition and my GREEN (I was geography trained) outlook caused me to begin pondering what I might contribute in that field. I joined the Electric Vehicle society of Canada, served as an executive, and began working at converting my trikes to electric assist.

If the use of electric assisted trikes (hills, winds, weather accommodations), can be promoted for neighbourhood errands, then replacement of cars can financially support those with special needs.

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