



THE MYOSITIS ASSOCIATION

## NorthWest Florida

### Panhandle KIT

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## Newsletter

We had high points and low points at our August 17<sup>th</sup> gathering, the low being that only two of our original members were able to attend with their respective spouses. However a high point was that we welcomed our newest member, Mary whose last name ironically is Newcomer. Mary has IBM, lives in Fort Walton Beach and works in Niceville as a Physical Therapist. I am thrilled to meet Mary and have her join our group because she is the only other Niceville resident I have met who has Myositis. WELCOME MARY!

The second good point was our speaker *Donna Reyher and her husband Keith of Davis Travel & Tours, Bluewater Bay*, who shared some wonderful stories about adventures they have experienced and travel tips for those of us with mobility restrictions like Donna's MS. Some highlights of their presentation:

- *Worst travel problems* involve dealing with results of those who falsely claim handicap status and thereby reduce availability of privileges for legitimate travelers.
- *Most important tip:* When flying with your scooter chair, ride it to the gate where it can be gate-checked, **at no**

**extra charge**, and available at your destination when you deplane! Be sure to discuss the type of battery on your scooter with the airline as the regulations differ depending upon type.

- Ask for specifics about a *separate box of items for your scooter* that can also be checked free.
- If you are taking a wheelchair, include in the above box the *foot rests* which are often detached and lost during air travel.
- Other items to include in the box are *repair items for a walker* if bringing it along, such as extra bolts, nuts, tape and tennis balls for sliders and the necessary tools to apply them.
- *On cruises* handicap equipped cabins are often few in number so book as early as possible and be very specific about your needs. Advise cruise companies of your restrictions and needs to be *accommodated on port tours* as well as aboard the vessel. *Front seats can be reserved, in your name*, for motor coaches etc.
- Some European trips are not too handicap friendly due to age – cobblestones, narrow doorways, old baths etc. Be very specific inquiring about details of modes of travel and accommodations.
- The Tauck family Tour Co. **in Wilton, CT**, is her favorite for meeting her mobility needs on trips they have made in the past.

Donna shared with us about her large family excursion to China a few years ago. Naturally one of the highlights of the trip was going to visit THE GREAT WALL and Donna arranged for them to walk on it the first day of their trip. Though she did not explain exactly how it happened, she said she managed to fall off of the Wall and badly damage her ankle to the point she had to leave the country and fly home, leaving her parents, reluctantly in charge of the remainder of the trip. I'm not sure she is proud of having the moniker of "one who

fell off The Great Wall” but it certainly is a unique story.

Another great thing Donna brought to the meeting was information about the new Zinger scooter they purchased for her. It has changed her life when they travel by car because it is compact enough to fit into and maneuver in tight places like an antique store in north GA that she had only seen the front sections of previously. The building was so large that she tired quickly getting around using only her walker. They recently made a trip to GA to view the eclipse and while there, returned to the store that for Donna, had previously held mysteries of “what treasures are in the back sections?” This trip she spent a couple of hours happily meandering around all over the building using her Zinger. At 42 lbs with battery and folded dimensions of 36”L x 25”W x 10”H it easily fits in the trunk of a car. (They have not flown with it yet.)

IT HAS BEEN AWARDED FOUR U.S. PATENTS

Invented in Virginia, the Zinger is no ordinary travel scooter. Its two-lever control system, quick folding frame, and swing-away foot plate are all revolutionary to the mobility industry.

**Zinger travel scooter on the web at: [Zingerchair.com](http://Zingerchair.com)**

*Brochures will be available at the Conference at our table Sep 7<sup>th</sup>*

**TMA Conference**

**Sep 7-10**

TMA will be live streaming sessions from our Annual Patient Conference. On Saturday, September 9, four sessions from the Conference can be viewed live over the internet. The times and topics are below. If you live in the Central or Eastern time zones, remember that the times below are Pacific Standard Time:

**9:00 am** [Reports from TMA's Medical Advisory Board](#)

**11:00 am** [Questions & Answers - Inclusion Body Myositis](#)

**2:00 pm** [Discovery, Understanding, and Progress in Myositis Research](#)

**3:30 pm** [Promising Research in Inclusion Body Myositis](#)

To view any of these sessions, find the link on TMA's homepage that will be posted on Saturday, September 9.

If any of the sessions are not started exactly at the time indicated, please be patient and be assured that the session will begin shortly.

**NWF Panhandle KIT next meeting:**

We're not sure who will be going from our group to San Diego but David and I are and will bring back as much information as possible to share with the group at our next meeting tentatively planed for [Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November](#) at a restaurant [in Pensacola](#). Stay tuned for updates.

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At only 42 pounds, one person can carry the Zinger up steps like a suitcase.



MOST TRAVEL SCOOTERS DISASSEMBLE INTO PIECES



The complicated procedure results in several bulky parts that are difficult to load and take up your entire trunk. Often the heaviest part is as heavy as the whole Zinger.

NO COSTLY SCOOTER LIFT OR RAMP VAN NEEDED



A hitch lift is expensive and it makes parking near impossible. Even without the scooter, it blocks you from your trunk. And it leaves your scooter exposed to rain, road grime, and scooter thieves.



Two Zingers fit in this tiny Mini Cooper with ease.



Ramp vans are no fun yet they cost around \$50,000. We bet you could find better ways to spend that money.

INNOVATION BRINGS A BETTER WAY TO STEER



It's all about MANEUVERABILITY

The Zinger can turn-on-a-dime. In your home, a restaurant, a store, maneuverability is what makes the Zinger great. Its Two Lever Control System is actually fun to drive. Just as the old lawn tractor have given way to modern "Zero Turn" mowers, maneuverability is the reason.

Note that the Zinger does require both hands to operate.



Driving the ZINGER is easy and fun. Push both levers down to go, pull both levers up to stop, use alternate lever actions to turn. A trigger grip adjusts the speed within a Low, Medium, or High range. Low is perfect for around the house, and makes learning easy and safe. Medium allows up to 3 MPH, great for keeping pace with a friend on foot. In High, the Zinger will go up to 6 MPH to get you there quickly!

FREEDOM TO JOIN THE PARTY

ONLY THE ZINGER CAN PULL UP TO A TABLE OR DESK

If you drive a scooter, you'll have to leave it outside the restaurant, get to your table without it, and worry that it's still there when you leave.

In a Zinger, you'll roll right up to your table. And at the end of the meal your friend will say with a surprise, "I never even realized you were in a motorized chair"

It only happens in a Zinger.



The clumsy handlebar on mobility scooters, or the joystick on power chairs blocks you from pulling up to a table or desk. The Zinger steers with levers at your sides allowing you to pull right in.



SPECIFICATIONS USER MANUAL • FAQs

Overall Weight	42 Lbs (19kg) including battery (38 lbs with battery removed)
Dimension L x W x H	31(785) x 25(645) x 35(900) - in. (mm)
Folded L x W x H	36(923) x 25(645) x 10(254) - in. (mm)
Seat Bottom L x W x H	15(380) x 16.5(419) x 19(483) measured from floor
Foot Plate W x H	10.25 (260) x 2.75 (70) H from floor
Maximum User Weight	250 pounds (113kg)
Speed Low Range	0.1 mph (1.6 Km/h) for indoors on smooth floors
Speed Medium Range	0.3 Mph (5 Km/h) for outdoors walking pace
Speed High Range	0.6 Mph (9.5 Km/h) for hill climbing or mowed grass
Reverse	0.4 Mph (1.6 Km/h)
Range	8 Miles (13 Km) flat straight course, 5-6 mile typical outdoor use
Maximum Incline	10 Degrees (ADA compliant wheelchair ramps are 5' max)
Turning Radius	24 in. (600 mm)
Motor	Brushed DC 36V, 250W, 7A
Battery	36V, 6.6 AH, 240 watt-hour, Lithium-Ion 4 Lbs (1.8kg) high quality cells
Charger	2.1A, Automatic, Input:100-240V, charge time 4 hours or less
Steering/Braking System	Two Levers Controls (steel steel on the brake / hard steel brushed steel on the drive)
Frame	6061 Aluminum and Nylon Composite
Front Wheels	6 inch non-marking solid
Rear Wheels	9 inch non-marking pneumatic (40PSI / 2.8BAR / 275kPa)
Anti-Tip Wheel	50mm PU solid

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT US!

If this website hasn't answered all of your questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at 1-844-394-6437 or call or text us. M-F 9am - 5 PM EST. 1-844-394-6437 Zinger, Cooper LLC, 801 Old Blaine Dr, Forest VA, 22607

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