



BEST PLACE TO GO ELECTRIC ON TWO WHEELS

>> 1-Stop Scooter Shop

Admit it: You've always wanted to go zipping along the beach on a scooter. Today, options for them include the electrics as well as gas, and electric bikes — popular with boaters.

A line called GIO Italian scooters are the hot electric ones — in a candy store of colors. The retro-looking Valentine Puma Cycle, gas-driven is sold in red and aqua and comes with nifty fenders. Beefier motorcycle-like scooters, the Motorinos, command the top prices.

Not sure if a scooter is for you? One- and two-seaters can be rented by the day or week (must be 16). 139 U.S. 1, Lake Park; 328-7346; 1stopscootershop.com

BEST PLACE TO TEST A PHONE

>> Earl Stewart Toyota

He put it out there several years ago in an ad: The buck and phone call stop with Earl Stewart personally.

The owner of the Toyota dealership in Lake Park put a phone in his dealership and more or less dared everyone to use it. His line: He is accessible to his customers constantly.

The guy keeps promises. If you dial the phone sitting front and center in the dealership, he'll answer. He's been known to get out of the shower to do so — it rings to his cell phone that's active 24/7.

Just ask the 3-year-old who recently tried it out. "Hello?" Earl Stewart, not only answered: "Earl Stewart," he tried a conversation. Realizing he had an underage driver on the line, he came out of his office to personally greet the young man and his family. 1215 U.S. 1, Lake Park; 844-3461; earlstewarttoyota.com



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