



Innovation in the wheelchair world

Inventor and wheelchair user Andrew Slorance has developed a [new wheelchair design](#) that adds smart technologies onto an ultra-lightweight, carbon-fiber frame, blurring the lines between power and manual wheelchairs. The Phoenix i recently won the \$1 Million Toyota Mobility Unlimited Challenge. Check out this video interview from New Mobility...



We love to get fan mail and wanted to share this recent note from a PT/ATP...



"Well Ride Designs did it again -- changed someone's life, nearly literally. Last week we had a young man (under 50), para, tone that would flip him out of the chair, and terrible posture such that he couldn't breathe. Java with wedges to the rescue..."

What followed was DRAMATIC!! His ability to move air improved -- anxiety decreased, and of course, all good things happened at the pelvis. He came in suffering and left calm - - not 'fixed' but soooooooooooooo much better. This is hard work and hard business -- wonder how often you hear 'the good stuff?' I just couldn't not tell you all this story. He sent me a message later that week stating his 'thanks and appreciation.' You needed to know this. You and your technology are appreciated."

And we truly appreciate the clinicians and suppliers who recommend and fit our wheelchair seating products! Visit our website to learn more about the [Java Cushion](#) and [Java Back](#).

Curious about fan mail from wheelchair users? Check out this great [letter](#).



"Never be limited by other people's imaginations. "

-- [Mae Jemison](#)

Fun finds / resources

- The absence of disabled journalists in newsrooms leads to lower quality coverage of disability as a whole... consider what that lack of perspective may mean, [here](#).

• Exciting: "In a clinical trial, wearing a small stimulator on their necks helped people with quadriplegia build back movement they had lost years ago." Read about it [here](#).

• When disability design erases disabled people: wondering why Nike won't use the word "disabled" to promote their new Go FlyEase Shoe, [here](#).

Thanks for reading,
Your friends at Ride Designs



P.S. If you somehow missed the last newsletter, the most viewed item was a link to an article about wheelchair users beginning to get COVID-19 vaccinations. Learn how the vaccine is being received and why you might need to be proactive about finding one, [here](#).

[Visit our website](#)

Follow us on your favorite social media platform:

