

Spotlight: That Scooter Spot



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Did you know there is a new Scooter Store in New Bedford? It's called "That Scooter Spot" and its located next to Kirby's Pub on 812 Kempton Street.

The business was opened on July 21st by New Bedford resident Dave and his wife Amy, who also helps Dave run the store. They started it because they saw a need to provide people with an affordable means of commuting around the city. In the past, the cost of gasoline was negligible if you were just doing a few errands or simply going about your daily business. However, now it's gotten to the point where the cost of going to the store can add up fast, which is why buying a scooter is an affordable alternative to driving your car.

"I wanted to open a scooter store because I pay attention to whats going on in the economy, and gas prices are starting to go back up, and they will continue to go up over the next year," said Dave. "People who drive SUV's know how expensive it can be to pay for fuel and upkeep on a weekly basis. If they want to keep their SUV, its getting to the point where they might have to park it during the week and use a scooter to get to work."



The Scooter Spot is located on 812 Kempton Street.

That Scooter Spot carries models of scooters to fit all needs and driving abilities. They started out selling Sunny Motorsports scooters, and they sold through their entire stock already! Now they have TaoTao scooters, and they look really good.

The engine sizes vary between 50cc and 150cc. The 50cc scooter is slower, but it does not require a special license. If you want one with a little more giddy-up, they sell 150cc models that go faster but require a motorcycle license. Here's some quick information on what is required when you purchase a scooter:

For any scooter under 150cc, all you need is to be at least 16-years-old and have a driver's license. You'll need a registration sticker, and while insurance isn't necessary, it's always a good idea. That should only cost \$100-200 per year.

A motorcycle permit is required for 150cc scooters. You'll need plates and insurance on this one, and all scooters, no matter what size engine they have, requires the operator to wear a helmet.

Whatever model you choose, you'll notice the benefits immediately. "\$4 of gas can give you more than 100 miles with a scooter. If you're driving an SUV, you're paying \$20-\$30

for the same amount of gas.” That will add up to money in your pocket real fast. “These scooters can pay for themselves in just one season of riding them.

The only other costs with scooters are maintenance, and if you take care of it and keep up-to-date on everything, the scooter should run for a long, long time.



According to Dave, “It costs about \$70 for service. I recommend doing oil changes roughly every 200 miles and do a checkup at 800. After that, you should bring it in for oil change/checkup every 400 miles”

There’s also a breaking-in period with all scooters. “The breaking-in period up to 600 miles. You can’t go full throttle all the time, but eventually the 50cc you can get up to 50mph. Keep it around 30-35mph until its broken in, and you will be good.”

That Scooter Spot doesn’t only sell new scooters either; they take trade-ins on old scooters, which you can put towards a new one. They also do repairs on any brand of scooter you have, and they even have a garage so they can keep working through the winter.

On top of all the scooters, That Scooter Spot has a large selection of helmets, t-shirts, political bumper stickers and other items that you might be interested in, and they are always bringing in new products.

As if that isn't enough, That Scooter Spot also wants to get involved with the local community and help as many people as they can. They want to be a good business, but they also want to be good neighbors. The first way they are doing that is by raffling off a scooter.

"We have 100 raffles tickets and they cost \$25 each. Once they are all sold, we'll give away a scooter to the winner. Then we'll take 50% of the money we raise and give it to local charities, to people who need it. Homeless shelters, soup kitchens, etc. After the raffle ends? We'll start a new one and do the same thing."

That's right – if you buy a raffle ticket, you have a 1 in 100 chance to win a brand new scooter! You can't get odds like that on any raffle, anywhere! And even if you don't win, your money is still going to help someone less fortunate than you.

So stop by That Scooter Spot and visit Dave and Amy. They'll answer any questions you have about scooters, and help you make the right decision for what you need.

Scooters are becoming more popular because they are an easy, cost-effective way to get around, and as Dave says, "These scooters can pay for themselves in just one season of riding them." Just one season and because of all the money you'll save on fuel, the scooter will pay for itself.

The fall is a great time of year to buy a scooter because the price will never be as good as it is today. "Now is a great time to buy a scooter," says Dave, "because as the price of gas goes up, it costs more for us to get the scooters." So a scooter that costs \$1000 today may cost \$1,100 or more next year.

That Scooter Spot has everything you need to get started driving a scooter today. Everyday you drive it, you'll be saving money on fuel and you'll be making a positive impact on the environment. Put that together with the scooter raffle

and everything else, and That Scooter Spot is a welcome addition to the New Bedford community.

That Scooter Spot stays active on Facebook; you can find them here. Visit often to find out about specials, sales, and all the new scooters. Visit their store on 812 Kempton Street, or give them a call at (774) 202-5815. They are open Monday – Thursday from 12 – 7 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Sunday from 12 – 7 p.m.









