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## Southeastern Chapter Honors International Chairman Michael Stewart

By Georgia State Director Brenda Cole

Southeastern Chapter members attending the 2001 EASA International Convention in Chicago later this month will proudly participate as Michael Stewart assumes the role of EASA's highest position, "Chairman of the Board." Mike, President of Stewart's Electric Motor Works in Orlando, Florida, has been one of the most dedicated and loyal members of EASA by serving in every elective office in the Southeastern Chapter.

Following that, he was elected to serve as Region 5 International Director for two consecutive terms

and went on to be elected as International Secretary in 1998, and Treasurer in 1999. His current term as International Vice President will end in Chicago when he is installed as the first Chairman of the Board under EASA International's reorganized bylaws.

Mike's dedication to the association is even more evident by the numerous committees he has served on: Chairman of the Investment and Membership Committees, Co-Chairman of the 1998 Orlando Convention Committee, Coordinator for the Engineering Redesign Applications, Membership, Technical Services, and Bylaws and Governing Policies Committees. Currently Mike is Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee and is coordinator of the Technical Services Committee. He is a member of the Admissions, Audit, Investment, Remuneration, Strategic Planning and Trade Relations Committees. You have to wonder when he finds time to run a motor shop!

Interestingly, Mike was Chapter President when our annual Fall Conference was held in Charleston, SC back in 1991. We are returning to Charleston again this year for our Fall Conference where Mike will join us as International Chairman of the Board. Mike, you have come a long way in 10 years! Congratulations and best wishes to you as you begin your term.

We also want to recognize another dedicated EASAn from the Southeastern Chapter, Mr. Woodrow McClure, who will assume the role of International Vice Chairman. Woody is President of Dixie Electric Motor Service in Charlotte, NC, and has likewise devoted many years to serving both the Chapter and International association in various capacities. Congratulations and many thanks to both of these remarkably dedicated and loyal leaders.

See you in Chicago!



## FALL CONFERENCE 2000

Charleston, South Carolina

The EASA Southeastern Chapter Fall Conference 2001 is scheduled for September 6-8, 2001 in historic Charleston, SC. We have contracted with the newly restored Westin Francis Marion Hotel to host our conference. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Francis Marion emulates the beauty of long ago and as the tallest building in Charleston, offers the best views of Charleston's famous harbor. Charleston offers many exciting tours, stately garden homes, magnificent landmarks, challenging golf, quaint shops, boutiques and fine dining. Our planning committee is currently working on an exciting business program with the focus on "Employees-Our Best Asset".

Ben Hamilton  
Conference Chairman



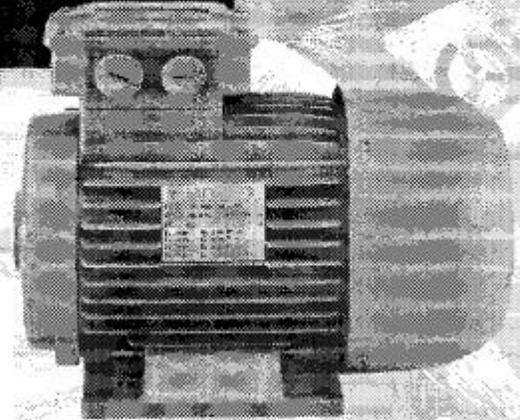
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## Golf Carts and Slippery Slopes

By Publius Conrad\*

I'm sure everyone knows by now of the United States Supreme Court decision forcing the PGA Tour to allow disabled golfer Casey Martin to ride a golf cart while competing, so I'm not going to waste much space reviewing the facts. Basically, seven of the Justices substituted their opinion of what was fundamental to the game of golf for that of the professional golfers who run the PGA and establish its rules. I have read (and heard) volumes of different opinions about why Casey Martin should or should not have been given special treatment. I have even heard quite a bit of comment about why the Americans with Disabilities Act is foolish or bad law. (It is, of course, extremely bad law and bad law always makes for foolish and contradictory legal situations like this.) But the real issue here ought to have every American trembling in his golf shoes.

"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." So reads the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment of our Bill of Rights. That being said, exactly where in the Constitution is the United States government authorized to tamper with the rules of professional golf? Of course the federal government has no constitutional authority to tamper with golf. But then

where is the constitutional authority to require a private business to install wheel-chair ramps and elevators? Where is the authority to require a strip club in California to make its on-stage shower stall "handicap accessible?" Where is the authority to refuse a business owner the right to fire a drunk who claims alcoholism is a disability? Exactly where does the ADA fit in our Founding Father's scheme of things? And where exactly does the United States Constitution grant the federal government the authority to establish how much water a toilet can use to flush? Or how runny your egg yolks should be when you have breakfast at the Waffle House?

The ADA is bad, foolish law and clearly unconstitutional, but so is much of the law passed by Congress (and *decreed* by the Supreme Court) in the past fifty years. No matter how repugnant discrimination may be, should we really allow our central government to usurp unconstitutional powers to combat it? There is also no federal authority for the Endangered Species Act, or the Environmental Protections Act, or ninety-five percent of the intrusive, oppressive laws passed by congress since 1960. There is no more authority in the United States Constitution for our federal government to establish energy efficiency standards for electric motors than there is for it to change the number of points needed to win at table tennis. It has no more authority to establish standards for local schools than it has to declare that four-of-a-kind beats a straight flush in poker. The federal government has no more legal authority to set automobile emission standards, than it has to establish the length of a football field.

It is easy to demonstrate that we have left constitutional government far behind. What is not easy is getting most people to be concerned about it. Discrimination (or pollution, extinction, ignorance, poverty, or some other evil) is so awful, and these laws are so well-intentioned! But unconstitutional government is government without limits, and a government that can establish the rules of professional golf knows no restraint except the tolerance of its subjects balanced by its willingness to use force. I don't write this fearing that we have now set our feet upon a slippery slope ... I write fearing that we have already drifted so far down its grade that a return to constitutionally limited government and the state of liberty that represents may be impossible without more grief and sacrifice than the American people are now willing to endure.

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