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## Company customizes vehicle for double-amputee

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**TOWN OF BINGHAMTON —** While its bread and butter are devices to help those with physical disabilities have more choices in the world, once in a while Access Unlimited gets to work on a more unique project.

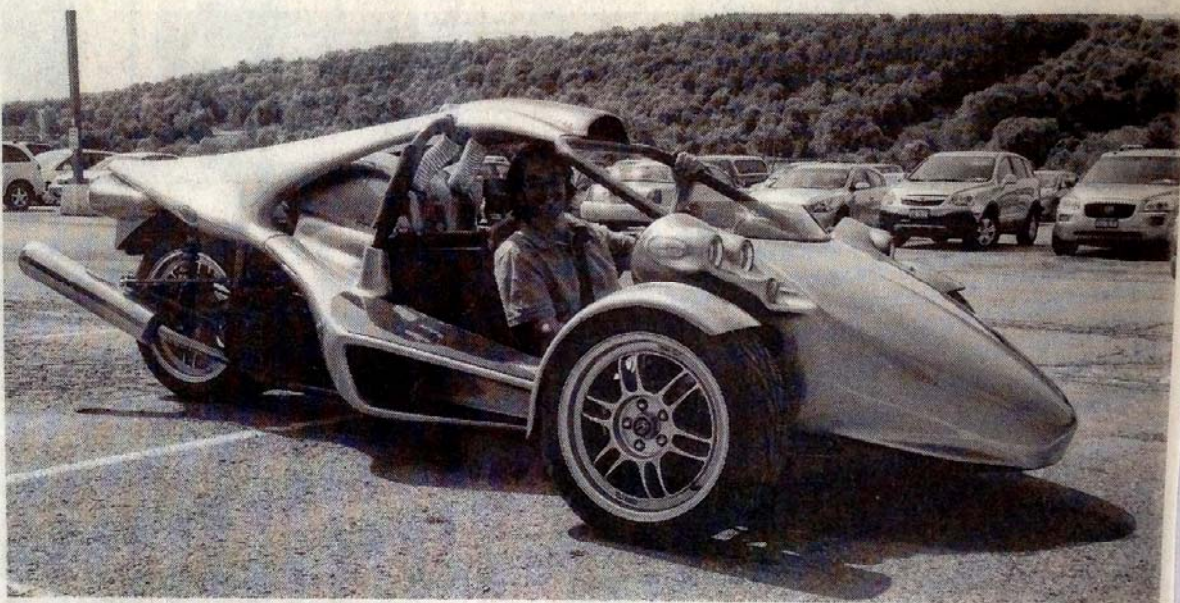
Enter the T-Rex, a vehicle produced by Candadian company, Campagna. The T-Rex looks like it's part motorcycle, part dune buggy. The \$70,000 road-ready vehicle was won by a Florida man, but the man was a double-amputee, so he wasn't able to operate the foot pedals. That's where the Town of Binghamton company came into play.

Access Unlimited created modifications to the three-wheeled T-Rex giving it hand controls and a computer that would run the clutch, said company President Thomas Egan.

"It's all customized," he said.

It's the second such vehicle the company has customized, the first being one for a California man, Danny Miller, a quadriplegic who filmed a documentary, "Danny North to Alaska," as he drove the modified T-Rex from his home state to Alaska.

Access Unlimited, and its sister company, Craftsmen Mobility Systems, are all about giving choices to those with disabilities. Often when people think about individuals in a wheelchair, Egan said, they think of limitations, especially when it comes to driving. But the two companies — in operation for 24 years — have proven that people who use wheelchairs can drive just about anything they want by creating and manufacturing car lifts,



The modified T-Rex, with added hand controls and a computer, will allow a double-amputee in Florida to drive the road-ready vehicle. Town of Binghamton company Access Unlimited performed the modifications.

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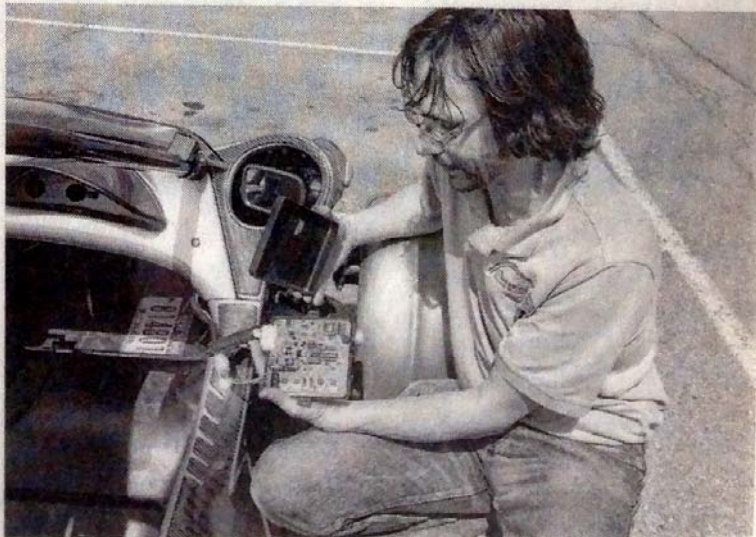
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hand controls and pivoting seats.

"We want to give you every option," Egan said. "You have a right to have the same equality of choice."

The innovative work the companies perform, and the freedom they bring to customers all over the world, gives their 20 employees a rewarding feeling, he said.

"It makes for some interesting experiences," Egan said. "It's hard to describe the satisfaction."



Access Unlimited President Thomas Egan shows the computer that runs the clutch of the modified T-Rex.