Georgetown men have become media darlings for HOV passenger offer

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The two then decided to make it into a Kijiji ad, which has garnered more than 5,000 views since Monday (June 29).

"Didn't think anything was going to come of it but we also thought if anyone wanted to take us up on it, that would be a cool story just to tell our friends," Chaput continued.

But instead of just having a running joke among friends, the pair ended up on The Edge chatting with Wade Mcneil that very same day and the media invitations have just kept on coming.

"A lot of news outlets are saying that we must not be serious and that it must be a joke, but we will definitely actually do it," said Burton. "It has just been a whirlwind of fun press and excitement."

The two said that they have had one offer for a ride but that it was from someone who is in Oshawa which didn't make the most logistical sense. With the ad stating that they are willing to discuss "current events, politics, and the increasing income gap that will one day plague the world," among other comical nuances, they hope that people will realize that they are easy going young guys who are just looking to have a good time making the most of a funny idea.

And while they are awaiting a first serious offer to take them up as GTA road tripping buddies, they have already had some people reach out as potential employees if the idea takes off.

"We had some girls contact us saying that if we were serious about making it into a business they would also offer their services as passengers and someone else suggested being coordinators of a bunch of different passengers in different areas around Toronto, not a bad idea," Chaput said. "We'll just have to wait and see what happens once the Games are here."



Georgetown residents Kris Chaput and Michael Burton are offering their services as passengers in commuter vehicles looking to take advantage of the new Pan Am HOV lanes.

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