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Dear Swingers Club:

I like to swing. As a child I would swing all summer long at the playground. Wooden, rope or plastic swings, tire swings, porch swings, gliders, and hammocks. Any kind of swing was my kind of thing.

Now that I am out of high school, I often get strange looks when I swing alone at the playground. I sometimes borrow my five year old nephew to swing with me so that people will think I am just swinging with him as his baby sitter. But that all changed about two months ago when he told me he thought it was time for us to go home and I started crying because I didn't want to leave yet. I guess I created quite a scene that day at the park, but to my defense, I hadn't taken my medication that morning and I was really sad that we had to leave. I haven't been allowed to baby sit my nephew since then.

I once considered starting my own group. I planned to call it the Bipolar Adult Swinging Fellowship, where adults with bipolar disorder could sign up in groups to pre-arranged posted schedules with various parks and playgrounds. We could then go to the parks in town and throughout Ohio on swinging sprees in small to medium sized groups of adults. That way we could swing freely without the stigma of being a strange or creepy grownup hanging out at playground swing sets. Society tends to be more accepting of organized groups with publicly posted reservations.

Ultimately, I decided that there wasn't much of an interest in my idea after suggesting it locally at the city commissioners meeting and running an ad in the local newspaper for people interested in helping to start a local adult swingers club. The folks at the commission meeting thought I was nuts since I didn't have any fellow swing enthusiasts with me for support. (I was only allowed to speak for two minutes during the public forum open mike session since I didn't get the topic pre-approved for that meeting's agenda).

Meanwhile, the newspaper just took my money and ran my ad in the wrong section of the paper and I ended up with only three calls. One guy asked me if I liked M&M's swinging. I told him that while I do like them, they do tend to melt in your hands when swinging because the ropes or

chains that you hold onto while you swing can crack the outer candy shell. When I mentioned ropes and chains he really sounded interested in the club, but when I agreed to meet him at his place to try out a new kind of swing design he turned out to be quite a freak.

The second guy said he was responding to my ad and was looking to trade his wife in on a newer model. He wondered if he could do that if the new club got off the ground. I told him he would have to recheck the ad because I think he mixed up my phone number with that on another advertisement. He politely apologized and told me that he would look again. When the same number appeared a few seconds later on my caller ID, I chose not to answer the call. He didn't leave any message and has not called back since.

The third guy spoke with a heavy German accent and I couldn't understand a darn thing he said other than "Zie Deutch Swingen" or something like that. If he hadn't said anything remotely recognizable as the word 'swing' I would have just thought it was a wrong number altogether! But I couldn't understand him at all and so I had to hang up on him. And to think that the people at the city commission meeting thought \*I\* was crazy. Those people that called me on the phone were the weird ones if you ask me. That's not to say that we would have discriminated against Germans or any other ethnic groups, but if you're going to be in the club, we would have to be able to communicate...

So as you can probably tell, I was very surprised and delighted to find your club advertised and to see that a swingers club for adults only already exists in Ohio. If I had found your ad before I started my own campaign to start a club, I might have saved myself from the embarrassing moments described above.

Do you ever schedule any swingings in northern Ohio? I don't get down toward Zanesville very often, but even if I can't make every event, I would like to receive information on what I can do to join. Please send me a membership application packet!

Sincerely,



Rusty Lucas

p.s. Do you have any baseball caps available with your club logo or address? If so, could you please send me a free one? I would like to drum up some interest in your adult swingers club and if I wore a hat advertising an already existing club at the next city commission meeting, I might get better reception and respect from the commissioners and the other citizens in attendance. Please send me a free Playtime Adult Swingers Club hat if you have any to spare.