

CONFESSIONS

OF A DESIGNATED DRIVER

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I love to go out; however, I lack a key desire in that equation: I'm not fond of the standard social inebriating gullet shellac accompanying most nightlife outings. I've never discovered the allure of the drinking. For me alcohol tastes freaky, smells funny...and, yes, believe it or not, makes me act crazy. But despite this night-on-the-town "flaw", I love the atmosphere of hanging

out with my friends at bars, clubs and concerts, even if I'm the only one not drinking. So, as you can imagine, in my circle of friends I serve as the designated driver – indefinitely - or until I decide that I need to get my drink on.

Yes, I can hear some of you booing as I type this and I also imagine some of you trying to figure out how to befriend me as you permanent party chauffer. I know it has a Pollyanna stigma, which it shouldn't – being responsible and ensuring everyone gets home safely.

The truth is I love it and wouldn't have it any other way. I have just as much fun, if

not more, as my drinking pals. I enjoy all the wild and crazy activities during a great night out: karaoke, late night trips to Huddle House, dancing like fools, crankin' up the music in the car (which I get to control), or any other random laugh-out-loud incidents that may occur.

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I get all the perks of a fun night out without the hangovers and mystery bruises the day after. I'm not just their driver, I'm a historian, remembering details, drama, hilarity, and even embarrassing moments that might otherwise have been lost in their liquor marinated hippocampus—Cherished memories I will never forget.

Judge me if you will, but the DD isn't such a bad gig. You should try it sometime. You may be pleasantly surprised.

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