

GaryBus Adventures



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What would drive a family of seven to buy a bus? To sell their home, quit their jobs, and leave extended family and the rural town in southern Mississippi where they lived for the past nine years? What started as a whim became a need for something different, a new adventure, to live outside societal norms, intentionally and free from the burden of debt. Of course, we were discouraged by others who only wanted the best for us. What if the kids hated it? What if we ended up stranded? What if we could not find jobs? What if it tore our family apart? Better to play it safe than sorry. Despite all the doubts, we decided to take the plunge.

We found the Garybus on Craigslist and purchased it for \$7,000. We had just enough money left to get it running, so we had to make our family fit the way it was built rather than the other way around. Our 1965 MCI Challenger was converted circa 2005 by an individual as a mobile hunting lodge. The interior is done in pine tongue and groove. Three coats of polyurethane were applied. As soon as you walk in, you are in the main living area and have the feel of a hull of a boat or a log cabin.

The kitchen was simply a countertop with a sink, across from an apartment size refrigerator/freezer.

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