



Why a Bus? - Electricity and Lighting, Not So Fast! (Part 3 of 3)



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Originally there was going to be no electric power whatsoever in my bus. Then I found out how hot the bus got inside during the summer. While the white elastomeric paint has helped a lot (and it needs more frequent reapplication than I'd like), I did relent in the end.

For the longest time, I had hooks in the ceiling (that are still present) to hang LED lanterns. The problem with the LED lanterns was that they cost a lot of money and didn't produce much worthwhile light in my opinion

Moving to a 12V system was not done overnight, that started by my putting a ventilation system in, that was done in stages. I started with two battery desk fans from Walmart, cut up and installed in place of the student lights at the back. That didn't move much air and the batteries weren't cheap.

That led to putting in a pair of 10W solar panels and a pair of 12V CPU fans. Those worked well but didn't suck enough air out.

In the meantime, I put in a single 35AH battery

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