



PUBLISHER'S NOTE

More Back Issues Going Online



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As many of you are aware, we have over 120 Back Issues online for your reading pleasure. This is extremely helpful for new subscribers that want to learn all they can about bus conversions. I always suggest that everyone interested in owning or especially converting a bus to read as many back issues as they can before even buying a bus. It is also useful for existing bus conversion owners who are considering remodeling their buses to gain ideas from other owners.

To see what back issues are available, you can go to our Home page at www.BusConversionMagazine.com, login, and you will see the three most recent issues. Then if you choose our Members tab at the top right of our page, you will see everything available to our subscribers and you will see an option to read the **Back Issue Article List**. On that list, you will see over 2200 articles that have been written for *Bus Conversion Magazine* since its inception in 1992.

This list is searchable by pressing Ctrl-F on your keyboard and then typing in the topic you are interested in. It will take you to the first occurrence of that word and then you can click the down-arrow in the search box to see additional occurrences of that word or topic. From that list, you will see in the left-hand columns the title and year, and month the article is in.

You can then go back to the Members tab at the top of the page again and choose the option to **Read**

Back Issues. The page of all back issues will appear and you can choose the year the article is in that you are interested in and then choose the month of the issue and read through the issue or look in the Table of Contents and type in the page number of the article of interest starts on and go directly there.

There are a lot of back issues already loaded on the system for you to start with and more are on their way. We recently started scanning the back issues and will add more at the rate of one each week going forward. Unfortunately, the previous owner of the business lost the CDs with the PDF files on them, so each issue has to be scanned in manually.

Any issue older than March 2008 has to be scanned in, which is a very time-consuming process to ensure all pages scan correctly such that they are readable and lined up properly. One drawback is that the files will be much larger than the actual PDF versions we have on file, so they will take longer to load and the text is not searchable. However, we decided that having a readable copy that was scanned in, is better than nothing.

We hope you appreciate the work we are doing to provide you as much information as possible about buying, converting, traveling, and living in a bus as we can, and please keeps those articles coming to share your knowledge with others who have a similar interest.

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