



PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Tiny House and Bus Conversion Festival



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“ On Saturday, July 10th and Sunday July 11th, I attended the Colorado Tiny House Festival in Brighton, Colorado. There were several Tiny Houses as well as Converted Vans, a Bread Truck, a Horse Trailer, and a few Buses. One thing they all had in common was the ability to camp in a field and not requiring a conventional house to live in.

Most of us arrived on Thursday July 8th, and prepared by getting our rigs into position and setting up. Some folks in some spots had power, but most did not, including myself. The temperature was over 100 degrees on Thursday and Friday when we were setting up, which made setting up a bit challenging for some people.

A huge windstorm raised its head just after midnight Thursday night, destroying many of the canopies that were set up next to some of the rigs, and blowing around lawn chairs and tables. The wind came up so fast that people were frantically out there trying to take them down before they were damaged. Fortunately, the wind died down as fast as it came up in about 15 minutes and there was a nice calm after the storm.

The show opened at 10:00 Saturday morning to a long line at the gate. Once the flood gates opened, there were people all over the field. Fortunately, we had very nice days on Saturday and Sunday with the exception of the temperature being in the mid 90's. My bus was a big hit, as I was the only over-the-road bus there and I had three roof airs, and a 12.5K Wrico generator to keep them cooling all day.

Sometimes, it was hard to get people to leave. LOL!

I estimated that over 500 people walk through my bus and looked it over and they all had nice things to say. Many were amazed that a converted bus could look as nice as a home. I also gave an hour long presentation on the Advantages of Bus Living which was very well attended.

We had Flyers outside and inside on my counter all about **Bus Conversion Magazine** and we went through about 750 Flyers throughout the four days I was there. We signed up many new members during and shortly after the event, so I consider the event a success.

When we went to our first Tiny House event about five years ago, there were no buses there, it was all Tiny Houses. People stopped by our booth and were amazed that they could have a Tiny House and it has WHEELS on it so they could actually DRIVE it around? We had a long line at our booth and after that, bus conversions were also invited to the Tiny House events. Because of that show and this one too, we signed up several people that came that were interested in building or buying a Tiny House, but ended up leaving with a bus conversion in mind.

We will attend several more of these in the future and if you watch our Events page, you may see a Tiny House event coming to a city near you. I encourage you to attend one of these events where you will get many ideas on how to build, or not build, your own bus conversion.

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