



My Experience with Highway Post Office Buses (Part 2 of 3)



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Editor's Note: We heard the stories on trying to get buses one, two and three home. Join us now as we hear the stories of how Fran and LaMarr collected more HPO buses.

The story behind the ten buses purchased from Tal Williams Traders Chevrolet in Greensboro, North Carolina in June 1974: Through the contacts, I made regarding HPO's, I was told about a bunch of buses out of use in Greensboro, owned by a car dealership, Tal Williams Traders Chevrolet. I contacted Tal Williams personally, and we discussed the purchase of these buses. He said that "some" needed repairs and he would take \$10,000 for all ten of them. They came as a package deal.

This proposed transaction made the news in a local newspaper published June 15, 1974. "Mobile Postal Vans Now Rust in Weeds." The article noted, "The remains of the Greensboro Highway Post Office service, which once provided isolated communities across the state with speedy mail delivery, lie in a weed-infested lot on the outskirts of the city. A buyer in California has expressed interest in purchasing the entire fleet (to make into motorhomes) so in the near future the HPOs might be gone from Greensboro forever, leaving an overgrown lot and memories of days past."

Shortly after our conversation, I flew from Los Angeles to Greensboro with three suitcases full of tools and some clothing, prepared to buy all ten and started getting them ready to drive to California.

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