



My Batteries Were Dead But This Time I Knew



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I was out to lunch when my email pinged me and I also received this text message on my phone.

This is an automated RV Whisper alert from BCM Bus:

The Alert named **Start Battery Voltage too LOW** was triggered on June 13, 2022, at 2:03 p.m. Start Battery Voltage: DC Voltage (Volts) = 11.59
To see details about the alert or to stop these emails temporarily or permanently go to (my Alert settings) Alert created 1 min ago.

I was in Fairplay, Colorado having lunch with a friend when I was notified via text message of a problem in my bus. I read the text message and immediately knew what the problem was.

When I stopped driving the bus that morning, I parked at a truck stop, put the transmission in neutral, set the parking brake, and turned the ignition key off; but forgot the last step. I forgot to turn off my headlights.

Back in 1967 when my bus was built, the headlights did not turn off automatically when the ignition key was turned off and there was no buzzer to alert you of such when you open the door as

there are on many vehicles now.

After I backed into my parking space at a truck stop with my toad (yes, you can back up with a toad, if you are backing up relatively straight



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