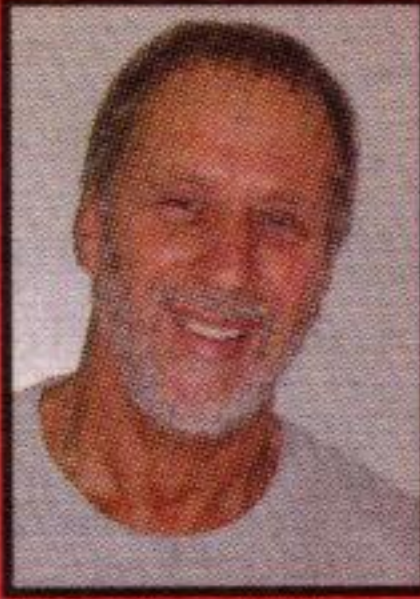



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## Go Harder! Or don't go at all

### Mike Divell and his New Fuel Concept Bus.

By ANN KORNUA

Not many things are certain in life but one thing we can all agree on is that the prices for gasoline and fuel will grow ever higher with the demands for transportation. When purchasing a vehicle the best idea would be to choose a car that is efficient on gas while still giving you good mileage. Mike Divell has done better than that: he got rid of the whole gasoline concept, sold his car and made an investment into what he feels will benefit him and his friends for years to come. He purchased an old school bus and runs it on cooking oil.

Cooking oil; the stuff that is discarded at the end of a day at a restaurant is fueling his bus which he all over Canada with friends and travelers alike to discover Canada. It seems amazing, but Mike and his friends drove their bus which they call "Harder" all the way to Vancouver BC and back with little to no problems this spring.

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The concept of rigging up the bus on cooking oil fuel came to Mike after purchasing the bus in February of 2003 and calculating the costs of the fuel for this trip. "It was astronomical. The plan was at first just to go out and drive across Canada and visit all the cities and towns on the way in my car, but other people kept coming up to us saying that they wanted to come. The best idea I could think of was to buy my own bus. We threw small events at clubs to raise the initial cost of the bus, but

after I sat down and looked at the cost of fuel I decided to go to the next level and have a challenge with this trip."

Mike got information from one source (www.biofuels.ca) a Canadian website set up in the year 2000 with information and actual fuel processing kits for sale to rig up your own car or bus to convert cooking oil to fuel. The benefits from getting yourself a cooking oil gas tank is the confidence of knowing that you are not contributing to climate change, saving used cooking oil from being dumped into landfills and you're not relying on expensive imported fuel oil. If done properly, it can be a reliable, low cost way to reduce emissions into a renewable and more rational energy source for the future.

Mike himself is very proud of what he and his friends have achieved. Finished, the bus can hold 40 people with folding beds, storage and even a kitchen area where most of the food for the trip was prepared. Working with local restaurants and teamwork from his friends and family they have brought what seemed as just another wild and crazy idea to be a reality. For many, they look like just another bunch of crazy kids off on some wild adventure but they have changed what started as a simple road trip across Canada into a new outlook on fuel efficiency and dedication. On his reflection of the trip, Mike stated "Many people didn't even think we would make it out of the Province, let alone to Vancouver. We had an amazing time meeting new friends and sharing new experiences all along the way."

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