

The Bus Line

Keeping Up with the Bus!



A NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO THE RESTORATION OF A 1931 MODEL A FORD PASSENGER BUS

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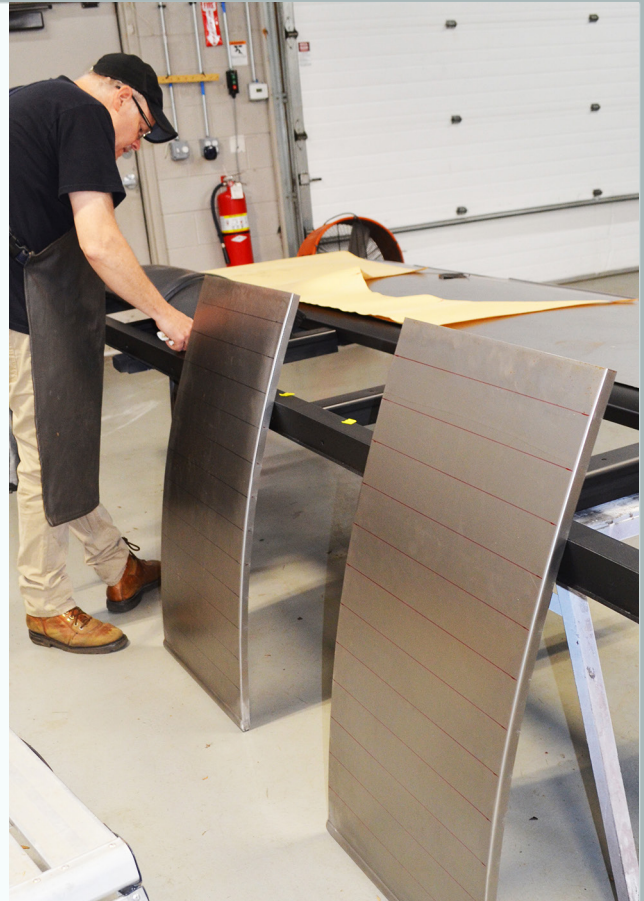
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The Bus chassis is finished and waiting for Ken Ehrenhofer and Ken Kalck to pick it up from Don Temple and Grier Fleischhauer in North Carolina. The two Ken's are planning a trip to North Carolina to pickup the chassis and to say "Thanks" to the Coastal Carolina A's for the fantastic job they have accomplished...a job well done. What else is going on you might ask? Russ Moss of Moss Designs in Wisconsin is working on making a new floor for the bus. Russ is a master cabinet maker and has already made several pieces for the walls of the bus. Thanks Russ! The Roof wood is being worked over by Larry Wallace and Steve Burton in Michigan as they are just getting started.



The Bus Boys in Illinois are working on the sheet metal sides and the cowl, gas tank and other body pieces which were in horribly rusted and twisted condition. We have hired a restoration shop to do the metal restoration and a "Metal Man" by the name of Sam is doing a job of exceptional quality. Sam has reworked all three sides of the body and cut out sections and welded in new pieces and channels. Sam, using a Pullmax machine has duplicated all of the side panels with the typical Model A Bead at the bottom. Sam is getting ready to weld them all back into place on the frameworks. Russ Moss, of Moss Designs, in Oshkosh Wisconsin is continuing to shape and build a whole new floor for the bus.





Lots going on in the bus world and very soon Ken Kalck and I will travel to North Carolina and pickup the newly restored chassis. How great is that! Wow! This is an exciting time for our Bus Project! The chassis will be brought back to my shop in Woodstock, IL and then the new floor from Russ in Wisconsin will be mounted on the new chassis. Upon that being completed we will start to mount the new restored walls and the front cowl as soon as it is done. It sounds simple but we are in the throws of a task of great difficulty with hard and long hours. Everyone is working so hard on this project but nothing good comes easy as they say, so this bus is going to be really good!

All panels on the bus body are being replaced with new panels. This is due to all of the damage incurred over the years. The panels above are for the rear of the bus body. Sam has made them and with the Pullmax machine has duplicated the bead on the bottom of the panel



The long road to being finished still has quite a few miles ahead but as this body starts coming back together on the new chassis it will be a heart rendering moment. We will be doing the reassembly and we are all looking forward to that part of the project....Thanks to all the Bus Boys and Bus Girls who have worked so hard to make this possible!