



# AmpMobile Conversions News Bulletin

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" We're floating", says one of our grandchildren, as we coast along in the *Ampmobile* to get ice cream. He has already learned the basics of how our electric truck works and is now learning the correct terms to use. He is smart for only four years old (soon to be five). That should tell you how *simple* the principles of the electric vehicle are and how easy it is to understand. He also loves the "solar" chicken we often have when he visits on the weekends. Cooked completely by the power of sun - no energy bill or extra heat in the house. With no basting or turning required and no chance of burning, there is more time to play. We built our oven for less than \$50.00 and use it whenever possible. We just place the food in the dark pot (we use baked enamel or cast iron), put the food in the oven before work - it's done when we get home. All it needs is sunshine, no matter how hot or cold it is outside. That is also another one of our many projects, making inexpensive but efficient solar ovens for others. We also heat our water for the house with the self-made solar water heater. Very seldom do we need to use the water heater and when we get the new panel in place we will probably never have to use the electricity for heating the water. As time and money permit, we will expand our PV panel system to have plenty of power to recharge the electric vehicle batteries without "grid" power (regular electricity from the power company). As winter is fast approaching, we will again heat our house mostly with our wood cook stove. (We have propane

heat as back-up and to assist between times). Every little thing helps to keep our costs down and still have a "normal" life. And it's just fun to see what can be done with a little bit of reading and experimenting.

The trip to the Southern Energy & Environment Expo was absolutely unbelievable. We arrived on Friday morning and left Sunday evening. We were astonished at the number of people genuinely interested in electric vehicles and stayed busy all weekend, answering questions and listening to comments and ideas. So many returned with others to talk again. The whole weekend was wonderful. We do hope everyone reading this will go to next year's Expo. ([www.seexpo.com](http://www.seexpo.com))

Our next event was the Classic Auto Show in Van Wyck, SC for a day. We were even entered in the judging for special interest. (Of course the Cobra GT was also in the same category, but we had fun anyway). Our thanks to the Dixie Cruisers for the invite and "heads-up" on the show.

Come see us at McDowell Park on October 8 for the Green Village, reduce/re-use/recycle event. Arts and crafts, library, music, food, native plant education, alternative vehicles and more are scheduled. We hope the predicted rain will not "wash out" the event. We are excited to once again meet new people and answer questions.

Our next stop will be the Seaboard Festival in Hamlet, NC, on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Over 20,000 people attend the festival each year. We will be located right next to the auto fair at the end of main street. This should prove to be another exciting and wonderful time, and a great opportunity once again to show people there are alternatives to

fossil fuels and dirty air.

(<http://www.micropublishing.com/coh/seaboardfest.htm>)

We have been extremely pleased with all of the response and requests for information about electric vehicles and alternative energies. We have even had requests to speak to groups and clubs about our ideas, and we are always eager to talk.

To those of you who asked to be added to the mailing list, thank you. We hope we will add a bit of quality to your lives. To those who are reading this as your first *AmpMobile Conversions News Bulletin* - Welcome. We hope you will continue with your interest in all forms of alternative energies. As energy costs continue to increase, so should our search for better means of getting around and being comfortable.

Remember that together, be it with small steps, we can make the world, our country, our town or city, our homes, a better place.



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