

## Free Fuel on the Fourth of July?

*A young family from Springfield, Missouri use vegetable oil in a converted diesel bus to take their summer vacation. They hope "The Fantastic Veggie Bus," painted broccoli-green, will help raise awareness about creative fuel alternatives, and encourage others to follow their dreams.*

([PRWEB](#)) June 27, 2004 -- On the Road, USA: The high cost of fuel might just be the biggest and loudest complaint on this 4th of July weekend.

But the Frey family—Chris, Tiffany, and 8-year old Ema—aren't complaining, because their fuel is free. They just pull up their converted 38-foot school bus to the tank and fill 'er up.

The catch? The tank is usually some vat behind a fast-food joint, and the fuel is—recycled vegetable oil. That's right, fry your fries and then use the grease to take you to the next town.

It's almost that easy. Vegetable oil is combustible, a clean-burning fuel that can run a diesel engine without compromising mileage or performance. And the Freys, from Springfield, Missouri, decided to put their values and dreams on the road in the form of the Fantastic Veggie Bus, an old yellow-and-black kid carrier now painted the color of a bunch of spring broccoli.

In the first leg of the trip they got 8.5 miles per gallon. With a tank of diesel for back-up, so far they've traveled 98% of their miles on the vegetable oil that they prepared before leaving home.

The bus-turned-RV hit the road on June 23 and headed west. The Freys travel from town to town, relieving restaurateurs—who usually have to pay to dispose of their oil—of their waste, by filling portable tanks on the back of the bus and putting it through a homemade filtering system. Their first destination: a family reunion in Big Fork, Montana.

Hoping to "increase awareness of the use of alternative fuels and to encourage others to live their dreams," they keep friends, families, and supporters of their cause posted on a "blog" (web log).

More information can be found at [www.fantasticveggiebus.blogspot.com](http://www.fantasticveggiebus.blogspot.com)

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