



Horse Power

You're not an ultimate Colts groupie until you have the fan-tastic car to prove it. —Megan Fernandez



THE BLUE CREW FIRE TRUCK

The ride: 1970 antique Mack fire engine
Owner: Randy Collins, co-founder of the Blue Crew fan club
Bought it from: A retired firefighter
What's inside: Flags, blue sirens, blue carpet, blue emergency lights, generator, and a statue of a blue-and-white-spotted Dalmatian named Horseshoe.
Also used for: Promotional appearances at local businesses and charity fundraisers.

THE TAILGATE BUS

The ride: 1986 Carpenter school bus
Owners: Southside neighbors Jerry Day and Ray Haustein
Purchase price: \$2,500
Bought it from: A church in Beech Grove
Gas mileage: 4 mpg
What's inside: Green carpet with white lines to represent a football field, refrigerator, microwave, counter for crockpots, and a flat-screen HDTV.
Also used for: A potluck Thanksgiving dinner on the Sunday before the holiday.

THE FANBULANCE

The ride: 1988 Ford E350
Owners: Fred and Nancy Day of Leiters Ford, near Rochester
Purchase price: About \$2,000
Bought it from: Aubbeenabbee Township, Fulton County
Gas mileage: 15 mpg
What's inside: Custom seats with embroidered Colts horseshoe, lights, sirens, beer tap dispensers, satellite TV and surround sound, and several Colts autographs.
Also used for: Culver Lake Fest parade.

THE TOY CAR

The ride: Model T Shrine parade vehicle
Owner: David Willis of Camby
Purchase price: \$50
Gas mileage: Untested at press time (run on a new 6.5-horsepower gas engine)
What's inside: A single seat with crushed-velvet upholstery, and a steering wheel made from the top of a wooden stool covered with vinyl from a Colts seat cushion.
Also used for: Inheritance for one of Willis's 12 grandkids.

SCARE TACTICS

A biomedical engineer by day, Bob Newkirk spends his evenings lurking in creepy places. Founder of Indy Ghost Hunters, Newkirk and his 17-person team spend hours in the dark with K2 meters, digital thermometers, and the always popular electronic voice phenomena (EVP) recorders, trying to commune with the dead. Here, notes from his most hair-raising EVP encounters.



1. Hannah House 3801 Madison Ave. An EVP recording that Indy Ghost Hunters picked up in the basement declares, "We're not buried."

2. Paul Ruster Park 11300 E. Prospect St. The group recorded a boy's voice, which responded to the name "John."

3. Crown Hill Cemetery 700 W. 38th St. Newkirk's team got EVPs of children humming and talking near a mass grave of orphans marked by a single headstone.

4. Milano Inn 231 S. College Ave. Indy Ghost Hunter's EVPs picked up voices saying "Mary" and "Nelson."

—Natalie Moya



THE RURAL ROUTE

It's not the destination but the journey (and the GPS directions).

Lots of back-roads photographers snap photos of weathered barns and covered bridges. But Lyle Canterbury has a way of putting you there amid the crunching leaves and peeling paint. Canterbury's Web site, countryroadphoto.com, combines the art of photography with the art of the roadtrip. Visitors can browse a gallery of images and then click on a geo-tagged Google Earth map that shows exactly where Canterbury snapped each shot. "I know people don't drive the country roads," he says. "I want them to see what they're missing."

—Amy Wimmer Schwarb