

Arizona Bus Club January 2015



Welcome to our party!

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Drive your Bus

This past month of December was an excellent example of how a charitable club should function. From our participation in the light parade to enjoying the company of fellow members at the Holiday party to enjoying time with family & friends (outside the Bus Club circle) over the Christmas and New Year's holiday, there certainly is enough to involve yourself with to take away the 'Holiday Blues'. And if these things aren't enough, along comes an opportunity to help someone in need. This year's opportunity involved the replacement of Sally's windows on her 1870 bus. Some teenagers in her neighborhood thought it would be fun to smash in the windows of her bus. It wasn't enough for these hood rats to approach her bus once, but twice, to take care of the remaining windows, and for what purpose? For the sake of being malicious? Kids like these will never cease to amaze me. Fortunately Sally had the sense to contact the police and the media and get the message out there that these punks had vandalized her bus. This incident provided our club members with an opportunity to show their true generosity by raising money and sourcing window pieces for the vandalized bus, and exploit the opportunity they did. Tales of people taking care of strangers surround us. Generosity is everywhere you look and increases during the holiday season. But it wasn't the holiday season that caused these bus owners to help Sally, it's because these people are genuine and generous in their thoughts & actions and understand what it's like to be the random victim. The people that helped would have assisted Sally at any time anyway because it's in their nature to do so. These are the type of people that drive buses. These are the people that I'm proud to associate with as fellow bus owners.

Thank you Jesus!

Just a tidbit snagged from J.E. Aguilera's final update regarding Sally's bus windows dated 12/23/2014:

Christmas miracle indeed.

Here is the update I promised.

My goal was to get this done before Christmas, without inconveniencing the classic VW community too much. I would like to thank the Arizona Bus Club, Phoenix Auto Glass, Competition Engineering and all VW Bus owners for their financial support, spare parts, labor and window glass donations. I would also personally like to thank Bruce Hilpert (Tucson Dub Hub and Arizona Bus Club) with his assistance in contacting Phoenix Auto Glass aka SafePro Auto Glass, LLC. Phoenix Auto Glass's, manager Pete Newberger did an awesome job in helping with this project. Above all, thanks to Rex P. Altree, owner of Phoenix Auto Glass. With that said Bob and Bob, the installers, were awesome. I will post photos from my I-Phone later. Bob wanted me to tell the Volkswagen Community of his custom glass installing skills. I have his phone number.

Phoenix Auto Glass donated the front windshield and rubber. In addition, they installed the rear hatch glass/rubber, middle glass/rubber and front passenger roll down glass. I am telling you Bob has awesome glass installation skills. Bob of Phoenix Auto Glass was a class act. Sally the owner of the 69 Bus was very thankful. She needs a few other items that I will get her, like a spare tire (used) and gas card. We collected a total of \$280. The cost for doing this without all of the glass donations would have been expensive. Sally would not have been able to this without our help. Great holiday story.

It was a great experience and I am glad it all worked out. I am sending a blind copy of this e-mail to Allyson Blair of CBS 5 Arizona as an update.

Merry Christmas all.

(Jesus added: The bus will be parked in her bus port and hopefully her bus will remain safe. No more parking in the street.)

Editor's note: To Bruce, Jesus and all the people who donated in one form or another, Thank you for your efforts!

Join the Club Dept.

So, if you're reading this, you're a member of one of the better Bus Clubs in the States or you've found someone else's copy of this newsletter in an Ajo bathroom. That being the case, read on dear reader and find out how to improve your quality of life! Simply send a check, money order or a good set of points & condenser to:

Arizona Bus Club c/o Membership

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If you're renewing your membership (and don't know why), simply remind yourself that this is a fun club. Although most of the gatherings will require at least 4 hours travel from your driveway, understand that's four more hours spent getting to know your bus and not watching television. You will be welcomed at our next gathering with a cold import beer upon your arrival, (regardless of whether you imbibe or not) as well as a bunch of friendly, smiling faces to greet you as if to say "Hey, if you're here, then we found the right spot to meet." So, take a moment and write your member number on the memo line of your check (if you know it), otherwise we'll do our best to ensure you're not assigned a new number. If you're joining for the first time...Welcome! We hope you'll enjoy reading this newsletter half as much as we enjoy creating it! We've made some changes in the newsroom (I moved the litter box closer to the kitty door and patched the hole in the ceiling.) We've added some interesting columns to the news, we've tried to inspire new writers with other columns and we've found some compromising selfies to

publish. If we skipped you or someone you love, don't just consider it to be a blessing in disguise. Let us know. For the rest of you that we didn't skip, thank you for your continued interest in our publication.

Your Bus Club Board includes:

Event Coordinator – David Murphy
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Legal Stuff Department

The Arizona Bus Club describes itself as a family oriented club dedicated to the restoration and enjoyment of the Volkswagen Transporter. Most of this statement is true. Owning a bus is not a requirement of joining the club, but it tells us where your head is and ensures us that you're not some IRS official checking up to make sure we start our meeting on time. All Type 2 admirers, enthusiasts, owners & their girlfriends are welcome to join and attend our meetings, campouts, impromptu parties and skinny dipping occasions- provided they bring beer and pass our initiations. We have a car show at every general meeting. We have our annual charitable fund raising event at the Gold King Mine near the Town of Jerome in September. We have knowledgeable people that can help you troubleshoot your VW bus issues. We can help you insure your bus. Join us, we have cookies.

More Legal Stuff Dept.

The **Arizona Bus Club is a Public Charity** and is recognized as such **under the 501 C 3 section of the Internal Revenue Code**. Consult your tax advisor regarding the tax benefits of donating to a 'not for profit' and then donate anyway. The Arizona Bus Club currently meets at the Walterdome located at 6425 E Thomas in Scottsdale and is disguised as Ponderosa Lumber, the Walter Art Project, Guido's "stuff for cash" pawn shop.... Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month and usually start around 7pm. NOTE: No General Meeting held in December. (We'll see you at the Holiday Party!) Essentially, if you enjoy camping, repairing buses and consuming beer, this IS the club for you. We have members of all ages & backgrounds, so don't be afraid to come along & join in on the fun. NOTE: The Arizona Bus Club reserves the right to refuse membership to any weirdo deemed weirder than our normal level of weirdness.

Lemme tell ya... That's a lot of weird.

DISCLAIMER: Hey gang, we can be the source of good information and really bad rumors so please understand that: The views and opinions expressed in the Arizona Bus Club newsletter are those of the individual contributors and are not necessarily those of the board, general members or the

editors unless otherwise stated. Some of these photos were used with permission. Most were not. We have no way of discerning which ones are which. Got an issue with us using your photo or likeness? Please contact us. No Arizona Bus Club board member, past or present, shall be held liable for any damages, death, injury, paper cuts or other harm resulting from the use or misuse of any information contained in this newsletter or of the newsletter itself. (We have secretly placed *those* responsibilities on some of our general members). And....only the tastiest of animals were harmed during the creation of this newsletter.

A brief explanation..... Dept.

O.k., not "underwear that's fun to wear" brief but "quickie" brief... O.k. Some folks have had trouble interpreting their mailing label on their newsletter. After talking with some people this is what I learned: most of the label ensures proper delivery of the newsletter to its intended recipient. And then there are some small numbers at the top of the label which make no sense. These numbers have no purpose what-so-ever. We should delete them but we can't. O.k., JK. Um, If you have 2 numbers printed on the top edge, one of those numbers (either 2, 3 or 4 digits in length) is YOUR membership number. Yes, THAT number gets written on your check on the memo line. NO, we are not enrolling with on-line bill pay. Use the Post Office. That's what it's there for. Now, the other number: if it includes a slash, then that is the date your membership expires. We do our best to bring attention to your renewal date as it approaches by highlighting the label. Some of you pick up on this & send us money, the rest of you don't care. Now, tricky thing here, if your other number is a 5 digit number with no slash, then you need to start counting from January 1st, 1900 (or divide by 364 & allow for leap year) to determine when your expiration date is. As Nancy would say "Simple really." And there you have it!

R B W P W (Raffle Bus Work Party Weekends) Siggie C. (winner/co-owner of a former raffle bus) has volunteered his shop to repair and restore the 2015 raffle bus. Siggie has volunteered his shop as THE spot to hang out, drink beer and yes, work on the raffle bus. This year's resto project is an early 1959 panel and isn't without it's challenges-Nothing we clubbers aren't accustomed to. Our goal is to take the bus to primer green paint, vend fish tacos from it at the campouts leading up to the Jamboree and let the winner of the event choose the final color. Upon which we will vend more tacos at the next two events before applying the final color. Great plan eh? **SPECIAL NOTE:** We have a title for the 1959 Panel Bus. Thank you Stephanie! We're getting started!

Event Reporting – APS Light Parade

Wow, for the Umpteenth year in a row, the Arizona Bus Club has participated in the Arizona Light Parade. Rather than bore you folks with descriptions of the events, we, at the news, thought to present you with a pictorial essay on the subject. Enjoy!



Marlena, returning from New Mexico, with lights on!



Walter bus lies in wait. . Below, Davis bus sets the standard.



Marlena, Rachel & Wayne lighting up for the judges.



Can you spot Valentine?



Ricky smiles from on high from Walter.

Well, maybe a couple more pics, then we've got to move on....



*Yes, another shameful attempt to add family to the news.
Thank you Darla for being our Walking Marshal this year.*



If you stare at it, it'll change color on its own.
This year the Arizona Bus Club was selected to receive the APS Shining Star award given to those participants who support the parade year after year. Congrats to all who put forth the effort to pull it off. This year, we promise to have lessons on how to make decorating your bus easier.

Event Reporting: Bus Club Holiday Party



Again, for ease of editing, another photo essay of the event.



Good to see Ron's face in the newsletter.



Always good to see these people.



This party is slowly getting started!
The Club's Holiday party took place at Lake Pleasant in the large group camping area. From what was heard, the attendees enjoyed this change of venue as it afforded a lot of accommodations and little wind.



Kinda says it all.

Dunno how I missed snapping shots of all the mischief that transpired that evening. However, some notes were taken to make the gift exchange go more smoothly. One rule will remain: 3 steals per gift!



The party is getting into full swing!



Getting that early start.



Good group waiting for the guest of honor.



The best gift of all.

This year's holiday party will be held on the East side at Utery Park located just North of Mesa. We'll be roasting another pig, we're going to have kids crafts and we're going to have the Dirty Santa gift exchange.



Wilbur was excited to discover he was the guest of honor.

11-day, 3651-mile, road trip

in a 49-year old VW bus.

By Roy Jonas

Part Deux (*continued from last month*)

I caught US-54 just south of Santa Rosa, NM and merged for 40-miles or so on I-40 then continued on US-54 north of Tucumcari, NM (really neat route 66ish style town). Drove through the boring panhandle of Texas & Oklahoma fighting a couple heavy downpours. The strait and flat 2-lane monotony was broken up by slowing down and sometimes even stopping every 20-miles or so at each of the cascading grain silo towns. This was good for breaking in the fresh 2110cc engine I built a couple weeks prior that had only 500-miles on it before the trip. I rubber necked in each silo town for potential future raffle buses but not a single air cooled VW was spotted all day. My destination for the night was Wichita, KS and the normally boring and flat Kansas highway was spectacular due to distant thunderstorms surrounding me all afternoon and into the evening and I squeaked through it hitting just a few sprinkles. This awesome light show could be seen for hundreds of miles in every direction but somehow my I-phone could not pick up on the beauty and capture a single decent shot. Driving late into the night I began using my hi beams and at one point the switch started acting erratic and suddenly I had no lights...pulled over to check fuses which were all good then after clicking the switch about a hundred times it started working normally again...will need to put a new switch on my swap meet list.

I awoke 5:30am Friday morning to the sound of a sweeper truck who's demented driver found it very amusing to vacuum circles around all the semi's, RV's and sole VW microbus quietly camped out in the dark corner of yet another Wal-Mart parking lot camp ground...errgh! After the sweeper moved on I got a few more winks in then rolled out a moving blanket and checked valve adjustment while looking for leaks or anything of concern with the new engine but all was good. My goal was to make it to BNNTA before dark and I was well ahead of schedule. Pretty uneventful drive through the mountains of east Kansas and noticed the flora turning greener and I soon found myself in good ol' Missouri! The Ozarks were approaching but so was another dark line of thunderstorms, which I battled through the entire afternoon. I suddenly found myself on the side of the road and out of gas just before my next planned fuel stop in Jefferson City, MO. Since my fuel gauge stopped working months ago I wisely keep a filled 1-gallon can stored in the engine

compartment opposite of the battery but that's only going to get me about 15-miles based on my trip mpg so far (the perks of having a big hp engine come at the expense of fuel mileage). Continuing on US-54 the sights and smells were becoming familiar and the rain finally let up as I rolled into Mexico, MO and it would not rain again for the rest of my trip...woot!
The '11-day, 3651-mile, road trip' will conclude next month!

Upcoming Events Dept.:

Jan 15th –18th LBB presents BBB 19!

(We're not to this date yet, so it's still relevant.)

The ten member troop from Lake Havasoop swear to god and the heavens above that they are ready willing and able to put this show on again. What follows is a brief itinerary and pricing for the event.

1/15/2015 (Thursday) Move in get your camp ready
1/16/2015 (Friday) People still coming in, free day to do whatever you want. Cruise the city, walk the channel, visit with friends, etc. Chile COOK-OFF. Free to enter, people judged. Show us what you got, we dare you. Serving/judging starts at 4 p.m.

1/17/2015 (Saturday) Lots of kids stuff going on all day. Bouncy House, coloring contest and who knows what else we'll pull off for the kids that day. Saturday night raffle, time to be announced

1/18/2015 (Sunday) Can't believe it's almost over. Boy Scout pancake breakfast (for a few bucks), Event awards, camp clean-up and the Last raffle. Times to be announced

There will be an event time board at the registration booth.

This event is put on by the London Bridge Bullis, a gang of 10 dedicated VW bus owners with no compensation except for the smiles on everyone's face with all the proceeds going to LOCAL KIDS charities.

This is a VW BUS camp-out event, we do allow other AIR COOLED VW's in but ONLY if camped with a BUS. So please don't try and sneak your water cooled car, truck etc. into the event area. You WILL be asked to move it to the parking lot or RV camp area.

There is very limited camping around the grass area so don't get butt hurt or argue with the BBB staff if you can't get one.

Now the cost!!!! For the event

if you arrive 1/15 Thursday it's 40 dollars

if you arrive 1/16 Friday it's 30 dollars

If you arrive 1/17 Saturday it's 20 dollars

Spectators are 2 bucks each and that's for the whole weekend. VENDOR spots are very limited and must be prepaid in advance, contact ronnie@oldvolks.com or call 928 680 7664 to reserve your spot

January 21st – First General Meeting of the New Year

Looking forward to a good meeting. Lots to do this year. We've got an easy project (I hope) and upcoming events to discuss. Looking forward to it!

February 18th – General Meeting

Dear clubber, please do not miss this meeting. Ted Organ from Darkness Dearboy will be presenting the video for his song 'June'. Yes boys & girls, this is the video in which we all participated. The ABC is having a pre-pre-release party at the Walterdome. BYOB. Seating is always limited, So bring a camping chair with you. Sandwich & chips will be provided.

April 10 – 12 - HowardVille Campout

Seligman, Arizona

VW bus camp out at HowardVille, west of Seligman Az. between I-40 and Route 66. Elev is 5,600 ft. junipers, cedars, and pinion pines. Plenty of fire wood. Tables and BBQ's at some sites. Mountain golf, Frisbee hiking. 10 miles of dirt roads so, lowered buses be warned. We will caravan to HowardVille from the "Snow Cap" on Route 66 in Seligman Friday morning at 10 AM. Check events page for pictures and more info. Fliers at Buses by the Bridge XIX show Jan 2015. There is no cost for this camp out. Email vwhoward7735@gmail.com for more info.

April 17, 2015 - Texas VW Classic

Fredericksburg, Texas

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Come join us in Fredericksburg, TX for a weekend of camping, cruising and Volkswagenism! Just 2 miles south of Fredericksburg on Hwy 16 in beautiful Lady Bird Johnson Park. There is plenty to see and do for the entire family so make us a part of your vacation plans. As always, pets and kids are welcome. For more information see <http://www.texasvwclassic.com> or contact Steve - steve@texasvwclassic.com

September 18th – 20, 2015

Your A.B.C. presents Jay Jay Ex Ex Vee

Your Arizona Bus Club is gearing it up to do 'it' one more time. All the usual craziness is to be expected. All your friends will be there waiting for you. This year's raffle bus is an early, early club restored 1959 panel. (stop drooling) Tickets are still only \$0.50 each. Other details are still to be decided on. (hey, we've got time.) Hope to see many of you there.

All other weekends/weekdays:

Hey gang, gotta mention again that our friend Siggy has offered up his Arizona Speed Shop as the 2015 raffle bus restoration spot. Pretty soon, we'll be heading over to Siggy's every Saturday morning starting at, say, 9am? to work on our raffle bus. Siggy's

A.S.S. is located toward the back of the Walterdome Lot at 6425 E Thomas. Access to Siggy's A.S.S. can be obtained by traveling along the canal. Ending times for the work parties are usually around 2pm. Come, hang out for a bit and then go home and organize your sock drawer. What should you bring? Well, depending on your chosen task, might I suggest.... welding gloves, welding goggles/helmet, water, sanding disks (200grit or finer), sander, goggles/ safety glasses, beer, ear plugs, sandwich, grinding/cutting tools, petty cash, etc. If you're looking to buy some club swag or renew your membership, those mornings would be a good opportunity to take care of those things. Which reminds me....

Advertisements Department

FOR SALE – Single axle flatbed trailer. Can haul a VW Bus comfortably. Lots of spots to tie a bus down. Requires 2" ball. Lights work on 4 pin connector. Good title. Axle positioned for good balancing. Loading ramps included. Contact Siggy – 602 653 9770

For Sale – My Bro's '71 baja bug. What can I say, the baja takes off like the NASA space shuttle Enterprise. It starts, shifts good, and stops on a dime on a gravel road. It's got decent interior (good seats & carpet) 1900cc+ engine, sun roof, rally lights, AZ pin striping, all the things you'd probably want in a baja bug. Valentine's Day is coming! Come kick the tires anytime you're in my neck of the woods – Dunlap & 9th Street. Asking \$2800 o.b.o. Call Gary: 602 881 1291

And did you know....

Your guardians of the Arizona Bus Club have been hearing your concerns about the 'lack of club swag' laying about or being shown at campouts. WE HEAR YOU and have done something about it! T-shirts, decals, patches and metal plates from Bushong creations have been procured. Ask us at a club meeting about how you can get a hold of these items and then show off your club with pride!

And now, as luck would have it,... Whoa! What? We're at the end! No I.L.P? How can this be? well then, see you next Month!

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