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# BUS CLUB NEWS

Hello 2012

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*More gratuitous flesh inside!*



# Behind the Wheel



Election Results!

An entire year's  
worth of  
Coming Events!

Havasu Pics!

And Much,  
Much More!

An attack dog, a hungry mob in search of pizza and a bright, pink bus may be all some folks remember of last Wednesday's General Meeting at Rosita's but what this editor will surely take to his grave is the image of secretary-elect **Brigit Iles** taking notes before the ballot counting even commenced. Her enthusiasm, dedication and youthful, form-fitting sweater are traits shared by every member of your newly-elected 2012 ABC Board. Where else will you find such talented people stepping up to make a difference in the lives of complete strangers with no other apparent benefit than getting their mugs rather sloppily Photoshopped every month in this rag? They do it because this club is special and perhaps they appear to have nothing else meaningful to do with their time. Like you, sitting here reading a Behind the Wheel when you could be out doing something important like finding homes for orphaned Atlantic Salmon. Speaking of **President Jess** the News would like to thank her for her service to the club now that she is officially retired and wish her luck in her Alaskan Adventure! Who among us doesn't envy her new life saving an entire species using only a net and a special whistle she developed to train house cats. Anyway, the election went off rather smoothly despite **Peach's** threat to devour rival **Charles Corridorri** on site; evidently Charles took this seriously as he delayed his arrival until the ballots had been cast and outcome already announced. Sometimes discretion really is the better part of valor... We'd like to add that Charles' tardiness could also be explained to several dozen last minute cruises down University in his spanking new Beetle. **Chris Lee and Peaches** teamed up to defeat Charles for Membership but we know we haven't seen the last of Angela's Dad or his new supersonic coupe. Also emerging victorious was **Nancy Axtell** whose campaign slogan "Standing up for the little guy!" resonated enough to push her to victory over towering incumbent **Phil Gantchev**. Mr. G as he is known in hacking circles has agreed to continue assisting the club in his capacity as webmaster. Other new faces include **Craig Stradling** whose affinity for a certain color extends to his choice of rides proudly telling anyone who will listen that "Pink Buses Rock!" Craig's life mission is to change the world's perception of

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gs pink and to gain acceptance for those, like him, who  
 ure it every day. You go Craig! At one point the  
 mbled crowd, drunk on free pizza and Mr. Pibb became  
 owdy that **Brian Fenwick** had to step in and put his new  
 eant-at-Arms skills to use. And use them he did  
 hing the crowd and restoring order so that mild-  
 ored **Chad Jacobsen** could finish suggesting dates for a  
 end camping excursion to Four Peaks. We're not sure if  
 eant the mountain or the brewery but he assured us  
 ls would soon materialize on the Yahoo Group... Write  
 tes also were a factor in the race for Vice President as  
 tual winner **Mike Baleda** fended off write-in  
 engees from **Robby Badini** and **Spiro Agnew** (either of  
 m would have made excellent officers.) Baleda's  
 ort included elements of the ABC underground  
 nding representatives from Yuma whose appearance  
 used some in the crowd into thinking they were seeing  
 le. Well-placed sources confirm that the **Mark**  
**nels' mole** is the only way to tell the twins apart but that  
 ides in an area of the body not normally visible except  
 ouses and physicians. The crowd included the usual  
 core members plus some faces we haven't seen in a  
 e; **Kim and Dave** and their tribe lit up the Tempe night  
 luorescent green Bay which authorities ordered them to  
 nder the trees lest the jets landing at nearby Sky  
 or mistook it for a wayward landing beacon. ABC  
 ty **Marge and Pat Kelley** graced us with their  
 ence (and looked darn good, thank you very much!)  
**miah** lately of the Pacific Northwest also made an  
 arance and announced that he has legally changed his  
 ame to **Polynone** in an apparent reference to the great  
 rican tradition of multisyllable oxymorons (poly from  
 latin for "many" combined with "none" equates well for  
 nan driving the raised single cab.) Hey we don't make  
 stuff up ask him about it. **Rich Reeder** anchored the far  
 of the room daring anyone to try and leave without  
 ag. Nobody did although several folks complained when  
 izza ran out. Anyway, that covers the entire board save  
**President Lampinen** who shared his thoughts after the  
 ing over a couple of pints at Cornish Patry around the  
 er from Rosita's. We will save the interview for the  
 ous February edition (plus it buys a month to make it  
 Thank you to the old board and congratulations to the  
 bies! Enjoy your January News!

## Your 2012 Board

President Gary Lampinen  
 Vice President Mike Baleda  
 Treasurer Nancy Axtell  
 Secretary Brigit Iles  
 Membership Chris Lee  
 Events Craig Stradling  
 Sergeant at Arms Brian Fenwick

### Jerome Jamboree 2011 Donations *so far*

Jerome Fire Dept \$2,000  
 PV Food Bank \$2,000  
 Arizona Human Society \$2,000  
 Project Linus \$1,000

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# BUSES BY THE BRIDGE

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# Coming Events

Wednesday Feb 1st ABC Board Meeting location TBD

Wednesday Feb 15th ABC General Meeting at Rosita's in Tempe

Spring Shows in Arizona

Saturday February 18th Volkstreffen at the Lund Peoria VW

Late February Four Peaks Weekend campout with Chad Jacobson: spend a couple of days getting lost amid the splendor of one of Arizona's most recognizable landmarks!

March 24th Airkeuld Grand opening Goodyear, AZ

March 25th Bugorama

March 30th - April 1st VW Howard's 2nd Annual Route 66 Caravan and Campout

Kingman Arizona check out thesamba thread or call John Howard 928-208-6566

April 20-22 ABC Spring Campout at Colossal Cave near Tucson

May 18-20 Homey's Mt. Pinal Campout and Eat Fest.

April 28th Spring fling at Chirco in Tucson, AZ

May 26th Kelley speed bugs in the pines - Prescott AZ

Early June (to be announced) VTO Blackstar campout, OCTO, the Classic Weekend.

July 27 - 29 KOA Kampout with Janyel in Flagstaff.

August 3-5 Rim Campout

Sept 14-16 Jerome Jamboree XXII

December 7-9 Christmas Party

Lunde's Peoria Volkswagen cruise nights sceduled so far are

Feb 17th  
March 23rd  
April 20th

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