

Bus Club News

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With any luck Ron's nuts are covered up by your address label.

Behind the Wheel



All Rise!
and tip your hats to
your newest ABC
Board!

Place your Bets!
this year's Jerome is
shaping up to be a
tribute to Sin City!

**All Work and No
Play isn't out motto;**
come join the fun!

Have a seat and grab a cold one; this issue is plum packed with so much useful information you're likely to grow faint and fall over if you try to absorb it all in one sitting. Item #1 of course are the results of the board elections held February 16th at Rosita's in Tempe. A standing room only crowd came to witness Bus Club democracy in action as several seats were contested. Chris Lee successfully defended her post against a furious campaign by Charles Corridori (whose name you will see spelled in as many variations as our fingers can type) and Events Coordinator Your Name Here was crushed by write in candidate Bob Patyi (see interview page 3.) For reasons not clear but certainly welcome once the meeting ended most folks chose to hang out inside the restaurant perhaps choosing to enjoy the complimentary chips and salsa provided by the club to encourage higher turnout for election night. Whatever the reason we were heartened to notice several new faces including some friendly refugees from Wolfsburg Registry. With any luck club meetings will continue to be a fun and informative meeting place for the air cooled crowd. Come check it out but don't expect free chips until next February. Anyway you can sleep sound now because the club has an elected board in place ready to guide us through another exciting year. A couple weeks passed and most of the same crowd showed up in Chandler for the 1st official raffle bus work party. This was our first chance to get a look at Black Jack; our 67 original paint Standard and a fine raffle specimen. The party was large, boisterous, productive and drank enough beer to fill Tempe town lake. Twice. If you missed it shame on you but you will have other opportunities including Sunday March 20th at Dave and Mish Evan's place (see coming events.) Speaking of coming events check out the packed calendar of stuff to do in this month's issue; we had to expand it to 2 pages! Want to go to a show? How about a breakfast cruise or a campout? We even have a club hot tub party coming up....We'll bet the Registry never did that! Anyway a couple weeks after the work party Gary Lampinen manned the tent at the inaugural Treffen at GCC scoring a replacement vent from Matt Howard and drumming up tons of raffle bus excitement with the bus in proximity. He also has some ideas on making future club booths more like camping demonstrations with live cooking and public showering. Ask Gary for details. In other news the club is also building pages on Myface and Spacebook with early indications that the club will soon be overrun by mobs of squealing tweens who think new club Events Coordinator Bob Patyi is a dead ringer for Justin Bieber. See, this is real news. And if it wasn't for events beyond our control we would have finished up in February but here we're not bribing members to write articles like they did in the old days so relax and enjoy your slightly tardy newsletter!

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Editor's note; Bob Patyi (pronounced Patty) sat down for an in-depth interview with the BCN after scoring an unexpected victory in last month's board election. Our insightful questions, and Bob's thoughtful and mature replies were dutifully written down and stored in a safe place and if we ever locate them we'll but sure to run them in their entirety. Lacking the interview we'll do what any good journalistic entity would do and run a picture of a cute girl instead. We hope you won't find this too offensive but if you do please send us a note explaining why and include a photo of your VW's and how you scored them. All responses will be treated with confidentiality unless we



need material. Anyway, Welcome BOB and folks please take pity on him and give him a hand coordinating the Jamboree. He seems like a nice guy even if he and John Douglas were recently part of the Registry. Of course we're jesting and happy you joined the club; WELCOME!

The Arizona Bus Club is an official non-profit organization. That means that your donations may now be tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor, then donate till it hurts.

The club general meeting takes place on the third Wednesday of the month at Rosita's 960 West University in Tempe Arizona 85281. It's on the Northeast corner of the intersection of University and Hardy and usually gets going at 7pm.

Membership is \$20 per. Mail your dues to ABC Membership PO Box 65001 Phoenix, AZ 85082 or contact our membership chick Chris Lee @ 480-241-7025

If seeing your ABC friends at meetings and campouts isn't enough, you can now communicate with other members via the Arizona Bus Club Yahoo email group. You can plan an impromptu campout, invite everyone to the drive-in on short notice, or just talk buses. To subscribe just send an email to arizonabusclub-subscribe@yahoo.com and start enjoying the fun!

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Things get blurry at those raffle bus work parties...



The Raffle Bus Season kicked off with a resounding bang on Sunday January 30th as club faithful answered the call to service by helping to dismantle and inventory (and some showed up in fact that all street parking was soon taken by neighbors) to suggest that a better venue might be in the future. Her shiny, blue bay, club member and resident chef, and others found more satisfying work to be done under the hood by grabbing a screwdriver and removing the custom aluminum body. Assistant cooks. One by one members approached the bus and began to take the bus apart like hyenas on a bloated animal.

As the bus became lighter giving up many of her original as well as a few after the bus was certified Rust Free* there are some challenges.

of battle ship iron. We'll also be on the way to cut through the bench seat partition. "crawl through" was just the solution for hand made their dream come true. So and every piece of glass was still there. Good luck a Wish List will accompany this new bus but if it doesn't don't worry it's pretty much we need every year. MANY THANKS to everyone who braved the weather to attend!

**all rust was certified to have fallen off*





story this year's 1967 Standard. So many people taken over by buses leading some (of the) in order for future events. Not long after arriving in Angela Colson was hard at work whipping up grilled delights while the nearby EZ UP. Chad Jacobsen broke the ice on this bus by aluminum scoops in the process managing to lure away some of the the bus and in a scene reminiscent of some African Savannah and water buffalo. Young and old took turns as the bus gradually market parts. While the bus appears to have never been hit and es; namely the custom rocker panels fabricated from left over scraps e hunt for an apron, rims and something to replace the giant hole Apparently a previous owner decided that a ne or she desired and with plasma cutter in surprisingly enough the dash was left unmolested e. With any newsletter much what o everyone



A BC Coming Events!

Sunday March 13th Breakfast

Cruise. ABC will be hosting a breakfast cruise to Tag's!

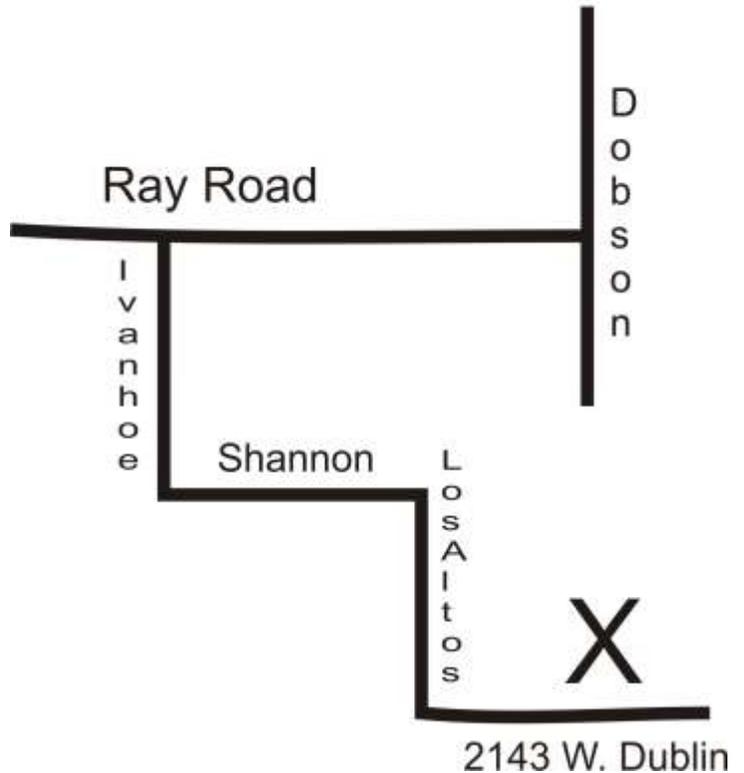
Tag's Cafe 156 North Arizona Boulevard, Coolidge, AZ 85128-4715

If you would like to caravan, please meet at the McDonald's parking lot at the NW corner of McClintock and Elliot Roads at 8:30 AM on Sunday, March 13th. We will have approximately an hour drive to Tag's so stock up on coffee, etc. at the McDonalds before we pull out. We will be taking the scenic route down AZ 87. If you want to drive on your own, try to meet up with the group around 9:30 AM at Tag's. This is a great cruise with good friends and good food. We hope to see you there!

Wednesday March 16th ABC
General Meeting at Rosita's in Tempe

Sunday March 20th ABC BBQ / Hot Tub / Raffle Bus Work Party at Mish and Dave Evans in Chandler. We will provide dogs and burgers and you'll BYOB. 1pm until the cops shut us down. Bring parts for the raffle or wrench on your own ride or poison yourself with our home brew. Whatever you decide to do this is the place to be! 2143 West Dublin Lane, Chandler, AZ

MAP TO MISH AND DAVE'S



Saturday March 26th Competition Engineering Open House.

Competition Engineering will be having their open house 11AM to 3PM. There will be BBQ, beans and potato salad. We will be doing dyno pulls, 2 for 40.00. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Sunday March 27th Bugorama Car Show and Bring a Ton of Money Swap Meet

Pick a weekend and call your friends. Tell them it's too nice to sit around worrying about life. Hop in your old VW and meet someplace funky for lunch and a cold one or just drive until the pavement runs out and have a picnic in the desert!

More Coming Events!

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Arizona in the spring was made for exploration and celebration. Tell your landlord to stick it! Call in work sick! Tell Chad you broke your arm and can't help with the raffle bus! Fire up the old wreck and go somewhere before it's 120 degrees and gas costs \$10 gallon! Go, and have fun!

April 1st – 3rd VW John Howard's Route 66 Caravan and Campout

April 8th - April 10th Mica's Colossal Cave and Birthday Campout Come make some new Southern Arizona friends at the ABC's Spring Campout at Colossal Cave State Park near Tucson. Map and details to follow in a future issue.

May 13th - May 15th Pinal Peak Campout, near Globe, AZ

May 14th Nasty Habit VW Club show and shine, Laveen, AZ

June 10th - 13th VTO presents Blackstar 2011 near Chino, CA

July 29th - 31st High Altitude Campout Flagstaff, AZ

August 5th - 7th VW's on the RIM near Heber, AZ

August 29th - September 5th Burning Man near Empire, NV

September 16th – 18th Jerome Jamboree, Haynes, AZ

November 11-13 Volkswagens by the River, Yuma, AZ

November 13th Volkstreffen, Glendale Community College

December 9th through 11th Arizona Bus Club Christmas Party, Utery Pass Park, Mesa, AZ

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Blast from the Past!

This month's Blast comes to us from May of '93 for no other reason than it was there and begging to be read. President Kyle Jordan appealed to members to send in more stories going so far as to offer free club shirts for those who contributed. A full-sized ad from BAP featured new 1600 long blocks for \$395 "with rebuildable engine in trade." Dane Dawson contributed an ad for a funny poster with a bus on it...sort of a play on words for train safety. The club was organizing a caravan to a Dead concert and if folks had known that Jerry only had a couple years left in him they might have skipped finals to see the show. Speaking of "Jerry" Mr. and Mrs. Jess offered to send a catalogue of their offerings for only a buck. Wouldn't you like to have one of those now?

Presidents Words:

Well I see that it is time once again for the newsletter to be put out....this month we have the Dead show in Vegas. I wish I could go but with my graduation so close...I'd like to take this opportunity to ask all of you who are not already, to get involved with the club. We need more people to keep the club alive. If more people wrote articles (if each member wrote one thing we'd have 2 years worth of newsletters already written. By the way our publisher has come up with a new incentive for people who write 3 or more articles (see the whole story later in this issue.) If you cannot write an article then send in a photo or an interesting bus-related picture – Kyle Jordan #38.

Free T-shirts: I have been considering how to get more people to contribute articles to the newsletter so here is my idea: if you contribute 3 articles of decent size (smaller articles or pictures with description are considered a partial article) you will receive a free bus club t-shirt. These articles can be technical or about a trip you took or about where you found your bus or anything else bus-related. This offer is good for only 1 t-shirt and only the next 6 months (depending on how it goes it may become on going) so start now. Thank you. An Black Publishing and T-shirts ps, for those of you who have been contributing already and wondering if you are in on the deal here is count of articles so far: Dane Dawson and Kyle Jordan 1 ½. Richard Kimbrough and Evelyn Garrett 1.

Thank you Mark Chambers for this monthly contribution (your shirt is on the way!)