

March 2011

# Bus

# Club News

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Your knock-kneed St. Paddy's Day Special Edition

## Behind the Wheel



**Making Hay**  
Raffle Bus work  
parties are in full  
tilt; are you in?

**Spring has Sprung!**  
So get to Colossal  
and have some fun!

**Wish List!**

**Coming Events!**

**Fresh Pics!** just kidding  
nobody in this club owns a camera

**And Much More!**

**S**pringtime in Arizona means spending the weekend camping instead of pulling weeds in the yard. After all, the weeds will still be there after the cool weather is just a memory. If your conscience kicks in consider showing up at the next raffle bus work party currently going on in Chad's garage on the West Side. Don't worry if you are lacking in restoration skills; raffle buses have been getting fixed up by folks with nothing more than a beer in each hand for a generation or more. Speaking of people with their hands full Ron Shoemaker has had a busy month defending his pose on the cover of the February News. If you missed last month's cover thank your lucky stars but be warned; the Scratch-N-Sniff issue is on the drawing board. Anyway if you've had luck steaming the label off your February issue please let us know how you did it along with pictures of your VW's and how you got into the hobby. Now for some real news: as mentioned earlier raffle bus work parties are going on and you can get involved by showing up and supporting the effort in person or peruse the Wish List for something to donate. Or be a hero and do both. In other breaking news the club finds itself as the object of some burly men's affection as President Jess read aloud a letter from the Jerome Fire Department thanking you for your generous donation which resulted in the purchase of a breathing apparatus refilling station. So instead of driving down the hill to fill up their tanks the guys can spend more quality time at the Spirit Room showing off their CPR skills to willing tourists. Another exciting development has been the way our monthly meetings have been filling up with members and the energy they are bringing. At the last gathering we met newbies Larry Nord (Bay Westy) and David and Deb (Notch, Fat Chick and split window double cab) while relative newcomers Craig and Brigit showed up but not in his 63 Panel. Some day amigo, we know how it goes...we also had a surprise guest from none other than Robert Lyon from North Scottsdale Volkswagen who graciously invited us to attend a show at his dealership April 23<sup>rd</sup>. How fondly we remember the last time we visited this event and the larger than life oil stains left behind on the show room floor. And we thought they'd never invite us back! Wait, we're the ABC; the fun club in town....everybody wants what we've got and what we've got are buses and fun events; like our spring camp out at Colossal Cave coming up April 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. There's a horrific excuse for a map in this issue but play it safe and caravan to the Cave with your ABC friends. You'll have more fun and with any luck arrive before the gates close at 5pm. Come to Tucson and join the fun as we hang out with the Mob and the rest of our Southern Arizona Friends in one of the most delightful places we've ever violated in large numbers. Okay get busy and make plans to join Chad or cough up something from the list...and enjoy your March News!

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**S**o about that Wish List, and everything else to do with Raffle Bus Restoration. We've got club members with energy, enthusiasm and resources to spare, and we've got an old bus. The challenge has always been to combine the two in such a way as to maximize the outcome. It seems straight forward; shake down suppliers for parts then identify a place and time and invite people over to help work on the project. Repeat until the job is done. Raffle the bus and donate the money to charity and start all over again next year. It looks good on paper but like most things in life it can get complicated so the News is here to help make things simpler. Here for the first time are the answers to the most common Raffle Bus questions we hear:

**Q.** Who is in charge of restoring the bus? Whoever raises their hand and volunteers to do the job. So far this year Chad Jacobson has done the honors.

**Q.** What kind of skills do I need to help? None. Showing up and supporting the effort is just as important as sanding, welding and everything else that it takes to complete the bus. However be forewarned; you may show up with no intention of working and find yourself getting sucked in. Next thing you know you'll be crawling under your old bus looking for things to fix.

**Q.** How do I know when the next work party is? Start with Fireman Doug 480-252-1468. If he doesn't know or pretends to not speak English try contacting a board member from the list directly above or send a note out to the club's Yahoo group. You'll get an answer.

**Q.** Can I donate cash towards the bus? Absolutely. Evelyn Garrett already kicked in \$200 and William Cassidy donated \$50. It adds up and we can use the money to buy all the stuff that doesn't get donated. So here's to Chad who has rolled up his sleeves early and is pushing the rest of us to do the right thing. We're all busy but he has managed to get his priorities straight.

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

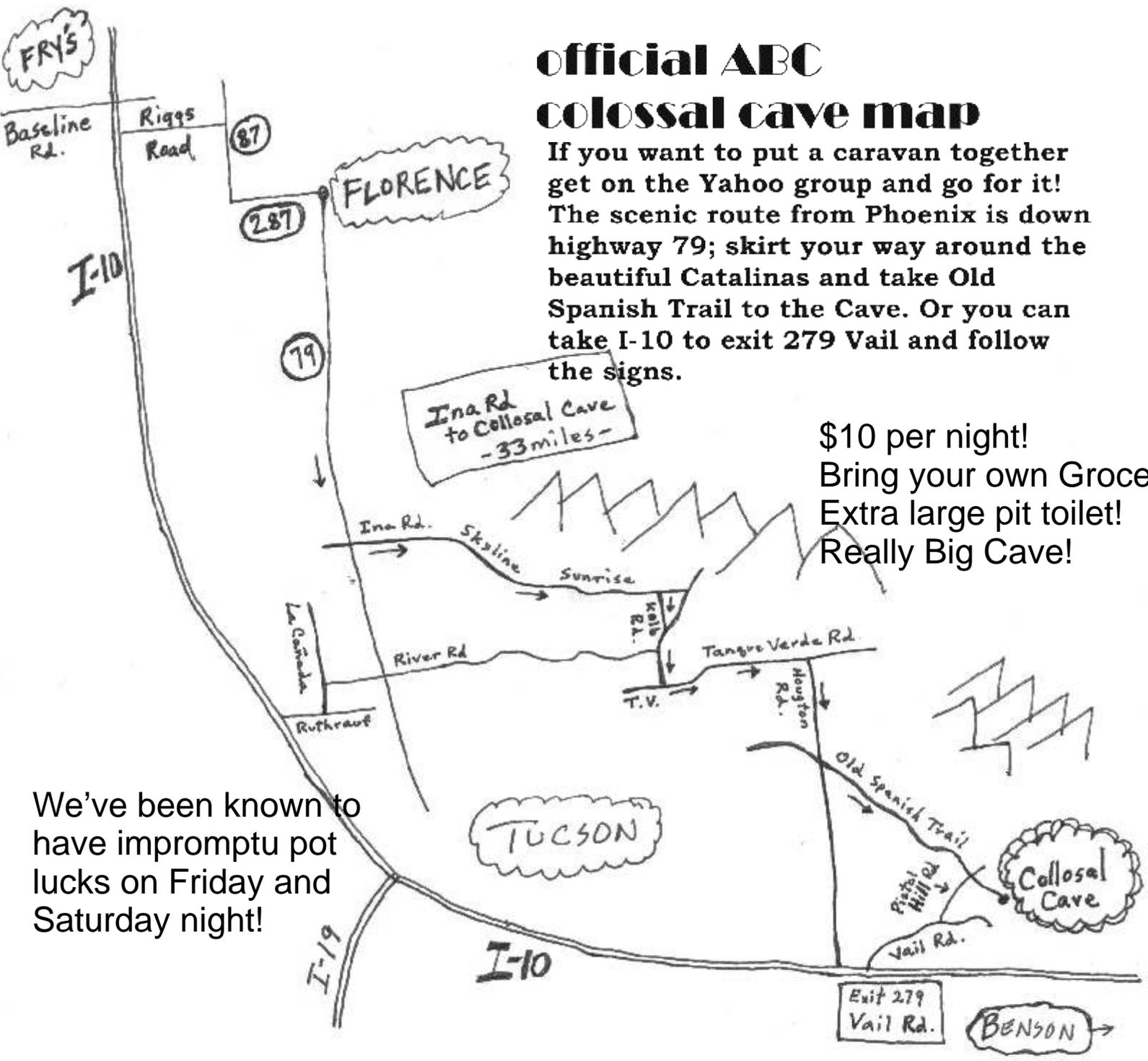
If seeing your ABC friends at meetings and campouts isn't enough, you can now communicate with other members via the Arizona Bus Club Yahoo email group. You can plan an impromptu campout, invite everyone to the drive-in on short notice, or just talk buses. To subscribe just send an email to [arizonabusclub-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:arizonabusclub-subscribe@yah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

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**Cruising to Tags last weekend!**



We've been known to have impromptu pot lucks on Friday and Saturday night!

**ONCE YOU GET CLOSE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO GET TO THE CAMP!**

Gates close at 5pm!

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# JEROME JAMBOREE XXI RAFFLE BUS

## Wants,, Needs,, and Wish List

### 1967 Custom Camper September 16th 17th and 18th 2011

#### **Interior:**

Seat padding  
Seat cover  
Door panels  
Floor mat  
Steering wheel restoration  
Dome light lens–  
Visors

#### **Exterior, body, glass:**

Apron – **Chad Jacobson**  
Wiper blades  
Interior mirror  
Rear bumper with mounts  
Inner rockers – both sides  
Battery Tray  
Cargo Floor Material  
Outriggers both sides (rear)  
Lower 8" Nose  
Rockers; full length passenger side at doors  
Jack points driver and passenger rear  
Rocker; short side passenger behind door  
Front bumper guards  
Splash pans  
Tires  
14" Rims – **Chad Jacobson**  
Driver's and passenger side mirrors complete  
Clutch kit w/ TO bearing  
Rubber gas neck collar  
License plate bracket  
Paint –  
Hubcaps  
Gas cap

#### **Electrical:**

Headlight assembly  
License light lens and gasket  
Fuel tank sending unit

#### **Mechanical:**

Engine build  
Front Brake Cylinders  
Rear brake Cylinders  
Front/rear brakes flex lines  
Master Cylinder

Front and rear shoes  
Brake seal kit  
Shocks  
Transmission mounts  
Bilstein jack  
Tie rods  
Drag link  
Center pin kit  
Speedo cable  
Shift coupler  
Clutch cable  
Accelerator cable  
Gear oil  
Axle boots  
Swing lever kit

#### **Rubber:**

Windshield seals -  
Rear window seal –  
Door handle rubber  
Front door rubber kit -  
Deck lid seal –  
Deck lid hinge seals –  
Engine tin seal kit  
Taillight seals  
Headlight lens seals –  
Headlight bucket seals –  
E-brake boot –  
Shifter boot  
Knee knocker pad –  
Pedal pads –  
Gas door bumpers –  
Fresh air flap and bumper –  
Fresh air rubbers –  
Wiper grommets –  
Ft. Door Window Seal Kit  
Cargo door seal kit  
Pop out window rubber (6 windows)  
Turn signal seal kit

**\*William Cassidy donated \$50 cash!**

**\*\*Evelyn Garrett kicked in \$200 towards the cause**

# A BC Coming Events!

## **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.

**Saturday March 26th:** Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakhurgers. Sat. March 26th. Noon to 3pm. Bring your Bugs, buses, and any VW to Freddy's , park it and show it and mingle with other VW enthusiasts. VW owners get 50% off their meal and frozen custard. The first 10 to show up get FREE frozen custard

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

**April 1st – 3rd** VW John Howard's Route 66 Caravan and Campout- check thesamba.com for details.

April 6th ABC Board meeting at Boston Market 2712 N. Scottsdale Road 6pm or whenever folks can get there after work.

**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. \$10

per carload per night (the club chips in \$100 to the park for the privilege of using the group site with privacy.)

**April 23rd** We're all invited to **North Scottsdale Volkswagen for a show. Details coming soon hopefully!**

**NEW DATES! May 20th - May 22nd** 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, Usery Pass Park, Mesa, AZ

We were sure happy to hear that

# Vendors we like!

Mike from Karl's Mesa has opened a shop right across the street from the old place (SW corner of Mesa Drive and Broadway.) He said he'll work on most any VW plus some Audi's and Porsches (like 914's and such.) Anyway he's got this spiffy card that looks better in color so if you're in Mesa and need your car worked on call him at 480-668-1402 and tell him the ABC sent you.

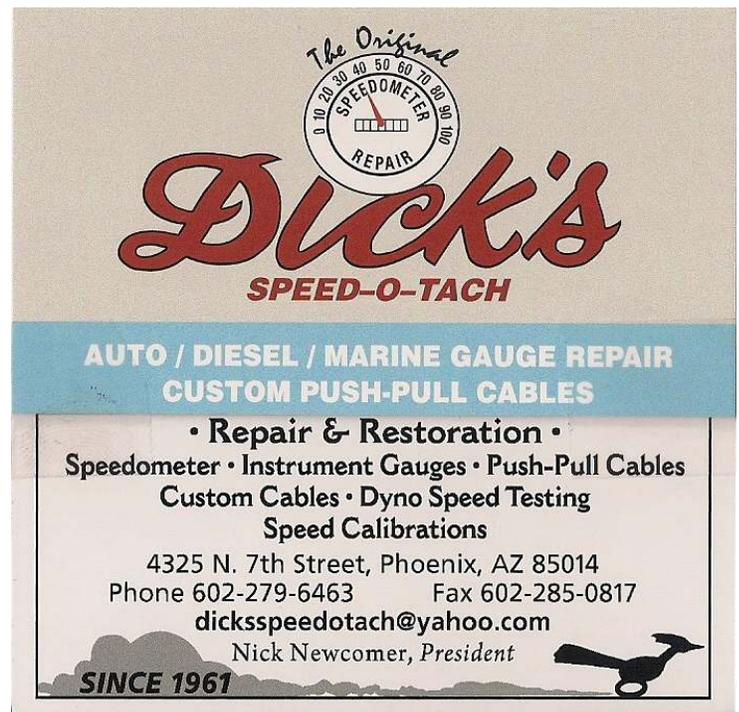


Don Johnson has always hooked us up with quality VW transmissions at his place on the west side. Give him a buzz at 623-334-0126 or



visit donsbusbox on the web.

Nick at Dick's Speed-O-tech called and said he'd give any ABC member 25% off! That could pay your annual \$20 dues right there! Know somebody with a business



you think your ABC friends would benefit from? (did we just use "friend" and benefit" in the same sentence?) Let them know we have a Newsletter and have them send their business card and generous schwag to dclehan@gmail for inclusion in this periodical.

# Blast from the Past!

This month's BLAST originally ran in June of 1991 and included opening remarks from President Joe Whipple as well as technical contributions from Greg Weingardt, full-page ads from BAP and Sherwood Automotive as well as a camper article written completely in German. Richard Kimbrough had no fewer than 7 automobiles for sale and Dane Dawson sent an ad for the Panel you see below. Don't bother calling unless you just want to say hi to Dane and if he answers please tell him we said hello! Jerry Jess contributed an article in what appeared to be a recurring column called Toy of the Month. Enjoy!

Talking Transporter Toys; by Uncle Jerry Jess. Wow, what a buddy of a bus this is! 10 ½ inches of tremendous Tin in rose and white, officially called a "Buddy Wagen" by Buddy-L. In the series I know of 3 early Tin buses by Buddy-L. The rose and white, as shown, blue and white and a neat all-white bus that has a ski rack on the roof, with skis! Buddy-L toys are highly sought after tins especially among collectors outside the US. Tin toys from the US are not that plentiful because of the initial high cost of assembly that's why many of your present day tins come from China, Korea etc where labor costs are low. Buddy-L has been producing Tins for many years; some are small, like 2-3" long while others are really big. Many of the Buddy-L trucks and tractors even have moving parts on them. In case of the 3 Volkswagen buses the side doors open up and the interior seat folds down to form a bed. Each model also had a sunroof. It's nice to know that an American toy company really appreciates the early type II. These pinups are rather big and will take up quite a bit of room on your toy shelf but if anything you can fill them up with the HO scale Brekina Barndoor buses, which we do have for sale. Again, finding early type II toys is an awesome job but on occasion we do have a few extras for sale. South America, way south, still makes some neat plastic bus toys - so, howabout a trip to Brazil or Argentina in search of toy type Ii's? (ed note, I'll be happy to go!)

## Classified Ads



### For Sale

It's a 1966 Panel  
New inside and out, New  
paint, radials, brake ,  
hubcaps, windshields,  
upholstery, and 12 volt  
Rebuilt starter and generator,  
engine (1600) and tranny.  
New fuel pump and battery, also  
has original partition wall.  
\$3300.00 Call Dane Dawson  
(915) 855-9706



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