

# BUS CLUB NEWS

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Buses make a splash wherever they go!

# Behind the Wheel



CANS!

BANNERS!

BIRTHDAYS!

HOT BUSES!

and even more  
DONATIONS  
to the raffle bus!

On the cover: Roy's 65  
Deluxe isn't afraid to get  
wet crossing the swollen  
creek at Tortilla Flat.

Old farts, beer cans and burning buses are the subject of this month's column but first let us delve into one of life's most confounding questions; how do we make camping more appealing for people who have to sit down to pee when there are no bathrooms for miles? We at the News have noticed that many people who have to sit down to pee (women) do not like to camp in places where there are no bathrooms (like the Dragoons for example) and after exhaustive research have discovered a solution right in our own backyard. Well, Tucson to be exact where our friend Dr. Bruce Hilpert has invented the world's first autocrapper; a modern device that allows people who have to sit down to pee to do so comfortably. To learn more about this astonishing new device simply join your Bus Buddies at the West Cochise Stronghold Campout April 19th (and 20th, and 21st ) and you too can experience the most carefree release of bodily fluids ever known to humankind. Word from Tucson is that Bruce has been showing up at friend's homes with his new invention encouraging them to try it out in the yard and come back in the house to provide instant feedback over some cold ones. Which, before we forget, brings us to beer cans. Well, any aluminum can but beer is more appropriate because our effulgent president has announce that due to your support we have already raised enough money from trading in aluminum (beer) cans to procure a Club Keg at Jerome and why not shoot for two? Bring your (beer) cans to the club meetings and hand them over to Gary and let's see if we can create a new tradition. Besides everyone knows that Chad Jacobson will drink his own weight in beer at Jerome (about the same as a pony keg) so we'll need at least two of them. Oh, speaking of Chad guess who turned 40 on Sunday but was too hung over to celebrate (or even direct activities on the raffle bus?) Yep, another old geezer in the club we're sure he's already taking Charles' 71 around the block at night when he thinks nobody is looking. Anyway those roaring flames you might have seen recently were not Chad's birthday candles rather belonged to the interior of Will Davis's 65 bus which was temporarily transformed into a Roman Candle by errant sparks. The good news is Will owns a fire extinguisher the bad news is it was in the bus under the flaming interior but it turns out Will can move pretty fast when he wants to and was able to extinguish the flames with the contents of the autocrapper he'd just finished testing in his front yard. Hey this is a "news" letter not the New York Times don't freak out if we juice up the stories did you think people actually send us material to print? Whatever. Anyway Will glad to hear your bus was saved and see you at all at the General Meeting on the 17th at the PERA club. Enjoy your April News.

# STOLEN!



In case you hadn't heard the famous Tucson Bus Mob Club Banner was unceremoniously stolen from Drew's possession at Volksfest. This is especially distressing given the friendly and generous nature of our Southern Arizona friends. We at the News suggest that anyone chicken-livered enough to steal a club's banner should suffer a fate worse than sleeping through the calling of their winning raffle bus ticket. They should never again see the sun shine or enjoy their children's smile without the weight of their offense crushing them down in gloom and despair. Meanwhile the poor banner is nervously tucked away in some dark cubbyhole its new owner too afraid to show it for fear of waking up staked out on some desert playa smothered in honey over a hill of fire ants. Keep your eyes open folks and lets help return the missing banner to her rightful owners.

For days and weeks on end they toil knowing not what awaits them yet to  
life, vision restored and feel the road under her newfound feet? Nay, tis a



...one last cut and then



## Coming Events:

4-17 General Meeting at Pera Club

4-19 Spring Campout at Dragons

5-15 General Meeting at Walter Dome

5-17 Mt Pinal Campout

6-5 thru 6-9 VTO presents Blackstar

6-8 OCTO

6-9 VW Classic Weekend

6-19 General meeting at Pera Club

Don't forget; May is Bay Window  
Month all month long at the News  
so send in your Bay crap and we'll  
think about publishing it.  
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Work parties are held almost ev  
watch the Yahoo Group for oppo

And to what end? So this poor hulk can once again breathe deeper calling. One without explanation, reason or reward.



The new nose!

every weekend at Chad's opportunities to help!

**D**on't forget, Happy ABC Campers, the spring campout is almost upon us – April 19-21. So, it is time to quit your job, load up the bus and kids, and head south to the Dragoons! This higher-altitude venue should be perfect at this time of year with balmy breezes to cool your soul and scenery that is guaranteed to please the eyes. We should be camping in a shady grove of oaks, surrounded by rock formations, the likes of which you haven't seen since the last time you were collecting mushrooms in Oregon. Here are the details: **ATTENTION:** The Dragoon campground is primitive camping. **WATER:** There is no running water at the site or anywhere nearby so bring your own and bring plenty. **RESTROOMS:** There are no restrooms or porta-potties. We will make some porta-potties that you ladies will LOVE! **ROADS:** I have not been to the Dragoons in about two years and the roads change with the rains. The first ten miles of dirt road are wide and graded...no problem. The next 2 miles or so that run along the base of the Dragoons to the campground have a few places that might slow you down, but have never presented any problem for my bus. Even Bob was able to navigate the roads. **BUT,** if your bus is lowered, you might have a problem, even getting to the campground **DIRECTIONS:** The Dragoons are located about 60 miles east of Tucson and about ten miles east of Benson (ATCF). From Phoenix, get to Tucson however you like and proceed east on I-10 past the Colossal Cave exit and proceed on to Benson. Exit I-10 at Benson and head south on Rte 80 to Tombstone. About one mile before Tombstone (just past the Border Patrol inspection stop) take a left (north) on Middlemarch Rd. It is well marked. Continue north on Middlemarch Rd. for 9.9 miles until you hit a Y marked with a Forest Service sign. Take the left onto FS Road 687. Go two miles until you get to a cattle guard. Turn right on FR4804 and proceed to the campground at end of the road. I plan to go down on Thursday and will post signs. If, by some small chance that large campground is filled, I will leave signs to another camp further along the main road, FR 687.

The driving time from Tucson is about two hours and from Phoenix, about four hours. Yes, a long drive but I promise that when you get there, you will agree it was worth the drive. [Please note: When you return to Benson, you will be required to pass through a Border Patrol checkpoint complete with friendly agents, curious dogs, and maybe even Sheriff Arpaio!]

If you want to see some pics, visit my flickr site at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/dedhed1950/sets/> and look for the Dragoons pics on pages 2, 4, 5. If you use a GPS or Google Earth, the campground is located at 31°52'24.92"N, 110° 1'2.94"W

-Doc Hilpert



Gone camping?

Adventure Opportunity: when your mode of transportation is an old bus the axiom about life being a journey rings especially true since one may not actually reach the destination. To make things even more interesting we at the News suggest taking the scenic route whenever possible and the upcoming Dragoon Trip is a perfect example. Get our your Delorme Arizona Atlas and turn to page 61 and note how state highways 79 and 77 converge near Oracle. Allow your eyes to wander a bit east to the San Pedro River Valley and you'll see a tiny red ribbon of dirt road meandering along the river south past Redington Pass to Cascabel and finally Pomerene and Benson (where a strategically placed Dairy Queen awaits your arrival.) Pick up the trail again on Highway 80 down through St. David and you'll soon arrive at Middlemarch Road (the turn off to this event.) What you have just witnessed is the rewarding alternative to driving down I-10. It's a graded dirt road with lot's of whoop dee do's and dangerous blind curves. No need to worry about gas stations or convenience stores there are none for at least 50 miles (between Oracle and Benson.) Okay, so that's the cool way to get to the Dragoons; what about the return trip? This one is even better! Heading north on 80 you'll see an intersection for highway 82; take it going West and enjoy the beautiful rolling grasslands all the way to Sonoita when you'll hang a right and head north on 83 up to Vail. Follow Pistol Hill to Old Spanish Trail...it will turn into Freeman Road and shortly you'll turn left (head West) on Escalante and then right (north) on Houghton. You'll pass through some nice country skirting Tucson and in just a few miles turn right on the famous Catalina Highway. About an hour and 7,000 feet later you'll be setting up camp somewhere near the top of the Catalina Mountains (Mt Lemmon is 9,157!) so bring something warm to wear and one last meal to share with your buddies.

Monday morning rise and shine and do some exploring around one Arizona's finest Sky Islands then head down the historic Control road to Oracle and the easy trip back to the Valley. You will only regret these routes if you don't take them but be prepared with everything you need to get yourself out of a jam as there are no services whatsoever.

The other ABC Spring Campout is right around the corner May 17, 18 and 19 at the top of Mount Pinal. The gravel road from Globe to the top is steep but well-graded but for those of you craving something a little more challenging there are a couple of dangerous jeep trails that spin off the main road down to the flats to the West. This is where the annual ABC Gun Show and Shine is held on Saturday afternoon prior to the All-U-Can-Eat Buffet.

-editor

Drop us a note!



# JEROME JAMBOREE XXII September 20th - 22nd

## RAFFLE BUS WISH LIST (so far) 1967 Standard

Interior:

Driver's front seat frame 1/3 Roy Jonas / Sean  
Driver and Passenger seat padding Wolfsburg West  
Driver and Passenger seat covers SEWFINE  
Door panels Jeremiah Polynone  
Cab floor mat Wolfsburg West  
cargo floor mat Wolfsburg West  
Steering wheel restoration Koch's  
2 dome light lens  
Sun Visors Wolfsburg West  
Interior Panels Jeremiah Polynone  
Ash Tray Wolfsburg West  
O. S. Handle Bob Smith  
Radio Block off Plate Bob Smith

Exterior, Body, Glass:

Wiper Blades -  
Interior rear view mirror  
Passenger's mirror Wolfsburg West  
Driver's mirror Wolfsburg West  
Complete Front Bumper (guards, brackets, etc) Wolfsburg West  
Complete Rear Bumper (brackets, etc) Wolfsburg West  
Splash pans and install kit Wolfsburg West  
New Tires for 14" rims Earl Kester  
Spare 14" rim Earl Kester  
Hub caps Earl Kester  
Hub cap clips Wolfsburg West  
Gas cap  
Rubber gas neck collar Bob Smith  
License plate bracket- Bob Smith  
Paint - Jay Rondeau, Cody and Doug  
Primer - Dakota and Jay  
Antenna Wolfsburg West  
Gas Tank Strainer and Gas Tank Seal Bob Smith  
E-brake cables and rebuild kit  
Windshield squirts Bob Smith  
Cargo Door Straps Wolfsburg West  
Vent window kits (rivets, rubber, latches) BS  
Sliding window divider cleat

Electrical:

Front turn signals left & right  
Rear turn signals left & right Bob Smith  
Head light assembly rebuild kit Wolfsburg West  
License light lens & gasket Bob Smith  
Fuel Gauge  
Wiring Harness Wiring Works  
Fuse box and fuses Wolfsburg West  
Battery, battery cables David Butler  
Battery Strap Wolfsburg West

Ignition switch with key Bob Smith

Mechanical:

Engine build - Jim Burnite  
Front brake cylinders - Bustoration  
Rear brake cylinders - Bustoration

Complete brake lines - all wheels Bob Smith  
Master Cylinder (1967 only) Mike Baleda  
Front & rear brake shoes - Bustoration  
Brake seal kit  
Fuel Line-Bob Smith  
Shocks Tucson Bus Mob  
Tranny mounts - front  
Tie rod - passenger side Bob Smith  
Drag link Bob Smith  
Speedo Cable Bob Smith  
Shift coupler front and rear Wolfsburg West  
Clutch cable  
Accelerator Cable  
Gear oil  
Swing lever kit Bob Smith  
Bilstein Jack  
Rubber: Everything...  
Windshield seals - Wolfsburg West  
Rear window seal - Wolfsburg West  
Door handle rubber -Bob Smith  
Door bumpers - two!  
Front door rubber kit -Bob Smith  
Deck lid seal and hinge kit Wolfsburg West  
Engine tin seal kit Wolfsburg West  
Tail light seals -Wolfsburg West  
Seat Bumpers  
Headlight seals -Wolfsburg West  
Headlight bucket seals -Wolfsburg West  
E-brake boot Bob Smith  
Shifter boot Bob Smith  
Knee knocker Wolfsburg West  
Pedal pads Bob Smith  
Door Plugs Bob Smith  
Door Hinge Seals Bob Smith  
Gas door bumper Bob Smith  
Fresh air flap & bumper - Wolfsburg West  
Fresh air rubber - Wolfsburg West  
Wiper w/ grommets -  
Front door window seal kit Bob Smith  
Cargo door seal kit Wolfsburg West  
Pop out window rubber & rebuild kit Wolfsburg West  
Turn signal seal kit Bob Smith