

# Bus Club News

# Bay 2014



Always, always .... looking good!

Hey there! If your address label is highlighted you need to renew!

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## What is going on here? Department

The month of April has come & gone and has left many of our members with the lingering questions of “What happened? What did we do? What’s going on? Can I eat that?” So to recap, as of this edition, Bailey has not settled on a bus she really likes, (although we’ve discovered she wants a VW bus, favorite color: Clear, preferably automatic with the driver’s seat not quite so far forward) the local brew pub we investigated serves liquid that tastes like watered down favorites, and the club got outside for some Frisbee golf at the and a Seven Springs road trip. (we actually counted eight springs). If this wasn’t enough for some, the thirst for adventure was quenched with Cinnamon Fireball whiskey in the area of Happy Valley known as Turkey Creek. More on this adventure later. Also, some dedicated folks have been showing up at Chad’s place to move the raffle bus project along. To date, the front beam has been rebuilt and installed by Chad & Mindy. The ATE freshly rebuilt gearbox & BMW rebuilt engine have been installed by Mike & the Yumans. Both were tested & operated successfully.



*Will wonders never cease? Lake Havasu's salute from the brewhouse to your refrigerator! (I know, "It's a BUS!")*

The wiring for this magnificent project was reconnected by our own Richard K, who took time off between photo shoots to sort thru the spaghetti under the dash. The day came to an end with the help of Mike J, Mindy & Chad taping off the bus for the inside paint shoot. Gotta say Thank You to all who have helped with these raffle bus projects because without you folks, someone else would be doing that task. WHOA! You got me Monologuing

and I almost forgot this month is MAY which means the club pays homage to that improved body style of the bus affectionately known as the Fat Chick. (Fat Chicks Rule! Go West Side Fat Chicks!) Wider, longer, taller, & heavier, this body style has been called the “next logical step in the evolution of the VW bus.” So many noteworthy improvements came with the 1968 bus that the VW engineers HAD to make space for it all. Ball joint steering, one piece curved glass windshield, bigger capacity gas tank, sliding side door so it can be opened when someone parks next to you, roll down cab windows so you can rest your arm. CV joints on the rear axles provide more stability & a smoother ride. Larger cab so full sized adults can sit comfortably without resting our knees on the dash (or rubbing our beellies on the wheel). In many ways the Bay window bus ('68 – '79) was a plethora of improvements. Long road trips in the Bay are more comfortable. Space is not at a premium when it comes to packing. The dual port motor became available, and after owning one for a while I've become familiar with the needs and wants of my Bay. Of course, that can be said about any bus, but what I really enjoy about the Bay is the shared respect from other VW enthusiasts who recognize it as something from their past that jars a fond memory or two of their own adventures with their own bus. This isn't to say that I wouldn't like to drive or own a Split window bus. The Split buses also get the heads turning and peace signs waiving even more so than the Bays do.



*Not exactly the garage I thought it was.*

But the Bays have touched more people than the Splits, (just look at the planet's population growth over the years which proves my point) and as such are more recognizable as a VW bus than the Splits (I don't expect to hear ANY commentary on that last statement.)

Would I trade my Bay for the world? No. Too many unresolved problems with the world. MANY resolved problems with my Bay, and the list of problems continues to get shorter. Truth is I like the simplicity of these buses. I like tinkering with them or buying something additional to install onto it. It is imperfect by a lot of accounts which makes it perfect for me. O.k. I'm done here. Enjoy your Bay issue of the news!



*The editor's bro's big blue bus debut.*

### Your 2014 Bus Club Board includes:

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### WHAT IS BUS CLUB!

It's actually known as Arizona Bus Club. I know, right? So, there's a couple of us folk left in the southwest that still enjoy getting out into the wilderness, camping with our buses & doing that whole "Survivor" thing for a couple days. BIG difference is we don't vote anyone out of the camp. (O.k., if you were there that one time, yes we did vote them out, but they were weirder than our comfort level of weird would allow which is a lot of weird to begin with and personally I think they were just pushing the weirdness edge. Kinda like watching those uncomfortable episodes of 'The Office'.) We've got some VW events that we show up at in an attempt to build some sort of camaraderie among us and our rides. We've got our Jamboree event that we hold annually at

the Gold King Mine in September to raise money for small Arizona based not-for-profit organizations. We have raffles, entertainment & activities hosted all weekend to prevent boredom from setting in. Sunday morning we pack things up & raffle off our grand prize: A club restored split window VW bus. Sound like fun? Well it is. And there's nothing anyone can do to stop it. So join in our fun and be the one to help us get it done. You'll learn a lot about your bus and you'll be with good people that can help.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES** are STILL only \$20 per year. WHAT? I know, we might be upping that amount soon, so get your renewal dues into us QUICK before we up that amount (just kidding about raising the price increase, but do you wanna chance it?) Please send your dues & renewals in the form of Check, M.O. or EBT debit cards directly to:

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*Me sister's toy. Some assembly required. Battery not included.*

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## New Members!

Everyone say Hello and try not to embarrass them at the next event.

Name	From
Jesus & Lety Aguilera	Phoenix
Jon & Teresa Brittain	Glendale
Antonio Brudaglio	Phoenix
Jim & Corinne Thomas	Sun City West

Note: Does anyone know a couple named Ray & Dolly hailing from Glendale? We have apparently lost their last name & address. If you can help our news staff with the missing info, we'd appreciate it.

## Mile High VW Department by R Jonas

A few years ago my dad calls me up and said he just bought an air cooled VW and I should come over and check it out. Well...about 10 minutes later I got there and much to my surprise it had a 2180cc Type-1 VW engine, one seat, three wheels, four wings and a steering stick. Yep...my dear old pops bought a project experimental airplane that was VW powered. It was a 7/8th scale replica of a 1916 French WWI biplane.....called a Nieuport.



He spent the next few months going over every nut, bolt and cable...yes this thing was 100% cable driven (er flew) tiny cables and pulleys controlled all the wing movements and the entire frame was made of 3/4" aluminum tubing riveted to aluminum sheet metal gussets with canvas stretched over it and the engine was mounted to a piece of plywood firewall, Incredible! Anyway...he tinkered on it for months then started flying this bird around and almost had enough flight time on it to get it certified. But...one day while attempting his third loop around the airport (only did two loops up until this day) the engine started to lose power and bog out so he force landed it on a soft levee which tore off some of his landing gear and bent up a wing....whew...glad he was perfectly fine but a little upset his plane was tore up. Turns out he had put a brand new progressive Weber carburetor on it that was fresh out of the box and jetted for a 1600cc engine...yep, you guessed it...too lean for a 2180cc and the third time around was not the charm. Remember ya'll...improper jetting will leave you hanging in the air, on the side of the road or worse!



## Spring camping with the TBM Dept.

Along with the impromptu morning cruise to the Buffalo Ridge Park for some Frisbee golf and then off to Seven springs for the afternoon, some of our members took off south to explore the Tucson area for camping venues. Page 67 in your DeLorme Arizona Atlas & Gazetteer (lower, lower right hand corner) shows the exact Happy Valley location that Doc Hilpert had described in his detailed directions on 'How to get there from here'. This was a decent camping area, not too far from immediate civilization with plenty of sycamore trees shading the entire camping area. Turkey Creek trailhead was the name of the sight where we camped, filled with, would you believe, wild turkeys? From the I-10 heading East out of Tucson use exit 291 heading North approx. 10 miles to the campsite.



*Wild Turkeys, drinking wild turkey while viewing wild turkeys.*

And what a site it was. Although mainly a primitive camping area, Lou & Glynda brought J-Jons with them to aid in the relief of many of us. The really neat points of this campout were the sycamore trees, the turkeys and tasty tidbits that were shared at the communal dinner that Saturday night. The mature, shady sycamores growing in their clusters & reaching out parallel to the ground were begging for a rope swing, or make shift vine, to be dangled down from. In the morning a gang of 20 or so turkeys came wandering down the ravine scavenging for munchies. Another thing of note was the



*Hail, hail, the Gang's all here.*

clouds that seemed to hang overhead all day making for a very comfortable campout. This was indeed camping as I know it without all the luxuries of our other camping sites. It's good to get out and explore these areas of our state and with Doc Hilpert as our guide we should have plenty of them. Next year, everything being in order, I think we should return to this spot for others to enjoy. Thank you Bus Mob for hosting such a relaxing campout and I promise to arrive earlier next year.



*Lots 'o space for lots 'o buses.*

My personal trip took us a bit beyond the campout. Joyce and I decided to stay the additional day to check out some of the local tourist traps 'n such. . . .



So as you're coming into Tucson, you'll start seeing these billboards advertising this reststop. After a brief discussion with some of the TBM, Joyce & I decided that if we've come this far, we may as well make the effort to go the rest of the way. Exit 322 held the answer to our inquiry and if you're in the area, check it out. The museum costs \$1 to enter and is rather interesting to wander thru. Spoiler alert: I almost peed myself when it jumped at me. Go see it, you won't be disappointed.

## Coming Events Department

Opportunities for you to get out & explore the outdoors!

**May 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>– Mt. Pinal**

### Bus Club Campout & Eat Fest

Don't miss this! An easy, convenient weekend of kick back camping the way bus club intended. Plan for wind. (i.e. bring kites!) Only entry fee: Bring something to share for the hilltop smorgasbord. See you at the peak!



*Our alternative cover photo.*

## May 21<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday – Club Meeting

Our current meeting location is at the Walterdome. The address is 6425 E Thomas and shares the lot with Ponderosa Lumber. Stop at Arby's, stop at Bevmo and then stop by and listen to our Prez try to keep things moving forward with the Club. General Club meeting to start at 7pm. Come early for good seats or come late and bring your camping chair. See you there!



*Good to see new faces. Welcome girls to our club's project!*

## June – 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Blackstar – Hosted by VTO

in the Beautiful Prado Regional Park

Address: 16700 S. Euclid Ave., Chino, CA 91708

Date's are from June 5th - 8th 2014

We are able to lower the admission price this year so pricing is as follows:

- If you come on Thursday it will be \$35.00 for the weekend
  - If you come on Friday it will be \$30.00 for the 2 nights
  - If you come on Saturday it will be \$20.00 for the night
- Arrival on Wednesday night after 5:00 pm is acceptable.

If you come down on Wednesday it will be a free night of camping for Wednesday only. You will have to pay for Thursday – Saturday

EVENTS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

### Friday:

BBQ and Raffle

### Saturday:

Early AM Caravan to the OCTO show

Kids events

Dutch Oven cook-off

Pot Luck dinner (please bring a dish to share)

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*One of the president's rides literally pulling its own weight.*

## July – 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> -Flagstaff KOA

Ready or not, here we kampf! This year could prove to be the last year this venue is available. Prepare for wind & rain every day at 2:30pm. Contact Janyel at the Flagstaff KOA for more details about field trips to local brew pubs, new age stores or just to chat a bit about the weather. 928-526-nine nine two six.

## August – Potential New Campout

We might be looking at a new camping venue near Winkleman AZ at the local campground. More to follow.

## September 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Jamboree XXIV

We're not going to disclose the secret location of the Jamboree held at the Gold King Mine near Jerome, AZ. This is to ensure that someone truly

deserving wins the bus this year. This year's raffle bus is a club restored 1966 Sundial. No guarantees as to what to expect this year, other than to have more fun than last year. As if that's possible.

## October 15<sup>th</sup> – Bus Club Nominations

We need to start planning now for 2015 to have a good year. Good choices make for a good year. Come to the October General meeting to let your voice be heard about how you think someone else can do a better job than those doing the job. Evening is to begin with cheap name calling, followed by nominations, followed by the candidate's debate. It's anyone's guess who's going to run the club next year and it's an opportunity for your voice to finally be heard.

## October 25<sup>th</sup> - VolkStock

Get ready for another fantastic VW Event with VolkStock in Glendale, Arizona, Saturday, October 25th at Sheely Farm (location of the Halloween Fear Farm attraction) 99th Ave and McDowell Rd., West Phoenix.

Visit [www.Volkstock.com](http://www.Volkstock.com) and [www.facebook.com/volkstock](http://www.facebook.com/volkstock)

Date: Saturday, October 25th - Rain or Shine

Car Show Roll-in: 6am - 12am

Event Time: 8am - 12pm

Car Show: 10am - 3pm

Awards Ceremony: 3:00pm

Vendors please call Mark Miller at 623-521-7982

If you need more information or would like to be part of this occasion, please contact

Mark Miller at 623-875-4067 or

email [events@peoriavw.com](mailto:events@peoriavw.com)

## November – Buses on the River

Follow us to Yuma for some excellent camping and a great car show. This year Jim Burnite promises to show his favorite river access point for sun bathing.

## November 19<sup>th</sup> – Bus Club Elections

This is your chance to speak your mind and cast your vote to say "We need a new direction" or "These guys need a rest!" Come to the meeting for one of the more exciting experiences you'll ever have. The counting of ballots, the slurping of beer, the munching of...munchies, all come together tonight to see who is brave enough to guide this band of misfits to our 25<sup>th</sup> Jamboree. Note: Ballots will be issued members in good standing only.

## December – 6<sup>th</sup> – APS Light Parade WE HAVE A THEME!

“Holidays in Toyland”

Get ready to exercise your recycling efforts as APS hosts the 2014 light parade in Phoenix. We've got 7 months to plan for the event and this year's theme presents numerous possibilities for designs. Anyone want to head up a committee/ design team this year? We could take the Mayor's award if we do this right!

## December 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party

Bus Club is taking its holiday party to the base of the White Tank mountain range. West Saieeed! Bring holiday side dish to share at our Saturday afternoon feast as well as your appetite. Special note: No General meeting in December.

## All other weekends/weekdays:

Anyone interested in a reconnaissance cruise?



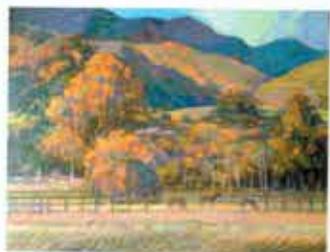
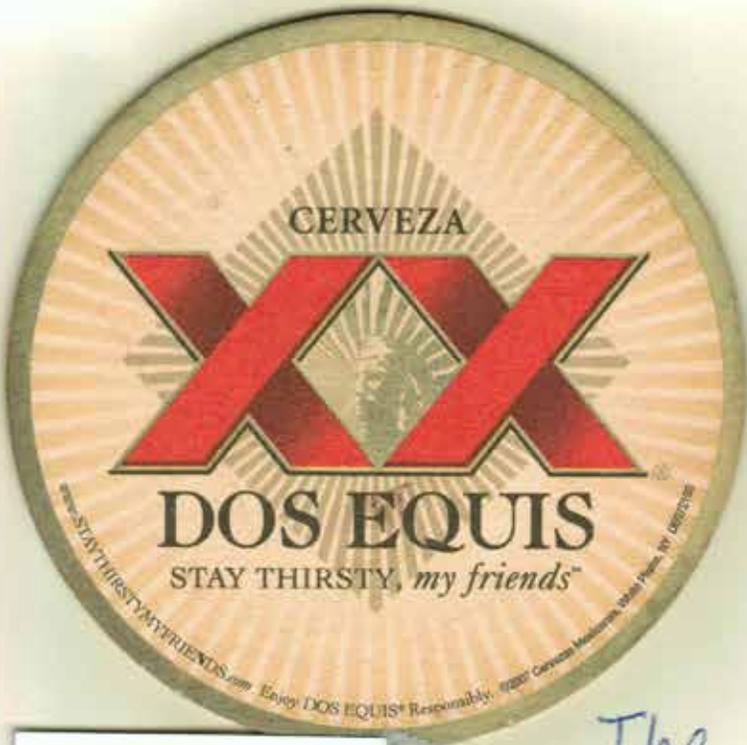
*Carol's 'Black Pearl' w/ Penthouse poptop seen at Pawlik's Place.*

## Next Month Dept:

- I can't believe I ate it all on the mountain top.
- The club prepares for Blackstar & OCTO
- Review of the Pawlik's Potluck weekend
- Prez G continues his search for a Microbrewery

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