



Past and future raffle buses sleeping at Prado Park.

Any suggestions for camping in August?
Or should we just solidify the Jamboree plans?
Please note any typos in this months news.

Behind The Wheel...

...for five hours straight was a bit of a daunting thought as I was planning for the Blackstar campout. The thing to do was to break the trip into bite size pieces, if I was able. By that I mean spend some time with my cousin in Indio and then continue the trek after I was good & rested.



It looked like someone lying on their back....

This would require two nights in Indio & then on to Blackstar! The stopover turned the daunting 5.5 hour trip into a mere 70 min trip. Not a bad idea in my opinion. I've gotta say, I REALLY, really enjoy the Blackstar campout and I enjoy going to the OCTO show Saturday morning. If you're into VW buses, (and if you're reading this you probably are) then this is the summer venue that you shouldn't miss. Its inexpensive, it's relatively accessible in your bus (even if you're not using your relatives) and it gets you OUT of the Phoenix heat for a bit.



2014 Raffle bus holding its own on the CA highway.

El Prado Regional park makes for such a pleasant camping venue in the summer and the VTO guys & dolls know how to relax and host a good event at

'Circle the Wagen' narrators Ryan & Charlie explain the four year wait to retrieve their 'Star '74'.



the same time. Numerous lessons can be taken from this event. Like using a PA system where the whole camp can hear the raffle ticket numbers being called, free surprise thrown out into the crowd and catering a dinner for the entire crowd to take the frustration out of planning another meal.



David & Angie Butler's 'Smedley' enjoying the cool weather.

Well, I'm not going to go on & on about the virtues of VTO's Blackstar weekend right now, as I've spread throughout this month's news. See you on the inevitable last page!

You went where? Department

The raffle bus, captained by Chad J., experienced a successful shakedown cruise as it returned from the Blackstar campout hosted by VTO. (Veeee Teeee OoohhhhHHHH OH OH!) Some members were slightly misled when Mr. J said "I'm taking the bus for a quick cruise & I'll be right back."



Windmill Valley. 50 minutes to Blackstar.

In Chad's defense, he did text us when he reached Yuma. Evidently, this was the first time in a long time that so much raffle bus had been accomplished so early in the year. The bus itself hadn't been driven for twelve years prior to the club obtaining it

Chad silently shows his excitement for this year's project.



for restoration. And it seems no one can remember the last time the raffle bus was driven to the Blackstar campout. O.K., I'm sure someone remembers a time that the raffle bus was driven to Blackstar, but no one has come forth with that info or can remember that far back into bus club history. (Do we have old newsletters of this event? Was this even possible back then?) With the stress of the raffle bus in the rear view mirror our club members have turned their focus to the repair & maintenance of their own rides, which have been neglected for so long, as well as tackling new art projects involving empty beer bottles. Personally, I'm happy to see the project done so quickly and nicely. Bad bus mojo was not to be found during the Blackstar weekend as the ABC proudly displayed the 2014 raffle bus.



How cool is it to see so many vintage rides?

New Members Dept will return next month.



For men only. The virtues of urinating in public.

Many good comments were voiced about seeing the raffle bus this year. More good comments were spread about it being driven to the Blackstar campout & OCTO show in raffle ready status. I couldn't find anyone to say anything bad about the

interior design or the exterior paint scheme. This year's Jamboree is going to be host to many new faces as interest in this year's bus spread throughout the event. Thank you to all who came to the booth to visit while I shopped the swaps. Thanks to all who helped Chad, Jeremiah, Mindy & Roy to put this bus together to make it road worthy. DDFD!



Planet Volkswagen.

25,000,000 problems at Blackstar

...but my bus ain't one of them. You can't have a picnic without ants... or a campout as it would seem. I was amazed at everything they got into and how clever they were at sourcing out....yea, I'm not sure what they were looking for. Dishes? Bags with clothing? Plasticware? Card games? Beer? There was interest for an ant everywhere. We thought it clever to distract the ants with an offering of food



Exactly where is the men's room?

placed next to their hill (or crack in the ground) and then they wouldn't have to go as far to... yeah, didn't work. There are lots of them that they can assign different ant regiments to different tasks. Lesson learned: bring Comet(or ant bait) next year.

Dump it around your tires, tent, campsite, coolers, carpets, dog beds, chair legs. Essentially we'll turn the park into that winter wonderland we all miss during the summer.



Donut Club & Police in the same strip mall. Coincidence?

What was that pokey plant? Dept

Man! I wish I had a photo of this on but.... One morning during the Blackstar weekend I was up early & discovered Richard K. snapping some early morning photos on a nearby hill. I caught up with him & we went for a little nature walk which took us into the nearby woods. Somewhere along the path in the woods I felt a burning sensation on the back of my calf and noticed that Richard was rubbing some invisible bite on his legs. Rich & I determined that it was local foliage that had given us the irritation and it continued to irritate over the next 24 hours with no signs of redness, bruising or swelling like a poison. Upon returning to have a closer look on that which held my attention I saw no thorns on the plant or spikes. More like fine silk strands covering extremely fine pricklers.

Q: What was it?



Check the rack on this trailer queen!

Biggest Disk Contest Department

Sunday morning, before the 'Just Crusin' car club started it's activities, a few of the Bus Club crew took off to investigate the park's Frisbee golf course located near the entrance of the park. Roy Jonas supplied us each with some decent flying disks and off we went!

The scores went something like this:

Hole:	1	2	3	7	8	13	14	9	17
Dist(ft)	297	314	248	256	352	302	274	284	277
Par:	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Roy	3	3	3	2	4	3	3	3	3
Kristin	5	5	4	4	7	5	4	5	4
Brad	2	3	4	3	6	4	3	4	4
Murphy	5	4	5	4	7	6	4	4	5
Gary	4	5	4	5	6	6	5	5	6

The breakfast club played 15 of the 18 poorly marked holes (nine are listed) in no particular order. After losing track of where the holes started, it was decided that 'ready golf' rules were to be followed, that there would be no turning back and we would not be replaying a hole. Roy took the blue ribbon, distantly followed by everyone else tied for second. It was good to get out that morning, give the course a try, stretch those legs a bit with the walk and then head on back to camp to prepare for the run back to Phoenix.



Off to OCTO. Two silhouettes in the haze.

O.C.T.O in review Department

The raffle bus successfully made the journey to the OCTO show. Not a surprise considering BMW (Burnite Motor Works) was responsible for the running gear and how far it had already traveled during the past couple days since Chad said 'I'll be back with pizza!' (In Chad's defense, he did come back with pizza,... six days later.) Upon arrival at OCTO, the raffle bus was placed in a prominent

spot for all to view, drool over, & abuse easily. Many OCTO attendees were surprised that the raffle bus was in attendance. Some people wanted to know if it was being towed around and were answered with Chad's smiling face repeating "Nope, I drove it." Many more people were surprised that the bus was being raffled off for fifty cent tickets. (I thought people heard of our club's gimmick.) Anyway, besides drumming up a huge interest in this years grand prize, the OCTO show, yet again, proved to be an excellent blend of swaps & show. Next year I need to bring a bigger bank for the swaps. Soooo many parts, so little time.



Hangin' out in front of the VTO campsite.

Coming Events Department

Opportunities for you to get out & explore the outdoors!

July 16th – General Meeting

Canned foods, peanut butter, raffle prizes & foamy beverages build to a climax for yet another fun evening. Thanks goes out to Kirk, Ricky, Ryan & the gang for allowing our Club to use & abuse the Walterdome.



I like the idea of doublecabs & Helite trailers.

July 25th, 26th & 27th -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 try local brew pubs, visit new age stores or just to chat a bit about the weather. Janyel@KOA Flagstaff: 928-526-nine nine two six.



If he's there, then who's driving?

August 20th General Meeting

August – Potential New Campout

We are looking at a new camping venue near Winkelman AZ at the local campground or maybe some more Salt river tubing! Stock up on your Tonto passes!



Sorry, it was the green that caught my eye.

Sept 10th - General Meeting! ! !

This meeting occurs during the **second week** of September to give us some time before our fund raising event. If you've got some Jamboree ideas, we'd love to hear them and we'll plan to do them next year. We'll probably be discussing how to

decorate our buses for the light parade. I'd like to see so many decorated buses this year that people get tired seeing them roll thru the line.



A taste of Just Crusin's Sunday car show in the park.

September 19th – 21st 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 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. Lot's of activities for all ages. Schedule of events to follow soon. Spoiler: Chili contest, Daily raffles, bike contest, wet t-shirt contest is on if the water tank truck is running, possible Zombie costume contest.

Please drink accordingly and plan responsibly.



Which side of the logs can we park on?

October 15th – General Meeting

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.



I apologize. I can't get enough of this bus.

October 25th - Saturday- VolkStock

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

Visit www.Volkstock.com and 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

November – Buses on the River

Follow us to Yuma for some excellent camping and a great car show. This year, Andy, Jim & Bill promise to show us their favorite river access point to observe nude sun bathers.

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The convoy to the OCTO show. Raffle bus in the lead.

November 19th – 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 culminating to see who is brave enough to guide this band of misfits to our 25th Jamboree. Note: Ballots issued to members in good standing only.



I promise to remind myself to ask Ted about his 'project'.

December – 6th – APS Light Parade

WE HAVE A THEME!

“Holidays in Toyland”

Get ready to exercise your decorating recycling efforts as the Arizona Bus Club participates in the APS 2014 light parade here in Phoenix. We've got 5 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! My thoughts are for each participant to take a 'Holiday' of your choice & imagine what your bus

would look like in toyland. Let's talk this up on our Yahoo groups!

December 12th – 14th 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? I'm thinking about an area just south of Prescott or Crown King?

Next Month Dept:

-How I stayed dry during the down pour at the KOA

-Which beer on the tour I liked the best

-Keeping afloat on the Salt

-What to do in August

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If you're looking to contact our board, might I suggest:

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WHOA! The inevitable last page!

Kinda snuck up me this time. Must be the sign of a good time, a good trip and a good issue of the news. Just to be sure we don't forget who likes us, here's

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