

July 2011

Bus Club News



Behind the Wheel



More Grease!

*...or more elbows.
It's going to take
some of each to
finish the bus in time!*

Don't Cry!

*...working on the
raffle bus doesn't
have to be all work!
Come to Saturday's
party and find out!*

July in Arizona can only mean one thing; lots of preparation for the Jamboree and plenty of elbow grease being used on the raffle bus. If you'd like to help with the latter just show up this Saturday at Chad's place starting at 7am (4141 West Waltann Drive in Glendale.) No experience needed just show up willing to help. If you haven't already come up with something juicy for the raffle at our annual event get busy and locate something. Your contributions are mightily appreciated! And while we're talking about Jerome here's some reminders from the Board: Vendors are welcome and should plan on showing up and registering at the gate (it's only an extra \$5 for the entire weekend to sell as much "new" stuff as you wish. Everyone else is welcome to swap used parts from their campsite at no additional cost. The only vendor rules are that you can't sell food (unless your name is Will Davis or Mark Michel) The contests (slow drag, tattoo, old bike, pet show) are all 50/50. If you've never seen the Pet Show you haven't lived. If you have witnessed it you're probably in therapy. We would probably vote early for Melissa's cat based on its amazing talent of locking her out of the house in the middle of the summer heat. Be careful what you teach those critters. July also means fun in Flagstaff compliments of Janyel and her band of merry makers at the Flagstaff KOA. Only a week after is another fantastic opportunity to cool off on the rim with more VW fanatics; both events are detailed in the Coming Events. While these are both fine events with plenty of bus and people eye candy the real deal is only 2 months away; your club's signature event JEROME JAMBOREE is right around the corner so what are you doing to help? We need help with the raffle bus for starters; just show up and start sanding or whatever Chad asks you to do. We need folks to volunteer at the booth to sell tickets and club crap and we always need warm bodies at the gate to keep an eye on comers and goers. If this sounds like something you can do then come to the general meeting, call a board member like our events coordinator Bob Patyi or get on the Yahoo group and please volunteer. Thanks and enjoy your July Newsletter!

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If one comes to a general meeting, work party or event they are liable to meet someone who shares the same philosophy about old VW's. Whether you joined the club to learn more about your ride or to get involved with campouts or shows you are among friends, and lots of them! But what if your interest lies somewhere off the beaten path? How many times have you driven down the highway and noticed a dirt road leading up into the mountains and asked yourself, "Where does that go?" There are a small number of club members who enjoy exploring the less civilized parts of the state and would probably follow you up that road just to see where it goes. Because it's someplace new or because they know their buses are capable of doing more than hauling carcasses and ice chests to the usual events. In early August anyone with such inclinations has the opportunity to explore the higher elevations of the state with a comfortable built in base camp in the form of VW's on the Rim. Anyone who has driven around the Mogollon rim knows there are numerous jeep trails and logging roads just beckoning high-clearance vehicles like buses. Heck the whole state has areas where, within reason, one can get away from it all. This month's Newsletter features one such expedition into the Sierra Anchas in search of ancient civilizations and it was all done in buses! If you've done something like this please tell us about it. If you've always wanted to do something like this speak up at a general meeting or get on the Yahoo group and suggest a destination. Whatever you do we sincerely hope that you find the club fun and worthwhile!

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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and you thought your place was a wreck.

Given the photos that ran in last month's issue one could be forgiven for thinking that the recent Pinal Campout was anything more than a VW-themed smorgasbord. And for the most

part it was but for a few lucky enthusiasts the end of Pinal marked the beginning of a second, completely different trip. After leaving on Sunday Gary, Joyce, Bruce and the editor enjoyed one last meal at El Rey, stocked up on groceries in Globe and headed north to explore an area of the Sierra Anchas famous for its rugged canyons, free flowing streams and ancient cliff dwellings. The road up to Cherry creek, upon whose banks we camped, is narrow and steep with several



challenging sections. In other words, perfect for a bus. Warning; do not attempt the Cherry Creek road without taking all the usual back country precautions. There is no cell service and at a certain point near the Ellison ranch the road is no longer maintained and becomes extremely rough. We were sporting all terrain tires and still had to get out and fix the road in a few spots. We made it about as far as we were going to get and selected an old campsite nestled under a stand of cottonwoods within spitting distance of the creek. Our buses were camouflaged by a healthy mesquite bosque and the only eyes that witnessed our afternoon dip into the cool water were those belonging to the stray bovines lounging in the shade. Soon enough it was dark and although Red Flag conditions prevented a camp fire the heavens provided more than enough entertainment with constellations both real and imagined. We were also visited by a large, healthy canine named Buddy who happily vacuumed up every unattended morsel in our general vicinity. Morning came and we headed North up the rough dirt road excited to be so close to the Pueblo Canyon cliff dwellings! The narrow road climbs and winds its way up and around hairpin turns with breath-taking drop offs into the ravine below. Rocks, some the size of pumpkins, cover much of the track necessitating constant attention from driver and copilot. Only 4 miles from our destination we were forced to stop in Devil's Chasm Canyon where a recent flash flood had washed the bridge into



the ravine below. If we'd belonged to the Humvee Club we could have proceeded but thought better and pulled into some nearby shade to consider our options. Our disappointment was soon replaced by excitement when Hilpert realized we were in fact standing at a trailhead from which one could hike up to a cliff dwelling. Some young campers nearby confirmed his suspicion and said it was an "easy hike" to the ruins. That should have been a clue. Now

if the commercial or archaeological value of the archaeological resources exceeds the sum of \$500, such person shall be fined not more than \$500. In the case of a second or subsequent such violation upon conviction both.

that he has been there and lived to tell the story, the editor wishes to emphasize what sort of "hike" is required to reach these dwellings. We were completely unprepared for the rock climbing skills one would need to successfully ascend this canyon and it was only luck that prevented us from having to be carried out on a stretcher. Do not attempt this hike under any circumstances! Wait for the road to be repaired and then visit the much more accessible Pueblo Canyon Complex. But since we did the hike and visited the ruins and made it out alive it's only fair to describe what we saw. The Salado people were master masons and constructed these sturdy and easily defendable castles using heavy, flat stones and timbers brought in from distant forests. The interiors were chinked with mud and the impressions of the builder's fingers are still plainly visible in the dried clay even after 1,000 years have passed. But the hike to get there is HELL, plain and simple. The trail, visible for the first 30 minutes follows along a babbling brook then peters out and cairns are the only clue to the direction one should take. Soon you are climbing on all fours scrambling over large rock falls and squeezing between house-sized boulders. Two sections require repelling using ropes left over from previous climbers. Just when we were ready to give up the dwellings came into view. Words cannot describe the majesty these castles command and their condition was stunning. We visited all the rooms and were careful to touch nothing and leave nothing but footprints. Soon enough we departed sliding down the "trail" soon discovering that the only handles Mother Nature provided for keeping our balance were conveniently covered in thorns. This was the most dangerous part of the hike and we took turns losing footing and sliding over rocks as hard and sharp as they come. Back at camp we marveled at our experience and a visiting rancher commented that our scrapes and bruises were minor compared to several unlucky hikers he'd helped extricate over the years. Mr. Nathan Ellison is descended from pioneer stock and knows the area well. Don't be surprised if he pays you a visit bright and early some morning when you may not have yet given much thought to getting up. Visit Cherry Creek in your bus. Take some friends and enjoy the vistas and cool, flowing creek. Be prepared to rough it and resist the temptation to take any artifacts home (other than the museum piece you drove to get there.)



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A BC Coming Events!

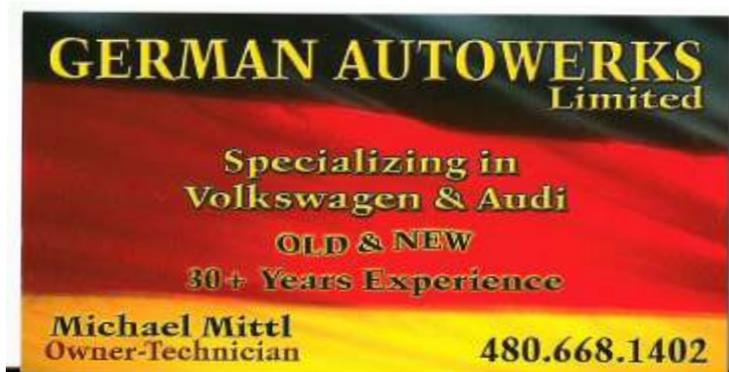
July 23rd Raffle Bus Work Party 4141 Waltann Drive Glendale

July 29th - 31st High Altitude
Campout Flagstaff, AZ 2011 High
Altitude Kampout July 29th – 31st

*Price \$8 per person/per night kids
12 & under are free*FREE
VENDING!!!*Gates open Friday at
8am-early arrivals please see the
registration booth to pay and
receive your
wristband/sticker/registration.*Bou
nce House open daily 9am-7pm for
the kids*Splash Park opens daily
9am-7pm*Kamp Kitchen will be
serving breakfast daily from
6:30am-10:30am*On site grocery
store selling beer, wine, soda, food
and VW gear open daily from 8am-
9pm.*There is free morning coffee
and a usable microwave in the
store.*Bathroom/showers &
laundry facilities open 24 hours a
day, we have brought in additional

port-o-potties for the weekend that
will be located near the event
center *There are large stainless
outdoor sinks with hot water to
wash dishes *Free Wi-Fi
throughout the park no code or
password needed*Frozen
Margarita Booth*We sell block &
cube ice onsite for \$2.25 a 12
pound bag*There are picnic tables,
water & electricity at each site*We
are pet friendly as long as they are
leashed and cleaned up after*We'll
be selling event t-shirts*We are a
GREEN campground with full
onsite recycling*We have a band
playing both nights in the Korral
*Raffle will be held Saturday night
at 6pm there is LOTS of cool stuff
valued at over \$3000!!*The
Havasu boys will be holding a Corn
whole tournament with the winner
receiving free passes to Buses by
the Bridge 2012!If you want to view
pics, or get info. on the
kampground you can visit us online
at www.FlagstaffKOA.com

August 5th - 7th VW's on the RIM
near Heber, AZ Horizontally
Opposed along with our friends the
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A BC Coming Events!

1st Annual VW's on the Rim.

The Event location is on the Black Canyon Lake Road which is also known as Fr300. The turn off is 500 feet East of mile marker 291 on the right hand side of the road coming East from Payson. The Event will be about 1 mile in on your right. Look for the signs guiding you.

There will be plenty of clean J-Johns. 600 gallon fresh water tank for all to use. RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS: PLEASE, NO BEER BOTTLES, BABY DIAPERS, or TRASH to be put in the J-Johns. We have to pay extra for this to be removed from them.

All dogs are to be kept on a leash even in your Campsite. No exceptions. If we have to tell you more than once, you will be asked to leave.

No ATV's ALLOWED AT ALL. This is a rule set forth by the Forest Service

Quiet time is from 10 pm until 6 am. PLEASE be respectful of your fellow campers as this is a family Event and there will be kids there.

This is a PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT camp out. Which means you bring it with you, you take it back with you.

This Event will be held the weekend after the Flagstaff KOA meet, so why not make a week of it and come on over and have a nice relaxing time with good folks.

For more info you can contact J.D. at 928-848-7915 Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8 am til 5 pm. or e-mail at saltydog@commspeed.net.

August 10th - ABC Board meeting
Boston Market 2712 N. Scottsdale Road. 6:30 pm

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

JEROME JAMBOREEXXRAFFLEBUS WANTS, NEEDS, AND WISHLIST

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

Interior:

Seat padding - **Wolfsburg West**

Seat cover

Door panels

Floor mat - **Wolfsburg West**

Steering wheel - **Koch's Restoration**

Dome light lens - **Wolfsburg West**

Visors - **Wolfsburg West**

Exterior, body, glass:

Apron - **Chad Jacobson**

Wiper blades **Wolfsburg West**

Interior mirror

Felt kit - **Wolfsburg West**

Rear bumper (complete) - **Wolfsburg West**

Inner rockers - both sides - **Wolfsburg West**

Battery Tray - **Wolfsburg West**

Cargo Floor Material - **Mark Michels**

Funky Green Metal - **Bustoration**

Outriggers **Wolfsburg West**

Lower 8" Nose

Rockers **Wolfsburg West**

Jack points **Wolfsburg West**

Wolfsburg West

Front bumper guards **Wolfsburg West**

Splash pans **Wolfsburg West**

Tires - **Eric O'Mara**

14" Rims - **Chad Jacobson**

Side mirrors complete **Richie Parrish**

Clutch kit w/ TO bearing

Rubber gas neck collar **Wolfsburg West**

License plate bracket **Wolfsburg West**

Paint -

Hubcaps **Wolfsburg West**

Gas cap **Richie Parrish**

Electrical:

Headlight assembly

License light lens and gasket

Fuel tank sending unit

Mechanical:

Engine build

Front Brake Cylinders **German Autowerks**

Rear brake Cylinders **German Autowerks**

Front/rear brakes flex lines **German Autowerks**

Master Cylinder

Front and rear shoes **German Autowerks**

Brake seal kit **German Autowerks**

Shocks

Transmission mounts **Bob Smith**

Bilstein jack - **Bob Smith**

Tie rods - **Bob Smith**

Drag link **Bob Smith**

Link Pins **Bob Smith**

Center pin kit **Bob Smith**

Wheel bearings **Bob Smith**

Speedo cable **Wolfsburg West**

Shift coupler **Wolfsburg West**

Clutch cable **Wolfsburg West**

Accelerator cable **Wolfsburg West**

Axle boots **Richie Parrish**

Swing lever kit

Rubber:

Windshield seals - **Wolfsburg West**

Rear window seal - **Wolfsburg West**

Vent Seals (R&L) - **Wolfsburg West**

Door handle rubber - **Wolfsburg West**

Front door rubber kit - **Wolfsburg West**

Deck lid seal - **Wolfsburg West**

Deck lid hinge seals - **Wolfsburg West**

Engine tin seal kit **Richie Parrish**

Taillight seals **Wolfsburg West**

Headlight lens seals - **Wolfsburg West**

Headlight bucket seals - **Wolfsburg West**

E-brake boot - **Wolfsburg West**

Shifter boot **Richie Parrish**

Knee knocker pad - **Wolfsburg West**

Pedal pads - **Wolfsburg West**

Gas door bumpers -

Fresh air flap and bumper - **Wolfsburg West**

Fresh air rubbers - **Wolfsburg West**

Wiper grommets -

Ft. Door Window Seal Kit **Wolfsburg West**

Cargo door seal kit - **Wolfsburg West**

Pop out rubber (6) - **Wolfsburg West**

Turn signal seal kit **Wolfsburg West**

*William Cassidy donated \$50 cash!

**Rich Reeder donated \$100 cash!

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