

Arizona Bug Club

August 2014



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Hey there!
September 10th – General meeting!
The SECOND week of September
at the Waterdome.

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Behind The Wheel by Phil Dracman

Somehow our Bus Club Prez managed to sneak off to his favorite laughing place for a good portion of July. When we finally caught up with him at the Flagstaff KOA we knew where he had been as he kept mumbling something about 'boy are we in luck! We're thinking of our laughing place. Yuk yuk yuk yuk. Everybody's got a...' and then he'd walk off again into the maze of surrounding buses. Where ever our Prez disappeared to for July it obviously helped out with a lot of his issues.



Flagstaff KOA. The maze of surrounding buses.

He came back recharged, witty and crazier than ever. Jamboree planning is in full effect and, thanks to our busy board members, is almost done. A few details regarding kid activities, bands, food vendors, vending in general, port-o-potties, garbage hauling, organizing volunteers, manning the booths, Bus Club swag, securing a chalker, chalking the lines, investigating the jamboree site, gate supplies & copies, club booth supplies, event booth supplies, checking the stage, raffle prizes and coordinating



transport of all the club stuff to the Jamboree site and...we're done! Yes, this Jamboree should be

one of the better Jamborees yet. And if it's not, then we'd encourage you to come next year when we'll be celebrating our 25th Anniversary and we can easily promise you the best time you've ever had bar none. So what else is lined up for this year? Good question! We've got trouble looking beyond the Jamboree, but we know Volkstock, held at fear farm is the last weekend in October, the Yuma show is the first weekend in November, the light parade is the first weekend in December followed by the best holiday party ever (Three Days long!) over the second weekend in December.



The thing grabbed the Slazenger 6 off the course and ran back into the woods. Damn. Prez G vacation pic.

If those events don't put you in the right spirit for the holidays, I suggest you visit another campsite and see what they're serving.



It's funnier if you say it out loud. Prez G vacation pic.

Reserve a weekend in January to head out to Lake Havasu and we start this Bus madness all over again. Just a reminder, we've got 5 weeks or so before the Jamboree. Plenty of time for you to get out there in the mornings and spend some quality time with your bus. The wife is probably still in bed anyhow. Kick the tires to see if they'll hold air,

change the oil (can't remember the last time I did) run some water on the windows, chase the vermin out, perhaps some vacuuming is in order? Bleed the brakes(why worry? They'll pump up right?) Put the charger on the battery for a day (or buy a battery because **that** one was repurposed) torque the heads(call someone if you need help), set the valves, rouse the wife & go for a test ride! (She'll thank you, believe me!) Then you can set about creating your camping menu (Sausages? Check! Beer? Check!) And we're done!



Label said 'Drink Me' So we did. Flagstaff KOA!

Fine Print Department – August 2014

In case your spouse or tax advisor asks you about spending money on or with the Arizona Bus Club, you can respond to them that: the Arizona Bus Club is an official 501(c)(3) not-for-profit Public Charity and you will choose how and with whom you wish to commune. That's right, just like donating to your favorite tabernacle the Arizona Bus Club can receive tax deductible donations of almost any type and give you that warm feeling of contributing to a tax exempt organization that you can truly believe in. Trust me! Consult your tax advisor to see if it's to your benefit and then donate anyway.

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! (just kidding about raising the price, 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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If your dues are not sent to the PO Box, our Membership Coordinator, Darla, won't update your membership. The Arizona Bus Club cannot be held responsible or track dues sent to any other address. So please, give our delivery boy something to retrieve and mail it to the PO Box. Thank U!

The club is currently meeting at the Walterdome, the happiest place in Phoenix, located at 6425 E Thomas

Rd., Scottsdale AZ. cleverly disguised as a lumber yard it is, in fact, our home. Should you decide to come to our meeting, bring something to eat as food is not served, bring something to drink 'cause you will get thirsty, and bring something to share, preferably Warsteiner pils, because our Prez thinks he's of Viking heritage. Don't argue, just do it. And then be prepared to be welcomed into one of the better VW clubs in the southwest or....anywhere for that matter.



Relentless. Tasty. Inspired. True. It should run for our Board.

Your 2014 Bus Club Board includes:

Arrogant Bastard – David Murphy
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 If you're looking to contact our board, might I suggest:
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Introducing: The 'Dude'. Prez vacation pic.

One more thing and then you can get to the rest of the pictures, (crayons at their ready!) The views and opinions expressed in the Arizona Bus Club newsletter are those of individual contributors and are not necessarily those

of the board, general members or the editor unless otherwise stated. No Arizona Bus Club board member or general member, past or present shall be held liable for any damages, death, paper cuts, injury or harm resulting from the use or misuse of any information contained in the newsletter or the newsletter itself. We actually do have a pretty good legal team and we're not afraid to use them.



Twenty by forty. The only way to go.

Who's Asking? Department

So, right, as promised, the answer to the question of "how do you stay dry at the Flagstaff KOA?"

Simple. Twenty by forty. That, and not having much rain after you've arrived. Evidently if you wanted to experience a lot of rain, then you should have shown up on Thursday. Lesson for next year.

This year the Prez hosted his own campsite and did so with a fair amount of success. Here's how you can too!



An evening down under... twenty by forty.

Get yourself an agri tarp cut at 20ft x 40ft (you should pay money for it) and find trees at the KOA big enough & spaced far enough apart to support the tarp and the supporting lines. Task made simple. Now, where do you get one of these tarps? Dunno, but they're big enough to cover the big cotton bales

in the fields. (Hint, hint! jk) Voila! An incredible amount of dry real estate appears under this monster tarp which acts as a social magnet for the evening's activities. The Prez was glad he didn't have to go too far for entertainment as Kyle T. parked his 60ft fifth wheel just across the road. More on this later.



Camp next to this guy and you'll never be without.

The world beer tour took an awkward turn on Saturday when the rain clouds set in and the Presidential tarp began to hold water. Good thing if you're in the swimming pool, bad thing if you're under the swimming pool. As we found out, the tarp sheds water but does not hold water. Droplets continued to form underneath until purged which became somewhat distracting half way thru the tour.

The tour was pretty good regardless. Beck's was the German beer of choice, Heinekin from Holland,



Diggin the rally stripes!

Stella from Belgium, Bud light (Oy Ray!) 'merican, Guinness from Guinnesslund, and Murphy's oil soap and breakfast beer syrup combination. (Whoa, didn't know if I was going to finish my portion.) Pics of some of the other liquids served are shown earlier in this newsletter. Truth is, these aren't my notes. Someone else was keeping track of what was going down. We all agreed though, we're doing this next year!



Lovin the Flagstaff KOA Kampout.

New Game Department

Hey Clubbers, Prez here with a new camp game! At the Flagstaff KOA games of L.R.C. can be very entertaining. After having participated in a couple rounds I can honestly say you need Luck to win. I was able to duck out of a follow up round of L.C.R. to visit one of the founders of Bus Club, Kyle T. Lemme say, an evening with Kyle is like several long weekends all rolled into one, and will take you about as long to recover. Briefly, the evening started with a 2oz shot of some really decent stuff that I'm sure Kyle distilled himself. The evening went on escorted by tunes from Asylum Street Spankers, Zappa's Thingfish & Joe's Garage, Mojo Nixon and the Saddle Tramps. And then, for whatever reason, the evening's interactive entertainment consisted of a game Kyle called 'Pinchy-pinch'. Here we go!



According to Kyle, pinchy-pinch was better than 'Slappy-slap', as it was easier, both on the game pieces and on the human anatomy. So I allowed

myself to become indulged one round of Pinchy-pinch which, evidently, takes up the whole evening.



The silver bus inspired my parents to purchase one.

The game pieces consist of colored, spring loaded clothes pins. The object is to attach them to outer garments or exposed skin of the other participants. Points are awarded when the game pieces are removed. Each person is assigned a color pin to keep track of whose pins are whose and participants are allowed to rotate in and out of the game as they see fit. Pinchy-pinch appeared to be a 'men only' game, although women were encouraged to play. Strategy? Drink the full shot when it's offered. Game tagline: Easy to learn, lifetime to master. Rating: 4.5 of 5 clothespins. Pretty good! As I write this review I am just now answering a question I had the following morning regarding black & blue marks appearing on my arms and ears. Not sure if I won.

New Members! We warned them and they showed up anyway.

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>
Tim & Danielle Lomax	San Tan Valley
Louis & Angela Williams	Chandler
Nina Tejeda	Whittman
Cathy Gaydos	Phoenix
Jackson Rowland	Phoenix
Stephen & Diane Dorsey	Surprise!
Joe & Judy Hemmen	Bushnell, SD
Daniel Stevenson	Tonto Basin
Willkommen in der South West die besten vw-Bus club aller Zeiten! Prost!	

Note: We found Ray & Dolly! Good seeing you both at the Flagstaff KOA.

MIA Members: Dunno where they went. Their newsletter keeps returning. Help us help find them.

Name	Last known sighting
Scott Booth	Scotts...dale (WTF?)
David Lehan	Saturn (He's out there!)
Scott Booth	Sorry, did that one already.



Half off all menu items with current Bus Cub membership.

Coming Events Department

Wed - August 20th – General Meeting

It doesn't cost anything to attend the meeting except gas money, food for the family, a canned food donation, peanut butter, raffle prizes & foamy beverage. Thanks goes out to Kirk, Ricky, Ryan & the gang for allowing our Club to use & abuse the Walterdome.

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.

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.



We'll see you next year at the Flagstaff KOA.

JAMBOREE ENTRY FEE:

Only \$15 per vehicle per nite. We've kept the price down for years and we just can't any longer. Walkin fee is \$5 per person Friday & Saturday, \$10 per person on Sunday. Vendors are \$35 for the weekend.

Please drink accordingly and plan responsibly.



He who drives this bus, consider him for spiritual guidance.

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.

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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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.

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 FOUR months to plan for this 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!



I promise to remind Ted about his 'June' project.

December 12th – 14th Christmas Party

As I understand it, Dean Martin, a VW Bus aficionado, had no problem with his Christmas parties ending in mid January. So, Bus Club has no problem with a 3 day holiday party. We’re taking the holiday party to the base of the White Tank mountain range. (West Saieeed) Bring a holiday side dish to share at our Saturday afternoon feast as well as your appetite.

Special note: No General meeting in December.

We’ll discuss the important stuff that weekend for those who are interested.

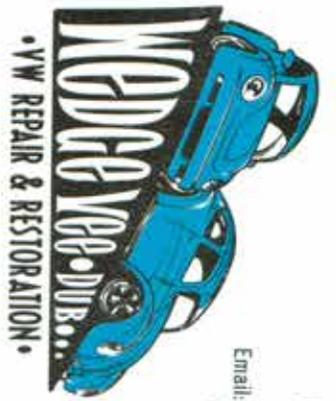
All other weekends/weekdays:

Anyone interested in a reconnaissance cruise? I’m thinking about an area just south of Prescott or Crown King?

Next Month Dept:



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