



Good bye 2013. It's been fun.

Helloo 2014, I hope you're ready!

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Behind the Wheel

Much to the disappointment of some, the newsletter is finally done and, as promised, available in newsstands, just in time for the ball to drop and way before the deadline of next months news.

Wow, again the holidays swept thru the humble offices of our publication without warning and we all agree that it seems like the holidays are over before they got started. Combining the Bus Club calendar with the holiday calendar is sometimes as easy as sorting out that electrical issue. (Hint: replace it all.) This holiday season was off to an excellent start with Volkstock in early November, followed with Buses by the River the following weekend, followed by Turkeyday, a quick four day weekend, the APS light parade, the Bus Club



Mr. & Mrs. Clause making time for our holiday party.
Christmas party out at Usery Pass, Christmas in the middle of the week and New Years! If you're gearing up for next year to do it all, better start now.

Or pick the events you want to attend, but that leads to stories of 'you shouldda been there!', 'best time ever' and then you'll feel left out. Seriously, there is no 'good' advice on how to do it all. O.k., one thing we at news have learned is to tune your bus up in October after the ABC Jamboree 'cause you'll never find the time once the fun begins. And second, after reading last month's newsletter we discovered that its o.k. to write the news with a buzz, but not so good to edit the news with a buzz (even though it sounded like a good idea at the time. But then whose thoughts have sound?) I digress. This coming year of Bus Club is looking up to be a good year. (we'll let you know if it achieves 'great' status.) We've got an excellent raffle bus candidate thanks to some good karma and great club members who were able to donate on the spot to help snag it.



Absolutely no animals were harmed creating this issue.
We've got some new board members who have sworn on a stack of Idiot's manuals, personally signed by John Muir, to keep this club focused and fun. We've got new clueless members who are enthusiastic about owning a bus, joining our club and getting out there to drive! So many positive waves, how can anything go wrong? Um, yeah, let's not ask that last question just yet. (Maybe this time next year, we'll be safe asking.) January completes the Bus Club holiday season with attendance at BBB and then February is an excellent time to tune your bus up for the Four Peaks overnite. (Maybe we can find some snow this time.) Lot's of fun things still await you my fellow clubber. Save room in your schedule for some of them and enjoy your Holiday news! - G

November election results Department

Hey clubbers, as we start another year, remember to swap out the names in your roll-o-dex!

Your 2014 Bus Club Board includes:

Event Coor. – David Murphy – On Yahoo groups
Membership – Darla Amatasin – On Yahoo groups
Treasurer – Team Evans – On Yahoo groups
Sergeant at Arms – Will Davis - On Yahoo groups
Vice President – Jeremiah Polynone – On Yahoo
Secretary – Kris or Joyce – On Yahoo groups
President – Gary Lampinen – One Yahoo

If you're looking for phone numbers, start with the bathroom walls at Usery Pass, otherwise we'll be posting them soon.



Happy clubbers at our Holiday party. Ask anyone and they'll agree, it's better than staying at home.

Where are we going to go?

Asking me? Straight to hell if you don't amend your evil ways. Oh, Where are we meeting in January? Hey gang, evidently the Bus Club President's sinister plan to move the General meeting place to a 'central' Phoenix location was discovered and thwarted by a small contingent of bus club commandos known only as the East Side Bullis. Yes, it's true that our beloved president was caught red handed schmoozing the event manager, Michelle, at Aunt Chilada's in order to secure a better room and more waitresses. Witnesses will confirm our president's left hand was dripping in 'red sauce' as he 'fumbled' a chip and over estimated the depth of the bowl. Our president upset the bowl of red sauce into the lap of Michelle causing an immediate panic to ensue within the Aunt Chilada's restaurant during the regularly scheduled Bocci tourney which in turn altered the

score of the game so the Sunnyslope Bowlers will be advancing to the finals and not the Arcadia Tumblers. Needless to say our president was asked not to come back on Bocci night to talk business. The search for a better meeting place continues and we will be posting it on yahoogroups as soon as we find one.

I CAN'T GET ENOUGH BUS CLUB!

I know, right? So, if seeing your ABC friends at meetings, work parties, campouts or at the local pub isn't enough, you can now communicate with each other via the ABC yahoo group! Sounds obvious for...obvious reasons but this group of yahoos has a yahoo group on, would you believe, yahoogroups? Instructions: Step one - Send an e-mail to: Arizonabusclub-subscribe@yahoogroups.com and then join in on the fun!

I WANT TO CONTRIBUTE AN ARTICLE!

Silly rabbit, everyone wants to read their contribution in our newsletter and subject our subscribers to their particular version of bad grammar, run on sentences, dangling participles, nasty verbage and odd punctuation. Just remember our news editor has high standards regarding what gets published and what is left for next month's news. These standards include the following: article should be in English, as most of our reader base understands English when the news is read to them. Articles should have a beginning, a middle and when they come to the end, they stop and wrap themselves up in a nice tidy package that's easy to understand. Rumors about articles written in crayon are true and we will publish them as is. Articles should relate to VW buses somehow. (Even if the article was written in a bus. Good start!) And finally, articles must be submitted before the deadline or they risk winding up in the newsletter of the following month. All this being said, please send your bus stories, bus anecdotes, bus jokes & bus pics to busclubeditor@gmail.com if you'd like to see them published. Take it from me, submitting an article is non-habit forming, clears up acne overnight and can get you noticed by the fairer sex!

Space Available

MEMBERSHIP DUES are STILL only \$20 per year. WHAT? I know, we might be upping that amount soon, so get your renewal dues in QUICK before our new Board change the amount. Please send your dues & renewals in the form of Check, M.O. or EBT debit cards to:

**Arizona Bus Club c/o Membership
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Send dues in the form of bus parts & pieces or raffle bus donations c/o Chad Jacobsen. Send dues in the form of cash or gold bullion to Gary Lampinen. Upon receipt of payment, we will do our best to update your membership to ensure you continue to receive this quality publication throughout the year to keep you up to date on Bus Club activities.

DISCLAIMER: Hey gang, we can be the source of good information and really bad rumors so please understand that: The views and opinions expressed in the Arizona Bus Club newsletter are those of the individual contributors and are not necessarily those of the board, general members or the editors unless otherwise stated. Usually it's the beer talking. No Arizona Bus Club board member, past or present, shall be held liable for any damages, death, injury, paper cuts or harm resulting from the use or misuse of any information contained in the newsletter or the newsletter itself.



2014 raffle bus motor sat for 12 years, cranked right up.

Gettin' it on & Takin' it off Dept By Roy

Our vintage VW's are as simple as nuts and bolts...or are they? Are you driving a 35+ year old air cooled VW and are wanting a little insurance that you'll make it to

your intended destination? Well it all starts with nuts & bolts and knowing what you're doing.... although lately, if you've got a smart phone and 3G service wherever you may have broken down...a YouTube video might just save your day. Beyond that...just knowing a vintage VW is just made up of a lot of simple parts that merely need to mesh correctly much like a bolt and nut is really all it takes to keep it going.

One of the first things my mechanical mentor and beloved aviator father taught me was about nuts and bolts. Me being 6-7 years old and sifting through his bottomless buckets of aircraft bolts trying to attach some noise making gizmo to my bicycle I crossed threaded and stripped my first bolt...it would not tighten and it would not loosen, just stuck there and flopping around errgh! It was then he taught me about hacksaws and a lesson learned on how hardware has to mate correctly. My father informed me about American (SAE) vs Japanese (Metric) and how they can't mix and how you should be able to hand thread on a nut the entire length of the bolt and if not you'll have an issue sooner or later. Then came a lecture about the helix that could be left hand or right hand thread...castle nuts...locknuts...safety wire...thread pitch...threads per inch...one start...two start...tapered threads...coarse thread...fine thread...until he showed me his vast collection of taps, dies, numbered drill bits and the large thread chart poster hanging on the basement wall. This is the moment when I learned that any two pieces of metal could be turned into a mechanical fastener...not long after this he taught me to weld which I think was to just keep me from breaking or losing all his bits, taps and dies ☺

I was reflecting on this lesson the other day while trying to remove a bumper nut that I distinctly remember going on rather tuff a few weeks ago...what I should have done before getting out the cheater bar and force cranking that nut on was to wire brush off the threads, file any burrs and possibly running a die down that booger'd bolt. Remember this lesson folks and you'll thank my dear old dad one day yourself.

Just remember that an inch of prevention will keep your VW going for many more kilometers!

Keep on Buss'n!

Roy

General Meeting Notes Department



Good enough to eat. Decorated gingerbread buses!

Hey gang, if you missed the last meeting like I did, here are some of the things recorded by one of our more responsible members. Just an FYI.

RE Donations: Paradise Valley Foodbank can always use your donation of non-perishable food items. During the months of June, July & August the demand for these goods increases dramatically but they can use your donations year round. Evelyn and her bus Valentine collect these goods at each meeting for your donating convenience.

RE MLK Day: David Murphy made mention that Mesa is hosting a parade on the Monday following BBB. Many faces, one community is the theme with the idea being that Bus owners & drivers come from many backgrounds. You don't have to decorate your bus for this parade, just show for it if you can. Entirees need to be in place by 10:30am. Parade will last 25-30 min. David's flyer to be posted on yahoo.

RE Work Parties at Chad's: Chad will post when he hosts. List of things to bring to help Chad cut his own expenses will be posted. It's always a fun time and there's always something to do toward preparing for this year's Jamboree whether it's prepping the bus for paint, assisting with the draining of beer bottles, or brainstorming new camping locations. Hope to see you there.

RE Bus Club giving: Considering the increasing cost of restoring a raffle bus, the board decided to split \$2500.00 between Arizona organizations including: Jerome Volunteer Fire Department Auxillary, Arizona Humane society and Make-a-wish Foundation.

From the archives Department

Folks, somewhere along the line we missed posting the article regarding the Red Barn Roundup held back in October of this year. So, in an effort to do some house keeping we are publishing this article now! By Roy Jonas



Beautiful view from the top of Mt. Lemmon.

Wow, what a great event this weekend...the Tucson Bus Mob knows how to produce a sweet campout, cruise and show! Bravo to all that made it happen! I thoroughly enjoyed myself this weekend...hope I did not get any on anyone :p

I received very warm welcoming from the TBM... almost like someone called down there beforehand and asked them to schmooze me... :) Some really good peoples down there and no drama...wonder if they are accepting new members?



Lining up for the Chirco cruise. Tucson represent!

They also have some very nice VWs in the scene and the Chirco store appeared to be a thriving business supporting the hobby. Swap meet was bustling and there was quite a crowd by the time we split just before noon and took a scenic trip to the

top of Mt Lemon. No issues with Andy, Chad or my bus on the trip other than a pesky clogged idle jet in my bus that I cleared while the boys were scarfing down some vittles.

An awesome entry in my ever growing adventures in Arizona.

Later,

Roy

The Missouri Micros gave up a true gem of a member when Roy decided to take his clan west last year. Their loss is our gain, and a true gain it is. Experience galore and friendship in abundance graced our club when Roy showed up. Thanks for looking us up and giving us a chance Roy!



Happy New Year everyone!



Some things to do in Alaska. Right to left, Alaskan amber, Alaskan pale, Alaskan summer, Alaskan wheat, Alaskan IPA, Alaskan...

Fulfilling promises Department

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, I was going to say some things about my trip to Alaska. Not to bore anyone with vacation info but if you have an opportunity to go, do it and take someone with you to share the experience. I took the easy

route and let someone else plan (me Mum), and yes, pay for the trip. I enjoyed a vacation with my family that I will not forget. Some of our club members have traveled Hwy 1, 2, 3 & 4 in Alaska in their buses and have detailed stories of their Journeys to share with you. Wiley Roberts & Mike Wood are two club members that come to mind that have traveled the Alaskan roads (no, not together) and Melissa Jess is another member who can offer plenty of advice if you're looking to plan a trip. Mom, thank you for a wonderful experience! G2.



Meanwhile, somewhere in Ketchikan Alaska...

New Member Department

Just like any organization where you're the nubie, we too enjoy recognizing new members to our club.

Name	From
Rick & Josie Cross	Glendale, AZ
Andy Kunz	Peoria, AZ
Wayne Olson	Gilbert, AZ
Larry Gregg	Dewey, AZ
Avery Bill	Portland, OR
Christina Vanda	Gilbert, AZ
Dutch Van Den Berg	Tempe, AZ
Rebecca Talbert	Cottonwood, AZ
Jeff Cosgrove	Prescott Valley, AZ
Ed & Sandi Lampinen	Glendale, AZ
Jerry & Kim Lindvig	Phoenix, AZ

Everyone, thank you for showing interest in our Bus Club. We hope to see every one of you at an upcoming event!

Things to remember for the coming year Dept.

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Swaps & Want ads Department

What better way to put out into the universe what you want, need or have to share with others. Send your requests & notices to: **Busclubeditor@gmail.com**

We'll make sure to include them in our next issue! Deadline for submissions is usually the 5th of the month unless there is a good excuse and then its negotiable.

Kimbrough, Richard G writes: I'm out cleaning up a bit and found a couple of things I'm selling. I have a pair of bug ball joint dropped spindles from CB Performance. Installed once and then removed without ever driving on them. \$140 or will trade for bus parts. I also have a used bench mount engine stand. First \$25 takes it. Contact Richard on yahoogroups if he hasn't sold it already.

Our esteemed President G writes: For Sale-complete VR6 engine. No electronic brain. \$3000. VR6 Kennedy adaptor plate for bus tranny w/ flywheel \$500. Contact on yahoogroups.



Hats off to the ones hiding in Alaska!

Interview Department

Due to space limitations in this issue, our interview article with Pat Kelly will be published in next month's issue. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Coming Events Department

Buses by the Bridge 18 - Lake Havasu City,
January 16, 2014 - January 19, 2014

Visit www.thesamba.com under 'Community' for more info & details.

Mesa Diversity Parade - Mesa

January 20th – Contact David Murphy for more info or prod him to e-mail you a flyer with more details!



President G attempts to channel raffle bus karma.

Free Swap Meet @ Airkewld - Goodyear January 25th

Airkewld is putting on our first FREE Swap Meet of the year. Saturday, January 25th, from 6:00am to 12 noon MST, bring all your VW stuff that is clogging up your garage so that you can free up some cash for your build. The cost is ZERO, FREE, NADA out of your pocket. Anyone who comes to set up, will get a free shirt and sticker pack and we will have lots of coffee and donuts for everyone while supplies last.

We will also have used and scratch-n-sniff products available at discounted rates for this specific occasion.

Please make plans to come out and enjoy the day with VW's and people who love them.

If we get enough people interested, maybe we will set up a VW display area and have a people choice award. Let's see what we can do!! More info available on-line.

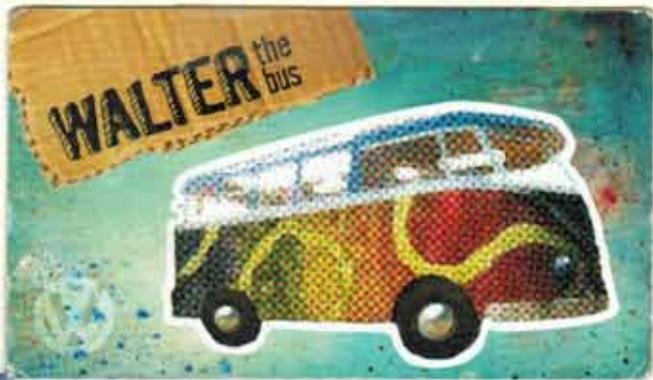
February- Raffle bus party weekends

Keep your eyes open for the opportunities to head over to Chad's or Jeremiah's place to work on the raffle bus or if you've got some issues of your own that need sorting out, bring 'em & we can work thru 'em together!

Late Feb – Early March – Anyone for a Cruise/Campout to Roosevelt Lake?

May – Mt. Pinal

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Don't worry; prosperity will knock on your door soon.

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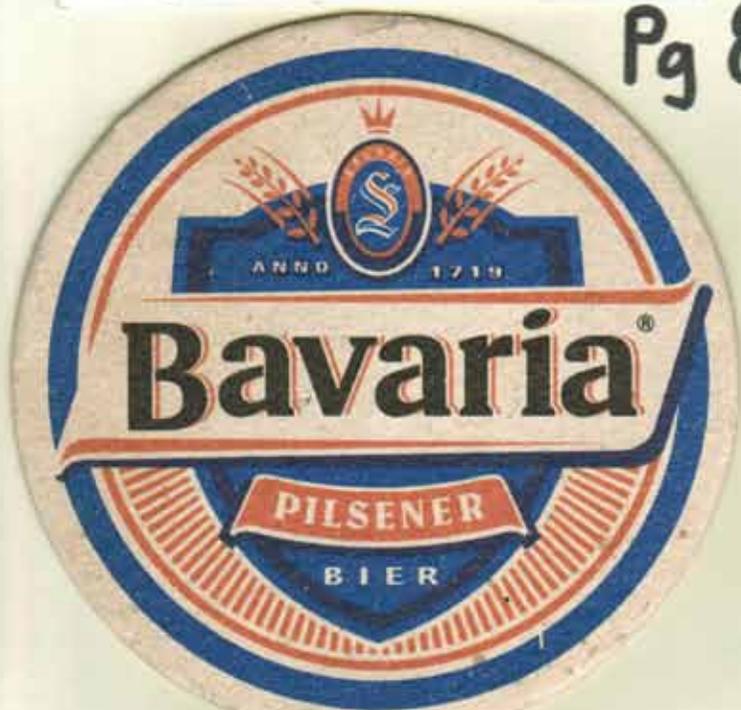
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