

Bus Club News 2013 Post Jamboree Issue



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You went where? Department

Wow, what a weekend. In my opinion this event was definitely one for the books in the History of Bus Club. A pretty decent read no doubt, and there are places when it just goes on & on, but if you're having trouble sleeping, this is the book to reach for. (Do NOT leave it on the coffee table when having company over unless you want the evening to turn into a sleepover). So! When I ran for President on the "Fun" platform, even I had no idea exactly what to expect or what would happen with this year's event. Mr. Strawn contacted me wanting to know if he could bring Walter, Big Red his Tribe & a device he called "Kalliope" to the Jamboree. Being the curious & equally selfish person I am I responded "Yes" mainly because I wanted to see a 100Kw sound and light system perform at the Gold King Mine, AND, and I thought it would be cool if others witnessed it as well so I wasn't the only person talking about how cool it was. (Actually people weren't talking about how "cool" it was, but rather how AWESOME it was. Ask Ryan how he adjusts the length of the beams.)



Yet another Bus Club attempt to call in E.T. visitors
Indeed another Jamboree has come and gone creating memories, friendships, contacts and, inevitably, the plans for next year. This Jamboree was an excellent exercise for myself as I found out just how far I could push the limits of organization, friends, family, club members, local laws, myself ...and I'm not sure we've reached the boundaries of any of them! Lemme know if you hear otherwise. As with any event of this magnitude (not that it was that big, just big for me) lots of do's and don'ts occurred throughout the weekend. Do give your staff breaks, Don't give up. Do eat something, Don't leave your campsite unstaked or naked, and so on. I make no guarantees as to what next year's event will be

like, but it too will be a memorable experience. One of the things I was asked was, "Where is the Club's swag?" To be honest, I looked around and thought, "Riiight? Where IS our club's swag?" Another question was "Where can I get something to drink? Like water?" I could not help this gentleman, so I pointed to the front gate and suggested he go down the hill into town & ask his question from the people at the first building he passes. Occasionally we do get visitors wandering into our Jamboree thinking that it's part of the Gold King Mine experience. Those people go back home, tell their friends about what happened that weekend, only to return with their entourage in tow to discover that they need to wait a year, buy a bus and THEN return. (After all, etiquette must be followed even in this day & age.) The A.B.C.'s Jamboree twenty-three, wasn't that a party?

Club Elections Department

Hey gang believe it or not, club elections are right around the corner. Earlier this year the ABC board decided to move the elections from January up to November, right after our event in September. In order to facilitate more club participation, we thought having an additional three months for newly elected board members to assimilate into the scheme of things would take the stress off of holding a board position and hopefully get more people interested in running for a board position. Those people with little experience, once elected, could assume a position with relative ease and not be overwhelmed with the size of the task. Also, the old board usually has everything planned going into the new year so newly elected people don't have to hit the ground running with all that needs to be done like planning for events, procuring a project bus, and the madness begins again. So:

October – Campaign

November – Vote

December – Club Christmas Party!

And really, what better way to welcome new board members than with a party that is already planned! The Bus Club Christmas Party! This time around the positions available are Vice President, Events Coordinator, Membership Coordinator & Treasurer. Each one of these positions is entirely do-able with a minimum amount of time spent each week. Hopefully (just me being hopeful) we'll be able to bring back one year terms so these positions aren't as daunting from an involvement perspective.



What it really takes to restore a raffle bus!

Member Dues Department

Did you get a note on your last newsletter regarding your FINAL newsletter? If so, your membership dues may be....due. If you want to continue receiving this quality publication in your mailbox, send us your money.

Honestly, your membership fees go directly to printing & postage for this quality publication. You can remit payment for your dues in what ever manner is the easiest for you. Cash, check, money order, gold bullion, VW bus parts..... almost any way imaginable – except electronic payments. (We’re still working on it.) Please give your dues directly to our Membership Coordinator or mail your dues to our Club’s PO Box at:

Arizona Bus Club c/o Membership

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New and re-newal memberships are only \$20 per year and your Bus Club card, when flashed, will earn you instant respect from those around you and discounts at participating part stores such as BAP.

Everyone concerned would also appreciate finding correspondence from you in the PO Box. Reasons include: It makes the trip downtown worthwhile, it’s a change from opening bills and the PO Box is safe & secure for all mailings regardless of what you may have heard. Membership dues are deposited immediately upon receipt to help keep you current. We are also currently toying with the idea of e-payments for those computer savy individuals, but until we get that far, please use the PO Box. (FYI your newsletter is also available on our website in full color at **www.azbusclub.org**).

(This space available for news or comment)



Just a plug for our local Sunnyslope VW shop. 2014 raffle bus in tow. Thank you John for all you’ve donated.

Good Info Department:

NEW CLUB MEETING LOCATION The Club’s general meeting usually takes place on the third Wednesday of the month except in December. October’s general meeting will take place at Aunt Chilada’s Mexican Restaurant and is scheduled to start at 7pm or so. Located at 7330 N Dreamy Draw Drive it is easily accessible from SR 51(a.k.a. Squaw Peak Parkway). Use the Glendale exit heading west to 16th street. Turn right & head north to the traffic control at Morten Avenue. Turn right again, heading east, and follow Morten Ave till you see the buses on your right. We will be meeting in the north most room of the restaurant which should be accessible from the north parking lot. See you there!

Ya know....If seeing your ABC friends at meetings and campouts isn’t enough, you can now communicate with other members via the ABC yahoo e-mail group. You can plan impromptu campouts, invite everyone to the drive-in on short notice or just talk buses. To subscribe just send an e-mail to:

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and start enjoying as much fun as the local laws will allow.

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“Thanks to:” Department

Often times, participation from our club members, or anyone, is a necessity toward having a successful event. Or, for that matter, having AN event. Even if I could run the entire Jamboree myself, I don't think I would. So I've compiled a list, in no particular order, of people our Bus Club wishes to thank, over & over, for obvious or forgotten reasons. Here goes....



Ticket number three, three, three.....

Jamie & Siggy – Thank you for helping on stage both evenings

Don Robertson – for putting up with us all weekend

Kris, Joyce & Norma – for your presence at the booth. I told you it would be fun

Nancy Axtel – for officiating the Cornhole event

Mike Baleda – for scoring this year's raffle bus

Chris Lee – for taking membership dues

Kirk Strawn & Walter Tribe – for the sound & light show

Ricky – for accompanying me on the recon trip

Craig Stradling & SRP – for the dunk tank, chalker and generators.

Jeremiah Polynone– for assisting last minute with tallying the car show votes and that awesome raffle bus interior

Chad, Brad, Chad, Mindy, Ray, Roy, Greg, David, Dave, Mike, Mike from Flagg, Ron & Gurda and everyone who decided July & August would be PERFECT weather to work on the raffle bus AND showed up to participate – thank you for doing so
Billy's babysitting service – I think you just need to advertise more

Darla Amatasin– for hosting the kids events so parents could have some “quality time”

Stantons – for keeping the club going all these years. How did you do it?

ALL Chili cookoff contestants - I'm only disappointed I couldn't sample myself

Brian Bill, Chad J, Melissa J, & D. Lehan – for your fishbowl raffle contributions

Tops Liquor – The Keg

Bill, Brian & Paul of Bill's Custom Frames – for car show trophies

Paul J, Earl Kester & friends for officiating the slow drags

David Lehan, Skyking & the Jamboree

W. M. Team – for taking out the trash

Will Davis – for keeping the trash out.

Bus Burger – for hot eats & cold treats

Evelyn Garrett – for needed Subway eats



.....three,.....



.....six!!.....

Branch – for peace of mind & the slow drag

Absinthe – why have we only met now?

Wolfsburg West – for all the bits, pieces, hard to find items, rubber, chrome and little what nots. It's difficult to put a bus together without the bits.

The Butlers – for the battery to make the bus go

Dawn & Richard – for ideas, inspiration & influence

Dancing Eagle Casino – for providing those needed last minute raffle ticket funds

Everyone who partook with the camp keg - either gathering cans or draining the Keg, I personally appreciate the effort.

Robbie Badini – for on stage comic relief. Thank you Robbie for reminding me not to take everything TOO seriously.

John Clark & Karl's Custom – for all those last minute raffle bus items

ANYONE who donated parts & things to the raffle bus project –we appreciate every little bit, part, piece, scrap etc.

ALL VENDORS – with the advent of selling on the internet, thank you for making an effort to come hock your wares way out there and **EVERYONE that purchased tickets**. Thank you for supporting this event so we can continue to support our charities

VEE TEE OOHHhhh(sp?), O.B.C., Tuscon Bus Mob, A.A.A., Ghostwagens and any other VW club that represented that weekend. Without your support of our Jamboree, it would be just another event. **Stragglers, Missouri Micros, West Side Fat Chicks, Muscle Bus Tribe of Danger & Excellence** – Thank you for sending your best people to work on the raffle bus **TO ALL WHO GAVE RAFFLE PRIZES** – sorry if you left it on stage & it was raffled off. You know the rules.

Warsteiner – for the Octoberfest brew with natural mellowing agents that stabilize the mind, calms the soul and maintains sanity **AND Finally,**

Paul J – For winning & then wanting to take the damn raffle bus off our hands. You sir, are too kind.

Ryan – for hosting the after, after party **And a big THANK YOU to anyone who contributed parts or funds that wasn't mentioned**. To those of you who participate and contribute, I apologize for my poor note taking skills. Everyone appreciates every effort put forth by you in making this Jamboree a success.



...THREE! Congratulations Paul Jacques on winning the 2013 Jerome Jamboree Raffle Bus

From the mail pouch Department

A recent raffle bus winner writes:

Dear Arizona Bus Club,

Well, it has been over a week, and still all i can say is, WOW.

WOW WOW WOW WOW WOW.

I won the Raffle Bus.

I, me, Paul Jacques, won the raffle bus. I still have to pinch myself to believe it.

I can't thank everyone enough for this amazing turn of events, but I have to try.

First of all, so many many thanks to all the volunteers that worked on the raffle bus, especially Chad and Jeremiah. You all, we all, did a fantastic job of restoring this beauty. It really is impressive. I feel so honored to drive such a beautiful work of art.

Thank you to EVERYONE who makes Jerome Jamboree happen. It is an epic event! Especially for me this year!

YEAH JEROME JAMBOREE!

Thank you to the folks who bring up Walter every year, and especially this year for the Kalliope light show. AWESOME!

Thank you to Branch for being a friend and spiritual advisor.

Thank you to Dave Evans for driving my bay window bus home from Jerome for me!

Thank you to Darla for the margs and for helping with the cardboard buses for the kids.

Thank you to David Lehan for working his tail off in Jerome.

Thank you ALL from the bottom of my heart.

I really enjoy going to the ABC campouts and have had a great time at Pinal Mountain and Flagstaff this year, and am looking forward to December's events.

I feel so blessed to be a part of such a vibrant, fun group. You all have made me feel welcome every time, and now this. It's too much! I'm still in shock, and still finding raffle tickets EVERYWHERE. What a great once-in-a-lifetime experience. I plan on being a big part of ABC for a long time, and you'll see me with one, if not BOTH, of my sweet buses at more ABC events.

Like Bob Smith says, "You can never have too many Volkswagens."

THANK YOU ABC!!!

Sincerely,

Paul Jacques

Paul Jacques is the raffle bus winner of the Arizona Bus Club's 2013 Jamboree. Paul's plans for his newly acquired ride include acclimating to a smaller cab for distance trips and not blushing when young women want to show their support for his restored ride. Way to go Paul and congratulations on winning!



Photos from the Archives Department



The Polynone home alive with raffle bus activity



Early activity on the raffle bus



Floor is in. Nose is ON. Time to shake a leg!

Sanding, sanding, sanding



Ray making sure every piece & part functions as it should.



Roy slowly getting mesmerized by sparks.



Check that ___ dad! Thank you Roy!



Thank you Koch!



Now what do we do?



She's always there sanding!



Getting it done!



Wow, what a long way it came!

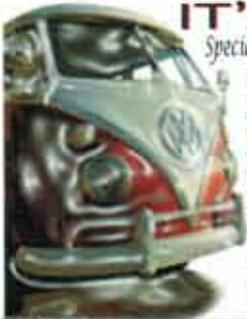


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