

Arizona Bus Club News Fall 2013



You got to get them decorated!

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Arizona Bus Club



Behind the wheel

With the Bus Club's Jamboree in our proverbial rear view mirror, the Club has set its sights on making things better for next year. More fun, more activities, more involvement, that sort of thing. When you plan this year's activities remember to save time for your Bus Club friends. And remember that Bus Club is not your ONLY friend. Balance must be achieved. The important thing to do, whatever you do, is to have fun otherwise what's the point of doing it? From a bus club standpoint we've got several things going on. First, club elections are upon us like the landlord knocking at the door wanting to know if we've got rent. So, what did we do? Well, the Copperstate cruise one weekend was a pleasant no stress break followed by the Red Barn Roundup in Tucson (to give those guys a break from traveling) coupled with Bug-o-rama. Next we've got Mad Chad's Halloween party, Volkstock near Fear Farm, Buses by the River in Yuma, APS Light Parade, the Bus Club Christmas party out at Userly park and BBB in January. Somewhere in all this madness is Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New years, 2014 raffle bus tear down, and then it all starts again. What I'm getting at is if you joined Bus Club because you thought it was going to be a laid back, sedate kinda club, you couldn't be further off base. But also remember that not all activities need to be attended. Turkey day at your Aunt's for example. Another thing that needs to be addressed is giving money to local AZ based charities. In the past we've given to the JVFDA (Jerome Fire Dept) which should happen again and some other ideas for giving were presented. One idea was Greyhound rescue, another was St. Vincent's where a turkey dinner cost only \$1.92, yet another was Christmas tree angels. A bit more work mind you, but

some members enjoy shopping and spending other people's money and what better way to kill 2 birds with one stone? These are JUST suggestions mind you so if you, dear reader, have other suggestions for giving I suggest you voice your suggestions so we have suggestions to choose from. Keep it light, keep it friendly, keep it fun. Go at your own pace. When you get to where you're going, they'll welcome you with open arms. And THAT is what this club is all about. Enjoy your monthly news!

New Meeting Place Department

Aunt Chilada's Mexican Restaurant
7330 N Dreamy Draw Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85020

New meeting place clubbers! For the mere price of a decent night out with your loved one, the Arizona Bus Club has the option of renting a room at this historic, haunted restaurant. Located just east of 16th Street on Morten Ave. (between Northern & Glendale) this location is surely to become an instant hit with many local members. If you're concerned about the club having to foot the bill for the private room, the least thing you could do is...Show Up. Aunt Chilada's has a complete Mexican menu & bar to accommodate everyone's palate. For you herbivores out there, Aunt Chilada's is working on some 'no meat' entres guaranteed to excite & enthrall one's taste buds as much as an entre can without the help of salty, spicy, shredded beef. (My mouth is watering just thinking about their shredded beef.) At this time there is no ETA as to when the herbivore menu will be available but you can DRINK knowing that no animals were harmed in the manufacture of the libations. General Meeting are to start at 7pm, or when we get a break from Bar Trivia. I hope to see a lot of you there!

Your Arizona Bus Club Board includes:

Peace Keeper – Will Davis – Not on Yahoo groups
Cruise Director – Craig Stradling – On Yahoo groups
Membership – Chris Lee & Girls – On Yahoo groups
Court Scribe – Kristin or Joyce – On Yahoo groups
Keeper of Coin – Nancy Axtell – On Yahoo groups
Second in Command – Mike Baleda – On Yahoo
Supreme Exalted Leader – Gary Lampinen – One Yahoo

Take Note Y'all! Department

The Club's general meeting takes place on the third Wednesday of the month. November's meeting will be held at Aunt Chilada's on Morten Ave in Phoenix. We moved here because they serve FOOD (big surprise), and our Supreme Exalted Leader can hear himself think during the meeting. O.k., AND we get a room by ourselves, AND our own private servers, AND awesome chips & salsa, AND convenient parking near our room so we can check on our rides, AND whatever. General Meeting is to start at 7pm. Come thirsty/hungry, leave happy.

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 someone changes their mind. Please send your dues & renewals in the form of Check, M.O. or EBT debit cards to:

**Arizona Bus Club c/o Membership
PO Box 65001
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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 splitty interior patterns c/o Jeremiah Polynone. 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 receive this quality publication throughout the year to keep you up to date on Bus Club activities, VW events, yada, yada, yada.

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? Send an e-mail to: Arizonabusclub-subscribe@yahoo.com and then join in on the fun! Hey, it beats doing nothing on a Friday night and can be edthu, eedool, edsdrool, edu, criminey! You'll learn a lot too.

DISCLAIMER: Hey gang, we can be the source of good information and really bad rumors so please PAY ATTENTION and 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.

Oct 2013 General meeting notes Dept.

Appointed secretary Kristin reporting. Ahem....

Punk band – good band, lot's 'o people liked band. Some slight concerns about harsh language – too much F-bomb. Recommendation: Book for next year- tone down F-bomb.

Jerome 25 Idea: Parade of raffle bus winners. Special parking area for raffle bus winner exhibit. To be decided.

Open mic - Big success. Many liked. Need to encourage. Enjoyed 2 musicians dressed in Ozark mtn man attire. Solo guitarist – cool, loved, worked with us when making announcements.

Possibilities 2014 Jamboree – Thursday night caravan – need to discuss logistics/participation – item tabled.

APS Light parade – Robbie/Mica to organize – **Hint: get your info in quick! Like before November!** Drivers License, vehicle insurance, fire extinguisher on board! Note: participation in FREE to club members, entry fees paid by club. Judging of floats at 6pm Friday Dec 6th. Have it ready! This year's theme: Wild West Holiday Round up. Ideas Discussed: caravan of covered wagons; Or horses w/ wagen at end.

BBB Alternative - Mesa MLK parade. Parade to be held Monday morning. Drive over, get in line. Wave. Contact David Murphy

Settling Jamboree Expenses: Don R. to get \$1200 total for lot rental. Cheap at twice price.

Nominations: Dave & Mish nominated for Treasurer; David Murphy & Craig Stradling nominated for Events, Darla Amatasin for Membership Coor. Jeremiah for V.P. Kristin & Joyce appointed secretaries. Suggested position from Ray V: Club Historian. Also consider Position of Procurement Coordinator

Additional Suggestions: Have committees or task groups for Raffle bus, Raffle Prizes, Jamboree Organization, Special acknowledgements to Kirk S & Chad J for Jamboree involvement

Minutes to be recorded in Newsletter – Noted - Electronic or paper vote discussed again to reduce costs of printing & mailing. Sign in sheet at meeting w/ preference noted.

Suggestions for organizations to donate to – item tabled.

Turn the page, this stuff gets better!



Darla posing with her current infection.

Member Interview Department

And now..... a nice, relaxing Interview with Arizona Bus Club

Member 898 **Darla Amatasin**

Type of Bus: 1978 Riviera w/ Type 4 engine

Number of years owned: 5 years

Other Volkswagens Owned: 1967 panel, 1974 beetle, and a nice westfalia (can't remember the year) from the original owner with orange and green plaids.

Q: Why VW? How did you get the bug?

Darla: It was cool, I was young, needed a car and I could afford it.

Q: Does your bus have a name?

Darla: I named my bus Rocinante. Rocinante is Don Quixote's horse. Like Don Quixote, it is awkward, past its' prime, and engaged in a task beyond its capacities.

Q: Darla, thank you for driving the raffle bus to the Jerome Jamboree this year. Can you tell me a bit about this experience? How did it all happen?

Darla: I asked if I could drive it early on because I was supposed to drive last year's raffle bus but there were some problems so David Lehan drove it and I drove Sky King. This year I offered to drive the raffle bus. This was the most amazing experience especially the Mingus Mountain part. It was an awesome road hugging, mountain climbing experience and I didn't want it to end. While we were still on I- 17 David Lehan called me twice and ask me to slow down because the bus went so fast from Phoenix all the way. I didn't know David was 5 miles behind me in his bus. As soon as I turned the bus on it just wanted to go!

Q: Did you have any problems on the way to Jerome?

Darla: When we got to Cordes Junction I made the wrong turn. The caravan went the correct way and

pretty soon I was toward the middle of the caravan instead of at the beginning.

Q: I heard there were some electrical problems the night before you lead the caravan. What happened? /

Darla: Thursday night Jeremiah had to rig it so the brake lights would work. He also had to jump and/or push me to get it started. When I was driving home from Jeremiah's the raffle bus started dying on the freeway. I don't know why I thought to do this, but I turned the headlights off and it ran just fine. It wasn't scary but I was time stressing. Then once I got off the freeway I couldn't get it in gear. I hardly had any clutch at all. I finally managed to get it into second gear without the clutch and got it home. Once I got it in my driveway it died. I got the clutch cable adjusted properly, and then with advice from Jeremiah and Roy over the phone I got the battery hooked up correctly. Thank Dog Auto Zone was open at 11pm, so I bought a battery charger. My best friend came over to help me shop and pack. Then in the morning the raffle bus started up just fine. Lori and I took the bus for a spin around the block and we were as happy as could be.

Q: Did you work on the bus this year? What was your favorite part?

Darla: I did. I don't have a favorite part about it but I did enjoy being a part of that transformation. I feel very privileged to have worked with all the amazing people that rebuilt that bus, even if I was only sanding.

Q: I know you helped someone else out in Jerome with bus issues. What did you help them with?

Darla: On Sunday there was an announcement that a guy needed a clutch cable and since I had that problem twice I carry two clutch cables and clevis pins with me. So I went immediately to help that guy. I was so happy to help him.

Q: Can you tell me what brought you to the club?

Darla: Several years ago a friend found a t-shirt in a thrift store and it had the Arizona Bus Club logo on the chest and STAFF across the back. She bought it for me, since I had a bus. A year or so later I looked to see if the club was still around and found that it was an active club and that there was a CARAVAN headed to the Jerome Jamboree. I had to ride in that caravan, so a few weeks later I was headed to the meeting spot at Home Depot, having never met or spoken to anyone in the club. Unfortunately, in my excitement, I was

looking for the Home Depot off the 51. By the time I realized that I was in the wrong area I had to rush down Thunderbird all the way across town to reach the caravan in time. As I waited for a streetlight to turn green at 7th Street, I stepped on my clutch pedal and it went to the floor and stayed on the floor. My heart sank because I knew that the caravan was out of the question at that point. When I got out of my bus to tell the guy behind me that he'd have to go around, I saw a bus. Who was in the bus? The secretary of the bus club (at the time), Gary Lampinen and his girlfriend Joyce. Gary told me how to start my bus in gear to get out of the intersection. He also told me, worst case, that he could push me thru. They followed me into the parking lot to be sure I made it safely off the road. They then, apologetically, left to meet the caravan. I went into the Moon Valley Café in the parking lot. While I asked the waiters in the restaurant if there was a shop nearby that I could walk to, Mr. Moon Valley himself (Moon Valley Nurseries/Restaurants etc..) was sitting at the breakfast counter and overhearing me got on the phone to call a guy to help me out by the name of Luke Wright of Wright Construction. Luke (not a mechanic) came and finagled a way to attach my clutch cable to the pedal. He told me a short cut to the 17, ordered me to have the cable replaced ASAP and sent me on my way. I made it to Gold King Mine around 4 hours after the initial meeting with Gary and Joyce at the intersection. I spotted Joyce right away and made her hang out with me all night. Unfortunately I could only stay for one night, but I joined the club at the Arizona Bus Club's 21st Jamboree. One of these days I'd like to get a group together to have breakfast at Moon Valley Café.

Darla, thank you for a wonderful and informative interview.

Mindy, you're very welcome. It was fun.

Darla, Red Rider in hand, and Roy's deluxe posed together for the cover of the January 2013 Newsletter. Mindy Lively has been an Arizona Bus Club member since May 2012. Mindy decided that interviewing the members about their buses would be a fun way to get to know everyone. Mindy plans on living in her 1971 bay window camper in a few years when her younger son is off on his own. Send suggestions, ideas or requests for interviews to lively@zoomnet.net



Where'd you all go? Department

If you were wondering about the Cruise that took place a couple weeks ago, lemme say it was a good time. From the folks surveyed who were on the cruise, it was voted "Very Good". Having the buses stripped of their camping gear & extra weight showed everyone just what these buses were capable of doing. And seeing the line of buses caravanning on the back roads warranted the many thumbs up and peace signs we were greeted with. Essentially, the road less traveled took us East on 60 past Florence Jct. to the town of Superior where we had breakfast at the Buckboard City Café. We continued our journey South on Hwy 177 for approx 30 miles, stopping briefly to view the activity of the open pit mine, and then continued to the towns of Hayden and Winkleman where we played in the waters of the Gila River at the Winkleman RV park.



Circling the wagons at the Ray open pit mine Hwy 177



A view we all enjoy seeing. Many more cruises await.

O.k., Ross and Gary played in the river on the rope swing, I stayed with the horse & the rest on shore and watched the horrors of rope swinging unfold. After getting some contact info for potential future campouts we headed North on Hwy 77 up thru Globe, Claypool & Miami and headed back to the town of Superior on Hwy 60 where we found ourselves on Main Street Superior and the Porter's Café.



See Bessie in brilliant color at www.azbusclub.org

New Members Department

Hey there, all of you who joined or renewed at the Jamboree this year, I've just the one thing to say..... You've been warned. Well, that and thank you for continuing to support this publication. Your membership goes directly to the printing, stickering, stamping & stapling of this Newsletter and NOTHING ELSE regardless of what you may have heard. Individual contributors are responsible for their own

libations when brainstorming articles or ideas for the club. We'll be giving a shout out to new members just as soon as we figure out who you are.

Want ads Department

Hey gang, we're looking to bring back free ads for our members. If you're looking for something or looking to get rid of something, nothing is better than putting it out there for everyone to see. Ads should be submitted before the 5th of the month for the following month's news and will run as long as we have space or until you tell us to stop. Figure about 4 months total. If you're running ads for someone else, hit them up for a beer or two and send the ad to us at our POBox on the back of a five dollar bill so we know you're serious. Jk

Club Elections Department

So, here's the problem. We have more positions than we have people that want them. These positions require very little work to maintain. In fact most of the time the positions involve just showing up to the meetings and talking a bit. Where is the harm in that? Bus Club means different things to different owners and we can't say exactly what all positions entail, but we have a good idea. Don't be afraid to run for a position, they're all fun tasks requiring minimal effort and chances are you're already doing them! Help make the club more fun by being a part of the board. The gratitude others will share with you will outweigh any headache that may occur.



Why can't we remember the Prescott Valley exit?

Send your stories, technical bits & ads to: busclubeditor@gmail.com and share the fun!



Q: Why not raffle the bus Friday when everyone smells better?

What's Next Department?

Events are right around the calendar corner!

November 1st -3rd - Volkstock

Lunde's Peoria VW is hosting a fall car show and campout. If you can, campout Friday and Saturday night. Relax Saturday night into the evening as the bands will play after the sun goes down. Located at Sheely Farm (location of the Halloween Fear Farm attraction) 99th Ave and McDowell Rd., West Phoenix, Costco is across the street and other food, movies and business are located within walking distance. If you need more information or would like to be part of this occasion, please contact Mark Miller at 623-875-4067 events@peoriavw.com

November 8th – 10th – Those amazing Yumans present VW's on the River #12 Yuma, Arizona All of the profits from the campout and show/swapmeet will be donated to Amberly's Place The campout starts on Friday morning Nov 8th and continues through Sunday Nov 10th. Gates for the Yuma County Fair Grounds open Friday at 12 Noon. Anybody with a VW powered vehicle is invited to the CAMPOUT & Show / Swapmeet.

The Campout: Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner on Friday evening, FREE BEER while the Keg lasts. Price: still only \$5 per person.

The place is at the Yuma County Fair Grounds, enter Tents are OK for those that do not have a Bus to camp in. Pets are invited too, PLEASE clean up after them. The price is \$15 per vehicle per night to camp. If you bring an additional towed vehicle the Fair Grounds

charges us another \$10 for any vehicle parked in the camping area overnight. Parking of non camping vehicles will be provided parking outside of the camping area at no charge. Hot Showers & nice clean restrooms are available in the camping area.

The Show / Swapmeet this year is going to take place at the same old location by the Ocean to Ocean Bridge, in Old Town Yuma on Sat, Nov 9, from 9am to 3pm.

The name of the park is "**GATEWAY PARK**"

The Show price is the same as in past years:

\$10 show entry includes the driver, \$2 for each additional person, kids under 10 free. Vendor spaces \$10 flat fee. \$2 for Walk-ins

Engine Blow, Raffle, Food, Hot and Cold Drinks will be available. Please no glass containers or bottles in the show/swapmeet area. You must have a wrist band to take part in the raffle. This is an Event for the whole family, come and Enjoy !!!!! For more info contact:

Sonny at sonny1241@gmail.com or

John at arizonaracer@gmail.com or

James at vwbumer@gmail.com Hope to see you there!

November 16th Saturday – You should start decorating your bus for the APS light parade!

December 6th – APS Electric Light Parade. Show up ready to go. Judging of the floats to happen at 6pm. Insurance Card, Drivers License & Fire Extinguisher are necessary. Parade to start at dusk Sat, Dec 7th.

December 13th – 15th - Bus Club Christmas Party! We're on the East side this year folks! We're still deciding what sort of gift exchange to have but at least we've got the menu planned! PIG! Kid's activities, raffle, libations & snacks will be plentiful. Bring your special diet if you must and a side. Let us know if you'll be bringing a guest and how many kids will be joining you. We may even get a visit from the jolly old Elf himself this year!

January 2014 – BBB – No date set as of yet on the Samba. Keep your calendars open!

One more thing...Department

Our Post Jamboree issue thanked many people for many things, but not everyone. If you think we missed someone, please, please let us know. Send an email to: busclubeditor@gmail.com & we'll note them in our next issue.



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Insurance is NOT recommended

If doubling down after splitting is not allowed, 10,2,2 and 3,3 vs. 2 and 2; 4,4 vs. 2 and 2; 4,4 vs. 3 and 3; 5,5 vs. 3 and 3; 6,6 vs. 3 and 3; 7,7 vs. 3 and 3; 8,8 vs. 3 and 3; 9,9 vs. 3 and 3; 10,10 vs. 3 and 3; 10,10 vs. 4 and 4; 10,10 vs. 5 and 5; 10,10 vs. 6 and 6; 10,10 vs. 7 and 7; 10,10 vs. 8 and 8; 10,10 vs. 9 and 9; 10,10 vs. 10 and 10; 10,10 vs. A and A.



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Next month: Things to do in th snow!