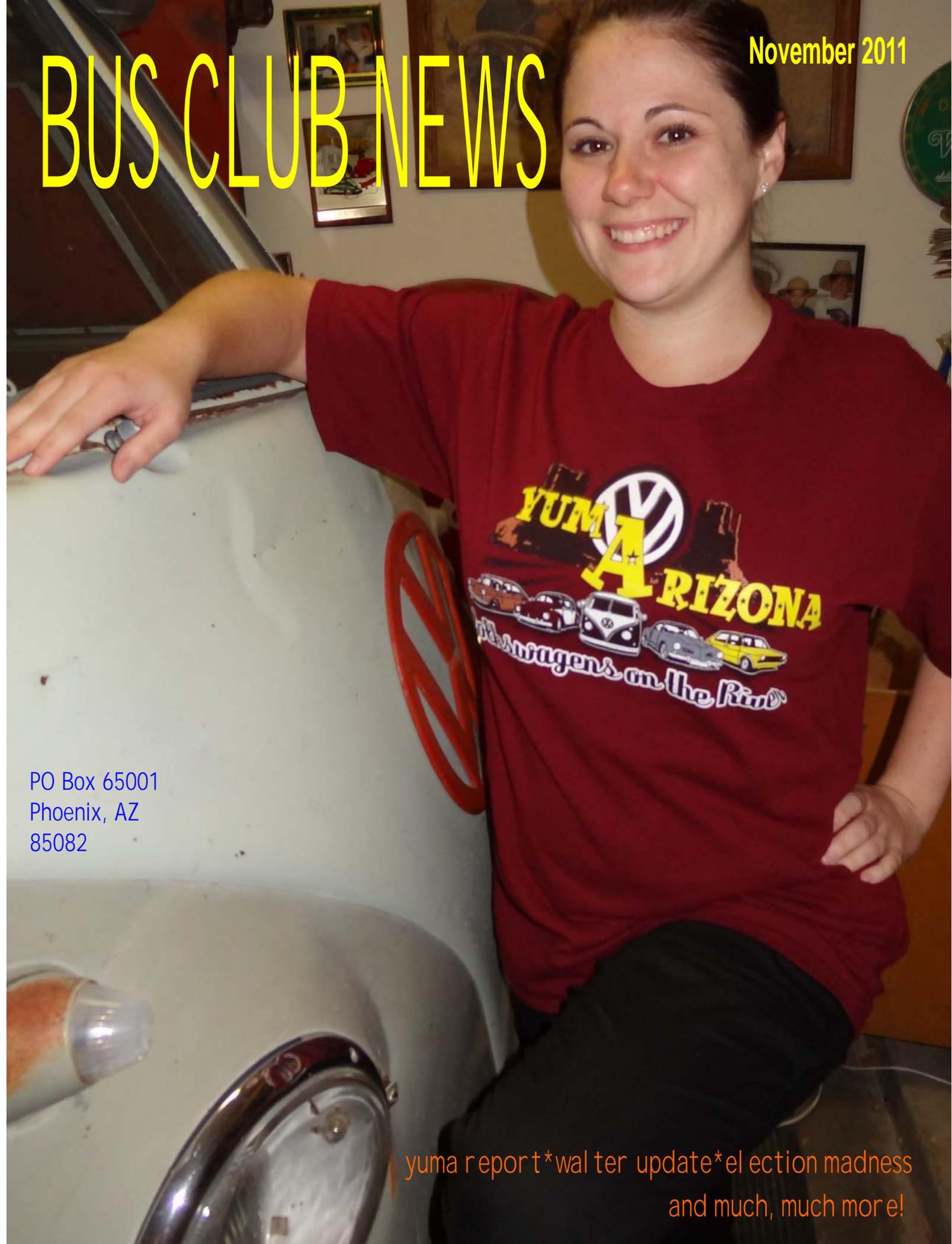


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BUS CLUB NEWS



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and much, much more!

Behind the Wheel



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Election Fever is sweeping the club as we gear up for first-ever January Elections (as called for in the original by-laws.) Contenders and their supporters packed the November general meeting with banners, noise-makers and voluptuous body-painted models touting their favorite candidates. Pandemonium reined until Brian Fenwick stood up and calmed the room...and...it happened. Observers around the bus world have been speculating about who could replace retiring sergeant at arms Will Davis. Who could fill those big shoes and bring tranquility to the rowdy herd of over grown hyperactive cats that make up this club? Check the box next to Brian's name when we publish the ballots next month and join him for his 1st annual Breakfast Run the day after the Light Parade (see coming events.) If you think having a viable candidate for club bouncer is big news wait until you see else who has thrown their hat in the ring! Charles Corridori is once again challenging Chris Lee for Membership Coordinator. Word has it that Charles is packing Pepper Spray to ward off an angry Peaches. Incumbent Phil Gantchev also has his hands full after current VP Nancy Axtell decided to test his math skills and run against him for Treasurer. Uncontested races include Events (Craig Stradling) Secretary (Bridgit Iles) and VP (Mike Baleda.) Meanwhile Gary Lampinen kept up his full court press for the club's highest office by barnstorming nearly every VW-related event in the southwest! (The event reports in this month's edition were all provided by him.) Mr. Lampinen is no stranger to the Volkswagen world having descended from a family of bus and bug drivers. An older edition of this periodical ran photographs of a very-young Gary as he and his siblings crisscrossed the continent on a family vacation in an early Bay he drives to this very day. His yard art collection of curved roof chassis can be seen from outer space. Volkswagens are in his blood. After careful consideration and a couple of Spaten Optimators the News endorses Gary Lampinen for President in 2012. But wait; there's MORE! The elections will be held January 16th at the general meeting at Rosita's in Tempe and anyone interested in running for office can still have their name added to the ballot! It's not too late to run for a position on the board so if serving your club is what you want to do call President Jess or any other current board member and let them know your intentions. Ballots will appear in next month's issue of the News so you have less than a month to decide. President, Secretary and Sergeant-at-arms will be for one year terms. Vice President, Treasurer, Events Coordinator and Membership Coordinator will be for two years. In the mean time enjoy the timely articles in your November News!

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*And now the rest of your November News
brought to you by Gary Lampinen*

As the year 2011 comes to a close, some bus owners were under the impression that this holiday season was going to be boring with a few scattered events to attend. The ABC Jerome Jamboree, finished for another year, was to be followed by the Tucson Chirco show, followed by Busses by the River & the inevitable ABC Christmas party. If you attended, or plan to attend these events, good for you. However, if you attended JUST these events then you've had half the fun some of us have had, which means some of us have had twice as much fun as you. Time to get off the couch, get the bus tuned up & get rolling to the next event! This November issue of the Bus Club News has special reporting, exclusive reporting, exclusively special reporting & special ly exclusive reporting of ALL the events held during the past weekends since our Jerome event. "What events?" you ask. Well, starting with the Bus Mob's weekend, did you then attend Chad's Halloween party sleepover? You attended the Yuma show but did you "Crash at the Tonopah Bash?" And what about Volkstreffen at Glendale Community College to shop for that "hard to shop for VW enthusiast?" Yes, special & exclusive reporting is to follow on these events but before we go any further, please note that the year is not out yet! Turkey Day comes early this year & the following weekend in Dec is the APS Light parade in which the Bus Club will represent! If you've got plans for Dec. 11th thru 13th, please follow thru with them. Time with family, friends & co-workers is important & is an underlining fundamental principal of your Arizona Bus Club. But if you don't have party plans, come join your Bus Club at Usery Park this year for our annual Christmas Party campout. Come just for Saturday if you're so inclined. Hey, it's better than doing nothing! If last year's party was any indication of how fun this holiday club event can be, then you should know it's as much fun as you can have with your clothes on. That said, if anyone feels the need to bump the fun meter up a bit, you know what to do..... In closing, don't be upset of all the fun you may have missed, just plan for it next year. You can begin with Busses by the Bridge in January! See you there. Enjoy your November news!

Special Chirco event reporting by Gary L

Bus mob. Bus Mob. BUS MOB! Talk about a total ly cool , total ly original name for a VW club. Bus Mob. What's more, as much as these people talk about the lack of planning, organizing & responsibility, they manage to pull off one of the better events of the year. Coupled with Joe Chirco's Bugtober fest (I hope I got that right), the TBM's Red Barn Roundup campout in Joe Chirco's backyard only makes sense for some of us traveling a distance. The cruise to Tucson is an easy one. Busses are plentiful , traffic is easy & directions are simple as quoted by TBM's P.I.T.A. rep Karen, " Eye Ten south to twenty second street in Tucson. Exit, turn left. Keep going till you can smell the fun." Catered munchies provided by Mexican Asian Food Co was more than satisfying & very reasonably priced. (Might see these guys at Jerome XXII). The live music performed by TDC was really some of the better live stuff heard since Jerome. Lemme take a moment to relive that experience...the band, so easy going, libations flowed like an amber Hassyampa river, Fuzzy things wandering about, and the comfort a sofa by the fire. What an evening! The morning cruise was a good opportunity to show off your ride & to block traffic, followed by the car show, FREE barbeque courtesy of Chirco himself & some early holiday shopping at the

swap meet! (I got what I wanted for Christmas!) I was somewhat disappointed to find out from David Morganflash that the cloud cover ordered for that weekend was on backorder, but that was a minor glitch in an otherwise perfect camping weekend and did not stop any of us from having the best time possible. Well done Bus Mob! This reporter is looking forward to next year!

Exclusive Halloween event reporting by Gary L

There are Halloween parties, Halloween sleepovers and then there's Chad's Halloween party campout. For those of you who can remember it....You didn't have enough fun. For those of you who didn't wear a costume, start planning now for next year. For those planning to return next year, don't forget to bring breakfast yum yums for the morning after breakfast party. This party was great for a first ever club party of its type. Not only did people dress up in full costume, not only were there pumpkins to be carved, not only we're you able to campout in Chad's back, backyard, not only was there carne asada galore-ah with excellent sides to compliment the feast, not only was there a costume contest AND a pumpkin carving contest with trophies to boot, NOT ONLY.....Well, yeah, that's about it. I mean really, you can't & shouldn't try to do it all on the first go-around. An effort like

that would make things difficult to top next year. Another excellent first Chad! All your efforts are recognized & appreciated. I'm hoping we can do this again next year!

Exclusively Special Busses by the River event report by Gary L

YUUUUUUMMMAAAA! This is the event a lot of us look forward to attending simply because of the genuine hospitality our Yuman folk consistently present. If you're looking for deep fried chicken like your cardiologist advised you about, they've got it. If you're looking for refreshments like your endocrinologist reminded you about, they've got it. If you're looking for a tax writeoff that your accountant suggested to you, get out the debit card & get ready to donate some raffle prizes cause this is the all-encompassing event. The campout was held once again inside the Yuma county fairgrounds just north of the Yuma international airport. Now, sidenote: if you're looking to get the right mindset for Yuma before you get to Yuma, might I suggest a route Chad prosed to get there. Start by heading northwest to Wickenburg on the 60. Then take the leisure road East toward Lake Havasu. Enjoy the scenery as it rolls by. Use the Quartzsite exit to get to 95 south. Once on the 95 south, wedge a stick against the accelerator pedal, tie the steering wheel so it won't move &

climb in back to enjoy a cold one as your bus rolls on its self guided tour past the Castle mountains & green farmland to the most relaxing place in the world of Bus Club. The chicken dinner definitely made the trip worthwhile. The rainy weather Friday night gave way to a beautifully cool Saturday morning. Friendly folks everywhere make the trip enjoyable. Another evening of exciting cornhole play brought out the comradery of the participants. And this year, with the car show 200 yards from the campground, the stresses of the year seemed to melt away. Thanks goes out to Jim, Ed & all the other Yumans who received us so nicely. Special Exclusive Volkstreffen report by Gary L.

Just a quick note as it's getting late here at the nooz office & we're going to print soon. Cool car show, swap meet, club representation, convenient location, excellent weather, raffle prizes, hosted by the infamous Butterfly Brothers, you shoulda been there. Another great opportunity for early holiday shopping (Happy Thanksgiving everyone!) & to meet the public. The ABC had its mobile V.I.P. lounge on-site complete with free coffee, donuts, hot chocolate, & hot cider. Thank you to those who took advantage of the amenities and yes, we will work to fix the smell in the V.I.P lounge.

Coming Events

December 3rd Holiday Light Parade - downtown Phoenix.

Come support your ABC Friends as they light up the night and take home another trophy for lighting up their buses like Roman Candles.

December 4th Bryan's 1st Annual Breakfast run to Black Canyon City. Meet at the Home Depot I-17 and Thunderbird

9am and roar up the Interstate for some delicious chow. Host Bryan Fenwick 623-478-2558

December 9th through 11th

Arizona Bus Club Christmas Party, Utery Pass Park, Mesa, AZ Our end of year party will be on the East side of town this year. Come out and camp all 3 days or just show up for the Saturday night feast (please bring a side dish.) Take the US 60 to Ellsworth and head North to the Park. \$15 a carload per night, maybe less if you day trip we're not sure but go and say hi to Santa!

There is NO general meeting at Rosita's in December.

January 12th - 15th Buses by the Bridge Lake Havasu City Here's what all this fun will cost you; If you come Thursday before 9 p.m. and set up at the event area it's 40 dollars per vehicle for the whole weekend If you show up Friday is 30 dollars per vehicle If you show up Sat it's 20 dollars per vehicle Lot of bang for the BUCK at BBB

January 18th: ABC general meeting and Elections. So be thinking about the office you've so long fantasized about holding and start schmoozing for votes.

May 26 Prescott, Az Kelley Speed is proud to present the 1st annual Bugs in the Pines, classic VW and Porsche car show held in beautiful down town Prescott Arizona. A show and shine competition will be held for every car entered with trophies going to the top five. "Cars made for the people..... And judged by the people"

Vendors we Like!

We really like what Mike Mittl has been doing for member's rides out of his shop in Mesa. Mike has shown himself to be a trusting and fair mechanic for all your VW needs.



Matt Howard recently came to our attention as he completed the smile that was missing from Evelyn Garrett after bringing her beloved Valentine back to life. Well done sir!



If you know of a good local tradesperson or vendor you would like

to see in the News tell us!

We tried to leave no stones unturned this month with Recent Events but managed to miss a couple including a couple of fundraisers for Walter's new heart. Luckily other folks had more sense and attended both YOU GOTTA HAVE HEART on October 22nd and I FIXED WALTER on November 5th. Word on the Playa is that enough funds were raised to replace Walter's ailing engine and the News salutes everyone who participated. Special note; this year's Raffle Bus Winner Siggy is Walter's Main Man; isn't it amazing the connections that Life throws at you? Anyway you can keep up on the transplant progress by visiting Walter on facebook or at www.walterthebus.org



THANK YOU WALTER FOR THE GREAT MEMORIES!