

BUS CLUB NEWS

Goodbye 2011



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Married women riding around in Single Cabs!

Behind the Wheel



Reflections

Gary goes
off on 2011

Color me Crayola

Kick off the new year
with a coloring contest!

Election Fever

or possibly Rubella
show up on the 18th
and help us diagnose

With the 2011 year coming to a close, some people take the time to reflect on the past twelve months. Questions are asked about the obstacles that arose & how they were overcome. Observations are made as to how obstacles arose. Critiques are made of the observations. Comments are made of the critiques. Suggestions for comments are noted. Thought is given to the suggestion. Holiday cheer consumption is encouraged for expansion of thought. Excessive cheer becomes an obstacle and we've come full circle like the ring around the VW emblem. The new year brings many questions for the ABC. Who will be the club officers for 2012? What direction will the club take? What is a tax deductible donation? Where is my newsletter? Where will the ABC be meeting this year? What bus will be our raffle bus? Which weekend is Jerome? What did I just drink out of my beer stein? And so forth. Rest assured that whoever is at the helm of our bus club, they will have the best interests of you and our club at heart. That being said, all other questions will be answered in the order in which they are received and the stein will get rinsed. This new year promises a lot of interesting competitions. The first of which is a coloring competition. The second, which is more of an inquiry, is to have our bus club members write in & tell us what events or things you'd like to see more of. We need to hear from you. This is supposed to be a fun club. If you are a member then remember, this is your club as much as it is anyone's. Those members that like this kind of thing will find this is the kind of thing they like. Our success as a club does not depend on how much you contribute but instead how much you can coerce others into contributing for you. Indeed, as an active club member it is good to see the enjoyment & involvement by all off our members in every activity we gather together to indulge. Which brings us to the first activity of the new year, the coloring competition. The included insert has a picture of a bay window panel. Take it out, color it, attach a stamp & mail it in. Winner gets a coupon for a free ABC t-shirt to be redeemed whenever t-shirts are available. - Gary Lampinen

We moved the Coming Events around to accommodate the giant ballot at the back of this month's News. If you find this confusing or want to vent about the low quality of your Newsletter feel free to attend the General Meeting on the 18th and buy the editor a beer and explain how you would do things differently. Be prepared to write down your ideas as the Dos Equis served at Rositas tends to scrub Bob's brain cells so effectively he doesn't remember attending the damn meeting much less the fantastic ideas suggested to him by enthusiastic members. Like the one from a member we'll refer to as "Gary" who suggested parking a bus in back of the Highlighter and photographing the girls as they pass in front of the nose as they make their way into work. *"With any luck we'll a dozen pics and that would take care of the cover for the whole year!"* This boy has future Editor written all over him and we're pretty sure he's already polishing up his Pulitzer acceptance speech. When he finds out about the paycheck that goes along with this gig he'll probably quit his day job.

Coming Events

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, Elections and Free Pizza. 6pm to close Rosita's in Tempe. We'll provide the ballots, bring your own pizza.



We never did hear if Jim shared his morning can of Metamucil with his friends.

Christmas



Party 2011



Vendors we Like!

We really like what Mike Mittl has been doing for members 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!

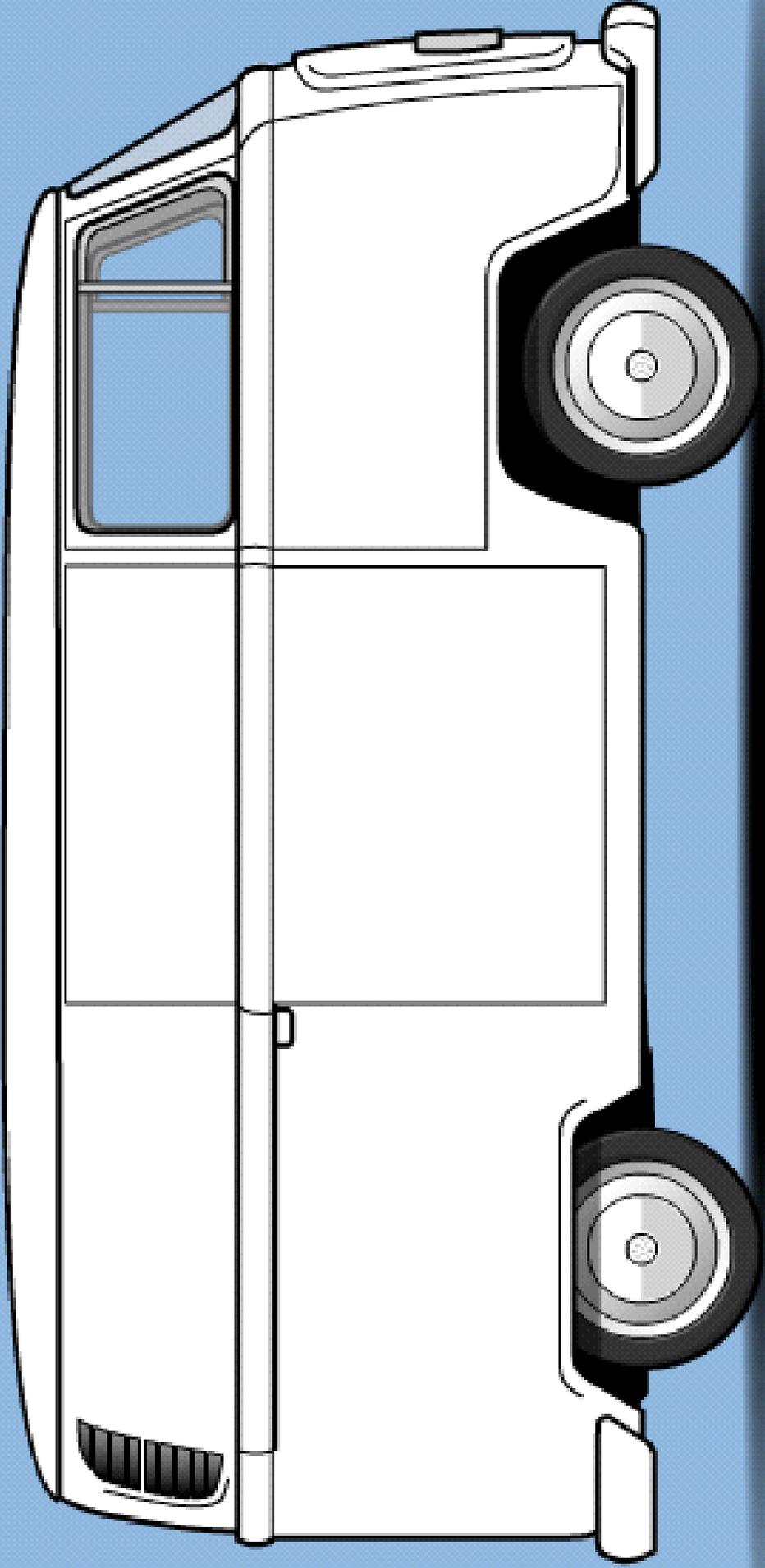
If you know of a good local tradesperson or vendor you would like to see in the News tell us!



Official ABC Ballot

instructions for mail-in ballots: circle the candidate for whom you wish to vote or write in your own. Cut out this page and mail it to the club mailbox PO BOX 65001 Phoenix, AZ 85082. Ballots will also be provided at the January General Meeting if you plan on voting in person (Wednesday January 18th at Rosita's in Tempe!)

| <i>Office</i> | <i>Candidate</i> | <i>Platform</i> |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sergeant at Arms | Brian Fenwick | <i>Say hello to my little "Fen"</i> |
| Secretary | Brigit Iles | <i>Blondes have more FUN!</i> |
| Treasurer | Nancy Axtell | <i>Twister Anyone???</i> |
| | ~OR~ | |
| | Phil Gantchev | <i>Kade e toaletnata?</i> |
| Membership | Charles Corridorri | <i>Make my day!</i> |
| | ~OR~ | |
| | Chris Lee & Peaches | <i>Do these taste like cherries??</i> |
| Events Coordinator | Craig Stradling | <i>Pink Buses Rock!</i> |
| Vice President | Mike Baleda | <i>March 2009 Cover Model</i> |
| President | Gary Lampinen | <i>Gentlemen prefer Bays</i> |



Hey gang, here it is, the coloring contest. The executive mobile suite is in need of a paint job & we thought to ask you, our members, what it should look like. If we choose your design you'll be getting a club shirt. Simply color the above outline, fold it into thirds like you would a letter with the design on the inside & mail it back to us at our PO Box. C/O Panel Bus. Hope to hear from you!