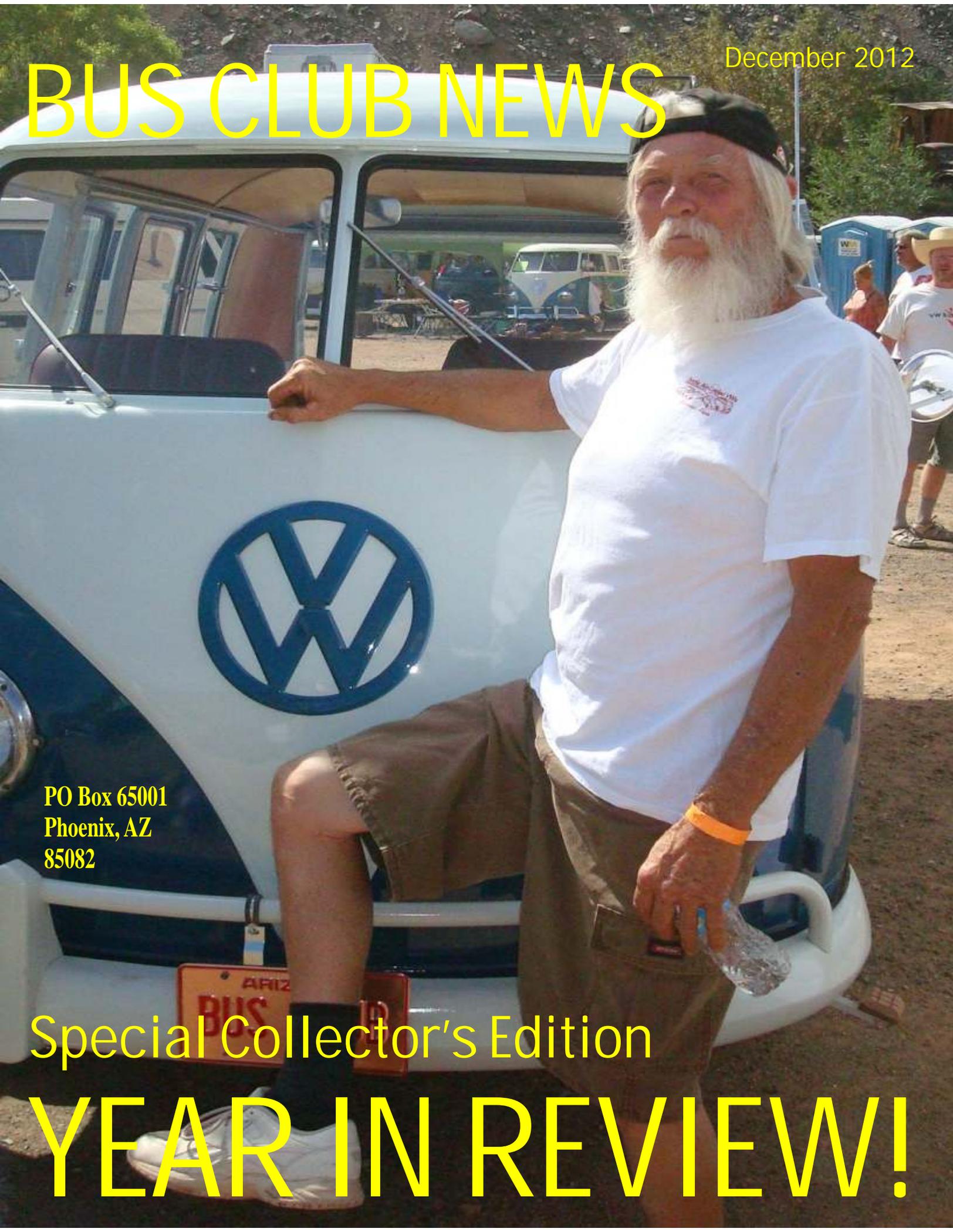


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# BUS CLUB NEWS



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Special Collector's Edition

# YEAR IN REVIEW!

The Prez speaks.....

Hello loyal readers of this quality publication, tiz I with some end of the year thoughts, comments, reminders & suggestions designed to make 2013 as fun and productive (from a club standpoint) as possible. Some of this stuff is relevant, some is informative & some you have to make your own judgement call about. That being said, let's begin!

First, in Wholly cow Batman style, the raffle bus has arrived and the reparations have already begun on it. Before Saturday the 22nd, assuming all is naught with the Mayan calendar, we hope to have a list of tin pieces & assorted other parts to obtain for next year raffle bus. The "Raffle Bus Scavenger List" will be made available before the Lake Havasu event so if you attend BBB in January you can easily shop for raffle bus parts & drop them off at our club booth so we can cross them off our list and give credit to the donors.

Convenient eh? Our repair project chief C.Jacobsen is somewhat hyped about next years project to the extent that he is predicting a 'ready for paint' status by the end of February 2013. Wow. Quite the aggressive schedule of this raffle bus. Personally I would love to see and take great pride in bragging about this bus and it's accelerated repair schedule even if it cost me a bill. That being said there are always questions about what to bring to these repair parties, and so I've compiled a list for the novice raffle bus work party attendee based on my experience from past years.

Bus Club Work Party Must Haves...List

- Good leather gloves for handling sharp steel
- Latex gloves for chemicals, grease, oil, paint
- Libations
- Ear protection
- Eye protection
- Long pants weather permitting
- Long sleeve shirt weather permitting
- Snacks, chips, peanuts in shell, \$5 hot & readys
- Sander w/ various grits 100 – 400 grit
- Pneumatic grinder / electric grinder
- Disks for grinders
- Sanding block
- Ziplock bags
- Sharpie pens

So, some of these things are good. Great if you bring them all to use. Some things are meant for cold weather, other things meant for warmer weather, obviously. Big thing is to have fun & try not to hurt yourself.

2013 Jamboree XXIII Dates: Mark your calendars and I need to call Don to make sure but...Friday Sept 20th thru Sunday Sept 22nd. This is the weekend following a Full Moon. know, at least we'll be safe from the zombies wandering about, Right?

Club T-shirt Order: They are on their way! I was trying to get to a minimum order of 6 shirts but it never materialized so I'm buying shirts to complete the order & we should have them soon and on your doorstep shortly after.

T-Shirt Contest: Remember that silly little competition we had to paint the Club's Executive suite & mobile hookah lounge at the beginning of this year? Well, we've got winners & we're going to notify you of them soon.

Offices Available: Just another reminder that in January we're having elections for club officers.

Positions coming up for grabs for a 2 year term include President, Secretary and Sgt at Arms. We're looking for nominations for these positions and we need them soon 'cause we're voting in January for them. Bus club is bringing back the tradition of serving hors

d'eurvs(sp?) (pronounce: horse doovers) at the January meeting for those who show AND VOTE for the officers. Come early and listen to the board hammer out decisions for the club and you'll have the opportunity to participate. Fun right?

Meeting Night Change: Looking at our Bus Club social calendar, I'm seeing a lot of schedule conflicts with having the general meeting on the third Wednesday of the month, so the board was thinking of moving the general meeting to the Second Wednesday of the month while we're thinking about combining the board meeting with the club meeting.

Details on this change are still to follow & we should have a decision cranked out by the January meeting but just incase keep BOTH Wednesday nights open in January.

Little note of interest: As I spent most of my morning last Tuesday at the Arizona DMV getting a trailer licensed, titled, VINed & tagged, I realized that a "bill 'o sale" probably would have made everything go a bit smoother at the help desk. Keep in mind if the bill of sale was procured, DO NOT use the name of Joseph Schmoseph as the previous owner. Evidently this guy sells MANY vehicles during the year and the DMV has a close watch on everything he sells. Joseph Blowseph is another character to be wary of.

If you don't like what you're reading, then by all means contribute. The Bus Club's News center is always looking for accurate, concise, riveting articles to publish about buses, bus experiences, bus history & such. That and we're tired of stealing thirty year old articles from Arizona Highways magazines like last months issue had. Did no one recognize that article from August of 1977? Jeez people, get out & try reading for a change.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! This is a piece were bringing back as well, unless our editor thinks otherwise. Good to see new member Robert & his dad at the light parade this year. And transplanted from Missouri, Roy & family. It was good to see you out at the Christmas Party. Note: Roy, if you're reading this, the Smithsonian museum called and wanted to borrow your bus for an exhibit. I can forward you their number.

David & Angie, wow. Tough call to make choosing between bus club friends or family. Or was it? I don't think of having lost some nice participative members, I just have to wait longer to see them between shows.

Welcome new members! Hey, we've been kind of lax about giving a shout out to our recent joining members, So we're doing it now!

Welcome to our humble Bus Club: David Dorsey, Clay Bagley, Ray Vorbeck, Gary & Donna Lampinen, Mindy Lively, Robert McCarthy, Alex Grant, David Robertson, Leigh Ann Roberts, Joyce Boyd, Richard Uskat, Chris Wika, James Roberts, Luke Sheppard, Drew Simon, Troy Levitt, Greg Yerkes, Rick Savko, Mike Jernigan, Scott Welch, Roy Jonas, Cathy Mazer, Jaime & Renata Macy, Elena Bennett & Kristin Lampinen.

Welcome to the Arizona Bus Club and I hope to see you all at BBB in Lake Havasu this coming January.



Why strain yourself when you can read the news online?

# 2012 YEAR IN

The News Nobody



Wiley Roberts (this month's cover model) set a personal distance record by driving his bio-diesel bus from his home in Hereford to Tierra del Fuego and back using only French fry grease and a trained squirrel named Bruce. "It was a great trip" he explained "except for the 40 pounds I gained eating all those dang fries!" The only wrinkle was being detained by the authorities in Guacamole

after they received a tip that the bus was a rolling bomb...Turns out the Spanish word for grease sounds a lot like plastique. Luckily Wiley had prepared for such an encounter by bringing his co-



pilot and translator Emir with him who arranged for his release from jail using nothing more than her shining personality and an envelope stuffed with \$100 bills from an old Monopoly game she'd brought along to pass the time.

Chad Jacobson issued a recall notice on his famous burn barrels after some owners complained about unwanted

acceleration and braking problems. It seems that driving around in a red hot washing machine tub can lead to issues with stability and traction. Chad's new modifications include 14" rims and six point harnesses custom made for the operator. Hydraulics can be ordered but expect a wait until after Arbor Day.



Melissa Jess announced from Alaska the grand opening of her new fish restaurant

located next door to the no-kill salmon shelter. Crowds were treated to gourmet dishes culled from generations of Jess Family recipes.

Melissa declined to comment on rumors that salmon brought to the shelter were ending up next door on the menu. "Hey I'm not in

charge of day to day operations you'll have to ask Eli where he gets the fish. Have you tried today's special? It's delicious!" The interview ended as she roared off in a new Bugati Veyron which she purchased after a couple of "really good" yard sales. For the record we enjoyed the salmon but the shelter could use a little



# IN REAR VIEW

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more sound proofing to drown out the incessant barking from the shelter next door. Ronnie Feitelsen captures the land speed record and slow drag championships driving the same bus. In January he wowed the crowd at Buses by the Bridge by creeping across the finish line just behind his closest competitor then drove the same bus to a world record on the salt flats at Bonneville in August. Ronnie is knowledgeable, helpful and can always be counted on to empty your ice chest of any spare O'Doul's.



Club photographer Darla Amatsin found herself thrust into the limelight after some of her personal photographs were leaked to the internet. Included in the bonanza were intimate portraits of Darla's Blue Tick Hound "Hoss" snuggled up in the pop top of her 74 Riviera along with some "before and after" shots of the new laminate on her drain board. Darla put a password on her camera chip to prevent any more unauthorized uploading and wrote it down on a match book so she wouldn't forget it...this has worked well so far in preventing any unauthorized access to the card but Darla can't remember the



password so if anybody finds a matchbook with some writing on it please let her know. Rich Reeder solidified his position as club orator by reciting the lyrics to Bootylicious to an enraptured crowd at Colossal Cave in April. The impromptu campfire carol was met by enthusiastic applause as "Rich Rich" rapped his way into the hearts of his fellow campers. Who would have thought a poor white boy from Utah would end up ruling the classic rap circuit? Rich is headlining the Gangsta New Year's Eve at Celebrity Theatre. Be sure to request your ABC discount when ordering tickets. So much goes on in this club that we can't keep track of it all and we don't blame you one bit if you hadn't heard of some or all of these exciting news tidbits. 2013 promises to be just as exciting so come to meetings and campouts and stay tuned to the news.



# COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

**January 16th ABC General Meeting and Elections. Offices coming up this year are Sergeant at Arms, Secretary and President each for a 2 year term. Want to run? Go for it! The ABC meets at the historic Jack Swilling Bar at the Pera Club 1 East Continental, Tempe, AZ 85281 Meeting starts at 7pm but usually earlier depending on the price of tea in China. Eat before you arrive or bring something to eat. Full bar including Temptress Jaime who will put a smile on your face while laying down the goods. ABC general meetings are casual affairs with minimal participation and maximum eye candy. When the indoor meeting ends the parking lot party begins. Just come, you'll see.**

**January 17-20 Buses by the Bridge XXX Lake Havasu City Prepare yourself for the biggest BBB in history!**

**March 24th San Tan VW presents Bugorama**

**Club-sponsored coming events: in next month's issue we'll try to nail down some dates for Colossal Cave, Pinal Gun Show, JJXXXIII and the Christmas Party plus try to guess dates for some of the other local events.**



Arizona Bus Club Badge Price: \$20

This is a Beautiful Arizona Bus Club Badge shaped as the State of Arizona.

\*The Inside of the badge is colored as the flag of the state of Arizona.

\*There is a split window bus outline in the center of the copper Arizona star.

\*This badge was sold at the Jerome Jamboree XX, XXI

This badge was made in the USA

\*it is 2 3/4" x 3 1/2" x 1/8 thick, it has a good weight

\*Put on your Dash, screw to the side of the bus (under front door near wheel well), mount to a bracket off of the bumper or just place on shelf with other VW mementos

\*I am local in Tucson but can ship if you want to send as a gift.

\*Proceeds will be given to the Arizona Burn Camp for children.

Please contact me [yikes64@hotmail.com](mailto:yikes64@hotmail.com), on the samba, username : lowbus

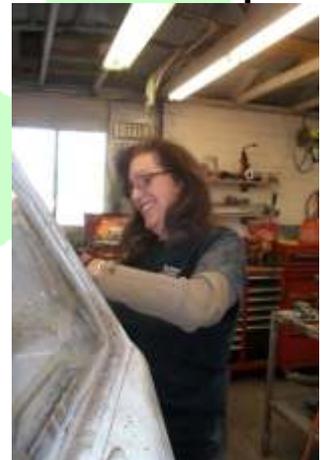
Or give me a call while at Jerome (520) 661-6626.

Terry Steger (Arizona Bus Club member)

\*\*\*Quantities are now very limited \*\*\*



Thank you Jay Roberts for dragging this wreck all the way from New Mexico!



Tear Down Party at Chad's 12-22



Tear down party pics compliments of Darla Amatsin

# road trip of the month

(Portions of this article were lifted from various books and internet web sites. The Editor has never been on this road and is too big of a wuss to attempt it but that doesn't mean you can't! How cool would it be for someone like you to load up your bus and head out on one the most notorious roads in the history of the Southwest?)

**I**n general there is no bad reason for leaving Yuma but this month's Road Trip might give one pause. El Camino del Diablo, or Devil's Highway is the historic and wild way to get from Yuma to the Sea of Cortez. For purposes of this article we



recommend staying stateside and calling it quits once you reach Ajo. You'll need three permits to travel the full length of El Camino: a permit to cross the Barry Goldwater Military Bombing Range, a second one to traverse the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge, and a third to enter the Organ Pipes Cactus National Park. You'll pass through the Tinajas Atlas Mountain Range, the Pinacata Lava Flow and long, sandy portions of washes and nameless tracks. There is too

much information to provide in this short space but in essence this is 130 miles of bumps, hazards, bandits, graves, ghost towns and enough dangerous territory running right along the Mexican border that you may actually have second thoughts about leaving Yuma. Only extreme adventurers should attempt this route and only then with a companion bus, spare tires, fuel and enough provisions for a week. Good luck on this one and let us know if you live to tell the tale!

Yuma to Ajo via Hell--- >

