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Arizona Bus Club



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Behind the Wheel

The young intern ran into the printing room of the Bus Club news and exclaimed “Stop the presses!” as she jerked the xerox machine plug out of the wall. “I have a story that needs publishing this month!” Naturally, those of us warming our hands on the freshly printed pages were a bit perturbed now that we had to get back to real business. “What’s this story about?” asked Bob. “Nothing really.” said the intern. “Just a complete review of the BBB bus event!” We all looked at her in surprise as she proudly handed over her spiral bound notepad filled with bus doodles, hearts drawn around buses and guy’s pictures cut out of the 2014 TBM calendar, pasted into the passenger seat of some of the buses she had drawn. Bob calmly took the notebook from her slender hand, flipped thru some of the pages and commented “multimedia? I like it! We’ll make a reporter out of you yet!”

And that, my fellow clubbers is why this February issue is getting to the stands a little late this month. The intern is Bob’s daughter and her doodle art may very well be included in the March news. Other than that there isn’t much to report for the month of January. Just kidding. We’ve got some great things for ya to keep you up to date on club activities, club direction, future events, an in depth interview of our beloved Club member #51-Pat Kelly and how to keep your bus from becoming a statistic. Read on dear clubber as our intern interprets her notes so they might be printed!

Getting it done Dept: by R Jonas

Hey gang, just a quick note/ invitation here. The Jerome Jamboree 2014 raffle bus work parties are now in full swing. We have set an ambitious plan to deliver it to Doug’s paint shop on March 29th and although this year’s bus is in exceptional condition compared to years past we still have a lot to do before paint. There are 9 weeks left before March 29th and unfortunately Chad has to work weekends at his job during 5 of them. We are planning to work on Sundays during his vacancies and Mindy will host these parties at Chad’s shop. Chad will be working many days and evenings during these weeks on the bus himself and anyone is welcome to join him but its best to work out weekday schedules directly with Chad (see his number below). He may even announce the weekdays/evenings he’s planning on thrashing...TBD.

Here are the scheduled raffle bus work parties:

Saturday, February 1st - 8am - 5pm
 Saturday, February 8th - 8am - 5pm
 Fri,Sat,Sun February 14-16 "Work Party Campout"
 Sunday, February 23rd - 8am - 5pm
 Sunday, March 2nd - 8am - 5pm
 Sunday, March 9th - 8am - 5pm
 Sunday, March 15th - 8am - 5pm
 Sunday, March 23rd - 8am - 5pm

For inquiries about the Sunday dates please contact Mindy directly. Her number is 602-413 four eight one four.

For inquiries about weekdays/evenings contact Chad directly. His number is 602-622-six nine zero two. Hope to see you all at these work parties to enjoy productive camaraderie with fellow Arizona Bus Club members.

Roy

Your 2014 Bus Club Board includes:

Event Coor. – David Murphy
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 If you’re looking to contact our board, might I suggest:
Arizonabusclub-subscribe@yahoo.com

Special unsolicited reminder:

This month is Girl Scout Cookie month.

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?

Instructions: Step one - Send an e-mail to:

Arizonabusclub-subscribe@yahoogroups.com and then join in on the fun!

I WANT TO CONTRIBUTE AN ARTICLE!

Silly rabbit, everyone wants to read their contribution in our newsletter and subject our subscribers to their particular version of bad grammar, run on sentences, dangling participles, nasty verbage and odd punctuation. Just remember our news editor has high standards regarding what gets published and what is left for next month's news. These standards include the following: article should be in English, as most of our reader base understands English when the news is read to them. Articles should have a beginning, a middle and when they come to the end, they stop and wrap themselves up in a nice tidy package that's easy to understand. Rumors about articles submitted in crayon are true and we will publish them as is. Articles should relate to VW buses somehow. (Even if the article was written in a bus. Good start!) And finally, articles must be submitted. Period. We don't read minds...yet. So please send your submission, preferably before the deadline, or they risk winding up in the following newsletter. All this being said, please send your bus stories, bus anecdotes, bus jokes & bus pics to busclubeditor@gmail.com if you'd like to see them published. Take it from me, submitting an article is non-habit forming, creates instant karma and often times helps to pass the time while the officer writes up the citation.



I was looking for the parts store in the background.

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 our new Board change the amount. 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 cash or gold bullion to Gary Lampinen. Believe it or not, your dues go directly to funding the publication and mailing of this quality periodical. Upon receipt of payment, we will do our best to update your membership to ensure you continue to receive this quality publication throughout the year to keep you up to date on Bus Club activities.

DISCLAIMER: Hey gang, we can be the source of good information and really bad rumors so please 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 other harm resulting from the use or misuse of any information contained in the newsletter or the newsletter itself.

General Meeting Notes Department

Hey gang, if you attended the general meeting but didn't really attend the general meeting, here are some of the things recorded by one of our more responsible members. (Thank you Sis!)

RE Donations: Paradise Valley Foodbank can always use your donation of non-perishable food items. During the months of June, July & August the demand for these goods increases dramatically but PV food bank can use your donations year round. Evelyn and her bus Valentine collect these goods at each meeting for your donating convenience.

RE Jamboree: Many good ideas presented for this year's main event including: bands, activities for kids, charity representation, Thursday night caravan, waste/recycling etiquette, volunteering for booths, additional club swag, t-shirt design, curfew, food vendors & potential theme to name a few.

RE Recycling: President G is collecting cans again this year for the Club's Camp Keg. Last year's recycling effort completely covered the cost of some very tasty Oktoberfest brew and the cost of ice to keep it cold. Unfortunately our president is picky about contributions to this effort. He will only accept aluminum cans during the year or ice during the weekend of the event. Current recycling effort estimates put the CCK fund at one half of one keg. Camp keg contributors should bring their contribution to the general meeting for collection along with a flavor suggestion.

New Member Department

Just like any organization where you're the nubie, we too enjoy recognizing new members to our club.

Name	From
Lori Nielson	Mesa
Rebecca Shannon	Glendale
Dawn Smyth	Mesa
Ray and Dolly	Glendale

Everyone, thank you for showing interest in our Bus Club. We hope to see you at an up coming event!

BBB 18 event report Department



"Good" wheel. Tire requires inflation.

Buses by the bridge will always be a good event to attend. Our hosts, the LBB, know how to organize a fun event and keep it fun. This year was a good year for most of the temperature sensitive folks as the mercury at the lakeside venue did not drop down to the chilly extremes of the past. The raffles were packed with excellent prizes and the local BSA troop satisfied every guest in line with their pancakes Sunday morning. For most of the attendees, BBB is a excellent venue as it is held on the AZ/CA boarder. Those coming from New Mexico, Texas, Northern Cali or Washington have an opportunity to enjoy a bit longer cruise in their ride of choice



Tire guy said the bead would be difficult to set.

All in all and despite all obstacles to overcome, the event is worth while every year I've attended and gives many bus owners the opportunity to chat face to face with friends in the bus community.



Mike, that was some of the best stuff ever. Thank you!

Things to remember Dept.

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Passing the bucks from one chief to another. Jerome VFD \$1200.

Interview Department By Mindy Lively

Arizona Bus Club member #51 Pat Kelly

Pat Kelly drives a 1965 Double Cab

Mindy: How long have you had that double cab?

Pat: 33 years. I saw it advertised and went to Lake Havasu and bought it. I didn't know about Jerome when I bought it.

Mindy: Why VW? How did you get interested in Volkswagens?

Pat: We bought our first new VW in 1966. We paid \$1,895.00 for the little green Bug. We left CA for Buffalo NY in our little green bug, rack on top, full of all our stuff. We hit a snowstorm in Wyoming.

It was sudden storm. We could not see the sides of the road and could only see the tracks of a large truck on the road. We could see his lights now and then the snow was so heavy. I said then that only in a VW could we have made it through that snowstorm. Just outside of Bath, New York we got creamed. Hit broadside by a truck.

The little green bug was totaled. It had served us well so when we arrived in Buffalo we headed for the VW Dealer. We purchased a brand new 1967 VW convertible. We drove the convertible from Buffalo following the trail of a Solider shipment to Viet Nam.

My bride drove the VW while I was gone. When I came back from Viet Nam I drove the VW to New York and then on to Yuma Proving Grounds. That's how I got to Arizona in 1970. We ended up selling that VW because there weren't any VW dealers in Yuma. After living in Yuma we moved to Phoenix in 1979. In 1981 I bought the 1965 Double Cab that I own now. At that time we lived near Phoenix College and Richard Kimbrough saw the double cab and put a Bus Club flyer on my Bus. That is how I got into the Bus Club and went to Jerome the second year. My Bride had never driven a stick until we purchased the Little Green Bug. To this day she still comments on her love for the Little Green Bug.

Mindy: Does your bus have a name?

Pat: No. I never named it. It has just been a friend to me all these years. The most memorable thing about driving a VW in my 50 years of driving a VW is that people always stop to help. I can't say that about BMW people.

Mindy: How do you maintain your bus?

Pat: Perry maintained my bus all these years but he was sadly killed this year. He was a good mechanic. More important he was a wonderful person.

Mindy: Being one of the founding members you

must have been busy with lots of jobs. What type of things did you do as a member in the early years?

Pat: I was not a founding member just a guy that came along in time to see a group of folks having a lot of fun. I was given the most important job of ordering the portable johns and setting the date for the Jamboree each year. This was a no thinker because at that time the Jamboree was always the second week of September. I was the Sergeant of Arms for a number of years, making sure everyone wasn't too rowdy. I was President of the club for 2 years. But the most fun I had was when I started a celebrity auction. I would write celebrities and ask them for donations. Then we would raffle the celebrity items in Jerome. The celebrity put their name on the box but the boxes were not opened so no one knew what was in the box until they won the bid and opened the box. John Wayne sent a boot and Tiger Woods sent a big photo framed and signed. There was so much stuff. I got a doll from Carol Burnett and Liz Taylor sent something every year. They would just send little items and a note with their signatures. The club would get about 25 to 35 items each year. During the early years as now money was short at times and I would tender a float.

Mindy: What type of events did you have at Jerome back then?

Pat: We never did music or bands. We kept it very low key. Richard Kimbrough started the slow drags. I started the chili contest on Friday so people would have something to eat before the evening actives began. You know those arm bands you get at the gate when you go to Jerome? I came up with that idea. I did present the Jamboree concept from the Billy Williams Mountain men, which we adopted.

Mindy: Were there any problems at Jerome?

Pat: At one point someone decided to burn a magnesium engine block. I don't know if you have ever seen a magnesium engine block burn but when it buns it turns white white. People were dancing around the fire and the shadows cast 50-foot figures on the mountain side. The people that lived down in Cottonwood and Claypool saw those people dancing on the mountainside. The police and the fire departments were called. We were told that about 45 phone calls were received, because they thought Martians had landed. So we were banned from burning the engines. Time changes since then some and small fires have been noted. As Sergeant of Arms I would stop by each camp during the evening and talk with each camp. I had a relationship with our campers. Normally on my second trip to the areas

the fires were lower and the smiles were bigger. This was a mellow time as the evening drew quiet. When we had a problem they were quelled. Only twice that I can remember we asked folks to leave.

Pat: Another thing we did with the club was making tie-dye t-shirts. I had a hand in this. I watched Jerry Jess and Richard Kimbrough on a dining table in a house in Encanto Park roll out the first screened ABC Tie-dye t-shirt. Then my first tie-dye was rolled out. They stretched out the shirts on the dining room table and Jerry Jess and I put the screen bottom to top and screened my shirt. So when I woke up in the morning I could lift the shirt up and see where I was. I still wear tie-die. I'm not sure between Jerry and Richard who came up with the tie-dye but we all screened them. That's the where and the how tie-die started. Of note I saw a Jerome Tie-Die in New York when we were there. So always look because Jerome Tie-Die turns up in strange places.

Mindy: Do you work on the raffle bus?

Pat: The first year we did the raffle bus it was fun. We had the bus at Richard Kimbrough's friend's house in South Phoenix and then we towed it to Jerome. It wasn't painted and it was rough and we raffled it off. I don't work on the bus now. The only thing I do now is I try to donate money.

Mindy: What are your favorite VW events?

Pat: There are two Arizona celebrations each year I wouldn't miss. Jerome and the Route 66 Fun Run.

Mindy: I haven't heard of the Route 66 Fun Run. Is this a Bus Club event?

Pat: No. This one is put on by the Arizona Route 66 Club and is the first weekend in May. (three days) They have all type of vehicles there from 1917 Fords to Corvettes and Volkswagens (very few VW's). The ride goes from Seligman to Gold Shores. They crown a Queen on Friday night in Seligman and on Saturday morning around 10:00am they leave Seligman and go to Kingman with all 600 vehicles. Great ride! Along the way they drive through these little towns and in one area on the Reservation they put on a dance and a BBQ. When they get to the old part of Kingman you can park your car. Saturday night they have a real 40/50's dance with poodle skirts and all the trimmings, A+ show! The vehicles are judged in Kingman at the old railroad station downtown. On Sunday morning they drive to Oatman. Oatman's major claim to fame is that the burros have the right of way. The second is that Clark Gable and Carol Lombard spent their wedding night in Oatman Hotel. Oatman is an old mining town and the roads are

narrow. We always go to Laughlin for a few days after and then come home.

Mindy: I heard you have been all over in your bus. What trip was most enjoyable for you?

Pat: When I retired from the Attorney Generals office I drove to Key West Florida. I spent 3 days there, went up the coast to Carolinas to Bronson Missouri, and then I came home. I was gone a little over 8 weeks. I would drive 4 days and take a day off. I didn't care how many miles I drove. I arrived in Panama City, Florida during Spring Break week a sight to see. A couple local sheriffs stopped me because I had long hair, a beard, tie-dye shirt and I was smiling. I went to the opening of the National Headquarters for Route 66 in Oil City. The Double Cab and I made the Parade and it was great .We have done the Light Parade in Phoenix a couple times and I have been doing the Apache Junction parade for the last six years.

Mindy: When you did that trip, did you sleep in your cab?

Pat: I had a cover on the back and I just slept in the back. I would camp out 2 days and then stay in motel. My trip all along the Gulf coast to Florida I would look early in the day for a motel. Most of the areas had people already camping. I met a lot of real good people on the road. I always starting look for camping spots early in the day. On that the forth day I would take the day off to do laundry.

Mindy: You remind me of someone that is famous who might that be?

Pat: In Sacramento California this lady started screaming "I thought you were dead... I thought you were dead... Then she started singing. "Jerry... Jerry...." To this day my Bride and I still laugh when we hear a Dead song. They always think I am him. In an amusement park in California they thought I was Kenny Rogers.

Mindy: Who do people think you are around Christmas time?

Pat: Oh, now that is the highlight of my year! I do Santa Claus. A few years back I was coming out of Costco and a lady approached me to do Santa Claus for their wedding party on Christmas eve. We went out and got a Santa Claus suit, went to her house, we went in, and I passed out socks with presents they had bought. There were about 30 people from Germany and as I passed out the socks we sang carols. The funny thing about it was my wife was cracking up laughing because these women kept pinching my butt. She thought it was the funniest

thing she'd ever seen. She gave us a check when we left there but we never charged for doing Santa again. Every year I go to churches, restaurants, and a parade in Apache Junction. I just love the children events in Apache Junction and love working with the kids. It is a lot of fun. One year I went out and spent Christmas with a little girl that had leukemia.

The absolute most fun on Christmas eve is when I go out with my bride and drive around. Around 8:30 -9:00 we look for people that are having a party and I knock on the door. You have never seen people so surprised and the racket they make. It is a real high. We go to a restaurant in town on Christmas that serves free meals. We take pictures of everyone there sitting on Santa's Lap and then give them the picture. I always try to go to the bus club Christmas party and pass out the packages to the children.

Mindy: Do you think you would like another Volkswagen? Maybe you will win the raffle bus this year?

Pat: My next vehicle will be a Westfalia camper. I will get one in the early 80's or late 70's. I am getting too old for the Double Cab.

Mindy: If you need the motor rebuilt I can help you with that. Thanks for the interview.

Pat: I will keep that in mind. See you at the Bus Club Christmas party.

Mindy Lively has been an Arizona Bus Club member since May 2012. She decided that interviewing members about their buses would be a fun way to get to know everyone. Mindy plans on living in her 1971 bay window camper one day. She is presently obsessed with finding a club member with a VW engine in need of rebuild so she can rebuild it. Contact Mindy for interview or engine rebuild at Lively@zoomnet.net.

Swaps & Want ads Department

What better way to put out into the universe what you want, need or have to share with others. Send your requests & notices to: **Busclubeditor@gmail.com** We'll make sure to include them in our next issue! Deadline for submissions is usually the 5th of the month unless there is a good excuse and then its negotiable.

Kimbrough, Richard G writes: I'm out cleaning up a bit and found a couple of things I'm selling. I have a pair of bug ball joint dropped spindles from CB Performance. Installed once and then removed without ever driving on them. \$140 or will trade for bus parts. I also have a used bench mount engine stand. First \$25 takes it. Contact Richard on yahoo groups if he hasn't sold it already.

Coming Events Department



Get ready for the inevitable Mt. Shasta snow trip!

Late Feb – Early March – Anyone for a Cruise Campout down the Apache trail to Roosevelt Lake?

April – Bus Club heads south to the Tucson area.

May – Mt. Pinal campout & eat fest

An easy, convenient weekend of kick back camping the way bus club intended. Only entry fee: Bring something to share for the hilltop smorgassborg. How does the weekend of Friday 16th sound?

June – 5th -8th Blackstar – Hosted by VTO in the Beautiful Prado Regional Park near Chino CA. Visit thesamba.com for more details.

July – Flagstaff KOA – Ready or not, here we kamp! Typically held the last weekend in July. Contact Janyel for more details.

September 19th – 21st Jamboree XXIV



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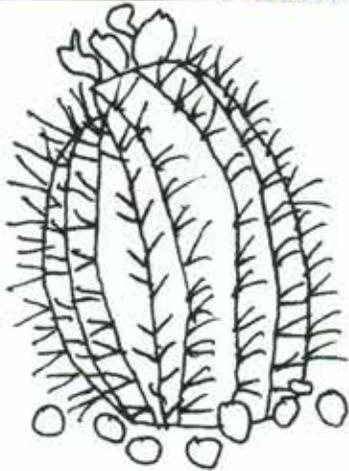


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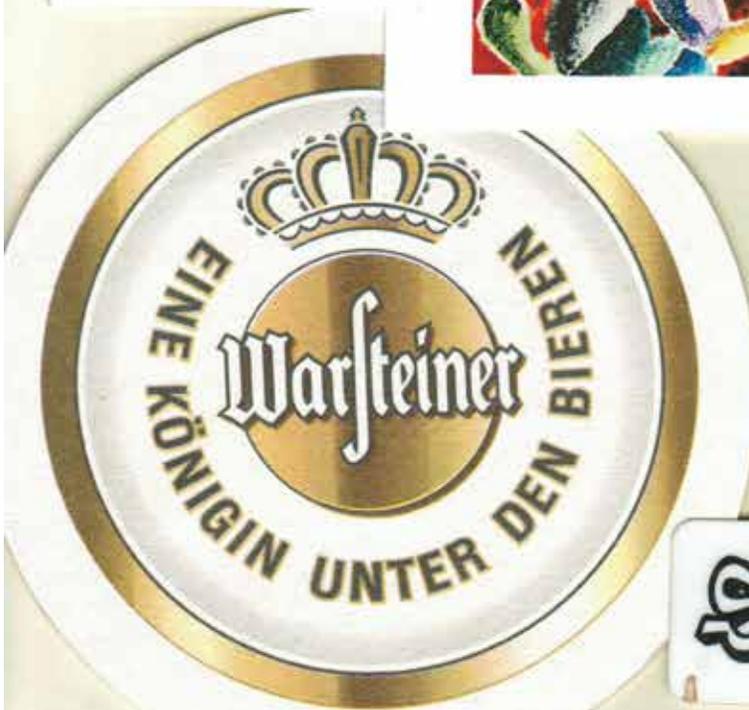
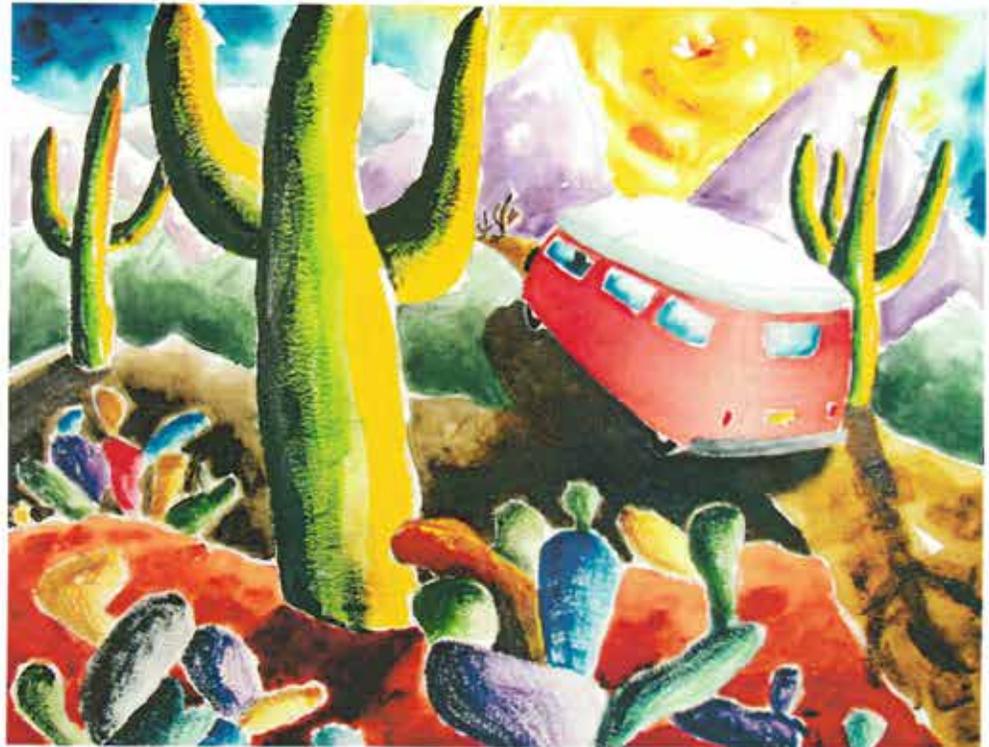


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Mini Coloring Contest

What are you
waiting for?

stragglers