

Bus Club News

March 2014



Metal working. What a beautiful thing.

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Arizona Bus Club

Behind the Wheel

The raffle bus is really moving along thanks to all the participation from our members. It's good to see the hive of activity as everyone goes about their tasks of prepping bits and pieces of the raffle bus for reassembly and it's amazing the amount of effort that goes into this thing. This past month Chad J hosted a Club first ever (well, first that I'm familiar with) raffle bus work party campout weekend where members from other parts of the state were given the opportunity to stop in, rub a little karma on the bus, spend the night, rub a little more karma on the bus and then return to their distant lands. Knowing people have traveled as far as they have shows the interest our members have in continuing this one-of-a-kind restoration effort. Witnessing the raw talent that goes into restoring one of these beasts make people, like myself, want to take better care of what we've got. (Mainly so when I start my own project, I'm not so far from completion.) Another aspect of the project, which I like to entice other members with, is the opportunity to practice your own metal working skills so you build confidence enough to tackle your own project. The camaraderie that is exhibited at these work parties is second to none, and no one contemplating attending one of these gatherings should be afraid of having nothing to do, or being good enough to perform a task. Trust me, you will not get assigned to anything you're not capable of doing. And if you get stuck, there's always help available. I hope to see you all when we put this thing together! G



Lou from Elgin AZ spends some time buffing welds on the raffle bus.

Getting it done Dept:

Remaining scheduled raffle bus work parties:

Sunday, March 23rd - 8am - 5pm

With any luck the raffle bus should be heading for the paint booth by the end of March. We'll spend a couple weeks re-assembling it and then take it out for its first test drive! April dates to follow soon on-line!



Always good to see Evelyn and Valentine at these gatherings.

Your 2014 Bus Club Board includes:

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If you're looking to contact our board, might I suggest:

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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!

Special unsolicited reminder:

Have you been to the Renaissance Fair this year?



Tim & TJ pause for a moment during the campout weekend.

I WANT TO CONTRIBUTE AN ARTICLE!

Hey gang. Just a quick note of thanks to everyone who submitted an article this month. The editor's inbox was completely stuffed with articles. Probably the hardest part of putting this month's news together was deciding which articles to print & which to hold off for next month. Regardless, don't make our poor decision making skills become the deciding factor on whether you send in an article or not. If you've got something on your mind that you think is funny, interesting or factual send it in and give our lead columnist a break from typing. No one wants to read his banter over and over again anyway. So please send your submission to busclubeditor@gmail.com if you'd like to see your ideas, thoughts or brain droppings published. Some of our members prefer to write under an assumed name. Cool! Take it from me, sharing a submitted article is non-habit forming, allows you to sleep better at night, creates instant karma, will get you invited to better events and often times helps to pass the time while the driving instructor drones on about the two second count.



Tag teaming the cab floor gets it done! Green metal ROCKS!

MEMBERSHIP DUES are STILL only \$20 per year. WHAT? I know, we might be upping that amount soon, so get your renewal dues into us QUICK before we up that amount (just kidding about raising the price increase, but do you wanna chance it?) Please send your dues & renewals in the form of Check, M.O. or EBT debit cards directly to:

**Arizona Bus Club c/o Membership
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If your dues are not sent to the PO Box, our newly elected Membership Coordinator, Darla, will not be able to update your membership. The Arizona Bus Club cannot be held responsible or track dues sent to any other address. So please, give our delivery boy something to retrieve and mail it to the PO Box. It's quite a drive for him on his mountain bike and he gets grumpy when he has to come back with nothing. Believe it or not, your dues go directly to funding the publication and mailing of this quality periodical. Upon receipt of payment, we will 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.

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Girls are also welcome to come out & play.

Old Membership Drive Department by B. Smith

Dear Clubbers, Thank you for your continued support of our club & this publication by keeping current on your dues. As such, we pledge to keep your shared info secret, safe and scrubbed clean from bathroom walls unless previously approved by you. Should you need your name or address updated, or know of someone who needs their name or address corrected, please contact us and we will make the correction in our data bank. The Bus Club has a new board member responsible for our charter and she is more than willing to make any necessary corrections. Our newsletter & membership cards are supported by the dues we receive. If you prefer enjoying this newsletter on line and do not want a copy sent to clutter your coffee table please let us know. But, you gotta contact us! busclubeditor@gmail.com

Investing in precious metals Dept

Your Arizona Bus Club is asking everyone to assume the task of finding the 2015 raffle bus candidate as well as future raffle buses. You would think a club as big as ours would not have such problems locating future projects but we do. As such, it has become the presidentially designated responsibility of every club member to explore the road less traveled and keep their eyes open for the next club project. Should you come across a bus that you, yourself are not interested in, please take the time to jot down some information on the bus you've discovered. Names & numbers are always helpful but GPS coordinates, approximations, tips, landmarks or any shared information about a location are also helpful as someone else can always follow up to find out more about the discovered bus and/or negotiate its release. These past years the Bus Club has been extremely lucky with its finds. We understand that there



Potential mascot for Ray's bus. Although recently we've had more sightings.

neighborhood only to discover there are no buses left to restore. But that time has not come yet. And as long as will come a time when we've exhausted every resource, upturned every stone & inspected every backyard in the we keep the scavenger hunt going we may never have to face that reality. So in your travels, should you come across a bus that looks forgotten, take note, take a lot of notes, spread the word and help your club keep this madness alive.

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.

RE Video Shoot: Hey gang, if you're reading this And it's not April yet, then we still have time to tell you about the Darkness Dearboy video shoot happening Saturday, March 29th. Ted with DD(those guys that play on the ladders) has asked everyone who owns a bus, regardless of its condition, to show up for this opportunity. The video concept is to have the Walter bus drive around the community and business near the Walterdome and to have other VW buses in the background. After the shoot we'll all meet back at the Walterdome for refreshments & entertainment by Darkness Dearboy. Whatever you might have planned, consider working this in around your schedule. From what I gather, the video shoot will not be an all day event, so if you can spare an hour and its convenient for you, we can place you so you're seen as the bus drives by and then you're free to go. If you can just make the after party, please come as we need to fill the parking lot with buses for a photo opportunity. All participation is appreciated.

RE Club Elections: We've thought long & hard about this topic and we're gong to continue having club elections in November with nominations and campaigning for positions in October. (If the board did a good job of organizing the Jamboree, VOTE THEM OUT. Give someone else a try!) This year's task for the board is to make ALL board positions easier to manage. While this is a responsible club, it is also a fun club and no one should be stressing over the responsibilities of their elected position.

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 five eighths of one keg, what ever that means. Camp keg contributors should bring their contribution to the general meeting for collection along with a flavor suggestion. Thank you for your efforts!



The real reason people showed this weekend was for the food.

New Member Department

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

Name	From
Mark Peden	Phoenix
TJ Roberts	Gilbert
Tim Scholin	Gilbert

Welcome to the Bus Club! We hope to see you at an up coming campout!



Quite the weekend Chad. Thank you to all who showed!

Diagnose Department

Every now and then your bus is going to present you with an interesting puzzle to solve. I've named this puzzle "Why won't I start?" or "What has changed?" Let me give you a "simple" scenario and

YOU, dear reader, get to solve the problem. (I'll try to be thorough with the description as no clarifying questions can be asked.) Here we go: January 3rd, finally found the bus keys, fired it up and left Badini Ranch, the site of this year's New Year's party. Drove 50 miles back into Phoenix and noticed the last 5 miles were fueled by pixie dust and fumes (probably burning oil as the gas gauge was reading 'uncomfortably low'.) Pulled into the QT, shut it down, put 20L of mid grade in, bought 2 jalapeño cheese dogs and a SF rockstar, got back into my bus and attempted to start it. Engine cranks and cranks but no start. What has changed? It just had a tune-up, like, 2 weeks ago. Points are good, fuel pump hasn't fallen apart, fuel filter color is that of a used #2 cone Mellette, wires are snug with good insulation, fuel solenoid clicks on & off, spark plug wires aren't resting on anything hot, plenty of oil in the crank case. Flux capacitor charging.... Why won't it start? Give yourself eight minutes, 16 seconds to figure it out. Why? Why do you think? And then give yourself another ten minutes to do the repair (longer if you had to go buy a new part, and while you're at it, get several spares. It shouldn't set you back too much.) There! I'm back on the road, sucking down salty, spicy, cheesy tube steaks, washing them down with liquid vitamins and it cost me nothing but time. What changed? The answer is on the Last Page. Happy trails!



One of these years, we may not have time to restore a full bus.

Things to remember Dept.

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Letting Go Department *Our own Bob Smith is forced to cull his herd of a prized bus before heading out of the valley as he describes in this essay entitled...*

One last drive with Laverne

It was the perfect night for a drive. Clear and cool the Christmas lights reflected off the streets compliments of an earlier rain shower. We cruised around the East Valley meandering from place to place with no particular destination in mind. The light traffic made for easy driving and Herb Albert and the TJB provided a toe-tapping backdrop. It's no secret that buses always run better in cool air and tonight was no exception; she positively purred through the power curve and I had to watch my speed. Not that it would have mattered; if anyone could charm the authorities it was her. One look at her chromy curves seemed to soften even the crustiest cop. It was getting late so we made our way home, but not in a hurry. This was after all my last drive with Laverne.

If you attended Bus Club meetings in the last decade you've probably heard Chris Lee say she had a yard full of 71's. Over the years I got to know one of them very well; first by offering to get her running again and then by driving her to Blackstar with instructions to sell her. I was a little embarrassed to be driving such an ugly bus; first of all she was a Bay and second that horrible baby-poop color made her resemble a giant sweet potato. But there we were West of Wickenburg cruising down the 60 when I realized how smoothly she rode compared to a split. She had the leg room of a full size truck and rode like a Cadillac. When I woke up in the morning it was a done deal; I was going to buy this deluxe. I left the For Sale sign in the window but luckily nobody enquired and I grinned all the way back to Arizona with my new prize.

Laverne wasn't designed for camping; she had the remnants of a deluxe interior, a sunroof and chrome trim but that didn't stop us from exploring the outback and acquiring her fair share of desert pin stripe. With her I got the best of both worlds; after snuggling into my sleeping bag I could reach up and slide open the sun roof and snooze under the stars. She was a good sport always delivering me and my

cargo here and thence without complaint. Friends would borrow her and return her a little cleaner and brighter; showing her more respect than I ever did. One of them picked up a receipt in the garage and marveled at how much I'd spent recently on tires "For Laverne??" Yeah, for Laverne...

And now her story continues with a chapter written by a different owner. A buddy of mine has been on me to sell her for years to use in his catering business. It became a joke as the first words out of his mouth were always, "When are you going to sell me that bus?" I never really thought the day would come but circumstances require that I thin out the herd, so here I am typing her a farewell note. Good bye you sweet 'ol fat chick. We had a lot of fun together and I will miss you. - Bob Smith

We at the news aren't sure we agree with everything Bob has to say about the fat chicks in the club, but what can we do? We're in need of cheap fill. Thank you Bob for your contribution. We look forward to hearing from you again!



Can you spot the coaster in this picture?

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.

For Sale: 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 K. on yahoo groups.

For Sale: 1968 Double Cab – All new mechanical. All receipts for work done. New interior. Fresh 1776 rebuild. Freeway flier transmission. Could possibly use a fresh coat of paint. Contact Bryan Fenwick @ 602-300-three nine three three for more info including price.

Wanted: A bus. Any bus. Preferably running. Please be reasonable in price as it's going to a good home & will be loved, cherished, driven daily, washed monthly and tuned quarterly. Contact Bailey Hall via yahoo groups.

Coming Events Department

April – Bus Club heads south to the Tucson area. Carsner Caverns was mentioned, as was Happy Valley. Talk it up a bit & let's decide what to do!

May 16th, 17th & 18th– Mt. Pinal

Bus Club 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 smorgasbord. Please contact busclubeditor@gmail if this weekend agrees with you!

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

July – 25th, 26th & 27th -Flagstaff KOA

– Ready or not, here we kamp! Typically held the last weekend in July. Contact Janyel at the Flagstaff KOA for more details about field trips to local brew pubs, new age stores & more!



You guessed it. Perfect fit!

September 19th – 21st Jamboree XXIV

No guarantees as to what to expect this year, other than to have more fun than last year. As if that's possible.

October – Potential new Campout.

We might be looking at a new camping venue near Winkelman AZ. More to follow.

November – Buses on the River Follow us to Yuma for some excellent camping and a great car show. This year Jim Burnite promises to show his favorite river access point.

December – 6th – APS Light Parade

December 12th – 14th Christmas Party

Bus Club is taking it to the West saieeed! to the base of the White Tank mountain range.



Bay pride truly represented this weekend. Wait, is that Earl?

Next Month:

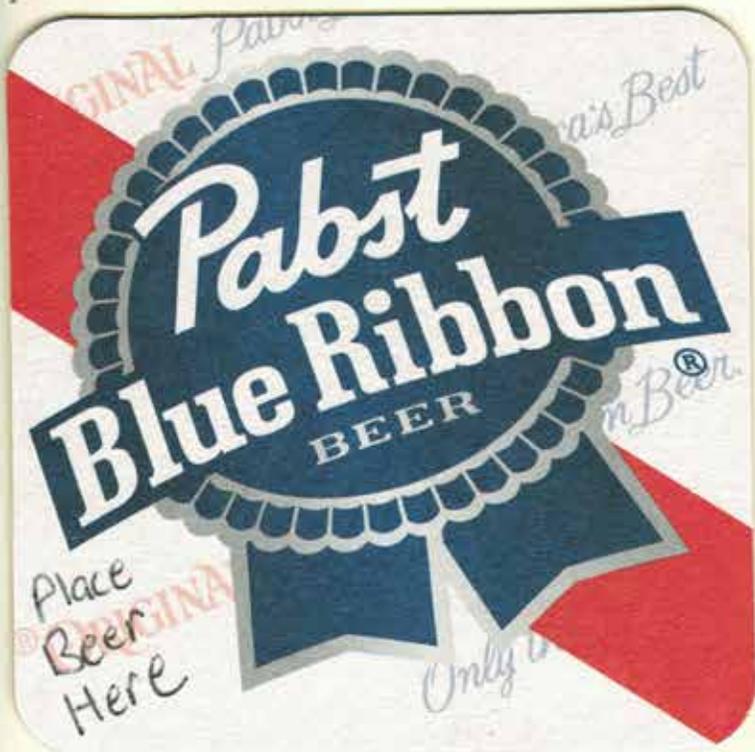
Our Prez reviews some local micro-brews

Bailey's essay on the bus she wants

Interview with Department.....returns

Bad Jokes Department

So this guy walks into a bar, reeking of burnt oil, hands covered in grease up to his elbows, smoke covering his face except where his glasses outline his eyes, wearing Bermuda shorts, what was once a white t-shirt and worn out flip flops. He walks up to bartender and asks if there's a telephone available.



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Hint to the answer in this month's puzzler.



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