



Insert picture of BFF here.

Greg poses in front of video procession for Darkness Dearboy.

*If your address label is highlighted
you have two issues remaining*

Behind the Wheel

WOW. The month of March presented the Arizona Bus Club with about as many activities as a club member would want from their Club. Early in the month we had a request from Angelic Grove for a showing of some our spiffy buses to compliment their Malibu themed Beach Party fund raiser at the Phoenician with proceeds to benefit Phoenix Children's Hospital. Chad led a hearty bunch thru Tortilla Flats to the Roosevelt Dam & back. Then club wound up the month by participating in the Darkness Dearboy video shoot near Tempe Town Lake. Talk about an incredibly fun month to get out of the house & DO something. Did I hear you say "but what about this year's raffle bus? Who is taking care of the raffle bus?" Answer: Everyone is. Our club members have that 'je ne c'est quoi' quality that allows us to participate in many events effortlessly without forgetting our club fundamentals. I can honestly say, I am glad to be associated with this club, I am happy to see the interest of others in this club and I am proud to represent this club as President. The month of May should bring relief to many of us as we have our Mt. Pinal campout and in June we head to Californ-eee-uhh for the Blackstar campout hosted by VEEE TEEE OOHhhhh! Let's see....Also in this issue, the interview Dept is back featuring a very dear & special individual, we spend some time following Darkness Dearboy and we gear up for the month of BAY. All contained in just 8 pages!



Not the first time this beauty has graced our pages

Things Done Department

The weekend of March 29th, Bus Club members were asked and got involved with a truly unique & interesting experience, from a club standpoint, as we were asked to participate as extras 'en mass' in a music video shoot. Darkness Dearboy (yes, the

band that plays atop of ladders) propositioned the A.B.C. for use of VW buses and their drivers. Twenty seven buses with drivers and passengers showed up for the Saturday morning shoot, eager to please & anxious to have their buses recorded for posterity. Seriously though, we couldn't think of anything better to do.



Less than half of our club's representation for this epic shoot...

D.D. had been planning this shoot for over a year while life created its own distractions and hurdles around them. Never the less, D.D. persevered and their film date finally arrived. The essential concept of the video was a Pied Piper theme in which the Walter bus would be seen (scene) around south Scottsdale & Tempe town lake. Buses were viewed everywhere along Walter's route and, as Walter drove by, the buses fell in behind, following Walter back to the Walterdome. Filming this epic event took 3 hours less than planned as everyone hit their cue the first time around.....



Swiss Miss. ... From the Alps to the Walterdome.

Well, o.k., that and the film crew knew what they were doing so they were able to grab all the footage they needed very quickly.



The shoot was wrapped up with the help of some mighty sandwiches, beer and a several pleasant ditties performed by D.D. A good event hosted by good people for good people. Thank you D.D. for approaching the A.B.C. with your request as we all had a great time!

Video release dates to be posted soon.



Walter as the Pied Piper with the 'rats' following behind.

Special Unsolicited Reminder:
County Fair anyone?

Bus Driving Lessons

Hey gang, just a little note that the Arizona Bus Club has a much higher bus-to-driver ratio than most other clubs have. That is to say we have more operable buses than we have operators. Probably a subtle indication of the hoarders we have within the club, but I prefer to view it as a sign of rescue & love for these old toys of ours. (i.e. If I don't look after it, who will?) As such when it comes to events, like the recent video shoot, many of our bus owners are confounded with indecision as to which bus to bring (seriously! we've got the buses, but they don't drive themselves!) So, in response to this need for more drivers I am proposing the Arizona Bus Club Driving School (ABCD'S) for our members & their kin.



Your willing, eager and able Bus driving instructor.

'Why are we offering this service' you ask?

First: so prospective owners know what they're getting into (literally) Second: so the fine art of shifting gears is not lost as our aging membership culls itself. And third: to provide us hoarders with more than one bus with an opportunity to show them all off. Let us know if you need a lesson...or two. Our instructors are verry patient and extremely knowledgeable about operating these classic automobiles. Enroll early (or ask one of us how it's done) and then practice, practice, practice!

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I'M GETTING ENOUGH BUS CLUB!

I know, right? So, if seeing your ABC friends at meetings, work parties, campouts or at the local pub is way, whey, weigh too much, you can now cease communications with the most fun bus club south of the Grand Canyon and take that much deserved rest to get caught up on your Netflix account. This is not a recommended procedure and should not be practiced but you can send an e-mail to:

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Read on to keep up to date on Bus Club activities!

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Get out your reading glasses as our long awaited interview starts now!

Guest interview with Bill Bowman

by M. Lively

Mindy: Hi Bill. Your friend Roy Jonas surprised you with our bus club caravan recently when you had an airline crew layover in Phoenix. It was great to meet you and to hear all about your VW adventures. I don't know if you know but every month I interview an Arizona bus club member for our newsletter. I thought it would be great fun if you could help me with this month's interview. Do you mind telling me a bit about our very famous Roy Jonas?

Bill: I would be happy to.

Mindy: How did you meet Roy?**Bill:** I must have met him initially at one of the local St. Louis area VW shows. He sometimes worked part time in a small independent guy's VW shop near St. Louis. Basically, I went out to the shop, hung out there and got to talk to him more and more. He was into fast VWs and sandrails back then. I was into Buses and stock old VWs. I got to know Roy, what he was about, and what he was into doing.

Mindy: What Volkswagens does Roy own?

Bill: He has a beautifully restored 1965 Deluxe 21-window. The Deluxe was made out of part of a 67 and part of 65. It was essentially two buses put together. The chassis was from a 67 Hardtop Deluxe, and the upper part was from the 65 21-window Deluxe which had a beat up bottom half. He took the best top of one and the best bottom of the other. Roy decided he would create the bus he wanted. So he put the two together with the most unbelievable skills I've ever witnessed. He is one of the best fabricators out there.

Mindy: He drives that bus a lot. I did not know that this was made from two buses?

Bill: He doesn't advertise that, but he will happily tell you all about it if you ask. In fact, he has this long "build thread" on the Air-Cooled Missouri website. Air-cooled Missouri (www.aircooledmissouri.com) is the website for Missouri region air-cooled enthusiasts. Within the "general talk" header there is a thread on this 65 deluxe re-construction and restoration called "Roys 1965 Deluxe 21-window restoration": <http://www.aircooledmissouri.com/viewtopic.php?f=21&t=4505> Be sure to check out this thread, and you'll see the creativity and engineering that comes naturally to Roy during the restoration. Not satisfied with the quality of some of the available replacement metal, Roy designed and built his own press dies for many parts, and using clamps and a hydraulic press, he stamped his own repair sections to his satisfaction from flat steel sheet right in his own garage!

Mindy: Did you help him restore the Deluxe?

Bill: Not much in the beginning, but lots of us chipped in during the later assembly stages. Out of necessity Roy designed and built from scratch his own rotisserie so that he could roll the bus around and join the two halves together properly. His rotisserie is even discussed in the rotisserie thread on the Samba. Roy can design and build pretty

much anything. All he has to do is look at the problem, study it and then he can see how it can be done, and then he gets it done! Roy has held some great "garage parties" and we would all drop in to help. After the Deluxe came back from the finish bodywork and two-tone paint job, he realized that he had a very tight build deadline to meet. From the time he rolled the painted shell back into his garage he wanted to debut/show it at my upcoming event "[Busses Nowhere Near The Arch](#)" a month later! The Jonas's were in the process of moving to Arizona, his wife Dawn and a daughter had already moved the house full of furniture to AZ to start her medical school semester, and Roy stayed behind to prep their home for sale and the closing (and finish his Deluxe) before following to AZ. Roy asked for our help with the Deluxe, so on four to six nights a week three to six of us would show up after work to dive on the assembly chores on his Deluxe. All of the new and used parts, lots of painted pieces of his Deluxe were strewn across many rooms of the hose. Roy was the director and we were his crew. Several of us would be working somewhere on something for the Bus, pizzas were ordered and plenty of brews were consumed, and the stereo was always pumping. We spent a lot of late nights together that month! The Deluxe didn't quite make it by the deadline for the event (the engine builder was late), but it did get pretty much finished up that next week. We all look back on that frenzied month helping Roy out as a great time spent with great folks.

Mindy: What was Roy driving at the time?

Bill: He had a GMC van, an Explorer as a work vehicle, and he had recently bought a "Thing". Roy did a quick prep of the body. Then he must have ordered 20 or 25 cans of orange aerosol paint and hosted a painting night in his garage. After he taped it all off, we all put on cheap face masks and old clothes, shut the garage door, and we all started spraying that "Thing" orange from every angle in a dense fog of orange overspray! You wouldn't know by looking at that "Thing" now that it was sprayed with aerosol paint cans. He drove the "Thing" while his bus was being put together. He also drove a street legal sand rail and previously he had a pretty peppy street Beetle with a big motor.

Mindy: I know Roy is now looking for a Vanagon.

Bill: Yes. He wants a daily driver for work and to go to job sites but also use for wandering around the great Southwest, and especially for camping in. He just bought an 86 Vanagon pop-top "Weekender". I think he has long-term plans to "Subify" the powerplant on this one.

Mindy: Roy helped with a lot of the work on the raffle bus last year and this year. He is very patient and good at explaining things.

Bill: Roy is a natural at that. He is an estimator for electrical contractors. Roy shows up at the job site, finds out what the owners want to have installed, he makes suggestions and estimates the costs of the job, and is very good at explaining everything in layman's terms that everyone can understand.

Mindy: Roy is a pretty talented welder and artist. Can you tell me a bit about his work?

Bill: Roy has a very artistic/creative side to him, and has made many creative and highly coveted trophies (for my BNNTA event and others) out of old car parts that are really cool. He creates them out of old bus and other VW parts. He welds them beautifully and puts them together as prizes for the bus shows.

Mindy: Did Roy help you work on your bus?

Bill: Yes he did! I have this very nice 1959 Double-Cab pick-up. You can see the restoration thread on the Samba. I've had this bus since 1993 and I had sent it down to Texas to a friend there who would do the bodywork on this first-year factory DC slowly but surely. Well, over many years the work slowly ground to a halt, and with other priorities. I kinda forgot about it. That bus sat in Texas for a total of 12 years! When Roy saw my photos and discovered that I had a cool, old DC down there, he started to pressure me a little to go get it and finish it. He actually got me to push it to the front of my "to-do" list, and Roy even volunteered his time, truck and his trailer to go get it. Within a week we drove down to Texas, collected everything, loaded it up and headed back to St. Louis, all within a 30-hour round-trip. Now that it was back in my face, Roy offered to help with the metal work that was needed, and he tackled a lot of the basic panel straightening. Where needed, Roy welded up holes, pulled dents as we brought the DC back to bone-stock appearance. I credit Roy with getting me re-energized in the DC and he really encouraged me to finish it. Hell, it might still be down in Texas if it were not for Roy's encouragement! It is now on the front burner and nearing completion, and the Jonas's have moved

away to Arizona. I hope to have it done and show-able in June, but at the very latest, by my BNNTA event on Labor Day 2014. I sure hope he attends to enjoy the fruits of our labor together.

Mindy: That's great! I might see it for the "[Buses Nowhere Near The Arch](#)" event.

Bill: Oh... It WILL be ready then!

View Bill's 59 double cab thread on the samba:

<http://www.thesamba.com/vw/forum/viewtopic.php?t=545000&postdays=0&postorder=asc&start=0>

Mindy: One last question. Has Roy ever rebuilt an engine? Do you think he would let me rebuild his motor?

Bill: I believe that Roy has rebuilt several engines over the years, but like myself, prefers to leave that job to trusted friends who do it more frequently than himself. Now Mindy, if you want to rebuild Roy's motor for him, you're gonna have to bring a lot of his favorite adult beverage (Sailor Jerry's Rum) into the garage to bribe him with!

Bill Bowman writes a monthly column for "Hot VW magazine". You can find Bill's "[Transporter Talk](#)" article within the first 20 to 30 pages in the magazine. Predominately he writes about Transporters. He has been a contributing editor for Hot VWs since 1994.

Bill Bowman started the "[Buses Nowhere Near The Arch](#)" VW camping event back in 1993. It's a big Volkswagen campout with about 100 Buses of all eras, as well as any other Volkswagen. He restricts access to the campground to only Volkswagens; nothing else can enter for the 4-day event. To find out more about the event go to: www.bnnta.com

Mindy Lively has been an Arizona Bus Club member since May 2012. She decided that interviewing the 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 an interview or engine rebuild at Lively@zoomnet.net

Idling Thoughts Department

Learning to read a new language requires patience, a calm, encouraging mentor, good learning materials, but probably most of all, the student must want to learn. If the student wants to learn, then the rest is easy. I discovered long ago that comic books written in the language I was studying encouraged me to continue learning far beyond the realm of the structured classroom and the lessons planned therein. Comic books, Sunday morning funny pages, T.B.'s & graphic novels all aided with my ability to read the English language at a tender young age. But, no book held my interest as much as the one my father indulged in illustrated by Peter Aschwanden & co-written by Tosh Gregg. This particular book held my father's interest sometimes, several nights in a row. This was after having borrowed a copy, being forced to return it months later & then having bought his own copy. At that age, I wasn't sure exactly what he found interesting in the book, as it held very few black & white illustrations, but he continued to read it night after night. Sometimes a little, sometimes a lot. Best of all he let me turn the pages while he was reading it, so long as I didn't "read" too far

ahead in search of the illustrations. For many years I wondered why this was his favorite book and why we always read the book outside sitting in the carport next to the Ford Galaxy. I discovered he liked it when I turned the pages because his hands were usually covered in greasy dirt & oil. Eventually I was able to read 'procedures' to my father, which shortened our time together in the garage, but that was o.k. because the nights were either too hot or too cold to continue this activity. To this day I truly believe that comic books inspire kids to read ANY language. So as a non parental suggestion, if your child has trouble reading, turn off the television & get the kid a comic book. You too might rediscover your interest in reading and wind up spending some quality time with that special someone, teaching them more than you know.

Coming Events Department



It is sooooo close! Chad J. with the 'healing touch'.
Yet more opportunities await you to get out & explore the outdoors!

May 16th, 17th & 18th— Mt. Pinal Bus Club Campout & Eat Fest

Don't miss this! An easy, convenient weekend of kick back camping the way bus club intended. Plan for wind. (i.e. bring kites!) Only entry fee: Bring something to share for the hilltop smorgasbord.

June – 5th -8th Blackstar – Hosted by VTO in the Beautiful Prado Regional Park

Address: 16700 S. Euclid Ave., Chino, CA 91708

Date's are from June 5th - 8th 2014

We are able to lower the admission price this year so pricing is as follows:

- If you come on Thursday it will be \$35.00 for the weekend
- If you come on Friday it will be \$30.00 for the 2 nights

- If you come on Saturday it will be \$20.00 for the night
You can arrive Wednesday night after 5:00 pm if you would like.

If you come down on Wednesday it will be a free night of camping for Wednesday only. You will have to pay for Thursday – Saturday

EVENTS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

Friday:

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Saturday:

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OR VISIT WWW.KEEPITSTOCK.COM

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

Ready or not, here we kamp! Typically held the last weekend in July, this year could prove to be the last year this venue is available. Contact Janyel at the Flagstaff KOA for more details about field trips to local brew pubs, new age stores & more! 928-526-nine nine two six.

August – Potential New Campout

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

September 19th – 21st Jamboree XXIV

This year's raffle bus is a club restored 1966 Sundial. No guarantees as to what to expect this year, other than to have more fun than last year. As if that's possible.

October 25th - VolkStock

Get ready for another fantastic VW Event with VolkStock in Glendale, Arizona, Saturday, October 25th at Sheely Farm (location of the Halloween Fear Farm attraction) 99th Ave and McDowell Rd., West Phoenix.

Visit www.Volkstock.com and www.facebook.com/volkstock

Date: Saturday, October 25th - Rain or Shine

Car Show Roll-in: 6am - 12am

Event Time: 8am - 12pm

Car Show: 10am - 3pm

Awards Ceremony: 3:00pm

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If you need more information or would like to be part of this occasion, please contact

Mark Miller at 623-875-4067 or

email events@peoriavw.com

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 for bathing.

December – 6th – APS Light Parade

No news yet as to the theme. We'll let you know when we know! We're guessing it's going to involve buses.

December 12th – 14th Christmas Party

Bus Club is taking its holiday party to the base of the White Tank mountain range. West Saieeed!

My Sincerest Apologies Department

My Fellow Clubbers, Prez G with an apology for you. Along with our standard apology for the lack of standards when it comes to these articles, it has come to my attention, with regards to the 2014 raffle bus, that we never published a 'parts needed' list in our newsletter. Granted this list is available on our website, but it does not negate the fact that the list was never included in these early year publications. And for that, I/we apologize. We know how important this list is to you. We also know how technologically impaired many of you are that you don't visit our website (or that you believe 'hosting your own website' means that part of your backyard with 5 or more active arachnids). The 2014 raffle bus was such a good candidate for club restoration and attacked with such restoration fervor that it was practically finished before it began. As you read this, the 2014 raffle bus is getting its second coat of primer and shortly there after, its first coat of L87 white. The club has not procured the 2015 raffle bus yet. But when we do, regardless of its condition, we expect to have enough time to restore it, mainly due to the accelerated schedule of this year's raffle bus. Thank you to all who participated with cranking out the 2014 raffle bus. I know all our club members will be beaming with pride as we show off your efforts at these next shows preceding our Jamboree.

So, to sum up: I'm sorry and Thank you! – G

Last Month Department

The answer to last months 'what has changed' puzzle is.....the fuel filter. Dunno if it's happened to you, but when I've come into a Conoco station on less than a wing & a prayer, the little bit of petrol left in the tank has swished around the chunks & particulates that have accumulated on the bottom of then tank and then the fuel pump sucks 'em down the tube & traps them in the fuel filter which turns the color of a used #2 cone Melitta. This is actually an argument for placement of your fuel filter between the fuel tank and the fuel pump. The other reason for this placement is physics. I like to have the filter place where things suck rather than where things blow. Placing the fuel filter between the fuel pump and the carburetor means more clamped connection points on a line under pressure. Placing the filter between the tank and the pump puts the filter in a vacuum where the lines are constantly being sucked together & thereby reducing the likelihood of a fuel line becoming separated. I also keep my fuel filter in the engine compartment where it's easily viewed every time I open the engine hatch. Keep a spare filter nearby for easy comparison purposes and don't be afraid to carry some spares tucked in the recesses of your repair kit. They're cheap enough & will save you the additional time after you've spent the 8min 16sec to diagnose the engine issue.

Next Month Dept:

- Bailey expounds on her desire for a VW Bus
- Prez G continues his search for a Microbrewery
- The club breathes a sigh of relief as the 2015 raffle bus is discovered.



-Review of TBM campout in Happy Valley



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