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The Arizona Bus Club News

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Behind the Wheel



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(Golden Years my eye!)

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(AKA Electric Light Parade)

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(Mandatory reading)

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It's been a busy month around ABC headquarters with Chirco, Karl's and Yuma all crammed into a month's span. Hardly time to take a breather from Jerome but while we're on that topic let's give it a quick spin. Something we keep hearing (and we're convinced it's true since we've seen it on the samba) is the persistent notion that this year's Jamboree was much smaller than previous years. Size, like most things, is relative and we're of the notion that quality is more desirable than quantity; especially when it comes to crowds. This year's event drew a considerably more mellow and fun-loving group of people than previous years. How this happened could be attributed to the high price of fuel, the alignment of the planets, or Will acting like a fricken Nazi last year and scaring off all the rowdy punks. Maybe a combination of all three. It's interesting to note that we registered the exact same number of vehicles (214) as we did the previous year. Old timers tell us of events with 400 in attendance but we've heard that included all manor of machines; this year's Jamboree was nearly 100% pure Volkswagen. Bring your bicycle next year and use the space to your advantage.

Okay, enough ancient history; the newsletter you're holding is printed on unusually flammable paper which, when combined with the correct proportions of gossip and pencil shavings will produce a highly explosive issue! We're not kidding. Test audiences who viewed portions of this month's edition complained that choice of subjects and poor grammar made this one of the worst written news letters since October. We're hoping the gratuitous use of bus photos will gloss over the lack of content and mollify our harshest critics. If still not satisfied, fold this edition into a paper airplane, get out a lighter and let the kids recreate the last moments of the French Concorde. Just don't do it in the bus.

- el prez

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Update from the Gregorius family.

As some of the members know Frank and I (Wanda) have had some health problems over the past four years; myself first with a heart valve replacement in 2001. Frank has been going down hill these last three years first with his eyesight (macular degeneration,) progressive Parkinson's and we nearly lost him last November with lung problems. He's been on oxygen 24/7 for the past year so the Jamboree and Fun Runs have been impossible for us.

We think of all our friends and the fun times we've had every month when we read the ABC newsletter and wishing we could see you all again. Seems the only thing hanging together around here now days are the Jerome IX 1965 Double Cab, the Eriba Puck trailer, the '73 Thing and the '73 street legal Rail. On good days I do get to take Frank out on day runs with his portable oxygen so all is not lost yet.

But now the sad part; due to these problems and myself the only driver we are forced to sell some of our toys.

Best Wishes for Good Times to All!!

Frank and Wanda Gregorius

For Sale:

V.W. rebuilt motor 1600cc all normal parts stock out of Notchback \$500.

1956 Bus chassis with transaxle, outer gear reduction boxes, wheels, rims, tires; \$250 OBO

1973 AZ Street Legal rail complete with 1600cc engine, dual carbs, roll cage, dash with all gages, horn, turn signals, front windshield, front cowling.

Trophy Rail four times! Licensed and ready to go \$4,000.

Frank and Wanda Gregorius
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Want to buy an Arizona Bus Club shirt? New memberships include a \$5.00 off coupon on a shirt purchase, all others are \$15.00. Contact Debra Stanton at 623.877.8662 or mail your request to PO box 65001 Phoenix, AZ 85082-5001.

The Arizona Bus Club is an official non-profit organization. That means that your donations may now be tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor, then donate till it hurts.

The club general meeting takes place on the third Wednesday of the month at Anzio's. The address is 12418 N. 28th Drive in Phoenix, next to the BAP on 28th Drive North of Cactus.

New membership is \$20 for the first year and \$15 for each year after that. Mail your dues to Membership PO Box 65001 Phoenix, AZ 85082 or contact Eli Flynn.

If seeing your ABC friends at meetings and campouts isn't enough, you can now communicate with other members via the Arizona Bus Club Yahoo email group. You can plan an impromptu campout, invite everyone to the drive-in on short notice, or just talk buses. To subscribe just send an email to arizonabusclub-subscribe@yahoogroups.com and start enjoying the fun!

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Member News



You may be seeing a lot more of this bus...watch future issues for exciting updates!

December is the month for high-voltage FU

2006 Electric Light Parade

Break out the Christmas lights and start planning your entry for this year's night time parade down Central Avenue. It's simple; borrow a generator (or some other power supply) and string together as many lights as possible on your ride then meet us at **North Phoenix Baptist Church** Friday December 2nd at 6:00pm for the mandatory inspection and orientation. The fire marshal will be on hand to ensure we don't blow ourselves up and you can walk around and check out the competition. Security is provided if you 'd like to park your vehicle and leave it there for the Saturday Night Event. The parade route runs from the church at Central and Montebello South for 2 miles past **cheering throngs**.



Want to see your Bus on **TV???**

Sure, you could take the easy route and roll your bus on the 101 or let some Hollywood types use it in the latest **Billy Jack** remake. Why take chances when there's a perfectly safe and legal way to get your 15 seconds of fame? Join your friends in the ABC for the Light Parade and tell your kids to pop a tape into the VCR or Tivo or whatever contraption you have for recording historic moments in television. Channel 15 did a great job show casing the parade last year considering it was **Pitch Black** outside and raining to boot. Here's your to do list;

1. Buy a whole bunch of Christmas lights.
2. Ignorning the static from your significant other attach them to your air cooled Volkswagen by any means possible.
3. Borrow a generator, plug in the lights and head up to Phoenix Baptist Church Friday December 2nd for the pre-parade inspection party at 6pm.

N as the ABC lights up the Southwest!

Christmas Party Details

Chris 'have a nice day' Lee provided the following directions to this year's ABC Christmas Party located in the hinterlands of Mesa; read carefully because we're only going to type this once.

DIRECTIONS TO USERY MOUNTAIN PASS

December 9-11, 2005

We are in Group Area A

All members must sign in at the gate or on the work sheet after hours

ON THE 202

Go east to Power Road exit the end of the freeway. Turn right to first signal light McDowell Road then turn left. Go east approximately 3 miles to a dead end. Turn left onto Usery Pass Road and the park is on your right. On your left will be some guy named **Raul** selling tamales out of the trunk of his car; don't pay him more than \$8 a dozen...he uses a lot of masa and not much meat.

ON US 60

Go east to exit 191, Ellsworth Road turn left. Approximately 9 miles to park that is on your right. You drive past Apache Trail, Brown and McDowell. If you get to Roosevelt Lake you went too far but there's a nice little tavern at the marina called Banana Joe's with a killer **flaming strawberry daiquiri**. If you get lost send up smoke signals and we'll send out a rescue party unless they happen to be lost. Hey, it's Mesa, people are friendly and you won't get shot trying to ask someone for directions although they may insist on showing you pictures of their grand kids or try to get you to join their church, which you don't want to do, trust me. My first ex-wife belonged to it and what a bunch of whackos; unless you're into bad singing and serpent-tossing don't bother.

Note: In an effort reach out to our new members the cast for this year's traditional Passion Play will be chosen by the order in which members arrive at the campground starting with the **Virgin Mary** and ending with farm animals. The Play runs Friday night at 7:30 with a matinee at 2pm Saturday. Pyrotechnics, harassing the animals and **motorized-pogo sticks** are strictly forbidden. Children under the age of 17 should consider bringing video games to amuse themselves. If anybody even thinks about pulling that ZZ Top stunt like last year forget it; we're feeling our oats and you may get yourself ex-communicated from the club. Still reading? You must be bored. Put this thing down and go check your spark gap or read the ingredients on a can of **Cool Whip**. How could something with so much stuff possibly be bad for you?

Serious Note: please bring a side dish for the Saturday (December 10th) Pig Roast. Casseroles, cakes, munchies, beef jerky sticks are all fair game. Same goes for Guinness. Remember, if any of this offends you please contact your newsletter editor who's name and number are published on page 2 with the Board. Consider running for a board seat on February 15th; all offices are up for grabs and your participation is needed before we run the club into the dirt.

Coming Events

Electric Light Parade

December 2nd and 3rd

Come join the ABC as we decorate our buses and parade down Central Avenue. It's simple; decorate your bus with as many christmas lights as possible and drive it for the world to enjoy. Mandatory driver's meeting and judging Friday December 2nd with the actual parade on Saturday the 3rd. Please let us know ahead of time if you're interested as we must inform the organizers. Contact Deb Stanton for details.

Toyz For Totz 2005

December 4th

21st cruise to Wickenburg on December 4, 2005

By Remember When Cruise Association and Cops Who Care

Bring at least 1 new, unwrapped toy.

Meet at the Honeywell Parking lot on the northeast corner of I-17 & Union Hills.

Coffee and Donuts.

Meet Time: 9:00 am

Cruise Time: 10:00 am

Start Time: 11:00 am

Please remember at 10:00 am there will be 150 people moving out of the spot where the car show is to take place, so getting there early will only make a bigger traffic jam. We will be in the same location as last year. We will have hot dogs, bratwurst, and soda pop available, plus there is shopping and food within walking distance.

We will once again have Arts & Crafts and Vendors inside the Community Center. Spaces are available. A non-commercial hobbyist is \$5.00 and commercial space is \$25.00. Call 602-943-3532 to reserve your spot.

For more information on the show call:

Bob 602-943-3532 Dee 602-938-3068 Dick 602-268-0454

Visit our web site Rememberwhencruise.com

Sonic Cruise Night

December 9th

Low Life VW club sponsors an informal car show monthly at the Tempe Sonic Drive-in. Rural and Broadway 7pm.

ABC Christmas Party

December 9th, 10th and 11th

Número Uno, the Big Cheese, our Fiesta de los holidays..you get the idea; if you've never been here's your chance to enjoy this year's ABC Christmas Party! It will be held at Usery Mountain Regional Park, 3939 North Usery Pass Road in lovely Mesa December 9th, 10th and 11th.

Take the Superstition Freeway East to the Ellsworth Road exit, then North on Ellsworth to the park entrance. Just tell the nice folks at the guard station know whether you're staying for a day or overnight and they will keep a tally so the club can reimburse them. You should not be charged

for entering the park.

The party is being held in Group Campground A and there are restrooms and hot showers available. No individual fires but there will be a group fire in the Ramada area. The Ramadas have picnic tables and there is electricity if people want to bring crock pots or cookers for their side dishes. The club will provide the meat, but everyone else has to bring a side dish that they can share as well as their own drinks. Club shirts and club paraphernalia may be on sale as well.

Pig roast, kids activities, White Elephant gift exchange, and anything else that sounds like fun.

January 13, 2006 - January 15, 2005 - Buses By the Bridge-X

Windsor Beach State Park-Lake Havasu Cit, Arizona

< <http://www.busesbythebridge.com/>>

January 13, 2006 - January 15, 2006 - Buses By the Bridge-X Windsor Beach State Park-Lake Havasu City, Arizona

Come enjoy the first VW campout of the year, get out of the cold weather and come on down to Buses By the Bridge-X at Lake Havasu City, Az. The campsite is beautiful with grass, trees, beach by the lake and it's located close to downtown Havasu stores and hotels!

Three(3) days of camping fun-\$25

No extra charge for vendors or to swapmeet

Friday Jan. 13th

Gates open @ 12 noon

Fri. Evening taco feed

Saturday Jan. 14th.

Chili cook-off

Kid games & raffle

Saturday Evening *raffle and auction

Sunday Jan. 15th

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast

Grand Prize *Raffle

Awards presentation

*BONUS Raffle Ticket Special- every \$20 pre-packet of raffle tickets you get two(2) extra tickets FREE! Buy as many as you want!

No glass containers

Dogs on leashes

NO fires on the ground-above ground fire pits only on dirt areas

Proceeds donated to the Arizona Children's Association and The Children's Enrichment Fund

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Buses By The Bridge

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February 15th 2006

ABC Board Elections - You know you want to run!

Swap Ads



You could pay for an ad somewhere, but why? Send it to P. O.

Box 65001 Phoenix, AZ 85082-5001 or prefer
it to abcswaps@aol.com and we'll give you a

The ABC Swap Ads are free to all
can't decide whether to cha
Depends whether we decide
while they're still free!

4 classic VW's for sale

recent illness prevents me from completing 4 of my projects;

1) 1954 Bug. Imported from Germany. It does not have fenders but all other parts. It has a rebuilt motor with less than 4 miles on it. It has Semaphore turn signals. It runs Great. Significant rust from living in New York. Tires are flat/bad.

2) 1969 Bus. This bus had a fire before I bought it. The seller put another motor in it with rinky dink wiring. I have the motor out. Bad tires. It ran before I took the motor out.

3) 1970 Bus. In the process of rehabilitation (new shocks, brakes, etc.) when it had an engine fire. Engine removed. New, BAP rebuilt engine with zero miles on it not installed in bus. Bad tires.

4) 1973 Bug. Currently registered / runs nicely / always passes emissions. Sad condition with faded paint, torn interior and cracked windshield.

I would like to see all together for \$5,000.

Ron Cheatham 14 S. 22nd St. Phoenix, AZ 85034

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Wanted

Your stories, pictures, and ideas for the newsletter. Call 623.877.8662 or e-mail busnooz@aol.com, or lehandc@wellsfargo.com

Engine parts - Jim Burnite can use all of the engine parts you can spare. He builds the engines for club raffles and the raffle bus. If you have spare tin, cases, carbs and intakes, or whatever for 1600 engines, he can sure use it. Contact David Lehan if you can help.

Services

Bus Storage - \$1 a day (\$30 a month.) Bus must roll. For a nominal fee arrangements can be made to have the bus transported by flatbed trailer. Glendale, AZ call Joel at 623-939-9293

VW Delivery - you buy it, I'll drive it. No distance too far. Cheaper than a hauling company. Bus must be in drivable condition. Dane Dawson - vwdane@yahoo.com

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What's all the excitement? If you stopped by the ABC booth at Karl's you'd know!



Welcome new members Robert Kurtz, Dave Di Santo, Joe Caraway, Steve and Merri Duncan, Michael Keck, Randy (I couldn't read your last name) Roisland, Dennis Carlson, Richard and Marianne Fisher