

May 20, 2026 General Meeting

Board Members Present: Rob deMar, Brian Grimaldi, Mike Baleda, Terry Hale, and Jesus Aguilera. Sandi Lampinen, Sue deMar, and James Jones were not present. Sue Rice took minutes.

Welcome to our new member, Antonio!

The board made a recommendation for the members to vote on regarding an auditor for the Treasurer. Moving forward, an auditor would be assigned to audit the books every 6 months as a safety measure and transparency to the Club. Terry also recommended that the Treasurer be bonded, stating most 501(c)(3) organizations require the Treasurer to be bonded (as well as other members with access to the Club's funds), which entails coverage by an insurance policy that protects the Club and the position of the Treasurer in the event the funds are misused. The cost is reasonable at ~ \$100 per year.

Core Purpose of a Fidelity Bond

- ***Protects assets:*** Reimburses the club for financial losses caused by dishonest acts.
- ***Covers specific acts:*** Includes theft, embezzlement, forgery, and willful misapplication of funds.
- ***Insures the position:*** Covers whoever holds the office, not just a specific individual.

The board will talk with Sandi Lampinen to see if she would be interested in this position next year, as she will be turning over the position of Treasurer to someone new.

Two motions were made and passed; one for an auditor and one for the security bond.



Bylaws: The board would like to update the bylaws, as it hasn't been modified in several years. A small committee, possibly led by Jesus Aguilera (para-legal), will meet to review and update. Brian mentioned possibly adding a board member position for social media as one update, among other outdated laws.

We talked to the New Mexico Bus Club, BBB, and Yuma about getting free passes to raffle off at the Jamboree.

Brian praised the VW Community, giving an example of asking for help with our upholstery needs for the raffle bus on Facebook. Within two hours, we had donations come in totalling \$1607, which was enough to have Jose with JRS Auto Upholstery make our cushions (split cushion in the back, jump seat, bench seat, and tire cover). We

also got a very nice engine donated by Mark Matt and a long list of other Companies and individuals who made kind donations.

John Manning thought it would be nice to send thank-you cards signed by members, using the cards created by Russell's son, Ryan, showcasing a VW Bus. Brian will ask individuals for their addresses. We already have addresses for the businesses that made donations.

Russell would like to see acknowledgments for donors, large and small via playbills/flyers, in addition to the banners we hang at the Jamboree. We have a running list of all the people who have donated to the Raffle Bus, as well as a separate list for those who donate to the Jamboree.

Brian:

- talked about the Young, AZ campout. After the Jamboree, we'd like to donate to the Pitchfork Cabin, depending on funds available. They also provide food for a pantry, helping people less fortunate.
- He put another post on FB asking for Kid's Raffle prizes.
- He made up free entry forms to give out to other VW shows.
- We've got the grounds map up on the Jamboree page of the website.
- Sue keeps up the website with incoming information and photos.
- We've also got new business cards that Sue Rice created with QR codes on the back for website, Facebook, donations, and membership. We can hand them out to people interested in the club.

Bev Olsson: Regarding the Kids, a couple of our past members, Mark and Bonnie from Dewey, AZ. Bonnie now has a business called Tiny Tots. She has a school bus and a petting zoo and travels around to children's events. Wondering if she would be willing to bring her animals to the Jamboree for the kids to see? Bev can contact her and ask if she would be interested.

Terry:

- Everything is at JRS Auto Upholstery with the measurements needed. Jose is ordering what he needs this week and will have cushions ready on June 1st.
- She finished all the curtains and they're ready to be installed.
- We have 151 current members.
- She's going to go around Prescott on Monday to talk with businesses.
- She helped Mike complete all the permit forms so they could be submitted to Prescott.
- She revised the Rules of Conduct to include more specific info on alcohol.

Rob: Since the Rodeo is pulling an alcohol permit, campers cannot have their own alcohol open outside their campsite. The Rodeo Grounds will have alcohol for sale. We'll remind people at the gate, but we won't be policing the campsites for alcohol.

Porta-johns: We got quotes from \$9,000 to \$23,000, so we obviously went with the \$9,000 quote. 25 Standard porta-johns, 5 ADA porta-johns, and 5 hand-washing stations. Prescott Rodeo Grounds also has full-service restrooms on the grounds.

Mike: We would like to have a local Prescott group like the 4-H or Granite Mountain Young Marines. We've had trouble getting a response from the 4-H group. Mike will contact the Young Marines.

Security Duty: Jesus, James, Steve, Rob, Mike, and Brian. The good thing about Prescott is that the police station is three blocks away (if needed), as well as medical.

Recent Events:

- **Best of AZ Cars & Coffee** – David had a Bus Club table there and Mary also attended.
- **Sunday with Andy** – hosted by Jesus. May 31st will be the last one before summer hits until September. Usually has about 15 buses that join.
- **Forever Young Campout** – Great campout!
- **Spring Fling! VVVW Picnic**

Upcoming Events: *listed on the Events Page on the Calendar*

- **Buses on the Pier** – Huntington Beach Pier - May 31st - Andy used to like to go to this event.
- **Sunday with Andy** – May 31st noon to ? Last one until Sept. or Oct. due to summer heat. Hosted by Jesus Aguilera
- **VTO's Blackstar Campout** – Riverside, CA – June 10-14th - Good event. Jesus mentioned the Club used to rent a big area and about 15 Club members would attend. Jesus would leave at 10pm and get there at 4am, and leave to come home at 3am and get back to Phoenix around 10am to avoid the summer heat.
- **Watson Lake Car Show** – June 13-14th – Sunday is for VWs.
- **OCTO** – Veterans Memorial Stadium - June 6th
- **El Prado VW Show & Shine** – Rancho Jurupa Park – June 14th
- **Mother Road Classic Car Show** – Flagstaff City Hall – Aug. 15th – Also an option to come up Aug. 14th – See Calendar for details. We will have the Raffle Bus there!
- **ABC Jamboree 35** – Prescott Rodeo Grounds – Sept. 24-27th- It's going to be a great Jamboree! Hosted by ABC

- **Buses and Balloons** – Alameda Park Dr., NM – Oct. 8-11th - details coming soon. Hosted by New Mexico Bus Club
- **Volkswagens in the Canyon** – Slide Rock State Park – 9am – 4pm – Hosted by Verde Valley VWs
- **ABC Members' Christmas Campout** – Usery Mnt. Regional Park, Group Campground A – Dec. 18-20th – Hosted by ABC

Raffle Bus Update:

John said Wayne has been working his butt off for days and days. Wayne showed up at Russell's house at 5am to paint on several occasions.

Wayne painted the Sea Blue on the bus yesterday, so **we won't have a full Work Party this Saturday, May 23rd**, so we can let the paint completely cure. Only a few members will be there working on small things. John would like to know if anyone has experience with putting on the front seat upholstered covers. It can be tricky getting them on. Would like to have everything wrapped up in about 30 days.

John just put an order in to three different vendors last night for last-minute parts.

Brian offered to post on Facebook, asking for any parts we may still need. We do need a starter; however, John has an old Vanagon starter that might work. The raffle bus is coming together nicely and looks fabulous! Andy would be very proud. Mike got a message from Andy's brother saying the bus looks better than what they would have done. He's pretty happy and he'll try to make it to the Jamboree.

We've got some real heroes with the Raffle Bus - Wayne with the paint, John with so many things, Russell and Greta letting us use their garage, Russell and Greg doing all the woodwork, David Pedroza, and the list goes on and on with so many members putting hours and hours of work into the bus. There is a list at the top of the Raffle Bus page on the website of everyone who has helped with the bus. If you don't see your name on the list, please email Sue at ricesue1@gmail.com. **We thank you all!** If you worked on the bus, don't forget to sign it. The last open spot will be covered up soon.

Someone asked about the rotating cage for raffle tickets. We need to repair the ticket shuffler.

Natalie wants to go to the trailer and check to see what swag we have left over from last year. She also brought the new 11"x17" posters (both blue and orange) that look awesome, to give out to businesses. We have new business cards and mini-flyers to hand out as well. Meeting is adjourned! 🕶️