

October 21, 2026 General Meeting: Sandi, Terry, James & Jesus were not present.

Vice President Brian started the meeting. The Club's finances, at the end of July 2026, were 41k. The Jamboree 35 was a huge success, (numbers below):

Jamboree Financial and Attendance Results

The following figures were reported for this year's Jamboree:

Category	Reported Total
Wristbands distributed	1,000
Camping vehicles	285
Raffle tickets sold	59,547
Swag sales	\$7,158.00
Gate revenue	\$29,590.00
Kids' raffle purchases	\$151.00
Total reported revenue	\$96,446.00

Estimated Prescott Rodeo Grounds payment \$15,000–\$16,000

The reported total of \$96,446.00 is before payment to the Prescott Rodeo Grounds and the purchase of Andy's bus for 2027 Jamboree raffle. The final net amount will be determined once these two items are paid for.

50/50 Raffle Recipients:

- Young Food Pantry
- Prescott Antique Auto Club

Jamboree Improvements for 2027

The following improvements were discussed for next year's Jamboree:

- Increase the number of portable toilets and handwashing stations.
 - Relocate the stage.
 - Add directional signs for regular restrooms and the bar.
 - Place "Do Not Disturb" signs around the bull pens.
 - Clarify the wording regarding restrictions on walking around the Jamboree with obvious alcoholic beverages.
 - Assign someone to direct Day Use Parking.
 - Use chalk lines to clearly mark parking spaces and designated parking areas.
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Raffle Rules and Wristband Requirements

Wristbands are required to participate in or claim prizes associated with the following:

- Raffle prizes
- 50/50 raffle
- Kids' raffle
- Raffle Bus

Everyone must receive a wristband except babies.

The winner of the Raffle Bus must be at least 18 years old. This requirement will be added to the website's Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section.

At the meeting there was positive feedback on the location of the Jamboree. Many liked the museum that was close to the bar.

We did get some feedback and suggestions for next year:

- Many people liked that there were vendors.
 - More signs that show entry to the rodeo grounds.
 - Add a meet and greet tent for ABC members.
 - Sign-up sheet to volunteer to work at the Jamboree.
 - More signs for overflow parking and RV camping.
 - Get vendor feedback.
 - Tape rules up at rest rooms and other places at the event.
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City of Prescott Relationship

The City of Prescott owns the rodeo grounds. Board members met with the Mayor of Prescott during the Jamboree and established a positive relationship with the City.

The mayor will ensure the Jamboree is added to the City's tourism calendar next year.

It was suggested that the board have set goals for a successful Jamboree:

- Fun
- Accessible
- Maximum revenue
- Safety
- Outside services

Joe Genevese will send his goal suggestion list to Rob deMar.

2026 Raffle bus cost 25k to 30k approximately to restore, Sandi Lampinen, Treasurer, has final numbers.

Future Raffle Buses:

- 1) Barb Cotton has kindly donated her 1983 &1/2 Vanagon, which the club promised to restore & raffle. Barb loved the bus; she lived in it and traveled the country. Barb would love to see her bus restored and would like to see it go to someone who will love it as much as she does. This bus needs minimal work to restore. James Jones, Sargeant of Arms, has offered to fix the front-end damage.
- 2) Purchase Andy's restored 1967 White split window. This bus is immaculate; the only improvement is upholstering the rear seats. The club will reach out to Sew Fine to see if they will donate fabric, Jose, who did the upholstering in this year's raffle bus, informed us that he will upholster the 2027 raffle bus for free.

Since we have two raffle buses for next year's Jamboree it was suggested to:

- Raffle both buses one on Friday and one on Saturday.
- Raffle both buses on Saturday.
- Save one bus for a future raffle.
- Fix up the vanagon and sell it, giving some of the money to Barb to help her out.
- Have a silent auction for the vanagon.

John Manning may be donating a vanagon to the club as a future raffle bus.

It was suggested that the board think about a fund raiser for 2027.

12/06/26 Beepin' Beetle N' Bus is a Christmas parade and adopt a child or family with Christmas gifts. Sue Rice will be making an 11oz bus & beetle metal coffee cup as a hand out at the event. Joe Genovese from Sleep In Heavenly Peace sponsors this event and would like the Arizona Bus Club to take this event over in the future.

Charity suggestions:

- Liberty Wildlife
- Phoenix Herpetological Society
- Young Food Pantry
- Joy Bus
- Dogs for Vets

- Soldiers Best Friend
 - Community Cupboard Food Bank
 - The Lauch Pad
 - Sunland Springs Village Lions Club
 - Heat Sink Glass
 - CARES
 - Master of Coin
 - Walter Dome
 - Beepin' Beetle Christmas Parade
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Events:

Volkswagens in the Canyon

Saturday, November 7

Slide Rock State Park, 6871 AZ-89A, Sedona, AZ 86336, USA

9am - 4pm

Only 60 spaces available. Registration opens June 1, 2026

Registration is \$25 per car for the car show.

They will be posting information on their Facebook June 1st. Check often for updates!

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/9464657650295929>

Presented by: Slide Rock State Park & Verde Valley VW's

39th Annual APS Electric Light Parade

Parade: Saturday, December 5th

Judging: Friday, December 4th

Where: 5757 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85012 (Map)

If you'd like to participate, please send the following to info@arizonabusclub.net by October 28th (preferably sooner). Put Light Parade Participant in the subject line.

copy of driver's license

copy of insurance certificate

completed 2026 Driver Acknowledgement Fillable Form.pdf

Important:

Add'l information for drivers to look over, especially the Guidelines & Safety Operations:

2026 ELP guidelines-safety-operations.pdf

2026 ELP Entry Judging and Awards.pdf

Make sure to arrive on ****FRIDAY, December 4th**** before 5pm (that's before the road closes), as judging kicks off at 6 p.m. There will be a mandatory Driver's orientation at 5pm — so don't be late!

North Phoenix Baptist Church

5757 N. Central Ave.

Phoenix, AZ 85012

Buses will be judged on Friday night and you will need to leave your bus there overnight. They will have overnight security. Please make sure you have a fire extinguisher in your bus!

Saturday, the Parade begins at 7pm and starts at Central Ave. and Montebello Ave. and ends at 7th St. and Indian School Rd.

The following roads will be closed on the day of the parade from 5-11 pm:

Central Ave: Camelback Rd. to Bethany Home Rd.

7th St.: Indian School Rd. to Osborn Rd.

Camelback Rd.: 1st Ave. to 7th St.

For more info, check out: Phoenix Electric Light Parade

<https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/special-events/electric-light-parade>

Presented by: City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department

Check back for any updates just before Dec. 5th.

15th Anniversary Beepin' Beetle 'n Bus Christmas Parade for Kids

Sunday, December 6, 2026

9am - Meetup

10am - VW Parade to School Departs

Where: Tolmachoff Farms, 5726 N. 75th Ave., Glendale, AZ 85303 (Map)

If you would like to join in the fun, this is a great day of vintage VWs (decorated in Christmas themes if possible) meeting up at Tolmachoff Farms and then cruising to the school to share in the warm tradition of giving gifts to families in need.

Poster coming soon!

ABC Member's Christmas Party Campout

December 18-20, 2026

Group Campground A - opens at 1pm on Friday

Check in at the Entry Station and let them know you're with the Arizona Bus Club Christmas Campout.

Where: Usery Mountain Regional Park, 3939 N. Usery Pass Rd, Mesa, AZ (Map)

FREE campout for all paid active members. 🕒

We will have a potluck dinner on Saturday night, so please bring a dish (main, side, or dessert). Also, if you'd like to participate in the White Elephant Gift Exchange, bring a wrapped gift (\$40 minimum).

Brought to you by: Arizona Bus Club

Radical Volks Annual Tortilla Flats Cruise

Jan. 2, 2027

Where: Apache Junction B.P.O. Elks Lodge, 2455 N Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ 85119 Map

9am - Meetup at the Lodge

10am - Cruise begins

Start the year off right and enjoy a caravan cruise to Tortilla Flat!

Buses by the Bridge (BBB)

Jan. 14-17, 2027

Where: 171 London Bridge Rd., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403 Map

Over 600 buses on a beautiful lake.

Raffles | Swap | Vendors & So Much More!

If you have a VW Bus, don't be left out!

Presented by: London Bridge Bullis. Check their website periodically for updated details.
busesbythebridge.com

Notice of where to vote and how, will be sent out to all members by e-mail.

Nominations for 2027 Board Members:

President:

James Jones

Rob deMar

Steve Hale

Vice President:

Laura Jacinto

Steve Hale

Treasurer:

Terry Hale

Sandi Lampinen

Secretary:

Sue deMar

Membership:

Terry Hale

Lauren Sanchez

Events:

Mike Baleda

Sargeant of Arms:

James Jones

Ed Lampinen

Jesus Aguilera

Voting not necessary for the following:

Website – Sue Rice

Facebook – Brian Grimaldi

Instagram – Jesus Aguilera

Raffle Bus Team Leaders – Russell Greene and Brian Grimaldi

Auditor: Frank Pankow and Brad McGee