

March 18, 2026 General Meeting: James was not present.

Upcoming Events:

Bug Bloom #8

Sunday, March 22, 2026

8am -2pm, Free entry for Spectators

Location: Pioneer Community Park, 8755 N 83rd Ave., Peoria, AZ 85345

Cash only event

\$20.00 Show Vehicle Entry

\$30.00 Swap Meet Spot

Hosted by: Edgefinder VW

Sunday with Andy

Sunday March 29 & the last Sunday of April & May. This event will start up again in September 2026.

12pm - ?

Location: Grand Avenue Brewing Company, 1205 W. Pierce Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Hosted by : Jesus Aguilera

1st Annual “Not Your Average Bug Show”

Saturday April 4th

7:30am – 12:30pm

Location: San Tan Flat, 6185 Hunt Hwy, Queen Creek, AZ 85142

All VW models welcome!

Check out their website for details: armerfoundation.org/bug-show

Presented by: Onyx Pest Management

Copperstate Car Show

Sunday, April 12th

7:30am – 11:30am, Free admission

Location: Tempe Diablo Stadium

West Parking Lot

2200 West Alameda Dr., Tempe, AZ 85282

Young Campout

May 1 – 3, 2026

Location: Pitchfork Cabin, 310 Hindu Crossing, Young, AZ 85554

There will be road signs in Young showing directions, Google maps does not pinpoint well to location.

Great campout, awesome little town!

Hosted by ABC & Young Fire Dept.

Buses on the Pier

Sunday May 31st

Location: Huntington Beach Pier

Presented by: Kowabunga Van Klan

Watson Lake Car Show

June 13th & 14th

Location: 3101 Watson Lake Rd., Prescott, AZ 86301

\$7.00 per person, 12 and under are free with paid adult admission.

Free parking

Check their website for updates: paacaz.com

Presented by: Prescott Antique Auto Club

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Sunday, June 6th

Location: Veterans Memorial Stadium, 5000 E. Lew Davis ST., Long Beach, CA

El Prado VW Show & Shine

Sunday, June 14th

Location: Rancho Jurupa Park, 4800 Crestmore Rd., Riverside, CA 92509

Mother Road Classic Car Show

Saturday, August 15th

8am – 3pm

Location: Flagstaff City Hall, 211 W. Aspen Ave., Flagstaff, AZ

The Raffle Bus will be there!

Come join us on Friday night at the Americana Motor Hotel for a pool party. See the event listing on our Calendar with links to flyers that have more information.

Hosted by: Route 66 Car Club of Flagstaff

ABC Jamboree

Sept. 24 -27, 2026

Location: Prescott Rodeo Grounds

Buses and Balloons

October 8 – 11, 2026

Location: 8536 Alameda Park Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113

Hosted by: New Mexico Bus Club, Email: NMBusClub@gmail.com

Volkswagens in the Canyon

November 7th

Slide Rock State Park

Presented by: Verde Valley VW's

Limited spaces available.

Registration soon. Camping may be available at Manzanita Campground, 65 spots for buses

Follow to stay updated: verdevalleyvws@gmail.com

Larry Ward was at the meeting and Larry has, for sale, a complete VW Bug/Bus EV Conversion Kit for \$6000.00. Contact Larry @ 1-360-340-1251 if interested.

Jamboree map has been completed showing access roads, camping and sent to the Prescott Rodeo Grounds for the event permit and it has been approved by the Rodeo Grounds. We will not be marking camping spots there will be camping areas for VW's, RV's & tent camping. Jerome was 140 square feet of camping space, Prescott Rodeo Grounds is 177,000 square feet for VW camping, 68,000 square feet for non-VW campers. There will be parking for day-use & ADA parking 18,000 square feet. We will have a lot of space at this location. The chalker will be used this year.

Jamboree prices will increase this year to \$80.00/4 days, \$70.00 3/days, \$60.00 2/days for 2 adults. Walk-ins \$10.00 per person for Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Banners will be updated with new prices.

Per our Treasurer the club has 52K in the bank for the Jamboree, the Raffle Bus and other expenses. Deposits have not been made yet for the Jamboree.

Wolfsburg West has come through for the Bus Club again this year and will be donating many parts that are needed. The Club needs to do a better job promoting & thanking our sponsors. Will be putting more acknowledgements on Facebook and Instagram. We have amazing sponsors, Space Age Paint, Edgfinder, Sew Fine, J-Bug to name only a few, there are so many more. The banners that have our sponsors will be hung at the Raffle Bus work parties. Always thank our sponsors for their support when placing orders with them.

Russell Greene has written a letter to give out to companies asking them to sponsor our club and donate money to our cause. Russell was going to physically go to companies to ask for donations. The letter will have the President's signature and info@arizonabusclub.ne. The Board would like to know what companies the letters are sent to or given to so duplicate companies are not being contacted. If any club member has a company, they would like to contact a board member can give them a copy of the letter.

Sue Rice will be updating our website with sponsors information and will get a banner made for Wolfsburg West for the Jamboree.

The Secretary will meet with the President to discuss a letter to Sew Fine regarding donations for this year and to express our gratitude for previous donations.

Terry Hale, Membership, now has access to PayPal to see membership payments. Terry is working hard on contacting members that have expired memberships.

At the Jamboree there will be 2 bands, Havoc on Friday & Big Chad on Saturday. Havoc is an 80's Rock Band. Also, for the Jamboree food vendors have been confirmed (Coffee vendor, hot dog/burger/nacho vendor, ice cream vendor and Michelle (Tacos +) will be food vendors.) We will not be selling ice this year since our new location is close to local stores. Bikes are welcomed, no motor bikes.

Donations for the kids Raffle are needed.

Arizona Bus Club fundraiser, previous years, was held at Four Peaks Brewery. Mike Balida has reached out to Four Peaks, several times, to reserve a date for the 2026 fundraiser. Mike heard back from Four Peaks and we will not be having our fund raiser with them this year. Four Peaks is under new management no longer a mom & pop company.

Russell Green will contact the Herpetological Sanctuary for a club visit with lunch in Cave Creek.

Raffle Bus build party will be this weekend. A lot of sanding needs to be done to prep the bus for painting. David Pedrosa, John Manning, Bill Ross, Mike & Wayne Olsson have been working on the bus to get it ready for paint. The engine compartment will need to be painted as well. Join the WhatsApp to see when work parties are. See Brian Gramaldi to get access.

Rob, President, will speak to Natalie about bus build shirts. Russell is still wanting flags to be handed out; Mike will speak with Joe Jancinto about the flags he ordered last year.

Mike contacted Art, from BBB, to get information on the metal plaques that were sold at BBB for \$20.00. We would like to have some made for the Jamboree 35. A design is being worked on.

Larry is selling a 7X7 Westfalia tent that is free standing, Yellow & Orange stripes, in good condition, has rubber bottom. Contact Larry @ 602-881-2272.

Young Campout, in May, is for paid members only. The club has reserved 2 porta johns for the campout.

Still interested in a new trailer, 16-foot, double axel, cheap, is what we need.

Volkswagens on the River event was great this year, everyone had a wonderful time. They had 64 vehicles.