

## **April 15, 2026 General Meeting**

**Board Members Present:** Rob deMar, Brian Grimaldi, Mike Baleda, and Sandi Lampinen. Sue deMar, Terry Hale, and James Jones were not present.

### **Jamboree 35:**

- We have 400 mini-flyers to hand out at car shows and to the general public.
- Jamboree posters will be printed next week. We will keep a portion to sell at the Jamboree.
- Brian put together a grounds map to submit to the Rodeo Grounds for a permit and it was approved. We will post the Grounds Map on the website as soon as we receive the permit.
- Brian posted on FaceBook asking for donations for our Kids' Raffle. Donations can be brought to the general meetings or arrangements for pickup can be made.
- Brian also posted on FB looking for people who have won a raffle bus in the past. We will offer a reduced Jamboree entry, and David Kelly recommended we look into creating a commemorative metal plaque for each owner/bus.
- Terry will go to the commerce center and reach out to local businesses in Prescott and the surrounding areas.

Sue Rice will create a new simple business card and get 1000 printed. They will have the t-shirt logo on the front with our website and QR codes on the back for our website, FaceBook page, and PayPal donations.

Sandi (Treasurer): Account balance is currently \$50k. We still need to pay for venue items. Last year we were at \$33,500, so we're targeting \$35,000, including the engine. We are keeping our budget top of mind.

### **Raffle Bus:**

John and Mike are putting together a wish list for the Raffle Bus.

John Manning: The best place to keep up with what's going on with the Raffle Bus is the WhatsApp Bus Build chat and the Raffle Bus page of the website. Wayne has been working his butt off for the last several weeks on the paint prep. They're hoping by next

week they'll be in the final sanding, then immediately after that will be the final priming and painting.

We also received two huge boxes from **Wolfsburg West** with all the parts they donated and discounted for our bus. John and Mike will go through the list and John will begin to organize and categorize everything, which will take hours, but as he says, it's happy work. 😊 Huge thank you to Wayne Olsson for his painting skills, Bill Ross for his welding skills (among others), David Pedroza for his welding skills (among others), and Ed Lampinen for his many skills. There are so many more people to thank for all they have done.

- Space Age Auto Paint donated all the paint for the bus.
- Koch's Steering Wheels is donating a steering wheel for the raffle bus.
- Skinner Classics donated an engine hatch and apron.
- Zac Rack is donating a roof rack.
- Terry Hale is donating and sewing all the curtains for the bus.
- Russell and Greg are working on the cabinets and are 60% done. They had to buy Baltic Birch wood from another source, as Spellman Hardwoods didn't have the right size available, and he wasn't able to get in touch with Woodworkers Source.
- We have contacted Sew Fine for the upholstery work.

Brian thanked Russell and Greta for hosting our Bus Builds and posted on FB asking if anyone is interested in donating toward the lunches that Greta provides for the work crew, as it would be much appreciated. You can donate at the meetings or on the website "Membership & Donations" page. Beth and Dazey started it off with a \$200 donation. Thank you, Beth & Dazey!!!

Raffle bus work parties will gear up after the final paint is done, probably toward the end of April.

Brian showed us the six-page spreadsheet John created listing all the parts needed, including detailed information such as the catalog item name, catalog #, price, quantity, how much ABC will pay, how much W.W. will pay, etc. It's amazing! 🙌

Russell talked about the Tour at the Phoenix Herpetological Sanctuary on April, 11<sup>th</sup>, which the Club sponsored for our members and their guests. We had approximately 20 people and everyone had a great time.

Sue Rice talked about the website and adding Raffle Bus sponsors and their logos and information to the Jamboree page and the Raffle Bus page. She also asked everyone to let her know if any corrections need to be made on the website (links not working, etc.).

David Kelly received an email from Larry Kay from Colorado regarding a 1964 camper we could possibly use as a future raffle bus. He also mentioned the Best of Arizona Cars & Coffee Show April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Possible Fundraisers: Maybe a Scavenger Hunt Run?

Brian asked about the New Mexico Bus Club, trading free entries for their event and our Jamboree.

Russell asked about the Colorado Bus Club. They posted an event in June. We might be able to share event info with them and create a relationship with their club. David Kelly mentioned a group in Durango as well.

San Tan event had 85+ vehicles. Good event. A recent Queen Creek Cars & Coffee show was a good event and is getting bigger.

### **Upcoming Events:**

All events are listed on our Events Page Calendar of the Website.

### **Best of Arizona Cars & Coffee**

**Sunday, Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Fountain Park in Fountain Hills**

**Morning Session: Cars & Coffee Invitational – 9am – 11:30am**

**Afternoon Session: Car Club Invitational – 1:30pm – 4pm**

Presented by: **Arizona Cars and Coffee**

### **Sunday with Andy**

**Sunday, Apr. 26th**

**12pm – Whenever**

**Grand Avenue Brewing Company, 1205 W. Pierce St., Phoenix, AZ 85007**

Hosted by: **Jesus Aguilera**

### **Forever Young Campout**

**May 1-3rd**

**Pitchfork Cabin, 464 Hindu Crossing, Young, AZ 85554**

Great campout! Awesome little town! Pitchfork Cabin provided a menu available to purchase during the campout. We'd love you to stay for breakfast on Sunday morning.

We'll have a Fireman's Boot to collect donations for their local fire dept.

Hosted by: **ABC & Young Fire Dept. (?)**

### **Spring Fling! VVVW's Picnic**

**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**11am – 3pm**

**Windmill Park, 9950 E Cornville Rd., Cornville, AZ 86352**

Presented by: **Verde Valley VW's**

### **Buses on the Pier**

**Sunday, May 31st**

**Huntington Beach Pier**

Presented by: **Kowabunga Van Klan**

### **VTO's Blackstar Campout**

**June 10-14<sup>th</sup>**

**Rancho Jurupa Park, Riverside, CA**

See their Facebook page for details.

### **Watson Lake Car Show**

**June 13-14th**

**8am – 2pm**

**Where: 3101 Watson Lake Rd, Prescott, AZ 86301**

\$7 per person, 12 and under free with paid adult admission. FREE parking  
Check their website for updates: [paacaz.com](http://paacaz.com)

Presented by: **Prescott Antique Auto Club**

## **OCTO**

**Saturday, June 6th**

**6am**

**Veterans Memorial Stadium, 5000 E. Lew Davis St., Long Beach, CA**

## **El Prado VW Show & Shine**

**Sunday, June 14th**

**Rancho Jurupa Park, 4800 Crestmore Rd., Riverside, CA 92509**

## **Mother Road Classic Car Show**

**Saturday, Aug. 15th**

**8am – 3pm**

**Flagstaff City Hall, 211 W. Aspen Ave., Flagstaff, AZ 86001**

The Raffle Bus will be there!

If you want to 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 35**

**Sept. 24-27th**

**Prescott Rodeo Grounds, 531 Fairgrounds Ave., Prescott, AZ 86305**

**Gates will be open at 8am – 8pm**

We will continue to add information to the **ABC Jamboree 35** page on our website as we confirm it.

## **Buses and Balloons**

**October 8-11th**

8536 Alameda Park Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113 Email: [NMBusClub@gmail.com](mailto:NMBusClub@gmail.com)

More details as we get closer to the event.

Presented by: **New Mexico Bus Club**

## **Volkswagens in the Canyon**

**Saturday, Nov. 7th**

## **Slide Rock State Park**

**9am – 4pm**

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

Rob talked about how important it is for everyone to check over their VWs before summer arrives. Make sure you have a Blaze Cut over your engine to prevent fires, along with flashing caution lights on the back of your bus to alert truckers and other drivers to slow down. This could prevent major accidents on the highway.

Rob announced that the club is still looking for an enclosed 16' trailer that can haul club gear for events and possibly a vehicle.

Anyone willing to help set up at the Jamboree, let us know. We may be restricted to a limited number of people allowed for early access.