

SOME HELPFUL ADVICE FROM THE NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL

Every year the NHP helps hundreds of Burners who get stranded or otherwise experience problems on the road to and from the event. At a recent meeting they let us know some super helpful tips to avoid the most common problems that Burners experience while on the road:

Balding...

...The NHP reports that bald tires are a significant factor in accidents and break downs so be sure to check your tires before you leave for the event and replace those old tires if you need to.

Too tired to drive...

...The NHP reports that of the accidents that relate to Burning Man traffic, the number one reported cause of these accidents was fatigue.

Be sure to be well rested and sober (duh), with a copilot to help to keep you company while you drive. Behind the wheel is no place for a playa hangover.

Driving on empty..

Coming to Black Rock City from the West on Highway 80? Get fuel in Fernley as pumps in Wadsworth are not open all night. Coming from the Pacific Northwest? Gas up in Cedarville. For those coming from the SF Bay Area and all points south, fill up in Reno/Sparks. Sure there are other gas stations between these recommended stops and Gerlach, but do you really want to risk that the station is closed, out of fuel, or backed up with traffic for miles? And parking on the shoulder creates traffic hazards. Wadsworth, Empire and Gerlach CANNOT handle the kind of traffic created by fueling lines. And it will only be worse on the way OUT of Burning Man. Gas up at the recommended filling cities beforehand. And this goes for fuel for RV generators as well. One more thing--figure out what kind of fuel your generator uses BEFOREHAND. Most generators do NOT run on gasoline.

No camping ...

Camping is prohibited in Gerlach. Please respected the local citizens.

Traveling into Wadsworth after Burning Man...

One of the partners in the 2011 Reno-Sparks-Wadsworth Recycling Project, Trash Pros, is located a mile north of Wadsworth on 447, just before you enter the town. Expect a reduced speed limit, traffic-safety workers and signs, and slowing of traffic here during Exodus.

Going for broke...

...If your vehicle breaks down please carefully pull off the road to allow traffic to continue past you safely. NHP may push your vehicle off the road if needed but if you can safely coast or push your vehicle onto a gravel shoulder, please do so.

Soft shoulders...

...The shoulders of State Route 447 and the other rural highways have **very** soft shoulders and the chance of getting stuck is much higher than you expect, especially in the soft sands around Pyramid lake.

Only pull over if you absolutely have to and if at all possible only on fully developed gravel shoulders. It's also easy to roll a vehicle if you hit these soft shoulders at high speeds

Watch your load...

...Be sure your any loads on your roof rack or trailers are tied down properly. ****This especially applies at the end of the event on the way home**** when you may be tired and less careful about how you load and tie down, and have a lot of trash bags to carry. Taking a couple of extra minutes to tie down your load is a lot easier than scurrying about on the highway trying to pick up your gear while playing real life frogger with the oncoming traffic.

Hurry up and wait...

...the wait for tow trucks can be very long (think hours and hours). Sitting on the side of the road is a major bummer so please be careful.

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Ecliptic

by Thumper & Pleasure

Ornamental and intentional art piece created for Sungazing that includes rhythmic Brainwave Entrainment, streaming through headphones, to enhance sensory stimulation and increase mental clarity.

Ecliptic is designed to augment both the rising and setting sun.

The sun is the creator of life in our solar system. In the fast changing paradigm of this new age, sun gazing is a very grounding and spiritually enriching experience. Practicing safe sungazing will promote radiant health of one's body, mind, and spirit, while increasing their connection to the whole of the universe. The safe hours are anytime within a one hour window after sunrise or before sunset.

Ecliptic is a Rite of Passage and a spiritual anchor into personal well-being as well as a beautiful resting place in deep playa. At night, with its adequate illumination, it will serve as a destination point for quiet contemplation.

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Inflection Points

by Jim Cavera

All rites of passage have an inflection point: a point in which the old life has been torn away and before the new life begins. This piece is the corner of a room, the rest of it having been torn away. A chair looks out into the deep playa, inviting the participant to contemplate their old life and the endless possibilities of the new. A sketch book is provided such that they can leave a story of their own points of inflection.

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Aural Conflagrator

by Chromatest

The sound emanates from speakers, but what is the sound? You see mics, but they appear to do nothing. What are these knobs for? Turn them and find out. Walk away and hear what you have created. The sound is emanating from speakers. It's your sound, but what is it? Mics, lights, knobs. Walk, sound, away. Knobs? What is it? Decorate the wall, walk away, hear sounds, what is it? Nothing.

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The Tunnel of Questionable Enlightenment by Justin Eastman This project consists of one hundred 7.25 foot tall steel arches placed approximately one foot apart and arranged in a question mark shaped pattern on the playa floor. Each arch will be lined with an LED strip which holds 160 individually programmable LED lights (16,000 LEDs total) and are controlled via four independent wheels in the middle of the question mark's arch. Participants will initially begin at the dot of the question mark and be presented with directions and the philosophy of the project by a podium illuminated by black lights.

Participants will walk through the path of the tunnel, surrounded by the stimulation of ever changing colors and patterns of electro-luminescence. The tunnel will be an open beacon on the playa which will draw curious participants to inquire what the lights could possibly be.

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Radial Mantra

by Haven Walker

Radial Mantra is a temple of spiritual devotion, Sheltered in its midst is a prayer wheel which upon being turned evokes the intention of it's participant. The wheel is adorned with universal pattern's of art and celebration which do not represent any organized religion but includes all living things and things beyond.

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And of course there is the gigantic CORE project which a team of Arizonan's is a part of. Stop by the Carnegiea Gigantea and see this awesome effigy. The entire CORE project (all 22 effigies) will burn Thursday night at 9PM (playa permitting). The burn will be preceded by a parade celebrating all of the regions that want to be in it.

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I'm sure there is lots of other awesome stuff out there which AZBurners have their fingers in, whether it be an art car, theme camp, event, or art installation. These are the art installations registered (aka I could find them on the burningman.com website).

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Can't or don't want to make it to Burning Man this year? Still want to get a bit of that Burning Man fix with some of your awesome burner friends?

Attend the 'No Burner Left Behind Party' in Flagstaff <http://azburners.org/files/No-Burner-Left-Behind-Party-Flagstaff-2011.pdf>

Attend the 'No Burner Left Behind Party' in Tucson <http://azburners.org/noburnerleftbehind-tuc.htm>

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"Be what you would seem to be-or, if you'd like it put more simply - never imagine yourself not to be otherwise than what it might appear to others that what you were or might have been was not otherwise than what you had been would have appeared to them to be otherwise."

Lewis Carroll (Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking-Glass)

"If I had a world of my own, everything would be nonsense. Nothing would be what it is, because everything would be what it isn't. And contrary wise, what is, it wouldn't be. And what it wouldn't be, it would. You see? - The Mad Hatter"

Lewis Carroll

"I can't go back to yesterday because I was a different person then. "

Lewis Carroll

Through the Looking-Glass is an artistic metaphor for this year's Arizona Decompression that invites us to take a journey into new territory. Witch Wells, AZ may not be new territory to most of us, but the path that brings us to this far reaching land has been rocky and steep. I know that many of my good friends do not plan to attend this year's event. Reasons are varied and rational, yet I can't help but wonder if it's because we perceive ourselves to have hit a dead end along the road of change.

The theme for decompression this year calls on us to be mindful that as a community, we are going through a Rite of Passage ourselves. It is a reflection of dissonance as a pathway toward integration and wholeness. We are stepping beyond what we have grown accustomed to, venturing into new areas, and looking at things from a different angle. Through the Looking-Glass is extended as a theme for this years AZDC because any time the world turns strange, or when things get turned around, like Alice, we can simply step inside of the mirror.

** Quick rundown of the various public AZBurner-related lists and websites!

<http://www.azburners.org>

The official site for the Arizona Burners. Check this out for information on upcoming events, travel information, and lots of information that can help you enjoy your first Burning man event!

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

This unofficial sight is run by a member of the AZBurner community. It's a great place for Burner Classifieds and Ride Shares.

<http://www.twitter.com/azburners>

The official Arizona Burners Twitter feed

<http://gplus.am/azburners>

The official Arizona Burners Google Plus page.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Azburners/>

This is the main "general discussion" list. This is generally an "on-topic" list for information concerning Burning Man and Arizona Burners.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Azofftop/>

This is everything else! No holds barred, though do remember that the people on the other side of your keyboard are real and have feelings too!

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Azburnersnorth/>

This is another "on-topic" list that generally caters to Northern Arizona Burners. Flagstaff, Prescott, etc.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SaguaroMan/>

The Saguaro Man list is for discussions directly related to the Saguaro Man event.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/az_regional_event/

This is the "organizers" list for Saguaro Man. It's open to everybody because everybody should be involved! Please note that this list is about people being constructive and getting stuff done.

arizona-announce mailing list

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<https://lists.burningman.com/mailman/listinfo/arizona-announce>