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Hello all of you wonderful Arizona Burners! My Name is Chromatest J. Pantsmaker and I'm writing this episode of the new Regional Announce List. Without further ado, I'd like to welcome you all the the Xantusia Divulges! This is the official source for Arizona Burner news, and we'll do our best to keep these timely, relevant, and succinct.

Your first question is probably, "what the heck is a Xantusia and why is this list called that?" Well, I wanted to come up with a nice whimsical name for this newsletter, much in the manner of the Burning Man Announce list, "The Jack Rabbit Speaks". I did some quick web searching and found these cool desert lizards which only exist in the South-west. One type is even named after Arizona! (The Arizona Xantusia).

Your second question *might* be, "what the heck is a Chromatest and why is he writing this announcement?". Well, I'm Chromatest and I'm one of Arizona's new Burning Man Regional Contacts. Together with Scotto (ScottoBobScotto), we are here to represent the Burning Man organization and bring you news about what's going on in the community.

So what about Gary "Rockstar" Taylor and that "Little g" fellow? The dynamic duo of G&g have moved on to other awesome things after over 10 years of being the Regional Contacts. Don't worry, they're safe and sound. Gary is still running Radio Electra and Grover still hates hippies trying to sneak into Black Rock City. See? All is well.

With our loss of G&g, also comes the loss of "Toast!" the former Arizona Regional Burn. Do not fret though, some really awesome people are organizing what we hope will fill those Toasty desires!

With the formalities out of the way, let's dive right in!

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** Saguaro Man - (http://saguaroman.azburners.org/) The new Saguaro Man website is live! Saguaro Man is the next evolutionary step of the Arizona Regional Burn. This event is officially sanctioned by the Burning Man organization. The location, organization structure, pricing, and much more is completely new and different from previous AZBurner events.

Saguaro Man will be held May 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th at Double Dolphin Farm in Snowflake, AZ. Double Dolphin Farm is a beautiful place to hold an event, the sort of event that us AZBurners have come to love!

Tiered ticket pricing! Three tiers of ticket prices all go on sale on March 1st. $35, $50, $65. There will be 100 tickets available at each level. Once a level is gone, you will not be able to purchase at that price. This was done to spur ticket sales and give the organizers a kick of funds to pay for the event. It was also done to allow people to purchase tickets at their own affordability level.
Each $65 ticket sold subsidizes a $35 ticket, so please purchase tickets at the highest level you can afford!

The "profit" from this event will help fund AZ Burner art at Saguaro Man and Decompression. Please support our AZBurners artist community by donating what you can. Every little bit helps.

Want to stay up to date with Saguaro Man specific information and discuss your Saguaro Man plans?
Subscribe to the Saguaro Man Yahoo group at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SaguaroMan/

Want to get involved?
Sign up for the "event planning" Yahoo group at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/az_regional_event/

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** AZBurners.org - (http://www.azburners.org/) azburners.org is the central meeting place for arizona burners. This is the place to go when you just can't wait for the next Xantusia Divulges! Take a moment to browse around and see what resources the site has to offer. If you want something included on the site, please let us know!

** AZBurner History - (http://azburners.org/azburners-history.htm) Are you new to Burning Man? Maybe you're just new to Arizona or the Arizona Burners. You can read all about our rag-tag group's history right here on the internet!

** Black Rock City Publications - Piss Clear - BRC Gazette - (http://azburners.org/publications.htm) Here's a great page to spend some time and use a few hours of your life. Lot's of great stuff to read here!

** Meet AZBurners - (http://www.meetazburners.com) While Meet AZBurners is not an official "AZBurner" webpage, it's still a great place to go and learn about your fellow AZBurner! It also hosts Burner classifieds and a ride-share board!

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Arizona Burners are doing some pretty amazing things, but these things cost a little money! Check out these two amazing projects and get involved if you can!

** Carnegiea Gigantea - (http://azcore.wordpress.com/) The Carnegiea Gigantea is Arizona's submission to the Burning Man CoRE project. CoRE is the Circle of Regional Effigies. It will be a ring of effigies built around "The Man" in Black Rock City, 2011.
It's a pretty amazing project, and a bunch of AZBurners have stepped up to create something that they think we'll be proud of.

** Tunnel of Questionable Enlightenment - (http://www.tunneloflights.com/) Justin "Workinonit" has let a blinky LED demon out of his imagination, and we're all going to live better lives because of it. Workinonit is building a 100 foot long tunnel of color changing RGB lights. Man, I can't even describe how exciting this project is! You just need to get over to his website and see for yourself!

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** Saguaro Man - May 5th-8th - (http://saguaroman.azburners.org/) Like we said before, tickets go on sale this Tuesday, March 1st

** 8th Annual AZBurner 'Playa Newbie Event - July 16th - (http://azburners.org/newbie.htm) This is the perfect place to go to get your Burning Man "newbie"
questions answered.

** 8th Annual Playa Fashion Show - July 16th - (http://azburners.org/fashion.htm) Directly after the "Newbie Event". This is the perfect place to see and pick up the latest "Burner Attire".

** 100 Daze - May 21st - (http://azburners.org/100daze.htm) Yikes! Only 100 Days until Burning Man, we'd better have a party!

)'(- The following events are not directly Burning Man or AZBurner related, but they're still recommended by many burners -)'(

** Brides of March - March 12th - (http://azcacophony.org) Dress up in your finest wedding gown and spend a day smelling flowers and gazing at clouds!

** Joshua Tree - May 13th-15th - (http://www.joshuatreemusicfestival.com/) About half way to Los Angeles, you'll find Joshua Tree and this excellent music festival.

** Just Another Desert Party - June 10th-12th - (http://www.warsawpactaz.com/) The only way you'll know that this isn't Burning Man is the merchandise and concession stand! The WPE crew are bringing out the legendary Burning Man theme camp "Death Guild" and the Thunderdome!

** Lightning in a bottle - (http://lightninginabottle.org/) If you can only go to one festival this year, go to Burning Man. If you can only go to two, go to Burning Man and Saguaro Man. If you can squeak out three festivals, make sure that Lightning In A Bottle is included. This festival is just beautiful I tell ya!

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** AZBurners Photo Gallery - (http://azburners.org/gallery2) Sure, you have a photo gallery on facebook, myspace, flickr, photobucket, etc.... but you can put your "compromising" photos on ours! The AZBurners Photo Gallery is a great place to share your Burning Man and AZBurner related photos with the community. Check out all the good times that are going on there!

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** Send a message to Scotto and Chromie on the official channels!

Got some news that we should know about? Something going on in our community that Burning Man should know about? Email Scotto and Chromie at arizona@burningman.com . This address shoots directly to both of us, but you're always more than welcome to email us individually at chromatest@burningman.com or scotto@burningman.com

** Quick rundown of the various public AZBurner-related lists!
We're a pretty spread out community, covering the entire state of Arizona and beyond! Stay up to date with the happenings via technology!

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. Sometimes things can get a little out of hand with the snarkiness, but that's because everybody acts like one big family.
Like any other family, many people have strong opinions and aren't afraid to share them! This list can become very high traffic (100's of emails per week), especially as Burning Man gets closer.

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.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/azcore/
This is the list specifically for the Arizona CoRE project. These people are getting some art made, so feel free to join their list, but don't just stand in the way. Go grab that hammer and help out!

https://lists.burningman.com/mailman/listinfo/arizona-announce
THIS LIST!
The Xantusia Divulges is a low-volume (1-2 emails a month) announcement-only email list. Any information that you want included needs to be sent to arizona@burningman.com and include the word "Xantusia" in the subject line.

** Getting on and off the XD
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