

AZ/NM DECOMPRESSION



2016

Mis(s)COMMUNICATION
WITCH WELLS, AZ

AFTERBURN REPORT

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Introduction

Arizona/New Mexico Decompression 2016 was held @ Witch Wells outside Sanders, Arizona on October 20-23.

Arizona & New Mexico have been 'Sister Regions' since the Global Leadership Conference 2012; as Regional Contact of Arizona & as a Meta Committee member I have been working with my New Mexico counterparts assisting in any way possible to further their regional goals. The Witch Well's site is a perfect spot for our two groups to gather and continue this sisterhood of our two regions. For the 3^d year we decided to create a Decompression that celebrated all that we are as individuals and see what we could create crossing our state borders - share in the creative space - build a community that for 4 Days embodies the [Ten Principles](#).

Those principles are guidelines for us to follow – a code of conduct – a standard to live up to; an instructional platform to teach the next group to take on the task. I hope that as we mixed Arizona & New Mexico Burner flavors that each attendee held in their hands that 'Family & Community' feeling and to see & feel what we can create TOGETHER.

Tickets for Arizona / New Mexico Decompression 2016 went on sale June 1, 2016 with a single ticket price of \$35. When sales ended on October 14th – 104 tickets were sold.

A full [Financial Disclosure](#) is listed here-in this AfterBurn report.

Special callouts to Event Leads:

- **Co-Event Lead** – Sweeney Odd
- **Financial Lead** - Mr. Mom
- **Ranger Leads** – Corvus | Kilted Freedom | Number 9 | Axnite
- **Gate/Greeter Lead** – qqtpie | Serpico

Thank you all for your efforts to make a very successful joint AZ/NM Decompression. I hope to work with you all again soon.

Scotto

- Co-Lead Arizona Decompression 2016
- AZ Regional Contact
- Meta Committee Member
- Burning Man Lifer/Geek/Zealot

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Lead Notes

Notes from Scott Platsky aka 'Scotto'- Decompression Co-Lead

We extend a very BIG THANK YOU to Jerry & Virginia Meixner & their Witch Wells property (The home to TOAST (AZ) 2002-2010) (The Home of Enchantment Burn (NM) 2014-2015) for allowing us to gather for a 4-day campout and create AZ/NM Decompression 2016. We very much appreciate your hospitality. You are both such wonderful hosts & friends. It is our hope that as the last participant departed, Witch Wells is once again alive with a renewed energy & spirit.

The Art Committee created an awesome Event Theme – 'Mis(s)Communication' that gave this event a great vibe to share in all that was/is the two great Regions of Arizona & New Mexico. Here are some numbers where our participants hailed from.

- AZ - 57 - 55%
 - IL - 1 - 1%
 - UT - 3 - 3%
 - CA - 3 - 3%
 - NC - 2 - 2%
 - WA - 1 - 1%
 - CO - 3 - 3%
 - NM - 31 - 30%
- Average age (Of course people can cheat on that one) – 41
 - 75 out of 104 have been to Burning Man – 72%

I had a great experience working with Sweeney from New Mexico in planning the event and hope he did as well. As we have the past years; we decided in doing a joint regional event that the two regions would split any profits derived from the event and per the [Financials](#) it was decided that the 'Profit' of \$20.19 would stay with Arizona.

Thanks to our Ranger Leads Corvus | Kilted Freedom | Number 9 | Axnite for walking the beat and making sure that we were all safe throughout the weekend.

Thanks to Conchita & the Art Council for all their support to make sure that not only did our participants have fun but that "Mis(s)Communication" was not just an event theme but a way for both New Mexico & Arizona Burners to feel a part of a greater whole than individual regions.

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Financials

Revenue:

Ticket Sales (104)	\$3,640.00
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Expenses

Land Maintenance & Upkeep	\$400.00
Event Insurance	\$727.00
Ticket Processing Fees	\$293.87
PayPal Processing Fees	\$127.39
Porta Potty Rental	\$1,615.00
Firewood	\$400.00
Event Gasoline & Incendiary Devices	\$56.55

Total Costs of Event:	\$3,619.81
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Total Event Revenue:	\$20.19
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AZBurner Working Fund

Balance AZBurner Working Fund as of 11/1/16	\$1,437.95
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The remaining balance of **\$1,437.95** will be used by the Arizona Regional Contacts to further the AZBurner Community during its year-end activities as well as be used as seed money for AZ Decompression and Saguaro Man 2017.

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AZBurner Art Fund / Art Grants

The AZBurner Art Fund was created with the following Mission Statement:

The AZBurners Art Fund promotes artistic expression by providing financial support for art projects at the AZ Regional Events, Saguaro Man and Decompression. The goals of this fund are to attract a wider range of artists, inspire creativity, and foster diverse works of art that reflect the values within our community.

Regional events revolve around artistic expression; we all benefit from the artist's endeavors. In order to establish the opportunity for art funding, the Art Committee has established an Online Art Grant Request process.

The AZBurner Art Fund gets its monies from 'Profits' of Arizona's two Regional Events – Saguaro Man & Decompression. Distributions from this fund via the Art Grant Registration Process go directly towards Art materials, assisting the artist in taking their imagination & talent from the drawing board to fruition.

Art Grants / Art Fund Balance - 2016

AZBurner Art Fund Balance – 6/1/16 \$15,246.19

Art Grants – Decompression 2016 \$0.00

Final Balance: \$15,246.19

The Art Committee is responsible for receiving submissions from Artist for monetary reimbursement, then making decisions of how the available monies from the Art Fund will be dispersed and coordinate Art & Art Placement at Saguaro Man & Decompression.

The Art Grant Cycle for Decompression 2016 was open June 3 – July 20. One Submission|Request was received for an Art Vehicle support but due to unforeseen circumstances they were unable to attend the event and no money was disbursed.

The Final Balance of the AZBurners Art Fund is **\$15,246.19** that will be available to the Art Council for Art Grants for Saguaro Man 2017.

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Site Management

Gate/Greeters - Submitted by: Pam Whitney aka 'qqtpie'

We had good volunteer coverage throughout the event. The trial run with the new Volcor software revealed some changes that need to be addressed before Saguaro Man.

With the new website, co-creators (volunteers) should be able to directly sign up for shifts for several departments. If volunteers are signing up for a department they have not worked in before, they will need to be added to that department.

Several participants were on hand for the infrastructure breakdown Sunday morning. There were also participants that stopped on their way out to bring Gate trash home with them. It really helps with our leave no trace efforts.

Gate has been gifted a tablet to help aid in document backups. We can use it to store photos of the attendance, and have a backup copy of the volunteer schedules. The only negative events at Gate were a participant taking videos without consent and a temporarily missing piece of valuable grease collecting artwork. The situations were dealt with by our amazing staff.

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Art of Decompression

Submitted by Scott Platsky aka 'Scotto'- Decompression Co-Lead

The Art Grant Cycle was open June 3 – July 20 – though no proposals were funded that does not mean that there would not be Art @ Decompression.

The Witch Wells Decompression site is a perfect venue for creating – Recycling & BURNING Art! We were graced by two amazing pieces of such Art. Madeline Morrill was inspired to create a 2nd iteration of her Log-Based structure from Saguaro Man, an interactive design in which onlookers could find attached notes of inspiration as well as add their own distinctive flare to its diverse offerings. The structure burned with a blaze & glow that optimized the Mis(s)Communication theme and allowed all AZ/NM Decompression participants to dance around its flames.



Burners are always creative with leftover parts and parts of previous art projects that fall apart – we thank Arthur Rudiak & Thomas Oakey + Crew for bringing pieces of art from Double Dolphin Farm (The site of [Saguaro Man](#)) to create a Man effigy; because what is Decompression without A MAN TO BURN! It was awesome to BURN this peace together AZ& NM.

Thank you to the Ranger & Fire Crew that held the perimeter until it was safe to rush in and warm ourselves on the remains of our fallen heroes – our Art.

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Moving Towards the Future

Looking towards 2017: We are always on the lookout for additional locations within the Great State of Arizona to hold our 4-day Decompression Campout event. In the coming year, we will be looking at a potential location outside Tucson. More details on that option as they can be made available.

AZBurner Art Committee & Art Fund: We are deeply appreciative for the efforts of Conchita and the Art Committee who continue to come up with inspiring Themes for our Regional Events. The Art Grant Cycle went live June 3, 2016. Through this process the Art Committee did not disburse and funds but that did not stop Art from being created & displayed at the event.

The Arizona Art Fund now has a balance of **\$15,246.19** moving into 2017 for Art Grants for Saguaro Man & Decompression.

We all look forward to seeing what incredible pieces of permanent & burnable art will be created in the coming year.

On December 10, the Art Committee will debut a new Web Site & announced the Theme and opened the Art Grant Cycle for [Saguaro Man 2017](#) - scheduled for April 26 – April 30, 2017 @ Double Dolphin Farm outside Snowflake, Arizona. At the time of this printing ticket prices have not been set. Look for announcements soon as sales will start February 1, 2017. Portions of the Saguaro Man profits will go to replenishing the Arizona Burners Art Fund for Art Grants for Saguaro Man & Decompression 2017.

Conclusions: Together as Arizona & New Mexico Burners each year we create our own distinctive Post-Burn experiment in community. Decompression 2016 was incredible & amazing and brought together participants to discover within themselves and others the collective ethos that binds us together.

We look forward to seeing what is possible in the creative minds of our Regional Burners in 2017. As we proceed into the New Year we will start the recruiting process for leads and community leaders to construct a post-burn utopia we know as Decompression. I hope you will be part of the process!!!

Look forward to even better things for 2017.