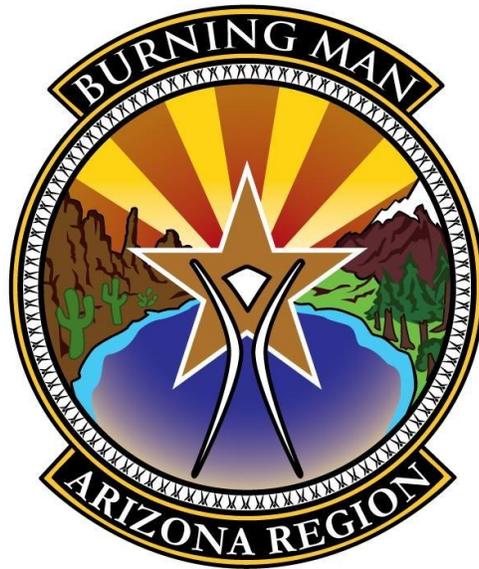


SAGUARO MAN 2015



AFTERBURN REPORT

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Introduction

Saguaro Man 2015 enjoyed its **5th year at Double Dolphin Farm** outside Snowflake, Arizona on **April 29 – May 3** – We continue to learn as individuals & as a collective community to what makes a successful 5-Day Regional Event; there is no doubt we can call Saguaro Man 2015 a major success.

Tickets went on sale February 1st. **653** Tickets total were sold @ **\$65**. The Event was a **SELL-OUT**. During the registration process we asked **Two (2)** questions – What is your age? (The average age of our participants was **37**) Have you been to Burning Man? (**292 out of 653** participants answered they have **NOT been to TTITD – almost 45% WOW!**).

Arizona's Regional Event celebrated its 14th year. (2002-2010 TOAST) (2011-2015 Saguaro Man)

We have truly become a 'Regional Event' with 153 attendees from outside the Great State of Arizona. We thank you all for making the trek from your far flung locations to share & add to our AZBurner spirit & community...

- Arizona
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Florida
- Illinois
- Massachusetts
- Mexico
- Michigan
- Nevada
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- Oregon
- Texas
- Utah
- Vermont
- Washington
- Wisconsin

We as the Arizona Region have come of age – we are no longer adolescents in creating Community. Together we continue to grow & learn from each other and from ourselves. We as a collective of Artists, Collaborators & Mischief Makers have made a difference in each others lives. We continue to move beyond just mere friendships; we are co-collaborators, co-conspirators in the journey that is Arizona Burners.

In conjunction with our Legal Council we continue to make positive strides in working with Apache County in permitting our event. We appreciate the continuing opportunity to work with County Officials in the future; to address any additional concerns and allow them to see and learn the passion that is Saguaro Man.

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Special callouts to our amazing Event Leads and their teams:

- Event Co-Lead Squid Vicious aka 'Ian'
- Art – Shelley Tait aka 'Conchita'
- Art – Greg Elbert aka 'Greg'
- Fire Safety - Ron Martinez aka 'R-Jag'
- Fire Safety – Charles Sickles
- Fire Safety – Angela Williams
- Flame Effects- Craig Cooper aka 'Coop'
- Gate/Greeters – Matthew Hinman aka 'Cosmic Sea'
- Gate/Greeters – Tim Genenbacher aka 'Serpico'
- Gate/Greeters – Jenna Leatherman
- Gate/Greeters – Pam Whitney aka 'qqtpiePam'
- Heliotropic Rangers – Corinne Vivers aka 'Ranger Hermione'
- Heliotropic Rangers – Brian Smith aka 'Smitty'
- Insurance/Financial Consultant - Robert Tait aka 'Mr. Mom'
- Land Owners (Double Dolphin Farm) ARthur & Sunshine Rudiak
- LNT – Cliff, Atira, Manky Moonbunny, Clownbaby, Gennui
- Medical – Douglas Patton aka 'Housecall'
- Placement - Nate Hawbaker aka 'Nate'
- Placement – Dan Bain aka 'Dan'
- Sound – Haven Waker – aka 'Haven'

I appreciate the dedication & commitment you all exemplify, your devotion to all that is Saguaro Man.

I thank you all for a Job Well DONE!!! We have many things to be proud of in this Year Five (5) of Saguaro Man @ Double Dolphin Farm; but we have many things we can do better. I look forward to working with you all again and see what amazingly incredible things we can do together – Saguaro Man 2016!

Scott Platsky aka 'Scotto'

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Temporary Use Permit: In conjunction with Legal Counsel throughout the planning process we prepared and submitted a Temporary Use Permit application with Apache County Arizona to hold the event known as Saguaro Man 2015. We were pleased to hear from Apache County that our Temporary Use Permit was approved.

Interactions with Apache County Officials: We look forward to continuing our relationship with Apache County and furthering our common goals. We want to make sure that all county officials know that we are a responsible group of people that live, breathe, eat and work the [Ten Principles](#) everyday of our lives - that we love Art, Music, Fire and that we do all of this in a very responsible manner.

Scott Platsky aka 'Scotto'

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Notes from Squid Vicious aka 'Squid Vicious' - Saguaro Man Co-Lead

What a year. Saguaro Man is growing up!! This year, we transitioned from what always felt like a Burner Camping Trip to a real Burn! I can't express my appreciation to the community enough. I mean it when I say that my position as Co-Lead is really much more of a facilitator position. No one in this community needs to be "Lead". It is the largest group of highly motivated self-starters I have ever encountered. All I can do is figure out how to get people what they need to help them create their art, camps and sound stages. My job is how to figure out how to say, "Yes, we can do that".

To that end, I offer the following:

1. Preplanning and Leads organization: The initial Leads Face to Face meeting was a success. I think it was a good chance to sit, talk, drink a beer and discuss each other's visions, hopes and concerns for the event. We did stray off topic a few times, but that was okay. Some of the discussion could have been handled within the specific departments own discussions. I would suggest that next year, we do the same Face to Face. I would be happy to host it again. I would suggest that each department Lead bring a list of specific items to present and that they hash out any internal items before presenting to the group. I was pleased that we revised the Dog policy. It seemed to have worked well.

I am still not a big fan of telephone conferences, but that's because I am old and my hearing isn't that great. I realize and accept that it is really the only way to get everyone together given the distances between us.

2. Sticker Contest: While Scotto and I made the final decisions on the sticker contest winners this year, I would propose that next year, we make it a community vote via an online poll. It seems like it would be easy enough to post the items with a counter. I would like feedback and ideas on this.

3. Work Weekend: Don't tell anyone, but the work weekend is almost as much fun as the event. Really!! Great participation, great food and lots of fun...oh yes...we worked too. This year we had a first, which was Theme Camps coming to the work weekend to start their setup (specifically, my camp, Fucking Flamingos) This brings up the obvious questions

- Is the site open to camps and artists to "get going" on their projects?
- If so, how does this impact food provided and gas money provided?
- Do they need to at least let us know they are coming?

It was amazing to see the motivation and forethought. As we grow, there may be more camps and artists who want to come to work weekend specifically to work on their own projects and not event infrastructure. We need to discuss.

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4. **Event Promotion:** Outstanding. All social media sites were utilized. If you didn't know about it, you live in a cave (without wifi). Still, some people were surprised when tickets sold out. I don't know that we could do anymore to let them know. Radical Self Reliance!!
5. **Ticket Sales:** SOLD THE FUCK OUT!! Let's sell more in 2016. I think we can handle 800 people, but that will require more infrastructures and more, and better structure volunteerism. Specifics to follow below in "Suggestions".
6. **The Event:** This was one well run event! Specifically:
 - **Gate:** Gate was run extremely well. I can't express my respect for them more than that! I do think we put more on them than we should when it comes to verifying that participants are "prepared". The gate has enough to do without having to educate virgins and those new to our event. I will address this more below in "Suggestions".
 - **Placement:** Placement was on top of it. They shoe-horned everyone in and did a great job. This job will get harder as we grow. I will address this more below in "Suggestions".
 - **Rangers and Medical:** Zero issues.
 - **Art:** Zero issues.
 - **Sound:** It is my personal belief that we were a bit overwhelmed with sound. Braver Camp was dancing on the edge of the sound limits, but I'll let the Sound Lead address specifics. I for one would like to limit the number of sound camps and space them out equidistance as that is the one issue that can draw major problems from the neighbors. We should discuss.
 - **MOOP:** Moop seemed to be a bit of an issue the first couple of days, but, it got better. I would like to believe that this was because of the coaching of participant's peers.
 - **Dogs:** No issues. The new system worked very well.
 - **The Burns:** they were beautiful!!
 - **Art:** Beyond Amazing!

7. Post Burn Suggestions:

We are GROWING!! There were a lot of newbies this year. Most seemed relatively prepared and I think that has a lot to do with great communication via social media, I know that I, and many others, were answering tons of questions during the weeks prior to the event. I did see a bit more "snark" than I was comfortable with, but I realize and accept, that this is a burner tradition. As a Lead, I chose to just answer the questions clearly and for the most part, other leads did the same thing. I think we have grown to the point that I am going to suggest, and offer to host, a Saguaro Man Virgin Orientation event similar to the Playa Virgin Orientation we have held for years. I will ask for volunteers to help with it. We can discuss specifics as we get closer.

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I would also like to see Placement get more support as to relieve the Gate of the repeated question, "Where should I camp". I think a Placement volunteer at the gate during heavy arrival times with a map and possibly a runner or two who could actually walk people in would be a big help. This of course, leads to the need of more volunteers....which leads to my final suggestion.

We need a Volunteer Coordinator Volunteer! I really think we're there. It would be really helpful to have a person who could coordinate with all of the various entities and get volunteers scheduled as necessary. MOOP Lead could have a daily site walk with Volunteers. There could be people lined up to unload ice when it arrives. Gate and Placement could ask for extra people during anticipated heavy traffic times. Burning Man does this and it works well. It wouldn't take over the individual departments training or maintaining of volunteers/staff, it would just give all entities a common place to post volunteer needs and to draw manpower from.

Really, from the bottom of my heart, I want to thank everyone who gets off there asses and does the work that makes this event so successful. I love you all...some more than others...but really, I do!

Financials - Saguaro Man 2015 - AfterBurn Report

Financials

Revenue

Ticket Sales (653 Tickets Sold)	\$43,749.07
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Expenses

Land Use Fees - Road Maintenance	\$4,500.00
Apache County - Temporary Use Permit Fee	\$300.00
Ticket/PayPal Processing Fees	\$3,110.38
Work Weekend - Gas Reimbursement - Food	\$1,700.00
Leads Meetings - Gas Reimbursement - Food	\$409.09
Porta Potty Rental & Service + Tip	\$2,931.28
Gate/Placement-www Printing-Sat Phone-Firewood-Wristbands	\$2,169.96
Ice Delivery + Tip	\$1,640.00
Wrist Bands-Stickers-Shirts-Printing	\$1,671.81
Generator Support (Temple-Sound Camp-Center Camp-Ranger)	\$1,000.00
Truck Rental + Gas	\$754.16
Gate Generator Service + Gasoline	\$253.06
Signage (Plywood - Hardware - Paint - Brushes)	\$200.00
Art Project Support (Ignus Fatui-Porto Project-Leads/Newbie Mugs)	\$650.00
Radio & Shoulder Mic Replacement	\$1,674.70
Temple of Four Directions Support	\$2,500.00
Heliotropic Ranger Support	\$321.81
Appreciation Support - Fire/Electrical	\$185.00

Total Costs of Event \$25,971.25

Total Event Revenue \$17,777.82

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AZBurner/Saguaro Man 2015 - Donations

Total Event Revenue	\$17,777.82
Funds allocated to AZBurner Art Fund	\$10,000.00
Donation - St. John's High School Music/Art Dept.	\$700.00
Donation to - Burners Without Borders	\$700.00
Donation to - Drawing Studio - Tucson	\$700.00
Donation to - Arizona Burners Without Borders	\$700.00
Donation to - Walter The Bus	\$700.00
Donation to - Many Mouths One Stomach	\$700.00
Total 2015 Donations:	\$14,200.00
Final Balance:	\$3,577.82

AZBurner Working Fund

Saguaro Man allocation to AZBurner Working Fund	\$3,577.82
Balance AZBurner Working Fund	\$3,577.82

The remaining balance of **\$3,577.82** will be used by the Arizona Regional Contacts to further the AZBurner Community during the year including Town Hall Meetings, Annual Newbie Event, and Annual Party Support as well as be used as seed money for Arizona Decompression 2015 and Saguaro Man 2016.

AZBurner Art Fund/Art Grants - Saguaro Man 2015 - AfterBurn Report

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 - 2015

AZBurner Art Fund Balance - 1/1/15 \$7,016.62

Art Grants – Saguaro Man 2015 \$6,716.62

Saguaro Man 2015 Allocation - AZBurner Art Fund \$10,000.00

Final Balance: \$10,300.00

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.

Site Management - Saguaro Man 2015 - AfterBurn Report

Site Management

Gate – Greeters – Submitted by: Matthew Hinman aka 'Cosmic Sea' – Tim Genenbacher aka 'Serpico'

Saguaro Man 2015 was an awesome event in so many ways! Having more Leads was a big help this year as it gave the Leads time to rest more and have some fun. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, hugged, smiled and helped take home garbage at the end of the event. As a team, we made it happen together so take a moment to pat yourself on the back for a job well done.

Let's get into the good and bad of the event:

Positive:

- This year was cleaner than the other years but we still had way too many people leaving their trash at the Gate. Fortunately, we had a team cleaning during the event and some wonderful volunteers to take home trash.
- People were more confident and better trained to help take on important roles and make good decisions. This helped out a lot and will be the key to growing the event.
- Qqtie Pie was awesome with feeding people and getting people to help on the tough shifts like overnight and Burn night.
- Our Greeters did a wonderful job with getting people's canine's logged in and tagged.
- Our pre-prep with scheduling and data collection was helpful
- All the new volunteers who were excited to come back and help next year! We cannot do this with out volunteers and I thank you.

Negative:

- The dog policy was good but the process needs to be perfected from beginning to end. There was no plan for when the Gates opened so it was chaotic and confused. Next year, the Greeters will handle it and the process will be improved through training.
- Attempted to check people in who were several vehicles back in the line to "speed things up" was counterproductive and caused delays. We have a process that needs to be followed to avoid such things.
- Too much trash was left again at the Gate. This has to stop.

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- No sound at the Gate. It would have been nice to have a variety of music at the Gate to listen to instead of 3 soundstages blending into mush.
- There needs to be more pre-event training and that falls on the shoulders of the Leads to take care of
- The book of names was left exposed too much. I've stressed so many times how the main book needs to be treated like it's a book of passwords. More training will hopefully take care of this.
- Way too many showed up at the Gate without tickets or last minute name changes. The cutoff date will change next year and WE need to get the message out there that tickets are needed to enter the event. This was the cause of 90% of the radio calls to Leads.
- The t-shirt idea was nice but it caused the Gate so many problems. People took more than 1 shirt and some didn't get theirs. This fell on the Gate's shoulders as we were the bad guys which was unfair. Next year needs a revamped process or it's a no go. We were not staffed to handle searching boxes for shirts or the exact color they wanted.

All in all, the biggest change we can make is more training and after Burning Man, we will rectify that situation. I'll put out more printed information as well as create a better database for volunteer information so we can dispatch quicker and easier. I will get with the Leads and Event Lead (Scotto) to work on ticketing and a new procedure.

Thank you,

Matthew Hinman

Leave No Trace - Saguaro Man 2015 - AfterBurn Report

Leave No Trace

Submitted by Submitted by Scott 'Scotto' Platsky

Saguaro Man would like to send SPECIAL Thanks to Cliff, Atira, Manky Moonbunny, Clownbaby, Gennui for stepping up to take care of the Leave No Trace responsibilities and be the last line of defense to all things Trash as we leave the Double Dolphin Farm site.

No formal Leave No Trace report was submitted but I did collect notes from Atira & Cliff.

During the planning phase & Leads meetings of Saguaro Man we did not have an established LNT Crew – The above stated crew was solicited on our various social media outlets; because of this we did not have a opportunity pre-event to discuss their needs & responsibilities. The LNT Crew did meet with Saguaro Man Leads on Friday of the event to discuss what needed to be done. In 2016 we hope that this crew will be willing to take on these duties again and be part of the planning process.

LNT efforts on Monday after the event were hampered this year due to a major rain storm that limited the mobility of our LNT Crew. It was noted that there was some 'Construction Materials' left at the Double Dolphin Farm site. It was unclear if this was artists or theme camp material; regardless if you bring it to Saguaro Man it is your responsibility to take it back home – That is what Leave NO Trace is all about.

Art of Saguaro Man - Saguaro Man 2015 - AfterBurn Report

Art of Saguaro Man

The Art of Saguaro Man – Submitted by: Shelley Tait aka 'Conchita'

Each year that we are asked to write an Afterburn Report, we are honored to share about the stunning views, playful projects and inspiration that arises from experiences around the art at Saguaro Man. Art lends itself to many possibilities of interpretation, as does the process of bringing art to our events. As Saguaro Man continues to grow, there are a number of areas that deserve constructive criticism and future consideration.

The theme for 2015 was Fractal Vision, an expression of the interweaving strands of nature, from vast galaxies to minuscule inner-space synapses. Fractals exist everywhere from the microcosm of cellular structure to the macrocosm we call the universe. Artists were summoned to create from all of the possible configurations in which the parts are not distinct from the whole. Artists constructed the vision of interconnecting pieces of a unique puzzle and brought it together with a continuous creation-process throughout all levels of the event.

Overall there were 32 art projects, some of which are permanent structures on the property, others were return art pieces, newly funded projects, and a few surprises. There were 6 art burns, including the Temple of Four Directions, all of which were built on old burn scars leaving little or no trace by the end of the event. Artists were especially conscientious and cooperative regarding placement, LNT responsibilities, and power needs. One of the difficulties we experienced was related to individual artist power requirements and the placement of power supplies. As a result, we are adding a new lead position for power to the event to help provide artists with the specifications necessary to bring power to their projects.

Placement was much smoother than in previous years. We took time to walk the land and map out each consideration 2 weeks prior to the event. Artists were then given an opportunity to see where they would be placed and discuss with team leads any concerns before arrival. There were a few last minute changes due to unexpected additions, as well as a few projects that didn't arrive or get set up. One project was moved out of the range of a sound camp to the center of the art area, and another was combined with one of the burn projects to accommodate the need for a photography backdrop. Next year we plan to use a GPS system that will help with mapping and accuracy of placement.

Most of the artists who brought projects to Saguaro Man used the online art registration submission process which allowed us to accommodate their submissions. The designated art area was filled with more art than ever, yet lent itself to a sense of spaciousness where projects flowed from one to the other. Many were interactive and provided opportunities to play and commune between and around the many installations. About half of the art was registered as non-funded art, two of which were burn pieces, and many that were created around variations of the events theme.

Art of Saguaro Man - Saguaro Man 2015 - AfterBurn Report

Ultimately the flexibility with placement and inclusion of new ideas helped to synchronize the look and feel of the art experience at Saguaro Man. A casual survey of participants both during and after the event indicated that the art of Saguaro Man was quite impressive. Participants appreciated the playground effect where they could climb, jump, swing, hand out, roast marshmallows, paint, create, imbibe, socialize, dream and contemplate the nature of our universe. As the event continues to grow we look toward this type of radical inclusionary placement in our overall plan as encouragement for ongoing positive interactive art experiences.

In regards to the AZ Burner Art fund, we had several return projects to the event that have also had a presence at other community gatherings and festivals around the state. However, the majority of the requests for funds were from new artists, as we received over 20 art grant proposals, 13 of which were funded. Most artists asked for reasonable dollar amounts, with the exception of one project that was dependent upon other regional event funding that did not come through. With further expansion of the art fund, we intend to promote wider scale regional art collaboration. The idea of cross pollination, where multiple regional events support artists in bringing their art from one event to another, is one that we look to embrace in the future.

In order to incorporate a greater scope of funding, we are making changes to the existing art grant process that may include civic art projects, as well as wider scale regional art collaboration. We will be developing new online forms to facilitate easier communication between regions, artists and the art council. Our plan is to have links to resources such as fire safety and build materials for artist information and support. In addition, we have recently recruited new members to the art council who will be assigned specific roles to address the needs related to media, artist support, technical support, regional collaboration, grant reviews, fundraising and recruitment of volunteers. The growth of our regional events is creating opportunities for greater community participation where each council member may require a team of their own to help widen the reach of AZ Burner funded art.

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Theme Camp Placement– Submitted by – Nate Hawbaker aka 'Nate'

For the most part placement went well.

Things that I would like to do better next year:

- BIGGER signs for the roadways to keep people from setting up camp in the roads. Better marking of the roads on the map to help everyone navigate to where they would like be camped. On the registration for the theme camp.
- I would like to have a cell in the Theme Camp Registration Form that has size of area need only. Would like to have a basic lay out picture of how they would like to use the space they are asking for (how they will park cars, RV, Domes, ECT). This will cut down on camps asking for more land than they need, or not asking for enough. It will also give the placement a better idea how to set up the theme camps. It would also help us to set theme camps next to each other that will thrive off each other.
- We may need to look to cap how many sound camps can be at the event. This way we can have larger parties at fewer sound camps.
- I am not in the Medical side of the event, but do we need to have an oxygen tank for respiratory issues?
- Large map at the gate so people can ask questions on where to go. Placement would like to add one more staff member to help at the gate and in the field.
- Need to put color key on the map for what is open camping and what is theme camps, ect.

Sound - Saguaro Man 2015 - AfterBurn Report

Sound – Submitted by Scott 'Scotto' Platsky

No formal AfterBurn report was submitted by the sound leads at the time of this report being published. That being said; Sound & or noise continues to be something that as an event Saguaro Man needs to continue to be vigilant in policing and or be prepared to enforce the established sound policy.

On site the Sound Leads did a great job in meeting with the Sound Camp leads & DJ's during setup and making sure they understood and would comply with the established db levels and that they knew when those db levels needed to be turned down.

We only know the sound impact within the Double Dolphin Farm perimeter – what we do not know is how the sound we generate affects neighbors miles away in other canyons that border the Saguaro Man site. Non-compliance to the established sound levels is a sure way to have these neighbors see no other recourse then to call law enforcement. We of course want to avoid this at all costs.

I do not think the overall number of sound camps needs to be limited; but we do need to continue to be vigilant in our constant contact with Sounds Camp leaders and the individual DJ's at all hours during the event to make sure there is an adherence to the established Sound Policy and that db levels are maintained.

We may look to have a separate Sound Camp Registration form that addresses specific issues that are Sound Camp related that are not General Theme Camp questions to be better able to communicate directly with Sound Camp Leads Pre-event.

Rangers - Saguaro Man 2015 - AfterBurn Report

Rangers - Submitted by: Corinne Vivers aka 'Ranger Hermione'

The rangers would like to thank those that developed the dog policy. It was notably improved this year. Participant dog owners were respectful and abided by the rules more in 2015 than in 2014. There were few incidents of dogs off leash and participants were amenable to making changes to prevent it from happening, again. It would be helpful to have more tags for next year, as we ran out at one point. It's also recommended that the dog waivers be closely checked for accuracy and completion to make it easier to find a loose dog's owner. Proof of vaccines would be good to require, as it is a matter of public health and safety. Thank you for being awesome, responsible dog owners!

The sound policy was more closely followed this year, too. Thank you sound camps for being respectful of your fellow participants that value their sleep. Thank you for taking correction kindly when asked to turn it down.

Rangers being stationed at the gate continues to be difficult to reliably staff. We ask that a ranger hangs out at gate to introduce themselves to families with children and educate them on the procedures to follow if there is an unplanned separation during the event. In the past, every time a family arrived, gate would call khaki (shift lead ranger) to head to the gate to have some face to face time. This was effective most of the time, but sometimes khaki would be wrapped up in another situation and couldn't make it to the gate. Having a ranger reliably staffed at gate helps mitigate the need to have khaki run back and forth between HQ and Gate, as well as keeps khaki focused on radio traffic inside the event. For 2016, we will work on finding incentives for staffing the gate shifts.

2015 was the last year that Hermione will lead a Ranger Orientation Meeting at Saguaro Man. There are many reasons for this but the most important ones being that we just don't get our materials early enough in the year and it is difficult to prepare a ROM in a couple days while packing for a weekend trip. We lose an entire day of our burn for training. Weather and lots of distractions make for a terrible environment for a ROM. Many important topics and activities were skipped due to the wind storm that happened during the ROM this year at Saguaro Man. Future ROMs will be held off site in June. We are suggesting one in Phoenix, one in Sedona or Flagstaff, and one in Tucson. If you are interested in training, please contact Hermioneranger@heliorangers.org.

Our radios this year continue to decline in functionality. The shoulder mics appear to be non-functioning. Some radios transmit but don't receive. Others receive but don't transmit. We would love to see them get a good deep cleaning and servicing with a professional. We may be using some of our budget to buy radio accessories next year instead of costumes for rangers.

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In an attempt to encourage a Ranger community we have asked Rangers to camp behind or near HQ for the past few years. It has helped foster that community but we are going to kick it into higher gear next year by creating a Berkyow camp kitchen. All that are camped with us are welcome to contribute, participate. We will need additional funds to create this kitchen and will be looking for ideas on how to raise those funds.

I'm really impressed by how peaceful this year was. I have only one recollection of a participant being a total entitled chooch and expecting Rangers to fix his burn for him and being abusive when we let him know that we couldn't. Everyone else was lovely and in the spirit of collaboration and community. Thank you for helping us make this event what it is. We couldn't do it without each and everyone of you.

Medical - Saguaro Man 2015 - AfterBurn Report

Medical – Submitted by TC aka 'Ranger HouseCall'

Arizona Burner Medical Service had a smooth and successful implementation this year. Our overall goal was to provide first-aid level care to injured or sick participants and to provide medical consultation in the event of larger injuries that might require transport to a higher level of care. We achieved this through donations of time and supplies by our medical professional volunteers, and through their generosity, we again achieved 100% coverage at the event. This was the first year we made our services known to the community through the survival guide, and we consciously increased our profile through a marked tent in center camp. As a result, more people were aware of, and used, our services than last year.

Most of our equipment was either donated by individuals, or purchased last year through an LLC grant. No new LLC funds were needed this year and available equipment included a back board, spine-preserving gear, an automatic defibrillator, a sheltered wound-washing station with pump and lighting, and a moderately robust wound care and medical supply.

Thankfully, the event medical burden was low. Among the 700+ participants this year, we were unaware of any potentially life or limb threatening events, and we remain grateful that most of our critical and trauma resources noted above were not needed. Logs from the event reflect a total of 12 patient contacts. Complaints consisted mainly of minor cuts, abrasions and contusions as well as a few people with viral symptoms. Among the less common complaints were sunburn and allergic symptoms. We counseled one ill participant to seek a higher level of care outside the event, and we hope the pre-made maps to local facilities that we left at the gate helped in that case. No ambulance or helicopter extractions were needed; however we intend to remain prepared with emergency communication and coordinates if such a serious injury were to occur. While we have anecdotes that the self-help medical station was of use to some, we don't currently have a way to track usage, and we welcome comments from event-goers as to its utility. Medical Service would like to thank the Heliotropic Rangers for keeping an eye on the station during the event, as well as educating participants about its resources.

It was our pleasure to serve the community this year, and we plan to offer similar services in 2016. We welcome comments and suggestions at medical@azburners.com .

Fire Safety - Saguaro Man 2015 - AfterBurn Report

Fire Safety - Submitted by Ron Martinez aka `R-Jag`

Saguaro Man 2015 from a fire safety perspective went well.

The area adjacent to the burnable art has been prepared for the last several years with burnout operations conducted to reduce available fine flashy fuels, to provide a buffer between the burnable art and the surrounding flora. This area has increased in size and is now approximately six chains deep.

Weather was favorable for all the burns with humidity and RH recovery excellent at night. The winds were light and from the SW on burn nights which was conducive to excellent ventilation and relatively safe burns.

We maintain a complement of two 2.5 gallon water extinguishers, 1 dry chem extinguisher, and 300 gallons of water carried in a tank on a truck with a pump and hose system. Several wildland hand tools were also available.

There were no major issues with the art this year. Burns were conducted following the pre-determined set of guidelines as set forth by the Saguaro Man planners.

Things we can improve upon for the next event:

- 1.** Secure an authorized burning permit from the appropriate authority. We should utilize language understandable by the permitting agency to the effect that we are conducting a bon fire.
- 2.** Attempt to provide more depth in the fire personnel ranks.
- 3.** Develop a contingency to carry on if the Fire Lead is unavailable at the time of the event.
- 4.** Develop SOG's for Fire Safety Operations
- 5.** Consider pre-event training

Land Owners Report - Saguaro Man 2015 - AfterBurn Report

Official Land Owners Report submitted by Arthur aka 'Distracto'

What a fabulous event, it went very smoothly this year. The issue that clearly came up though, has nothing to do with how well the leads did their jobs, it has to do with the issue of the locals. More and more of the locals are hearing about the event, including very undesirable ones (crack heads). There were also those claiming to be local who were not. A group of people came up from Tucson, who I knew only through my friendship with their now departed father, and claimed they were locals. In the past, locals were admitted freely. With the abuses and the undesirables that showed up this year, this policy will have to be changed. Next years event, only those neighbors that directly surround us and those few locals that are typically given exceptions, will be allowed in. Sunshine and I will be writing and giving a letter to those individuals. Without the letter, no locals are to be allowed in, PERIOD! All others will have to buy their tickets, just like everyone else does. NO EXCEPTIONS! As for the crack heads, they need to be kept out PERIOD, as they are responsible for a lot of the thefts and violence out here.

Special kudos go out to Atira and Clifton, who spent Sunday and Monday doing a very very thorough job for LNT. Thank you again for a job well done. Humorously and very ironically, the one piece of MOOP I found Tuesday while driving out, was a Leave No Trace sign, which I assume, fell out of their vehicle while driving out. While I am spelling out LNT ironies, 2 years ago, I was showing someone the lower 80 and explaining the LNT policy to them when we stumbled across a piece of MOOP which happened to be that years LNT leads plastic wrapped staff badge.

Now for some very good news. The rain in Spain, falls mainly on the plain, and on DDF this May and June. It shattered all kind of meteorological records. Last year, the amount of rainfall was dismal, and we did not get any significant rain until the end of August. Consequently, the grasses did not have much recovery. This year the grasses are coming back much, much earlier. This is good news, because as you all know, my main concern about holding the event out here is the fragility of the environment.

Along that line, each year we carpet the area under Sunshine's boutique. Over the years I have noticed that the grasses and other vegetation, although anemic from lack of sunlight, rebound nicely each year. A way that all of you can help in the preservation of the property is to get cheap carpet scraps or painters canvas drop clothes and cover those areas in your camp that you expect a lot of foot traffic; typically cooking, eating, and hang out areas. Every little bit helps

I have found yet another individual who has Permaculture knowledge and will have him out here shortly to come up with a long term preservation plan for the Saguaro Man site. If any of you know someone with a good understanding or working knowledge of Permaculture, please have them contact me arthur@doubledolphinfarm.com.

See you all next year.

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Moving Towards the Future

Looking towards 2016: AZBurners, Regional Burners and all Saguaro Man participants look to enjoy a 6th Year @ Double Dolphin Farm outside Snowflake, AZ. We continue to foster great relationships with the land owners Arthur & Sunshine and many of their immediate valley neighbors. We are committed to making sure that the event known as Saguaro Man has a positive impact in both Navajo & Apache Counties.

We were so very glad that so many of the Double Dolphin Farm's immediate valley neighbors – residents of Snowflake, Show Low & other surrounding community members came out to enjoy Saguaro Man. We hope that you all felt welcome in our/your new family – we look forward to seeing what you all will bring to share @ Saguaro Man 2016.

Working with Apache County: We look forward to again working with Apache County to secure a permit to hold our event. It is our hope that over the past 5 years we have shown that we are a responsible group of Musicians & Artists that can gather together - be accountable for our actions and be fine stewards of the land.

Children – Saguaro Man – Nudity: Due to current Arizona State Laws concerning Nudity & Children as well as the geographic nature of the Double Dolphin Farm parcel; Saguaro Man 2016 will again be open to families with children and be a Clothing Required Event (Women are required to cover Areolas & all Nether Regions for both men & women must be covered).

AZBurner Art Committee & Art Fund: Major callout Shelly Tait aka 'Conchita' and the Art Committee for an incredible year. But the real tribute is to our Artists who reach down inside their creative spirit and manifest some absolutely incredible interactive pieces of art for all of us to enjoy. The AZBurner Art Fund has been replenished from the proceeds of Saguaro Man Ticket Sales – we are eager to fund the artistic talent of Arizona & Regional Burners once again.

The fund balance of **\$10,300.00** will be distributed by the Art Committee to registered Art Projects for Arizona Decompression in October and Saguaro Man 2016. Additional funds may be added from proceeds of Arizona/New Mexico Decompression & Saguaro Man 2016 as well as any other donations received designated for the AZBurner Art Fund.

Revenue & Donations: Per our [Financial Statement](#) we donated a total of **\$14,200** with **\$10,000** being allocated towards our AZBurner Art Fund. The remaining **\$4,200** was bestowed to State-wide organizations & citizens to further & foster our common Community principles & goals.

It is our view that the idea of 'Revenue' is not to amass a stash of cash but to be able to use our collective monies to facilitate positive change in our great state and uphold two of our guiding [Principles](#); **Communal Effort & Civic Responsibility**.

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Work-Weekend: Squid Vicious made some observations about who the Work-Weekend is open to. He asked if we encourage and accommodate Theme Camps & Art Projects that want to get started on setup in addition to the regular Work-Weekend Crew that is there for placement and general site prep.

The number of participants in the Work-Weekend Crew has been steadily increasing; in the past we have provided meals graciously prepared our host Arthur & Sunshine, we will most certainly need to be mindful of the total number of people that their residence can accommodate.

We have as well over the years provided a per vehicle gas compensation to the Work-Weekend Crew; we need to continue to promote available Ride-Share options to the Work-Weekend. If we start to extend this same compensation to Theme Camps & Artists we may need to establish that a specific number of hours in their Work-Weekend visit be dedicated to Event Prep in addition to the time they spend on their own project. We may also need to add in the budget additional funds for said gas compensation.

Sticker Contest: Squid Vicious suggested that there be an online poll and let the community determine which stickers that will be printed and distributed with the WWWW. This is a great idea – the deadline for submission will need to be re-evaluated so that we have enough time allotted for the poll and community members able to cast their vote and still be able to get the stickers printed.

Virgin Orientation: Squid Vicious suggested we have a Saguaro Man VIRGIN orientation to better acquaint those that are attending Saguaro Man or a Regional Event for the first time get a better understanding of the 10 Principles and what they can expect from their Saguaro Man experience. We can incorporate this event with our last Face-to-Face Leads meeting so that all departments are represented and can all speak to our Saguaro Man NOOBS.

Volunteer Coordinator: Squid Vicious suggested we have a new Lead a 'Volunteer Coordinator'; something we have not had in the past and something we need to be bale to engage our participants in Saguaro Man. To that end – Cosmic Sea has mentioned that he wants to transition out of the Gate Lead role and will take on the Volunteer Coordinator position for 2016.

Defining the Boundaries: We provide Theme Camp, Art Placement and Site Boundaries maps as part of the Who, What, When, Where packets that are distributed at Gate/Greeters. Even with this printed material there were several incidents where attendees ventured outside our stated boundaries. We need to do a better job and delineating these boundaries and communicating this information to all that attend Saguaro Man.

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Additional Co-Leads: Let's face it; as leads of a 5-Day campout event we often feel stressed, strained & drained for time. With all of our responsibilities during the event and often feel we do not get enough time for us as individuals to enjoy the event as participants. For 2016 we will be looking to secure additional Lead positions within each department to spread around the responsibilities and encourage new participation & future leaders for Saguaro Man and other AZBurner events. If interested please contact Scotto@burningman.org.

Dogs: In 2015 we established a formal registration process for Dog(s) & Dog Owners. Each dog was assigned a Numbered Tag and this information was recorded on the Dog Agreement Form which the Dog Owner signed. There was some discrepancy mentioned in being able to find a particular sheet with a specific Numbered Tag; it may be more difficult to give the Numbered Tags out in order but it should be relatively easy to resort the agreement sheets in the binder so that they are in numerical order. For 2016 we need to purchase more tags as the number of dogs in attendance exceeded the number of tags available.

Medical: I sincerely thank our Medical Team volunteers in providing a place our participants can go to get self-help for minor medical issues and being there On-Comm for anything that needs the attention of a professional opinion. One of the things we forget is that the Saguaro Man Double Dolphin Site is @ 6000' and there are some participants that might not be used to that elevation or may need Oxygen assistance because of that elevation – We will look to add an Oxygen Tank & Cannula to our onsite medical equipment for 2016.

Heliotropic Rangers: Major Kudos to our Heliotropic, BRC & Visiting RANGERS!!! You all are amazing!!! We thank you for being there for us as a group and as individuals – you are always around and there to lend a hand and keep the peace and deal with any and all medical situations.

In the Rangers Report – there was concern over Radios & Shoulder Mics not working properly; to that end we have already purchased new Shoulder Mics (American Made this time). The designated Ranger Radios are certainly the oldest in our inventory so we will look to replace those prior to Saguaro Man 2016.

Rangers go thru several skills training sessions to assist in dealing with conflict mediation and resolution of any given situation. It is our view that some of the techniques they employ F.L.A.M.E (Find Out, Listen, Analyze, Mediate, Explain) would be very beneficial to anyone working in a Saguaro Man Lead position. I will be working with our Heliotropic Ranger Council to add this to our in-person Leads meeting prior to the 2016 event – to assist our Leads in better dealing with each other and others on their team.

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Fire Prevention Personal: As the number of artists creating Burnable Art increases, in the future we need to ensure that we have additional Fire Personnel on-site & on-duty to not overwhelm RJag and his crew. We will work with RJag and his contacts to secure additional assistance in managing multiple large scale burns over several evenings of the event.

We look forward to working with our Fire personnel to come up with a Contract of liability for our Fire Artists to better serve the safety of everyone in attendance as well as maintain a Leave No Trace ethic once the Art piece has been incinerated.

RJag mentions that he would like to see a pre-event Training for Artists that have sculptures that will Burn - This may not be practical as quite a large percentage of the artists are from out of state; but something to discuss with the Art Leads.

Electrical Grid: Over the past two years the event has funded the costs of a 30KW generator to run the electrical grid for Artists - the Temple - Center Camp - Rangers - Medical. We have invested in Electrical Cord - Distro (Spider) Boxes - Guard Channels & other necessary items to keep the grid operational. For 2016 additional monies will need to be budgeted to purchase necessary items to make the electrical grid fully functional for the distribution of electrons.

Special Callout to Chad Ulmer who stepped up to lead the electrical team; Chad was instrumental in making sure that when there were electrical problems, they were solved in short order and with a SMILE! Thank you CHAD!!! Look forward to working with you again and making sure that the event's electrical needs are met.

MOOP: Saguaro Man would like to send SPECIAL Thanks to Cliff, Atira, Manky Moonbunny, Clownbaby, Gennui for stepping up to take care of the Leave No Trace responsibilities and be the last line of defense to all things Trash as we leave the Double Dolphin Farm site.

As the last bits of trash are collected - It may be time to rent and have on site; out of view, a trash receptacle that this last MOOP sweep remnants can be deposited in so that they do not become the responsibility of our Land Owners to deal with.

Even as Arthur states that our LNT efforts were good bordering on great - we humbly ask all Saguaro Man attendees to **Triple Their LNT Awareness** as this event moves forward.

Impact on the Land: Arthur, thank you for submitting your thoughts on the overall impact the event known as Saguaro Man is having on your land. We are so very happy to hear that the Rain and overall precipitation levels within the area have come back this late spring/summer and that the land is in a regeneration phase.

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As AZBurners and as the event known as Saguaro Man we are committed to providing you with additional monetary support for the continued maintenance of the Double Dolphin property and look forward to working with the permaculture experts to see what additional things we can do to assist the land to heal.

We look forward to working with you to have a tighter control on the number of locals that are permitted to enter the event without having purchased tickets.

Growing the Event: Over the past five (5) years of Saguaro Man we have been all about slow growth in our population. We have been mindful about our impact on the Double Dolphin Land and to that end we may look to increase the number of tickets available in 2016.

Conclusions: For all the challenges we face as Leads to create a Safe & Fun environment for our participants – For all the things we learned we could do better, we the AZBurners, Regional friends & family came together united in the pursuit of Art, Music, Fire and most important FRIENDSHIP.

Saguaro Man 2015 was a major success. Look forward to even better things for 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

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- Saguaro Man Co-Lead
- Arizona Regional Contact
- Meta Committee Member
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