

# SAGUARO MAN 2017



# AFTERBURN REPORT

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## Introduction - Saguaro Man 2017 - AfterBurn Report

### Introduction

**Saguaro Man 2017** enjoyed its **7<sup>th</sup> year at Double Dolphin Farm** outside Snowflake, Arizona on **April 26 – April 30** – It has been an amazing journey watching our collective community come together; learning & growing and shaping this very successful 5-Day Regional Event.

Tickets sales started February 1<sup>st</sup>; **1,030** Tickets total were sold @ **\$80**. During the registration process we participants were asked a few questions – What is your age? Have you been to Burning Man? Have you been to Saguaro Man? If the answer was **NO** we also asked if they would like to be part of a **Saguaro Man Newbie Event** [*More on that later*].

#### Out of the 1,030 Tickets...

Arizona (810)	<b>78%</b>	Been to Burning Man	<b>(No)</b>	(597)	<b>58%</b>
Outside Arizona (220)	<b>22%</b>	Been to Burning Man	<b>(Yes)</b>	(441)	<b>42%</b>
Average Age	<b>38.8</b>	Been to Saguaro Man	<b>(No)</b>	(421)	<b>39%</b>
		Been to Saguaro Man	<b>(Yes)</b>	(609)	<b>59%</b>

- **243 of 421** have NOT Been to Burning Man and have NOT been to Saguaro Man
- **175 of 421** have been to Burning Man but NOT attended Saguaro Man

Some very interesting *Numbers & Percentages* as we analyze where Saguaro Man participants come from and if they have attended Burning Man and or Saguaro Man.

#### **Arizona's Regional Event celebrated its 16<sup>th</sup> year. (2002-2010 TOAST) (2011-2017 Saguaro Man)**

Each year we become more and more a true 'Regional Event' with **220** 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...

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The Arizona Region continues to grow & mature – we are no longer adolescents in creating Community. Together we continue & 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.

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We consult when necessary with our Legal Council 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.

### **Special callouts to our amazing Event Leads and their teams:**

- Event Co-Leads - Pam Whitney aka 'qqtpie'
- Event Co-Leads - Ron Russell aka 'Buddha'
- Event Co-Lead - Tim Genenbacher aka 'Serpico'
- Accountant - Jennifer Oxford aka 'Neefer'
- Art - Shelley Tait aka 'Conchita'
- Art - Gregg Elbert aka '3G'
- DMV- Rich Harter
- Electrical | DPW - Chad Ulmer aka 'DoIt'
- Electrical | DPW - Shane Brandolini aka 'Thumper'
- Emergency Services - Lynn Browne aka 'Beauty' & Jamcare Medical Services
- Fire Safety Lead - Ron Martinez aka 'R-Jag'
- Fire Safety Lead - Jeff Abts aka 'JumpUp'
- Fire Safety - Charles Sickles aka 'Charlie on the Spot'
- Flame Effects- Craig Cooper aka 'Coop'
- Gate/Greeters - Carrie Abts aka 'Cabernet'
- Gate/Greeters - Erich Laskowski aka 'Cobalt'
- Heliotropic Rangers - Brian Smith aka 'Smitty'
- Heliotropic Rangers - Kristen Wesley aka 'WidgetGirl'
- Heliotropic Rangers - Corrine Vivers aka 'Hermione'
- Insurance/Financial Consultant - Robert Tait aka 'Mr. Mom'
- Land Owners (Double Dolphin Farm) ARThur & Sunshine Rudiak
- LNT - Atira aka 'Mz Adventure'
- LNT - Copper Bitner
- Placement - Nate Hawbaker aka 'Nate'
- Placement - Dan Bain aka 'Dan'
- Placement - Keith Maleka
- Sound - Brandon Hanson
- Sound - Nathan Wolfe
- Sound - Chaz Totschek
- Temple Guardians - Bob Chace aka 'UncleBob'
- Webmaster - Stephanie Newville aka 'LytI'

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 the Seventh (7) Year of Saguaro Man @ Double Dolphin Farm. I am excited for the future of our event as I pass the mantle of leadership to you all. I know you will do great things as Saguaro Man turns Eight (8) in 2018!

Scott Platsky aka 'Scotto'



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**Last Year Serving as Event LEAD:** I presume you are all aware by now that I have served my last year as Event Lead of Saguaro Man. It has been an incredible journey personally & professionally. Looking back over these seven years I reflect and see that by interacting with you all I have become a better person; my heart has been opened to so many new possibilities of what servant leadership means and the value of COMMUNITY.

I have done my best to take the next generation of leaders under my wing and show and guide them to what I have done; how I run a 40-person crew, how I oversee Saguaro Man. I am sure that as they take the reins that some policies & procedures will be Changed – Modified – Removed – Added – I wish them all the best in taking our amazing event to new heights and its best days in the coming years.

**Temporary Use Permit:** In January we prepared & submitted our Temporary Use Permit application with Apache County Arizona to hold the event known as Saguaro Man 2017. We were pleased to get confirmation from Apache County that the Temporary Use Permit was approved.

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.

**The Dates of Saguaro Man & the Weather:** During the two Town Hall events in Phoenix & Tucson in June there was much discussion about moving the dates of Saguaro Man into May. I gave reasons and viewpoints about why it should not be moved further in the calendar and ultimately said **"YOU ALL AS A COMMUNITY"** have some very big decisions to be made as this truck is not in my proverbial driveway. There are many factors, risks, good & bad that will need to be considered.

**Official attendance:** We officially sold **1,030** Tickets. In addition, we extend tickets to our Leads & Rangers for their tireless efforts – We extend **(2)** tickets per each Art Grant Recipient as well as to **neighbors** of the Double Dolphin Farm property (Approved by Land Owners).

There were **1,086** participants thru the gate plus **27** Children (of which 23 were under the age of 10) & **58** Registered Dogs.

I do think that this is the maximum capacity of the Double Dolphin site and would not recommend that it be increased in the future.

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**Emergency Services @ Saguaro Man:** A huge Thank YOU goes to Lynn Browne aka 'Beauty' for taking on the Lead of our Emergency Services Dept. and for securing JamCare Medical Services to assist you in the responsibilities of keeping us safe – taking care of our bumps & bruises – advising us when it would be in our best interest to seek off-site medical attention.

I highly encourage in the future that you continue to use a Professional "Paid" Medical option to provide these services and exclude any participant involvement in these matters regardless of their day job credentials.

I also want to thank Nate Hawbaker for taking on the role of Sober Transportation for those that might need to be taken to off-site medical services. I highly encourage that some iteration of this service continues to be provided to the Saguaro Man participants.

**Saguaro Man Newbie Event:** This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of holding an event to enlighten our NOOBIES on what they can expect at their first Regional Event in Arizona. The event allows for our Leads to have a few minutes to share their wisdom. There were 56 NOOBS in attendance.

I highly encourage that this event continues to be a thing.

**The Exhibition of Non-Acceptable Behavior** – In any large gathering of artists, musicians and partiers it seems inevitable that there will be some within the group that become too aggressive, do something deemed inappropriate by societal or burner norms; we had that @ Saguaro Man.

It was my decision as Event Lead to deal with these participants & the behaviors inside our event boundaries and allow our Leads, Rangers, Medical staff to intercept - intercede & interact with these individuals to limit any expanding circle of others that could be affected by this behavior. This approach was met with limited success as there was much DRAMA TO BE HAD.

A positive take-away from this experience is the Regional Contact team at its regular meetings have been collaborating on a now Published **Arizona Burning Man Code of Conduct**. This document will outline what behaviors are non-acceptable in our community and the consequences for violations of those standards.

Scott 'Scotto' Platsky

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### Notes from Pam Whitney aka 'qqtpie' - Saguaro Man Co-Lead

The first time I went to the big burn, there was a storm and I was unable to ring the bell. I was able to make up for that, this year at Saguaro Man. At the end of the event I rang our bell over and over, as loud as I could. I am no longer an Event Lead virgin! You guys knocked this out of the park. My apprehension in taking on this new role was extinguished by the incredible support I had from our community. We got this.

I couldn't possibly have gotten up to speed this fast without Scotto's patient training and outstanding organization of the hundreds (maybe thousands) of documents, files and records we need to pull this off every year. I am going to try my hardest to expand on this legacy we are inheriting from him. There will be new challenges and new decisions to be made as we grow. I look forward to hearing community input to help shape the direction we are headed.

#### **What worked:**

Saguaro Man worked. DPW really worked! This team picked up the ball and ran with it. We are extremely fortunate to have intelligent, dedicated community members who are willing to step up and do what it takes to make this work.

Our new volunteer system VolCor had a few hiccups but was successful. I will continue to find ways to make the best use of this software. Our participants were able to transition to the new system with very few issues.

A special thank you to Meg, Colten, and other visiting community leaders in the Lead Exchange program for helping our teams learn from our neighboring regions. Strong neighbors make strong communities.

The Saguaro Man Co-Creator message group allowed greater communication between the leads.

The willingness of participants to see their part in conflict, and work towards resolutions, shows we are beginning to mature as a community.

#### **Not so much:**

The infrastructure is on its last legs. The shade structures served us well in their heyday, but now it is time to give them the retirement they deserve.

The volunteers struggled with the weather and the hardships it caused. Lead burnout. As we increase our numbers we need to bring more people onto the team.



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Our inability to address certain issues in a timely manner, due to the size of the event and working on foot.

The lead meeting at the Gate has outgrown the space and has started to interrupt Gate duties.

The state of the land at Gate is deteriorating. Using the same location year after year is taking a toll on the land.

Unauthorized items intentionally disposed of in the Porta Potty caused one of our participants to have to don protective gear to remove a plastic bag filled with excrement. Friends don't allow friends to MOOP POOP!

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### Notes from Ron Russell aka 'Buddha' - Saguaro Man Co-Lead

#### Overview

First off, a HUGE thank you to all of the department leads and volunteers who are really the backbone of the event. You are all volunteers and without your commitment, energy and effort the event simply wouldn't exist. It is with deep gratitude that I call you all friends, and look forward to working with you over the coming years.

It was an eye-opening perspective to see the event from an organizational role. The amount of "checkboxes" that need to happen, the "interpersonal challenges" that I now am aware of, and the sheer amount of organization coordination is simply stunning. I hope to live up to the challenges, and know that the community will "call me out" when necessary.

#### Successes

- Art Cars – We had enough art cars to create a policy and a lead for them. YAY! We have art cars! I can't imagine the work and money needed to even create one, much less store, maintain, transport and feed. A huge thank you to the Art cars and their crews, as it was awesome to have the "art car experience" at Saguaro Man.
- Attendance – The event was sold out and we were at the agreed capacity for the land. Thank you to Sunshine and Arthur for their generosity in allowing us to invade their small piece of Arizona for the weekend.
- Temple – What a gift to the community. A large thank you to the Temple team and guardians. It was not without it's own unique challenges this year.
- Art – Art is one of the central themes of Burning Man events, and Saguaro Man lived up to that reputation. I (and my daughter) enjoyed all of the amazing art and really enjoyed the level of interactivity and engagement with many of the pieces.
- Theme Camps – So many theme camps and so many great ideas. I loved traipsing from camp to camp and saying hello to many people, sitting around fires, and seeing all of the creativity. Thank you for your hospitality and the invitation to play.

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### Points of Concern / Areas of Improvement

- Weather – It rained, it snowed, it hailed, it was sunny and windy. The weather was difficult. Full stop.
- Participant conflict – As a result of incidents that happened during the Event we will be implementing a Code of Conduct for all AZBURNER events.

### Conclusion

- ✓ We are the makers and the doers.
- ✓ We took the "what if" ideas and turned them into reality.
- ✓ We did this not only for our own enjoyment but for the enjoyment of others.
- ✓ We connected to each other in ways that were positive, playful and meaningful.
- ✓ We willingly gave our time, energy, and love without the expectation of "getting something back".
- ✓ This is who we are, and this is how we do.

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### **Notes from Tim Genenbacher aka 'Serpico' - Saguaro Man Co-Lead**

With this year being the first time of taking on the role as co-lead I felt it went very well. I had great support and guidance from the other co-leads, Scotto and Pam. I felt that the event as a whole went very well and continued to grow and expand our community and the BM principles.

#### **What went well:**

- The event as a whole - Overall I felt the event went very well minus a few issues with some patrons.
- Volunteer leads - I felt that all of the leads did a tremendous job this year with their respective departments. Communication was very smooth and when issues arose they were handled and resolved quickly.
- Transport vehicle & sober drivers - I felt this was a much-needed addition to our event.
- LNT - I have to say that I felt LNT really did a bang-up job this year or people just aren't mooping as much as in the past.
- Art in place - I noticed that we had more art in place earlier in the event than in previous years. I feel this is important to the event and its legitimacy. Having installations in place prior to patrons' entry I feel makes the event more engaging to the community when they arrive.
- Medical - I felt that the hiring of Jam Care was a good addition to our services at the event.

#### **What went not so well:**

A few unruly patrons - We did have a few issues with some out of control patrons. The incidents we had I felt were handled about as good as they could have been. The rangers did a good job of handling everything without being too heavy handed. And we have to understand that with our event at 1000+ people and growing that we will have issues like this in the future.

Issues concerning patrons camping on the side of the road prior to the gates opening. This is something that cannot happen in the future. For future events I suggest that we have patrols to run the road 24 hrs prior to gates opening. Anybody found camping on the side of the road would be given a stern talking to and escorted to the event and placed in a "D lot" until the gates are open and they can enter the event.

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Scheduling of event lead shifts - With this year being a transition year for event leads I understand that we were still working things out however, I feel we can plan ahead for next year so the responsibilities are distributed a little better. I did agree to work the 12am - 4am shift, and available during the day but with no set times, but after a few days, the timing of the overnight shifts were a little taxing for me. \*\*\* Scotto, please don't get me wrong, I enjoy being a part of making this event happen but I also want to enjoy the event. I feel that with three of us next year it will go more smoothly. I just wanted to mention it in this report so we can talk about it going forward. \*\*\*

### **Other small suggestions:**

- Get better signage for the different departments. I would like to get signage/ flags much like what Jam Care had. I feel that getting these to place by the Artery, Flame Effects & Placement would help. I know there was a few times where artists were looking for placement and were confused as to where to go.

### **Going forward into next year:**

- Going forward as a lead for next year I have created a list of areas I need to focus on. (Please let me know what else I need to add to this list)
- Understanding the timeline of what needs to be done in what order. - I want to plan a meeting with you after BM to sit down and hammer out those details so I have a calendar that I can follow.
- Consolidate the groups infrastructure (shade structures, power cords, etc. etc.) into one location and figure out a better way to transport our stuff too and from the event. I am looking into shipping containers and other storage options. I will need to meet with Pam and Buddha to discuss this more.
- Work weekend - Continue to communicate with the land owners about their needs for the property.
- Arrange the leads meetings and conference calls to discuss each department's needs and thoughts going into the next event.

## Financials - Saguaro Man 2017 - AfterBurn Report

### Financials

#### Revenue

Ticket Sales (1030 Tickets Sold)	<b>\$82,074.83</b>
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#### Expenses

Land Use Fees - Road Maintenance - Insurance - Permitting	<b>\$9,062.00</b>
Ticket/PayPal Processing Fees	<b>\$6,265.23</b>
Work Weekend - Gas Reimbursement - Food	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
Leads Meetings - Gas Reimbursement - Food	<b>\$462.79</b>
Porta Potty Rental & Service + Tip	<b>\$5,618.40</b>
Gate/Placement-Printing-Sat Phone-Firewood-Wristbands	<b>\$3,385.27</b>
Ice Delivery + Tip	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
Wrist Bands-Stickers	<b>\$1,659.80</b>
Medical Services/Supplies	<b>\$6,696.24</b>
Fire Suppression/Supplies	<b>\$1,205.83</b>
Generator/Electrical Grid Support	<b>\$2,318.61</b>
Truck Rental + Gas	<b>\$1,329.98</b>
Center Camp Support	<b>\$750.00</b>
Art Project Support	<b>\$547.87</b>
Radio-Batteries-Shoulder Mic Replacement	<b>\$2,123.37</b>
Temple Support	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
Heliotropic Ranger Support	<b>\$532.78</b>
Kids Kamp Support	<b>\$300.00</b>
Leave No Trace Support	<b>\$241.16</b>
Temple Guardian Support	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Total Costs of Event</b>	<b>\$49,599.33</b>

<b>Total Event Revenue</b>	<b>\$32,475.50</b>
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### AZBurner/Saguaro Man 2017 - Donations

<b>Total Event Revenue</b>	<b>\$32,475.50</b>
<b>Funds allocated to AZBurner Art Fund</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
<b>Donation - St. John's High School Music/Art Dept.</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
<b>Donation - Concho High School Music/Art Dept.</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
<b>Donation to - Burners Without Borders</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
<b>Donation to - Drawing Studio - Tucson</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
<b>Donation to - Arizona Burners Without Borders</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
<b>Donation to - Walter The Bus</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>Donation to - Many Mouths One Stomach</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
<b>Donation to - WheelChair Labs</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
<b>Donation to - Ian Liljeblad (Movement of the Ja People Art Car)</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>
<b>Total 2017 Donations:</b>	<b>\$29,000.00</b>
<b>Final Balance:</b>	<b>\$3,475.50</b>

### AZBurner Working Fund

<b>AZBurner Working Fund Beginning Balance 01/01/16</b>	<b>\$1,606.69</b>
<b>Saguaro Man allocation to AZBurner Working Fund</b>	<b>\$2,555.39</b>
<b>Final Balance:</b>	<b>\$4,162.08</b>
<b>AZBurner Working Fund Allocations:</b>	
<b>100Daze Party Support</b>	<b>\$555.40</b>
<b>Newbie Event Support</b>	<b>\$687.00</b>
<b>Town Hall (Phoenix - Tucson) Event Support</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>Town Hall (Phoenix - Tucson) Event Support</b>	<b>\$420.22</b>
<b>Balance AZBurner Working Fund</b>	<b>\$2,470.46</b>

The remaining balance of **\$2,470.46** 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 2017 and Saguaro Man 2018.

## **AZBurner Art Fund/Art Grants - Saguaro Man 2017 - 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 - 2017**

**AZBurner Art Fund Balance - 1/1/17 \$15,246.19**

**Art Grants – Saguaro Man 2017 \$14,720.00**

**Saguaro Man 2017 Allocation - AZBurner Art Fund \$20,000.00**

**Final Balance: \$20,526.19**

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.



## Site Management - Saguaro Man 2017 - AfterBurn Report

### Site Management

**Gate – Greeters** – Submitted by: Carrie Abts aka 'Cabernet'

The 12-hour shift leads concept worked well. All shift leaders showed up!!!! It really helped the Gate/Greeter Lead enjoy a bit more of the actual event. Special Thanks to Richard Langevin and Darwin Bryan for each taking 2 over night shifts. It was cold and miserable, but they were there for two nights!!! Also the shift leads: Jenny Wonder Fuller; Darwin Bryan; David Snowbird Aronovitz; Bailey Williamson; Trisha Goudy; Cobalt. Jenny Wonder pulled extra shifts to help out on Saturday. Lonna Olson showed up at 6am for her 8am shifts all three mornings. Also a special shout out to Jerri Qualls for cleaning up the kitchen dishes and tables along with the extra help at take down.

We did not have shift lead coverage on Saturday after 2pm, however, there was gate coverage by our 4-hour shift volunteers until 10pm on Burn night. Special thanks to our Apogaea friends Dana Shier and Jordan Breakstone. They provided coverage during the burn so the rest of us could enjoy the event. It is recommended that they receive passes for 2018.

This year we improved the power service to gate. With the purchase of parallel cabling we were able to tie the two EU1000 generators together to become the equivalent of one EU2000. Then added the extended dual feed fuel tank. This made for a much better system that didn't require near the attention it has in the past.

The roadway in front of the gate structure was not lit. I am concerned about safety for our volunteers checking vehicles in and participants as they get in and out of their vehicles. Our gate folks were using flashlights, rendering one hand unusable.

The use of the Costco Garage for food prep for volunteers worked great. However, not many volunteers took advantage of the food provided during the day. Snacks appeared to be the more popular of food choices.

We had a lot of early arrival folks who came to set up their theme camps, art, etc. It was difficult to get them checked in, as the gate structure was not set up or operational until Tuesday late afternoon. Consider setting up gate on Monday afternoon. Also suggest a separate listing of EA/WPA people.

Getting the gate structure set up was a bit difficult as there were not very many folks available to help. So it took us quite a bit of time to get it done! Special thanks to Charlie on-the-spot, Scotto, Atira, Jerri Qualls, Cobalt, and Jeff Abts for helping get things set up. I know there were a few others that helped, but I don't remember who so if I left your name off, I apologize.

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Qotpie had put an event in the WWW called "Surprise" for 4pm at the Gate for Saturday afternoon. Plans changed, but there was no way to announce it. Low and behold at 4pm about 10 people showed up for the surprise. Well, not wanting to let anyone down, the surprise for them was to take down half of the gate structure!! They did it, too!! Much appreciation for the VIP camp crew, Jerri Qualls, Bradley Abts and Alex Woodhouse!! If only they could have returned on Sunday afternoon!!! Jerri, Attira, Cobalt, Fire Jeff and me, took the rest of the gate structure down on Sunday.

The weather got us again! We experienced it all, wind, rain, sleet, hail and snow. The gate faces the wind so we got pummeled. Paperwork/notebooks were wet. There was no break from the elements, making it uncomfortable for our volunteers.

We did have a few encounters with disrespectful/uncontrolled people. Rangers were absolutely awesome in responding quickly and handled the situations calmly!!! We very much appreciated them!!

### **Gate/Greeter Recommendations for 2018:**

Recruit for two Gate/Greeter Co-Leads. Too much for one person at the event, even with the shift leads. Needs to be two hands-on types of people that communicate and work well together. One of the Gate/Greeter Leads will take the first shift of the event in order to get things running smoothly.

I would really like to see a bar code/QR reader type check in system. SN-RG has the program set up and check in was so easy. There was limited paper involved as well. Only had to sign the liability waiver. Include early access list regardless of what type of system we use.

Move the gate structure across the driveway so the wind is at our backs. We will need to move the bell as well. Set up Gate on Monday afternoon (or DPW on Tuesday).

I recommend renting a generator/light combo. While at SN-RG, I observed how much more efficient this was for night time check-in. It provided plenty of light for vehicles to see where they needed to go and for Gate crew to do their work. We also need to purchase a few clamp lights for lighting the structures.

For next year, 8 hour shifts are recommended instead of 12 for Shift Leads.

Purchase another CostCo Garage and combine it with the existing one for a smaller, more secure gate/greeter structure. The canvas wraps around the poles and uses Velcro to secure the edges together, making it more comfortable from the elements and more resistant to the wind. We don't need quite so much space and the smaller area will be warmer at night. These two structures will be easier and quicker to put up and take down.

## **Site Management - Saguaro Man 2017 - AfterBurn Report**

Create a DPW Structure crew that sets up the gate structure on Monday so the early arrival or work access people, can check in and we can confirm everyone arriving early is supposed to be there. Also, EAP or Work Access Pass folks are for working only! If they aren't working, they are burden on our system. They will also be responsible for take down on Sunday. (If not, put another "Surprise" event at the gate in the WWWW.)

Reduce the amount of lunch food provided at gate for volunteers. Keep it to snacks, overnight hot food and breakfast food. With the use of the dry ice, newspapers, and regular ice, food froze in the big white ice chests. Recommend we purchase one of those big ones rather than having to use personal ice chests. (Thanks Serpico and Fire Jeff)

Continue with the improvements made in 2017!

### **Pre-event stuff:**

The use of Volcor for scheduling the volunteers had a few hiccups, but those hiccups were quickly resolved. A report was printed off that allowed us to check in the volunteers easily. My specific issues with the system have been reported to Qqtpie. I have entered the gate/greeter attendance information into the system.

A training was held for all volunteers at my house. 15 people showed up. I think an online training would be helpful for next year. A power point or video, would do.

Statistics at the gate:

### **Some interesting factoids - Arrival numbers by day:**

- Tuesday: 54
- Wednesday: 405
- Thursday: 408
- Friday: 66
- Saturday: 82
  
- Not checked in but were there: 40ish (Rangers and early entry folks)
- 44 neighbors were registered – 5 checked in.

## **Art of Saguaro Man - Saguaro Man 2017 - AfterBurn Report**

**The Art of Saguaro Man** – Submitted by Shelley Tait 'Conchita' and Gregg Elbert '3G'

Each year the Art Department is asked to come up with a theme for Saguaro Man. Some years are easier than others, and in 2016 it was a painstaking task until the presidential election took place. The theme, RADiculoCity!! came into being as quickly as a tweet can change the world. Participants were rAdiculous in how they showed up with theme camps, events, costuming, music, entertainment, and of course art.

Along with the event population growing to over a thousand participants, the art proposals and overall projects multiplied in proportion to the events size. One area that did not increase however, were the number of burn projects. Last years experiences necessitated tighter regulations with regard to materials, size, and amount of burns. As a result, there were 7 successful burn projects that went much more smoothly than previous years. In addition, artists did an exceptional job with LNT and cleaning up their burn scars. We would also like to put a special call out to Panthera Psychedelica for its amazing construction, destruction and reconstruction!

On the other hand, one of the biggest obstacles that the art department was faced with in 2017 was the number of proposed and funded art projects in relation to completion. Twenty-nine of thirty-five were set up and most of them by Thursday evening, as agreed upon in the artists funding contract. This has been a recurring trend that we have been working to remedy each year in order to fully honor the community generated funding from event profits. We need to do a much better job with communication and collaboration between artists and the art department, both prior to and during the event.

In an attempt to better support artists, this year we established an art department theme camp where we could be located as artists arrived and had specific needs. The SaguARTery implemented a formal sign in & out process. For the artists who complied, this simplified the onsite work load. Yet again this is a work in progress, as we had less than 25% of artist cooperation with this process. Therefore, beginning in 2018, artists will receive a final funding amount upon sign in and set up of their projects. We realize that this may be difficult for many artists, but it is only fair to the community and we hope that this will encourage artists to do more fundraising efforts on their own and promote more serious commitment to the final stages.

Another area of continuous improvement is increased collaboration between artists, gate and other leads, such as Placement, DPW, DMV and LNT, and a commitment to more SaguARTery volunteers. We are also focused on a movement toward more permanent art, inter-regional and flame effect projects, and a deference to funding artists that have proven to be reliable at past events. In 2017, we added a funding category for art car transportation mileage costs up to an amount to be determined. Other potential broadening of funding parameters may include material, maintenance or transportation costs of existing art.

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In addition, we will be adding a statement to the proposal funding website page that clarifies art funding as a partial grant, and the expectation that in order to receive funding the artist must be able to complete the project with other funding sources. It will also be mandatory that other past and or present funding sources, and current requests for funding from other sources be revealed.

Lastly, a big call out to DPW who did a great job by providing power lines to all projects that required power! Despite an inaccurate estimate of power needs by artists and from the art department, DPW made last minute modifications during the event that helped create a spectacular array of art and lighting. In the future, we need to have better coordination between artists needs and power efforts. In addition, all art projects that request grid power must use LEDs and must provide an estimate of project power rating upon submission of art requests. As well, artists will be required to have a name and event address on their power cord in case they need to be contacted regarding power issues and concerns.

## Site Management - Saguaro Man 2017 - AfterBurn Report

### Placement– Submitted by – Nate Hawbaker aka 'Nate'

1. The adding of another placement crew member was very helpful. It made getting everyone to the places much easier.
2. Placement needs to set down with gate lead on opening day. We need to walk the city with gate leads, and come to agreement on how make a four-zone grid. Example: (North, east, south, and west zones.) That way the gate can send the participants to the zone they are camping in. The placement crew can help them from there. This will cut down on the back up in the first part of the road where no cars can pass.
3. Something that Placement did this year that worked really well. We left two Theme Camp spots with road frontage marked out as theme camps, but not assign these spots to any theme camp. With doing this placement had room to change a theme camp placement for any reason that could arise. I did not have to use these spots for that propose. Placement did use these spots for open camping once all the theme camps were placed, and happy with their placement.
4. Placement could not really change this issue, but it was noticed. There were some groups of campers that were putting ribbon around their said camping area. Placement can't tell people not to do this, but it sure gives off the feeling that they were stand offish. Almost a, Stay Off My Lawn Feeling. This event is to have open arm for everyone. That is placement one bitch. Maybe we just need to hug them more?
5. Placement should get with DMV next year. We need to put an Art Car Trailer unloading, and trailer drop on the map. There was a little confusion where to do this with a couple if the bigger are cars.
6. Placement would like to talk with all the leads about moving the center camp to the center of the loop road. Placement know this would take a lot infrastructure change. Placement's vison would be to place theme camps around center camp. This would give the feeling of the the big burn. It would also move a lot of the sound away from the Ranger HQ.
7. Hats off to the electrical crew. You smashed out of the park this year. If we are going to keep getting more art that needs power. We should look into a second generator.
8. Thinking ahead. We are probably going to need acquire shade for gate and ranges for 2018.
9. Me as lead, I would like to get everyone's opinion on the Volcor software. I found easy to use, but some of the features did not work well. For example, exporting any data out of Volcor to a different program, did not work at all. I would like to be involved more with the Volcor program.

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Last thing, THANK YOU Scotto for giving me, my small staff the opportunity 5 years ago to start working on your crew. I have taken away some great skills, personal, and business sides of life. **Keep up the drama!**

### **Sober Transportation**

- 1.** Since this was the first year of the service. It worked as intended.
- 2.** I need to do a lot better with volunteer scheduling.
- 3.** I would like to make up some kind of swag for the volunteers.
- 4.** I believe the budget that was set is good amount. I did not use the hole amount, because I did not make any swag. The budget dollars will be able to rent the van, cover fuel, and make swag.

## **Sound - Saguaro Man 2017 - AfterBurn Report**

### **Sound – Submitted by: Brandon Hanson**

This year I feel we had a good year with sound, not the I have much of a baseline. We had only one incident with neighbors and only 2 moments of difficulties with camp egos as far as sound goes. We had a new challenge this year with sound on art cars. We had one camp that self placed at night and had unregistered amplified sound near Kidsville. There was also sound protest on Sunday morning.

Friday night/ Saturday morning the sound lead on duty had difficulty with Spaghetti Taco. The sound lead what refusing/ unable to keep the Db levels at appropriate levels. The sound lead on duty witnessed the Dj using the Gain knob as a Eq. After some negotiations, the problem was thought to be resolved but later all sound camps were shut down due to complaints from the neighbor.

The incident that happened with neighbors happened early Saturday morning and was resolved by the immediate shut down of all sound camp systems. This was followed up with the sound leads going to all the sound camps and talking to each lead Saturday about how Saturday night with go as far as sound levels and why we are implementing these changes.

The changes we made for Saturday night was an early start to quiet hours. At midnight, we dropped the Db levels like normal, at 2am we shut off all subs, and by 4am we shut down all sound.

Sunday morning after quiet hours started we had a sound protest by some campers banging noise makers and walking down the city's streets. I tried to negotiate with the crowd. Quickly found I would not be able to get them to stop with out confrontation, so I negotiated a moment of silence for the area near Kidsville and only one loop of the city. I joined the walk and talked with the participants to make sure I could actively negotiate any situations.

We had one camp that placed its self on the edge of the city near Kidsville late at night. The second night we had sound complaints from Kidsville that the camp was waking the children and parents up. The next day I personally rangered the situation. I enlightened them to the amplified sound rules and how to best manage this issue for next year with applying for sound/theme camp placement. I also had placement find a space for them in the sound camp areas so that they could move to use the system that they brought. All parties were happy with the solutions. The camp did not end up moving. Despite them not moving we had no further issues with this camp.

Art cars were a tough puppy this year. Movement of Jai People was our biggest challenge. It was hard to get Db levels on them as the speakers were on the second level of the art car. Solutions that were used was limitations on when they could move about the streets. We actively monitored the Db levels and used best judgment. The owner was very accomodating to the changing needs.



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### **\*Safety Issues\***

The only Safety issue the we had was with Medical. Medical and Rangers were place on the side of Center camp that was in the path of the sound systems. This made it more difficult to take vitals. We had a nurse that is also a Dj at center camp that helped solve this issue by communication with medical when needed. I also talked to medical and made sure this was less of an issue. For next year I suggest switching the Art car camping area with medical and Rangers. This way they are on the back side of the speakers. I attached a picture of some ideas for placement. Moving the large-scale sound camps out of the residential areas and more towards the gate. Also pointing sound through the areas with no camping and leaving only quiet camps and local bars to be in the residential areas. This might resolve any sound issues with camps such as Kidsville and with medical.

### **\*Future\***

With this being my first year in this position I was not able be as proactive in solutions for sound. With that being said here are things that I would like be approved upon. I would like to have a sound lead camp some where around center camp that camps come to check in and schedule system checks for permitting. I would like to make basic sound permits that can be filled out as camps checking in and getting their systems approved. I would like to encourage directional design for sound systems, i.e. flying speakers and pointing them more downward to reduce the travel of sound across the valley as well as allowing for lower Dbs levels as there will be less sound bleed. Also, as I stated above the relocation of large scale sound camps might be helpful with complaints as well as getting people to travel past the neighborhood loop and more toward art and gate.

Working with sound levels and the growth of the event every year, in ear headsets and 2 man teams should be used in sound checking. That way it can be adjusted in one try instead of checking at 20 feet and adjusting and rechecking. This is less distracting for the Dj while mixing and with make it less stressful for all parties. With 2 man teams there would need to be an increase of sound crew from 2 crew members to 3 or 4 crew members plus the sound lead.

### **\*Special thanks to the Sound Crew\***

I would like to thank Nate and Chaz for all the late nights and giving up a lot of some of your burn to make sure we can continue to enjoy this space and event. With out you two it would have been a completely different event.

## **Rangers - Saguaro Man 2017 - AfterBurn Report**

### **Rangers - Submitted by Ranger Leads Smitty (B.Smith)/WidgetGirl (K.Wesley)**

Compiled with information from the written log at HQ and Rangers Smitty, Hermione, Tequila Mike and WidgetGirl.

#### **THE EVENT:**

Early part of week was uneventful.

Wednesday it was a typically windy high desert day. Rangers assisted in securing Gate's canopy. Fire restrictions were in place due to high winds. Educated participants on fire/wind safety.

In the log there are notes that "windburn children" "located mother" which sounds like a job well done.

Thursday the high winds continued as did fire restrictions. Rangers encouraged participants to secure their structures and assisted as possible. They educated participants about fire restrictions and the possibility that there may not be a burn on Friday if the wind continued. The fire ban was lifted at 2100 and the population of pyros rejoiced.

Friday/Saturday/Sunday the winds died down and the party started up. There were a handful of Rangers that did not appear for the shifts they signed up for.

Rangers on shift discovered that by outsourcing medical, they were freed up to interact more with the community.

Rangers worked with a participant in distress who, despite being asked for the information needed to assist her, was verbally abusive to a number of rangers.

Sunday around lunchtime, there was a lost child report. Due to the protocol of meeting each child at the gate, the child was recognized by an off-duty Ranger already familiar to them and returned to their parent's camp within 5 minutes.

Sunday 2-6pm which was documented with a smiley face as an "uneventful night". Extra smiles all around. 😊

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### **POST EVENT:**

Ranger Volunteer Coordinator received an email from a participant stating concerns about another participant's behavior at the event. Conversation/discussion followed between Rangers, Event Producers and Regional Contacts. The current Regional Contact reached out to the participant. This highlighted the need for an AZBurners Code of Conduct, which is currently being reviewed.

During the AZ Burner Town Hall, a participant from Kid's Camp shared a need to have better communication with Rangers on "official stations". An example from Saguaro Man was discussed as well as the circumstances around it. Participants discussed the possibility of having some kind of "official communication" from Rangers/Leads in the suburbs of the city. Possibly a bulletin board, radio, official person or outpost. It was agreed that this could continue to be discussed.

### **THINGS THAT WENT WELL:**

- Most shift coverage was scheduled before event
- The majority of Rangers showed up for their shifts (earlier in the week was more predictable than the later)
- Rangers displayed independence, signing into the book, checking in and getting on shift
- At the beginning of the week, records/notes were kept in a log at HQ
- Tequila Mike stepped up as ROD and hustled to ensure shift coverage at the event.
- Outsourcing the Medical Team is AWESOME!!

### **WE CAN GET BETTER:**

- There were some challenges with the new volunteer system and communication. Much of this was mitigated through email, Facebook, text. There have already been improvements implemented in Volcor.
- Greater Ranger participation at newbie events, event planning meetings and debriefings would ensure better communication and presence in the community.
- Ranger Orientation Meeting (BRC Training) schedule change caused some confusion for those who were interested in attending it, though it appears the training was able to go on with the appropriate trainers in place.
- There continue to be a number of participants at this event that appear to view themselves above the ethos of our community due to existing relationships with land owners and/or leadership. Clarity and communication is necessary to either need to stop making exceptions or very clearly explain to our community why we as leadership are not "allowed" to expel participants.
- As we may have all experienced both on and off shift, there were colorful moments with two participants that have illustrated the need for an AZBurners Code of Conduct.

## Fire Safety - Saguaro Man 2017 - AfterBurn Report

### Fire Safety - Submitted by: Jeff Abts aka 'JumpUp'

We have two distinct Fire categories to consider:

- **Camp Fire Protection** – the suppression of unintentional fire starts within our event or protection from an outside fire threatening our camp.
- **Art Burn Fire Prevention** – the orderly and safe burning of our art and prevention of it extending to unintended surroundings.

### Camp Fire Protection

This was the first year that we had a suppression vehicle on-site that was capable of preventing the spread of an RV fire from one to another. Fire suppression is dangerous and should only be undertaken by sober, trained, experience and adequately equipped fire personnel. The goal will always be to prevent further spread of any fire, as we will adopt a defensive posture. To that end, we need to recruit additional professional experience firefighters that have their own personal protective equipment and are willing to assist.

The Fire Truck was centrally staged. There was only one qualified driver this year that could respond the truck and there were two of us capable of pumping it.

We did not experience any fire starts where the fire truck was needed, but the truck and crew stood by at the ready during the burns.

While remaining as a fully functional fire pumper, our intent is to convert it to an art car as well.

### Art Burn Fire Prevention

In preparation for the 2017 event, several fire tools and pieces of personal protective equipment were purchased for use by our volunteers. I wish to continue next year with adding to this cache of equipment.

This year the weather cooperated to make for dramatic, yet fire safe, burns. On work weekend, with the assistance of several volunteers, a large area of burnout was accomplished providing a safe zone around our burn area. The vegetation was still very moist and was sparse enough to not carry fire without help. At Saguaro Man, we held a training session for the volunteers who had not been present on work weekend. When it came time for our burns, the winds dropped to near zero. Our volunteer Ember Patrol Teams followed up on any falling embers and we did not experience any unintentional fire starts.

There has been considerable discussion regarding moving the dates of Saguaro Man. Issues to consider include:

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- County fire conditions and restrictions
- Vegetation growth and moisture content
- Temperature and humidity

As always, conditions at 'burn time' will dictate whether the burn proceeds or not. To that end I believe we can do a better job of documenting our burn guidelines. We should set out the specific guidelines regarding burn/no-burn brush and weather conditions. We should be providing written guidelines regarding art/structure sizes allowed that also address the use of pyrotechnics.

Saguaro Man should continue to acquire tools and equipment needed for these endeavors rather than relying on volunteers' personal property. For next year, we should consider purchasing;

- Another set of Ember Patrol equipment to bring the number of teams to 3
- Drip torch
- Mini weather station measuring wind speed, temperature and humidity
- Skid-mount or trailered brush tank and pump

### 2017 Fire Volunteers

Work Weekend Burnout and Ember Patrol Team Volunteers. These previously inexperienced volunteers received training and then helped with the burnout, spending a long, hot, dirty, smoky afternoon keeping our fire contained, while allowing it to consume the vegetation that would otherwise pose a great risk during our art burns. Most of them also worked on one or both burn nights chasing down flying embers. Thank you so much for your efforts and enthusiasm.

Azami Ishihara  
Gerhard 'Yeah Baby' Jakubowski  
Claudine 'TinkerMom' Short

Pat 'Patsh' Montreuil  
Richard Langevin  
Carla 'shadowcat' Majuntke

### Camp and Art Burn Protection Volunteers

These fire professional volunteers were on call throughout the event.

Charlie Sickles

Chad Masciotra

A special thank you goes to Ron Martinez to acknowledge all of his years of service to Saguaro Man. He has lead the work weekends, guided the art burns and been available with his skid-mount fire pump for years. Though he has transitioned out of a lead role, I hope that he will continue to lend his experience, knowledge and guidance to Saguaro Man.

# Emergency Services - Saguaro Man 2017 - AfterBurn Report

Medical Site Jamcare Supervisor: Lynn "Beauty" Browne, NREMT-BCMT

## 1. Summarize how the event went?

I arrived on site Tuesday April 25<sup>h</sup> & was the only Jamcare staff on site until Thursday April 27<sup>h</sup>. I helped set up our medical area with the Saguaro Man participants assistance. We faced HIGH winds that made our structure unstable but we survived the torn shade structure & bent poles. Our Jamcare staff started to arrive Thursday morning & were a welcomed site. We all enjoyed the event, friendly participants & leads on site. Everyone worked well together IMO & came together when we had patients to treat. Thanks Scotto for having Jamcare at Saguaro Man. I believe this has opened the "Burning Man" door for other events for Jamcare. I'm looking forward to the future & helping Jamcare provide quality medical services for Saguaro Man 2017. Sadly I won't be in attendance as it'll be our 20th anniversary. You've got this!

## 2. Did we receive everything as promised from festival

No. There was no quad.

## 3. Did the team have enough supplies?

Yes. Special thanks to Scotto & Saguaro Man for providing the medical bag, vests & other items I thought would be helpful.

## 4. Did the Jamcare Medical team report to their shifts on time and ready to work?

Yes.

## 5. Who was team MVP this weekend?

Several come to mind..... Shelly & Darren Smith, Ben Burch, Jeremy Osife for making "fry bread", Richard Long, Rickey Cline & Jeremy Osife for making chorizo for breakfast, Alicia Shugart for being -very supportive- with a challenged patient & Jen Green, RN for providing EXCELLENT patient care for our 1 transported off site patient.

## 6. How many Patients?

About 15 for the entire event

## 7. How many Transports offsite?

One

## 8. What was most significant part of the weekend?

Having an AMAZING Jamcare crew, working with them & having them feel at home at Saguaro Man.

## 9. What was our highlight and downfall this weekend?

HIGHLIGHT: Our \*ROCKSTAR\* Jamcare crew & their participation at Saguaro Man in their -off- time.

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**DOWNFALL:** The weather LOL!

Understanding hindsight is 20/20, what would you have had done differently this weekend or what could of or should of worked better?

Myself, packing warmer clothing! ;-) For Jamcare, I would have liked to have a - FIRM- staff in place & not have to be concerned of last minute changes in the schedule. With all of the last-minute changes I must say that we were -overstaffed-! Special thanks to all of the Jamcare staff who excelled during challenging weather conditions. Job well done!

Yours in health & safety,

Lynn "Beauty" Browne, NREMT-BCMT  
Jamcare Medical onsite Lead

## **Department of Mutant Vehicles - Saguaro Man 2017 - AfterBurn Report**

### **DMV - Submitted by: Rich Harter**

DMV checked in a total of seven vehicles, of which six were active on the playa. All vehicles passed the DMV and Flame Effects inspections. There were no incidences of speeding, unsafe conduct or driving and using intoxicants. The owners were all cooperative, friendly and appeared to have a "Safety First" attitude.

There were some issues with the sound levels from a couple of the vehicles and Sound dealt with them as needed.

DMV, and a couple of other leads, had issues with the burner that was riding the scooter redesigned as a horse. This individual continually went against traffic, rode through the art, literally, and was generally uncooperative. This individual claimed his scooter was ADA necessary. If this person returns next year he will need counseling and a review of the rules to be certain that he doesn't put himself or others at risk.

Having six vehicles moving at one time has shown me the need to visit the issue of number of DMV's that will attend future events and possibly how many may be on the road at one time. It will also be necessary for DMV and Flame effects to coordinate the inspections for a smoother welcome.

Rich Harter



## Department of Public Works - Saguaro Man 2017 - AfterBurn Report

**Submitted by: Chad & Sunny Ulmer - DPW Power Lead**

### **Action Items / with notes for next year:**

- 1.** Purchased 1 Ramp for road, now own 8. Used 5 across main road and 3 across Temple Rd.
  - ❖ Need 2 more for next year so we can run a complete set (5) on each road.
- 2.** Rented Generator from Gary, plus purchased diesel.
- 3.** Rented (4) 50' Cords from United Rentals, Phoenix. Also, borrowed cords and distro boxes from Gary, Chad, and TC.
  - ❖ Throughout the next year, we need to keep an eye out for persons selling cords at a reasonable price. Working towards owning a complete set.
- 4.** Put together new basic tool box for Shifts to use.
- 5.** Purchased Lock-Out tags and locks. Fortunately, did not have to use any this year.
- 6.** Purchased (10) new twist lock adapters. Had enough for all artists with a few extra.
- 7.** Made (4) Large & (2) Small A-Frame protectors for Distro Boxes with lights. They were excellent in protecting the boxes and making them visible/safe.
  - ❖ Need (4) more large ones
- 8.** Made new Y-Splitter for Generator in order to run (2) cords to the west section.
  - ❖ Need new 3-phase/multi-plug Distro box @ Generator so we can hook up additional 220 lines
- 9.** Ran 110 extension cords across to north section (BWB).
  - ❖ Need to run 220 distro box next year as there is more power needed to that side
- 10.** Supplied power for all artists. No Major issues during event!
  - ❖ Next year need to communicate the available power needs to artists as early as possible, ie. led lights only.
  - ❖ Artists need to ask for power, and provide wattage to the best of their ability, no less than 30 days prior to the event, or provide their own.
  - ❖ Also, work with Art Placement on map of (3) clearly defined areas for power in order to disperse the power needs equally.
  - ❖ Move generator back to the north-side of Temple Road (original location) to minimize cords across that road so cars can safely have access to Temple.

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- 11.** DPW Shifts: (3) Power Leads shared 8-hour shifts, 24/7.
  - ❖ Next year conscript minimum of (2) volunteers for set up and tear down. We could offer EA (early entry) as incentive.
- 12.** Purchased (4) DPW Power hoodies and (10) t-shirts for staff and volunteers.
- 13.** Purchased Storage Bins, (2) Large & (4) Small for DPW supplies

Also noted: I would suggest renaming either Art Placement or Placement (Theme Camps) to eliminate confusion on the radios during the event.

## **Flame Effects - Saguaro Man 2017 - AfterBurn Report**

### **Flame Effects - Submitted by: Craig Cooper aka 'Coop'**

Thank you to everyone who brought out their flame effects art! What an amazing year, we had 12 checked and approved effects, and 2 that didn't get approved due to technical and safety problems, hopefully they can rework and fix their issues and get them approved next year.

Looking to 2018, I would like to refine the check in and approval process. I am planning to do approval inspection check ins by appointment during set hours each day. Inspections will be done during daylight hours only, Tuesday thru Friday 12pm - 4pm. There will be no flame effect inspections done on Saturday!! If you can't get it together and arrange an inspection before then, you will not be approved to use your device at our event.

Thank you to all my fellow leads, artists and participants for making this the most amazing Saguaro man thus far! I can't wait to see what we create together in 2018!

COOP

Flame effects safety/DPW power lead

## **Leave No Trace - Saguaro Man 2017 - AfterBurn Report**

### **Leave No Trace - Submitted by:** Atira (Mz Adventure) & Copper

The overall result was very good. We checked with Arthur and he was fine with the results. The process of protecting the land throughout the event worked fairly well. We wound up relying on daily volunteers who showed up. They were recruited in a variety of ways: the Newbie event in Phoenix, by promotion and signup at the Gate by the Registrars, and by word of mouth by Atira and Copper at the event.

The volunteers were given an LNT T shirt, a garbage bag and a picker. We averaged 2-4 volunteers each day. There was not a lot of garbage though some was always collected. Definitely 4 people is a good number.

Atira is looking forward to connecting with other regional LNT leads to see how LNT is handled. Copper used Facebook prior to the event to educate people about the importance of Leave No Trace.

This year one large camp (in the open camping area) left several large bags of garbage. The camp next door kindly took care of the bags.

Justin took care of removing the rope on the porta potties on Monday. His camp also did a review of the land on Monday. Thank you!

Atira (Mz Adventure)  
Copper

## Moving Towards the Future - Saguaro Man 2017 - AfterBurn Report

### Moving Towards the Future – Submitted by Scott ‘Scotto’ Platsky

**Looking towards 2018:** AZBurners, Regional Burners and all Saguaro Man participants look to enjoy a 8<sup>th</sup> 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 2018.

**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 7 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 2018 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 **\$20,526.19** will be distributed by the Art Committee to registered Art Projects for Arizona Decompression in October and Saguaro Man 2017. Additional funds may be added from proceeds of Arizona Decompression as well as any other donations received designated for the AZBurner Art Fund.

**Revenue & Donations:** Per our [Financial Statement](#) we donated a total of **\$29,000** with **\$20,000** being allocated towards our AZBurner Art Fund. The remaining **\$9,000** was bestowed to Arizona Burners Without Borders, 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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Another way to look at it...We took in **\$82,074.83**

• Replenishing our Art Fund	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>24%</b>
• Donation to Arizona Burners Without Borders	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>3%</b>
• Donations to State-wide Charities & organizations / Burners Without Borders	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>7%</b>
• Funds to run the Region for 2017	<b>\$3,475</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$32,476</b>	<b>39%</b>

So **39%** of our 'Revenue' from Saguaro Man is being donated back to us & other Organizations! **That is Civic Responsibility & Communal Effort in action!**

**Sticker Contest:** In 2017, we received 11 sticker submissions and created an Online voting system for the community to choose which stickers would be chosen and distributed with the WWW. This system worked well and should be implemented again in 2018.

**Volunteer Management System:** Major Kudos to qqtpie for taking on using, maintaining and working with the support to leverage VolCor – The Volunteer Management/Shift Scheduling software to better streamline the registration of Art Grants, Art Projects, Theme Camps & Flame Effects as well as an online shift scheduling per departments.

**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.

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 highly encourage our Heliotropic Ranger Council to add this to our in-person Leads meeting prior to the 2018 event – to assist our Leads in better dealing with each other and others on their team.

**Fire Prevention Personal:** Major Kudos to Jeff Abts aka 'JumpUp' for stepping up and taking over the Fire Suppression/Prevention duties from RJAG. The AZBurner Community thanks RJAG for 12+ yrs of dedicated service. Jeff, you have some big shoes to fill but taking initiative and purchasing a BIG FIRETRUCK goes a long way.

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**Electrical Grid:** Over the past three 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 2018 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 in his 3<sup>d</sup> year leading 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 as well to Shane Brandolini for taking on more of a lead role in all things Electrical. Even BIGGER KUDOS to Sunny Ulmer for keeping the guys in line - on track and well organized to what needed maintenance and what projects still needed power.

**MOOP:** Saguaro Man would like to send SPECIAL Thanks to Atira aka 'Mz Adventure' & Copper Bitner 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. We appreciate your efforts and that of your LNT Volunteers walking the site during & after the event.

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

**Sound Policy:** Major Kudos to the Large-Scale Sound team of Brandon Hanson, Nathan Wolfe & Chaz Totschek for your tireless work all thru the event and for your vigilance in maintaining proper sound levels during the event. There are always going to be challenges with individual camps and neighboring sound levels. I hope that the new leads of Saguaro Man can count on your team in 2018.

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 2017 was absolutely amazing despite the attempts of Mother Nature keeping us sane. I have shown you the light for 7yrs; I hope that light stays bright for years to come. All Hail Saguaros & The Man and the Great State of AZBurners and all things Saguaro Man.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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- Arizona Regional Contact  
- Meta Committee Member  
- Burning Man Lifer/Geek/Zealot

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### **Conclusions & Moving forward submitted by Pam Whitney aka "qqtpie".**

- Switching to a Burner operated ticketing system that will allow greater customizations that suit our unique event, at a lower cost.
- New infrastructure and a new inventory control system, will help us step up our game. The added revenue from the ticketing switch will help cover the costs of new equipment.
- Switch from the recurring rental truck expenses, to paid for storage containers on trailers.
- Increasing the amount of leads and cross training. Finding participants with a passion and matching them to a department.
- Find transportation for event leads on shift, possibly a golf cart.
- Implementing transition procedures as people move and grow in their community roles.
- Streamline ticketing to include all participants, leads, and coordinators by creating a new reduced-price ticket class, for the people who put in work all year round to make this happen.
- We need a staging lot on the property for early arrivals, without work access credentials. This would alleviate issues with folks camping on the roads and allow participants access to restrooms while they wait for Gate to open. We have discussed renting more adequate Gate lighting, that would allow this to happen safely.
- Changing the location of the morning lead meeting closer to the SaguArtery and discussing the time of day we hold the meeting. Possibly implementing a new meeting structure that will allow us to expedite the process.
- Moving Gate across the street will allow the land to heal.
- Expand and streamline the program that reserves tickets for volunteers. Our initial trial proved to have some success, but more structure is needed as we define the process.
- Having researched the last ten years of burn ban dates and red flag days, due to wind in Apache County I feel confident that moving the event a little bit into May could safely allow us to have less fire restrictions due to wind. The final burn decision, as always, will be determined by our extremely experienced and knowledgeable fire crew. As much fun as it is to see snow, a little more sun would be nice too.