

# THE BLACK ROCK GAZETTE

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This newsletter is an informational resource for the temporary community which has been established in the middle of the Black Rock Desert of Nevada.

**WELCOME TO BURNING MAN** - The harsh conditions found here are a traditional part of your experience and rite of passage. We are camped out in a dry, flat basin where hot sun and high winds are normal. For your comfort, you are encouraged to adapt to the forces of the environment. Your safety here will depend upon awareness, both yours and those around you. Your creativity, innovation and character will add to the variety of the community. You are a part of BURNING MAN.

**INFORMATION** - The obelisk in the center of camp is available to post messages, locate friends and find out about camp activities or deposit information for the THE BLACK ROCK GAZETTE. An updated schedule of events will be maintained here. Around the camp, CB radio channel #5 is being monitored.

**FIRST AID** - Available at ROCK MED near the Ryder rental truck. Look for the white-haired guy with a radio. Thanks to Dr. JACK McCLOSKEY for contributing your experience.

**SURVIVAL TIPS** - (1) Always carry extra water when you leave camp. (2) The hours from 1 to 4 pm are the hottest. Stay in the shade and avoid strenuous activity if you want to save your energy for the evening. (3) Drive your tent stakes at an angle, not straight down, for best holding power.

**NIGHT NAVIGATION TIPS** - Do not drive at night without being in a caravan unless you are a Black Rock veteran. Learn how to find the North Star. The main road runs along the west side of the desert basin, if lost, drive west by keeping the north star over your right shoulder. You may find the road if you're lucky. To efficiently intercept a vehicle moving in a straight line on the desert, you should drive at a speed and direction which brings the target closer but keeps the same angle point on your windshield.

**THE DONNER AWARD** is given each year to the party which manages to get into a situation which strains their water/food/resources to the limit. Last year it was given to John Gifford and his passenger for plowing his Toyota pickup into the mud at the south edge of the desert and walking 6 miles to Gerlach.

**HOT SPRINGS** - At night, occasional caravans to local hot springs are organized & led by experienced guides.

**FUN AT BLACK ROCK STATION** - Volunteers are needed to work a shift at the Black Rock Station and help direct people to our camp. After travelling many hours to get here, the outpost is a welcome sight to all those making the pilgrimage. See Nancy at the Rider rental truck. We'd like to thank FLASH for providing the mobile check point.

**BOB GELMANS MUSIC TENT** is NorthEast of the camp center. Look for a grey tent next to a white van. If you do music, check with Bob.

**ITCHY'S PLACE** is open 24-hours a day if you are in need of food or drink. Located on the East edge of camp circle, a wide variety of gastronomical delights is available for a reasonable donation. Drop in for the occasional lounge act.

**ELVIS** - Rumor has it that Elvis has been seen peeking out of the window shades of one of the RVs. If you see him, let us know.

**LOCAL SIGHTS** - (1) Be sure to drive GURU LANE which runs alongside highway 34/11 near Gerlach. (2) PLANET X POTTERY store is located on highway 447, 8 miles past the split. This colorful, friendly oasis is open from 10 to 5.

**EVENT COSTS** - Materials, equipment, truck and toilet rentals, a \$2 per person, per day camping fee and \$2,000 of federally required insurance are all expenses from outside of our community which have added to the cost of this event. BURNING MAN is a joint effort, financed by everyone. All donations go towards recovering these costs and spreading the expense equally.

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**MESSAGES AT THE OBLISK** - For Jeanne & Edward, Jeff H.

FOUND sleeping bag, set of keys

**BURNINGMAN SCHEDULE CHANGES!** - Fashion Show Rehearsal at Noon Sunday. Fashion Show is rescheduled for Sunday, 5 pm. Time of lowering the Man will be announced.

**INTERESTED IN MORE FUN STUFF STUFF?**

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### BurningMan Schedule

Time	Activity	Producer/Particiants	Location
Friday 6	Initial Raising	* ALL *	Man
7			
8	Performers Meeting	Anyone interested	Bob Gelman's tent
9	Music Rehearsal/Jam	Musicians	Camp center
10			
11			
Saturday	Wicker Workshop	Serena De La Hey	Camp center
Ongoing	Pottery Making	Janet Lohr	Camp center
	Stone Tool Making/Flint Napping	Steve Valentine	Camp center
10			
11			
12noon	Fashion Show Rehearsal	Anyone interested	Camp center
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6	"Where Are We?" - Fashion Show	Tracy , Mary et al	Camp center
7			
8	musical performance	?	Camp center
9	"Black Rock Archeology & Geology" - Lecture & Slide Show	Billy Clewlow, Dolores Cates & Peggy McGuckian	Man
10			
11	"Concert For Car Horns & Lights"	Richard Marriot	Man
12midnight	Fire Dancers	various performers	Man
	"Pyroman" -pyrotectic performance	Kimmerick Smythe	Man
Sunday 10			
11			
12noon			
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5	Lowering of the man.	* ALL *	Man
6			
7	Semi-formal cocktail party	Anyone interested	Camp center
8	Erection of the man.	* ALL *	Man
9	BURN BABY BURN!!!	* ALL *	Man
10	!!		
11	!		
Midnight	"Dance Till Dawn" -a techno-primitive, multi-media dance party.	Anyone interested	East of the ashes
Monday 10	Farewell Performance	?	?
11	camp disassembly & cleanup	volunteers	
12noon	camp disassembly & cleanup	volunteers	
1	camp disassembly & cleanup	volunteers	
2	camp disassembly & cleanup	volunteers	
3	camp disassembly & cleanup	volunteers	
4			
ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES & PERFORMANCES WILL BE POSTED ON THE MESSAGE OBLISK IN THE CENTER OF CAMP.			
PERFORMERS: PLEASE SIGN-UP FOR SCHEDULING AT BOB GELMANS TENT.			