# Fuck Burning Man! by 88

#### Fuck Burning Man! Fuck its eight million dollar per year Moonie-style Messianic cult of personali-

Fuck the hypocrisy of calling an event "Green" just to segueway into corporate sponsorship. Fuck the cell phone towers.

Fuck Google. Fuck anyone who thinks that

using a flaming effigy full of fireworks to attract 40,000 people to drive cars laden with post-shipment consumer goods (sans packaging of course) to the middle of

nowhere is remotely green. Fuck the cultist attendees that believe an excuse to drink, fuck, and take Ecstasy in the desert is any form of social or spiritual

movement. Fuck any 'movement' that

costs \$280 per ticket. Fuck the obvious grift in ratcheting up prices, and fuck the volunteer pukes at the gate that snicker when they get the privilege of announcing these price

hikes.

Fuck all the miserable retard pukes that volunteer to put money in a for-profit company's pockets for the privilege of a t-shirt that will no doubt be worn to every party said retard puke attends for the next eight months. Fuck anyone whose soul is so devoid of meaning and purpose that volunteering gives them the right to become holier-than-allother attendees. Fuck the creepy old men

who show up with a pile of drugs and the pretense that said drugs plus the playa is their last chance at getting to nail a woman half their age.

Fuck the fascist vegan pissants that think their diet makes them superior enlightened beings.

Fuck the gothic cheerleaders posing as fire dancers. Fuck the lines to pay for ice and coffee at an event that bans commerce. Fuck the fact that we pay to see the works of the exact same artists over and

over again, year after year. Fuck the Thunderdome, the Magic Mountain of Burning Man. Fuck the massive amateur night that Thursday

through Saturday becomes. Fuck the frat boys that take as many photos of naked women as possible to ierk off to when they can't find a rape victim.

Fuck the theme camps, the countless meetings, and the

# Whatever happened to self-reliance in BRC?

### by ZOE, QUEEN OF PEE FUNNEL CAMP

've been going to Burning Man for 10 evaporation pond that within a day will be so covered in **dust** that nothing consecutive years. With each year that passes, an indelible hash mark of disappointment is etched on my soul by the **Unintelligent** design that passes

for the "evolution" of

Black Rock City. No

year has my personal

oligarchy been

ary theme of "The

hurt at the hands of the

more evident than this

year - the year the per-

fectly wonderful liter-

Green Man" has been

given a literal, top-down, message-

based, politically (and not scientifically)

correct interpretation by the BRC LLC.

continue acting as our agents, we are killing this city. The population of

BRC has doubled in the time I've been

attending. There is a point at which it

ing communities and infrastructure -

already strained from our presence

simply will not be able to handle it.

Our growth will eventually make

Stop the growth

Burning Man physically impossible.

world changed in the way they want.

ple, people who are struggling with

a part of our community - we don't

include them. We, the citizens of

food, water, shelter. These people aren't

BRC, are at the top of Maslow's hierar-

chy. We're spending our copious bored,

This event is a rich person's

they in touch with the change that actu-

Why does BRC get bigger?

Inclusion. This Idea that everyone is

invited needs editing. Everyone

isn't invited. As soon as you say

"everyone's invited" you also say "but

... only people that are capable of

accepting everyone else" which totally

disproves this intention. It's a nice idea,

absolutely will evolve into exactly what

we came out here to escape in the first

place – the convenience of U.S. culture.

This sad fact is already underway; we

are turning into an adult Disneyland.

I'll tell you what, the group of

resourceful gay guys I met last month,

the ones who run their generators 24/7

in BRC and enjoy and share full-on

steak dinners every night, feel awfully

excluded by The Green Man theme. In

and commenting on my biodegradable

grey water that drips **directly** on the

because they got their entire under-

Survival Guide, which posits that this

rule is here for environmental concerns. Where is the science behind this?

Someone **Drove** to me that we

shouldn't be offsetting BRC's dehydrat-

ing effect on the playa at every turn?!

What about the trucks that water down

the streets, the ones with the big signs

on the back that say "Non Potable"?!

And I can't put cooler water in my

shower? You want me to create an

It's because of the illusion of Radical

wealthy, and dissatisfied time on self-

actualization, art, and celebration.

folly. Wealthy people have no true

motivation for world change, nor are

ally needs to be made.

will grow SO large that the surround-

By allowing this group of people to

evaporates, and by the end of the week will be such a **Mess** that I just leave it on the playa (I'm seeing this all over the city this year.) Make me.

This doesn't work

Don't get me wrong, I'm all for following rules when they are set by people that are smarter than I am and have more foresight than I do. But the rules here are meant

for the Lowest Common Denominator. They are meant to instruct the Weak and the stupid.

There was a time when there were few rules and amenities – it was assumed that one would be smart enough to know that throwing PVC into a fire creates an enormous cloud of hydrochloric acid. I remember spending all of Sunday night on my feet in 1998 because someone had done just that at the tip of the southern end of the city. The drunken idiots who stayed and got lung damage? They didn't come back next year.

#### Protect the idiots! BRC LLC thinks we can do this by

adding emphasis to regional events. Fuck regional events, I don't The rules are made to protect the stupid and drugged and defend the BRC against the BLM. By making Burning want anything to do with what the LLC Man easier and safer, we are attracting a **Stupider**, less-prepared, and larger keeps trying to convince us is the future of Burning Man. I know their **QOA**, to change the world, and I think it's laughcrowd of people. The ratio of producers able. Burning Man will not change the to consumers has **Clearly** changed. world. I wouldn't actually want the Burning Man used to have a reputation of danger. Now it just has a reputation for being the largest party in the World change comes from the botworld. tom up - it comes from disgruntled peo-

I understand that this process in unavoidable. I know that there are hoops that the LLC has to jump through for BLM permitting. But the actual population growth isn't caused by these changes; these changes are in reaction to the population growth.

I'm not saying the population wouldn't grow naturally at this event, but it doesn't need to grow this fast. By making it difficult for people, we could slow the growth. Don't think this is true? Every time We have a serious weather event it negatively affects population growth the following year. 3000 people left in 2000 because of the storms.

# How to curb BRC growth

Put a limit on the number of vehicles that can pass the gate, or charge an additional per-axle fee. This not only helps with stupidity, but also with your misquided efforts to green Burning but a total lie. If we accept everyone, we

> Don't teach people how to deal with law enforcement in the Survival Guide. Let them find out from the ACLU if they're **CONCErned** about it. Let them go to jail if they aren't.

### For that matter, stop teaching people how to deal with the weather

there's no need for top-down instruction on this. The information is out there Smart concerned people can



ple will come. Make it so that the only people that can pull off refrigeration are those that understand how to generate the electricity for such.

Stop pretending that the med tents supply actual medical services. I'm in the medical field and me and my colleagues bring enough supplies to cover any emergency - none of us would be caught dead using the travesty that passes for medical care at Burning Man. Most of the medical care that happens here doesn't happen in these horrid dens. I can't tell you the number of times I've scraped someone up off the playa and **NUrSed** them back to my health at my camp.

Does anyone find it ironic that we pay people to Shovel our shit for a week but the med staff are VOIUNteers? The med tents need to be there to satisfy BLM, but BRC LLC doesn't need to pretend that they work, or even that if there were a real emergency (say, like 100 people hurt in an explosion) that there's anything they could do about it. Ask a virgin if they're aware they're on their own in this regard. 10-1 they haven't learned it yet. They wouldn't be out here, otherwise.

Please get rid of the resources issue of Jack Rabbit Speaks. I don't even know what to say about this one that would do it **JUStiCe**... so I'll just be straight: By making it easier for people to find their supplies you are reducing the self-sufficiency of the average attendee. And it's also advertising.

Stop funding art and start funding corporate lawyers. I'll believe that we need burn blankets. I'll believe that we need actual real world law enforcement instead of faggot-pussy mediators in brown shirts that don't even carry weapons. I'll believe that it's not a good idea to let people bring GUNS. What I don't believe is that we need

the Nevada Health Department monitoring every pancake stand and chai outlet in BRC.

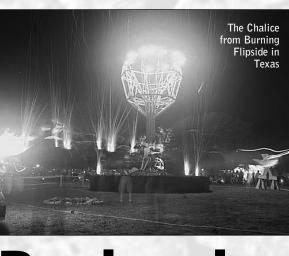
### I know this won't do shit

It's just a rant, a place for me to blow off steam. I hear some of you saying "Why don't you just leave if you don't like it anymore?'

### WHAT'S OUT WHAT'S IN

anarchists who can't file Soviet-style bureaucracy baby wipes solar showers bacon raw venison boots are the new bike Tuesday is the new Friday scotch on the rocks bourbon sour bunnies pigs coffee chai crown, tiara, headdress top hat, fedora, turban dead grandma excuse Burning Man on your resumé DMT ADD duct tape gaffers tape eco-correctness eco-careless fire performance L.E.D. flaming torches flaming enemas DPW Gate gasifiers generators battery-powered blinkies glowsticks good weather three-day storms hippie shower fasting baby wipes, dammit! hot crossdressers trailer park drag Jiffy Lube Stiffy Lube lawn chair pink camp chairs loincloths tuxedo ruffles megaphones bullhorns mullets shirtcocking nudity 17th century conservatism narachute-covered Costco carports geodesic domes pathetic plastic leave out the landfill! playa presents pirates space police Philadelpia Experiment Porn & Eggs playa names anonymity Zen celibacy polyamory ballroom dancing rave dancing 3-day old underwear sarongs sensuality sodomy shirtcocking ironic shirtcocking solar power lunar subtlety vendor-free Burn The Pavilion waiting in line to get in sneaking in wearing whatever-the-fuck dressing to the nines "Welcome Home!" "Go Home!' working delegating

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# Regional

# Interview with the Gatestapo

## by ADRIAN ROBERTS

Just who exactly are those people who take your ticket when you first arrive at the gates of Black Rock City? No, **NOt** the Greeters. We're **talking** about the Gate! We had an opportunity to sit down

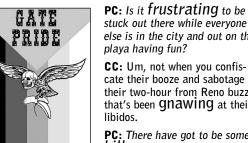
with Comrade Cuddles, a former member of the Gatestapo, to chat about working for Black Rock city's most thankless job.

Piss Clear: So what kind of ASShole wants to work for Gate? Comrade Cuddles: The kind that is too pretty to be allowed near

First Camp for fear of **revolu**tion. It's why we are placed so far away from the actual **Citadel**.

PC: Why would anyone want to volunteer for such a thankless job?

**CC:** To answer that, you will have to rub massive amounts of **Peyote** on your eyelids for that elusive yet formidable answer to **magically** appear.



stuck out there while everyone else is in the city and out on the playa having fun? CC: Um, not when you confis-

cate their booze and sabotage their two-hour from Reno buzz that's been gnawing at their libidos.

PC: There have got to be some killer perks to the job. What are they? Spill the beans!

CC: This would require actual math skills. Can we just play

"ants in my pants" instead? I'm really more of a formicophiliac than a "mensa"niac. **PC:** What's the **deal** between you guys and Greeters?

**CC:** Only one of us gives out the hugs.

**PC:** Obviously, Gate is cooler than Greeters ... Why?

**CC:** Simply put, we couldn't care **less** if you are personally having fun, as long as you're not sneaking hippies and ravers inside your vehicle ... or rolled up inside carpeting on your roof rack. It's about respecting the police state that Larry Harvey has set into place in order to bring you a kinder, gentler, ass grab.

PC: Tell us about some of the Craziest places you've found stowawavs.

**CC:** Hiding inside *Piss Clear's* boxed cartons of empty newspapers. Who said you could bring in midgets anyways? You know you have to check them at the door. Sheesh.

PC: Do you guys just totally love it when you find stowaways?

**CC:** Love isn't an **adequate** representation of what "Gate and Perimeter" feel on any occasion. But you know that warm **fuzzy** feeling you get after you've just thrown up blue sludge from drinking some foreign concoction during the Piss Clear Iron Liver contest? I think the locals refer to it as "contentment."

**PC:** What do you **do** when you guys find a stowaway?

**CC:** This completely rests on the individuals involved. But we've been known to force them to return hugs with Greeters until the idea of "cuddling" or "spooning" has completely left their lifeless bodies. It doesn't take long ... some may consider this cruel and UNNECESSARY punishment. We just refer to it as a "police action block party.

PC: After you make a stowaway pay an obscene amount of money for a ticket, do you feel **drunk** with power?

cc: Drunk from confiscated booze, definitely. But from power? Never. We only feel "power crazed megalomania" when the stowaway(s) are scratching at shatterproof glass rear windshields as they are Whisked away in a police car. We don't rightly know every time if

# **Playa lingo:** the lexicon of Black **Rock City**

Black Hole code name for the Gate Camp. I hear they're a bunch of assholes over at the Black Hole.

blue cubes slang term for the porta-potties. I'll be in line at the blue cubes, so meet me over there.

darkwad

derogatory term for someone not wearing any lights while walking or riding their bike at night. You can tell it's Friday night because this place is crawling with darkwads!

The Dirty Cup

slang term referring to the Center Camp Café. I had to hear the worst poetry this morning, just trying to get some coffee at The Dirty Cup.

Dorksplenade

the side streets.

derogatory slang term for the Esplanade after Thursday night, when it's overrun with yahoos and weekend warriors. Now that it's Friday, I'm going to avoid the Dorkspenade and stick to

dystopic meltdown what happens in Black Rock City after three days of not sleeping due to heavy hallucinogen and amphetamine use. Everything was going great until Wednesday, when one of our campmates had a total dystopic meltdown

and bummed everyone out. fucktard people who constantly bitch about the ticket prices, rules, regulations, and staff at Burning Man. If the fucktards hate the Pavilion so much, they should start their own

event. granola munchers obsessive vegans determined to convert a carnivore by any means necessary. That granola muncher knocked over my plate of

bacon. "It's Burning Man!"

generic catch-all excuse for just about anything that doesn't quite go according to plan while in BRC. Jane was supposed to cook dinner for the entire camp, but instead she dropped acid. Oh well ... it's Burning Man!

bickering that they bring. Fuck the shirt-cockers and shirtless fat drunks in Utilikilts. Fuck the Santas. Fuck the clowns. Fuck the pirates. Fuck the zombies. Fuck the hippies. Fuck the hipsters. Fuck the glowsticks. Fuck the Tasty Bites. Fuck the yuppie scum. Fuck the gift economy. Fuck me for even coming. Fuck Piss Clear for showing up at a party for 13 years, bitching, then refusing to ever bitch ever again. It's over. Fuck it.

**One final** cocktail by **GOATT** 

### **Belladonna's** Nightshade 1/2 oz. Coffee Liquor 1 oz. Damiana Liguor

(from Mexico, a liquor distilled using cane sugar, and Damiana, an aphrodisiac). 1 oz. Vodka 1 tsp. Grenadine 10 drops Yohimbe Root extract (an aphrodisiac that increases blood flow to the sexual organs) 5 drops Maca extract (an aphrodisiac, with mild hints of almond flavor)

5 drops Kava extract (a mild aphrodisiac, in larger quantities produces calming and euphoric sensations)

Served over ice - or better yet, chilled (it's the playa, though; we all have to make sacrifices), in a clear colored martini glass; the cocktail is served layered, so that the distinct colors of each ingredient are retained in the glass, separated naturally by their own density. It is served with the rim of the glass ever so faintly brushed with but a hinted glaze of honey-infused water.

fact, they aren't here this year because research it and survive; stupid, unpreof it. Instead, some hitch-hiking hemp pared people can pack up and leave. hippie has taken their place, and ended up in my camp begging water off of me



Stop selling ice (let alone fucking coffee). Why make it so every frat boy and his **floozy** can throw a cooler in a car and survive the week? Make it difficult to have a good meal and fewer peo-

Do you realize how much work I've put into this city? I can't just walk away. I can't count the times I've plotted **Sedition**, plotted bringing the Man down on Wednesday before all the tourists arrive. The reason these remain conversations is not because of the cowardice of the people involved in them. It's because none of us want to risk our time at Burning Man by stirring up the pot.

But, BRC LLC, if you keep making Burning Man into something that those of us that deeply feel Self-reliance don't like or want to be a part - it will impossible to extinguish the phosphor be impossible to extinguish the phospho firebombs that we will lob directly at the Man. Now Watch – next year there will

be a cage around the Man. "For Our Safety!"

place doesn't have much of a brain.

Like most people, I'm concerned about the future of our planet, just as

much I'm concerned about the future of

Burning Man and what **impact** this

theme will have on that future. It's just a theme, right? Right - but Unlike

previous themes, which suggested what to do out here, this is the first to sug-

gest how we should think. Regulation

of CONSCIENCE, in the form of more

For NOW, on a superficial level, the

only thing any of us really needed to do

up this year. And for most part, the only

thing the BRC LLC is asking of us is to

throw money at the problems caused by

coming here by buying carbon credits,

voluntarily. But unfortunately, nothing

at Burning Man is really that simple.

not bring out live plants is next year's

total **ban** on them, what suggestions

the future. People bringing out art cars

are already being asked if they're using

alternative fuels. The time when those

fuels become the requirement for all art

cars is right around the corner. Don't be

surprised when your **Voluntary** gift

purchase price of your ticket to this cel-

Whatever the future holds for

Burning Man, whatever the new rules

may be, you can COUNt on the regula-

tions being more about the event's sur-

vival than with that of our planet - and that's the biggest shame of all.

of carbon credits becomes part of the

ebration of creative freedom.

we have right now will be the rules of

Just as one year's polite request to

to be considered Green was to ShOW

rules, I fear is not far behind.

# Turning green by K'BUSTER FRIENDLY

For the last fifteen years, the unspoken mantra for Burning Man has always been: "Thank You for Not Discussing

the very thing a lot of us are running away from? Why **NOW?** Why not the year after New Orleans drowned while we all fiddled in the desert? Are we all to be Green now just because the BRC LLC caught a really awesome slide show? Or is this merely an effort to leverage the Burning Man brand toward the people who will be able to afford the ever-increasing ticket price of the event - those people well-heeled enough to afford an impact-free lifestyle year-round? Criticism of the theme is nothing new

here at Piss Clear. After 13 years, you might say its required writing. But now, an identity crisis seems to be brewing in the Burning Man community, with many an attendee desperately scrambling for an everyday world **definition** for the word "Burner" that doesn't involve the media's stereotypical (yet all too true) image of a hedonistic, substance-fueled,

fuck-and-suck freaks out in the desert. Being a Green Burner sure seems like an easy end to this existential angst and there's a lot we can do to help our planet - but why should we need to do it as Burners? Isn't it enough just to do it as a person? Wouldn't it all be just an effort to redeem our collective souls for all our escapist fun, or maybe it's all to prove that we actually still have one. I never thought I'd be pining for the



days when all I had to do to prove that I had a soul was to Cry on Sunday night at the Temple Burn.

Burning Man, as an event, surges with energy, and every year it seems like there's someone new coming around trying to harness that energy for what they think is really important for us as Burners to do – and this theme only encourages others to try to tap in to all this goodwill.

Sure, the Burning Man experience has a profound effect on the human spirit. Anyone who can't see that doesn't have much of a **heart** – but anyone who thinks that 40,000 people playing dress-up and staying wasted in the desert for a week is ever going to do anything to make our planet a better

# burns suck

### by HIPP O'CRITT

ately, Burning Man seems to have an 11th tenet: Regionals are the future. You can hear **EVERYONE** chanting this phrase in UNISON as they march in faux-fur-clad lockstep across the globe, creating **events** across the country and the globe. But will spinning off dozens of new week-long parties really change the world? Join us for a barbecue of Burning Man's latest sacred cow.

Toast is the Arizona regional burn Dude, Where's My Art? If you attend a regional burn, prepare to be underwhelmed by the art, or Iack thereof. If Burning Man is the Special Olympics of Art, regionals are the tryouts for the Special Olympics. Hell, most people don't even bother to get to show up at the starting line! But never fear, you will still be able to get a drink at a barter bar with blinky lights while getting blasted by techno!

**One Big Happy Family** Radical inclusion is easy to practice when you are ONLY spending seven days with 40,000

of your closest friends. But regional groups are small, and you will see the same people year-round. As a result, your immediate community will include Sociopaths, alcoholics,

angry starving artists, and more creepy guys trying to get laid than you can shake a shirt-cocking dick at. And because they have no lives, your email box will be filled with their non-stop ranting and personal attacks.

### **Double Your Pleasure**

Many Burners spend months getting ready for the playa. If you are also part of a regional, you can expect the remainder of your Creative energy, spare money, and vacation time to be SUCKED into that event. Look on the bright side: you'll have something to talk about other than Burning Man!

### Save the World

So, you're inspired, and want to make the world a better place? Forget about helping the poor or cleaning up the environment. You too can work tirelessly to improve the lives of an underprivileged demo-graphic: middle-class white people! Your months to create an event. And best of all: instead of thanking you for all your hard work, your grateful par-ticipants will **bitch** about every decision you make!

### Spare Some Change?

Unfortunately, once people attend a regional, going to Burning Man becomes a Holy Grail with a large **Price** tag. Nothing is more pathetic than watching a broke, unemployed Burner SCrape together money so they can get to the playa. It's especially charming when your room-mate can't pay his rent because he just spent his last \$300 on a ticket because

these kids make it out of the desert into the comforts of a jail cell, or if they are traded for cigarettes and blankets in Nixon. In any case, the fact that **ONE IESS** happy camper is being "greeted" by a failed Wal-Mart associate makes us very happy.

**PC:**Do you guys make a commission for every stowaway you find? If not, then you **Should**. What's in it for you? CC: If anger was a tangible commodity, we'd be Larry Harvey.

he couldn't afford it when they first went on sale.

### Got problems?

After you've put in COUNTLESS hours to create your event, you may have notice that a few rules or changes need to be made. You should probably just shut up and quit Whining because you are a volunteer and the other organizers can and will ignore you if you voice an unpopular opinion. Don't take it personally; Burning Man has been treating its volunteers like Shit for years!

### Spread the love

You've capped your event at 500 tickets. It's only your second year and few local people know about your event, but you've sold out in a matter of days How'd that happen? Instead of illuminating new hearts and minds of folks in your area, your regional has become yet another destination for rich California Burners who try to keep their personal flame alive by following the Man around like a flammable Jerry Garcia, and because they are flying in, they will contribute little in the way of **intrastructure** or art.

Grow up!

With your regional Burner friends, never again will you

have to deal with the real world. Instead, you can spend every

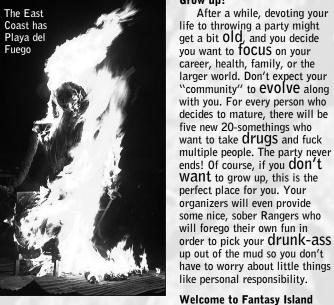
ignore your corrupt government, warming planet and excessive

when the world goes to hell, you will be able to use your radi-

consumption of the world's resources. The good news is that

weekend partying with people Just Like You and

cal self-sufficiency skills to SURVIVE off the grid!



Vehicles impound lot, where art cars in violation of the rules are held. John was driving his art car like a maniac last night, so now it's in Long-Term Parking.

Long-Term Parking

Department of Mutant

slang term for the

nude rash that painful rash you get between your legs when you walk around nude all day. He can't leave camp today - he got a nude rash walking around yesterday.

### playa lung

coughing and phlegm associated with breathing in too much playa dust. This is the worst year ever for dust ... this playa lung is going to kill me.

### playa pizza

that roundish splash of barf on the playa from someone who overdid it. Ewww, I stepped in some playa pizza out by the Man.

### the sauna

slang term for the portapotties during the day. I was hoping to hold it in until evening, but it looks like I'm going to have to visit the sauna.

### sausage camp

slang term for a camp full of straight guys, but no women.

I went to their cocktail party hoping to score with some playa babes, but it was a total sausage camp

### second year fever

spending your entire year and thousands of dollars working on projects for your second trip to BRC. I can't believe she built a 20-person bike. That's severe second year fever.

### sustainablity

being able to come up with the money to do the same thing out at Burning Man year, after year, after year. Sustainability is the keyword this year, so camp dues have been increased to \$250 per person.

– list compiled by Adrian Roberts, K'Buster Friendly, Jasin Fell, Lenny Jones, Penfold, Rooster Sejx, Sage

regional may be small, but it will still take 9-12

