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How not to die at Burning Man

by BUCK AE DOWN

I've been going to this goofy dirt rave for over 20 years non-stop - and I've done almost everything you can do out here at one point or another. But ya wanna know what I've done a fucking AWESOME job of every time? Not fucking dying at Burning Man.

A long time ago, when half of you were still in high school negotiating either side of a nervous finger bang administered across the emergency brake of your parent's Ford Focus, the ticket for Burning Man wasn't some highly-designed miniature art piece full of foils, holograms and embossed UFO death cult symbols.

solution? Fill the gap with a roll of razor wire we had laying around. By making the thing more terrifyingly and visibly dangerous, we decreased the likelihood any one would even go near the gap.

All of this makes sense when you understand that Burning Man was partially an outgrowth of the Cacophony Society, which itself was an outgrowth of something called The Suicide Club.

SURVIVAL TIPS

bridges and did all kinds of goofy stuff. But at least one component of being in the Suicide Club meant actively courting danger as a way of feeling more alive.



The world's most dangerous art festival?

Burning Man is dangerous on purpose, which is ironic considering how completely and reflexively litigation-adverse the event itself is as an organization.

There are reasonable people that have made a perfectly valid argument that the attempts to make Burning Man safer have lulled people into a false sense of security.

Burning Man while still whooping it up in a way that makes you feel like the \$2000+ you spent being here was worth every penny? Well, it's easier than you think.

Before I got sucked in to paying off my community service through the Gate, Perimeter and Exodus department, my alma mater out here was Gigsville.

That's it. That's the whole ball-game. Everything that's really fun to do out here is commensurately dangerous.

that smart before. And the last 4 or 5 days of heat exhaustion, sleep deprivation, malnutrition, and showing every powdered or pill-shaped thing you found on the ground in your head like a goddamn toddler sure as hell didn't make you any smarter or more agile.

If you do this shit right, you're gonna walk out of this desert alive AND have a bunch of barely believable stories that will get better every time you tell them.

What the heck?!



Woof. That was really bad. Hi, I'm the megaphone. I only eat the bad hecklers but they all are... eventually.

Burning at the last minute

by GREG WHITLOW

Last year, right after all my friends went to Burning Man, I was sitting in LA with a severe case of FOMO. I started searching for a ticket on Facebook, messaging everyone I knew.

But with my friends already gone, I had no ride. But then I remembered something about a Burner Bus from Reno. I looked it up, and seats were still available!

When I went the previous year, we spent probably eight months preparing for Burning Man. I thought to myself, "How am I going to cram all of this into a couple of days?"



This backpack is the only thing this writer took to BRC last year.

outside of my backpack, I had carabiners connecting a mini travel pillow and an ultra-thin sleeping bag. But that was pretty much all I brought.

That trip ended up being one of the most memorable experiences in my life. There's just something so freeing about doing a major trip with hardly any planning or preparation.

PRO TIPS

In regards to food, I remembered that everyone shared so much that I never even ate most of the food I brought anyway.

Let's be real, it's not to be attached to so much. Give minimalism a try. It's so hard right now.

Sex in BRC? Ask a playa sexpert

by STEPHANIE THE SEXPERT

You're here on the playa, ready to expand your sexual boundaries or maybe just get some action but... you have questions.

Dry & dusty leads to sore & crusty. I was told to expect only one thing at Burning Man, and that's to get dusty!

Remembering Larry continued on cover. Larissa Archer, Man Base volunteer. In 2014, my camp was involved in setting up and volunteering in the "Souk" Man Base.

experiencing the pleasure! Think fairy lights to make your bed appealing and relaxing.

Dear Dry & Dusty: Two things you must do: stay clean and stay lubricated. If possible, take a shower. If not, baby wipes are going to be your bestie.

participation. We walked with the procession in the Mission and we talked about how different cultures honor the dead.

by ZZZ & KOOKIE BITCH

LINGO

back-burnered when the Placement Team moves your long-established theme camp from a prime spot in BRC to a far-away back street. Bikeageddon the bicycle crisis of 2017 when thousands of bikes were left abandoned on the playa after the event.

Get off your lawn!

by JUPITER GATLING

I went to Burning Man once. I hated it. (I even made a sticker that sums up my feelings - see below.)

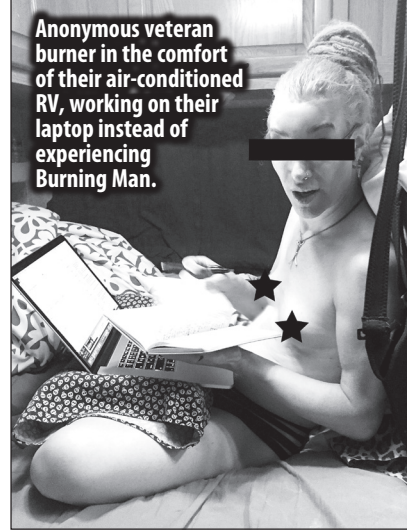
So I went again, to try to like it... and it worked! Why? Because I finally figured out just how to enjoy this pretentious festival that caters to the extremely rich and the spiritually adventurous - even when you are neither of those things.

There I was, all alone in the middle of the desert, yet suddenly excited to find my own sort of fun. At that very moment, an art car stopped by, and I hitched a ride so I could dance on their pole like the figurehead of a manga mecha pirate ship from the future.

their ticket, the travel, and the equipment - but then seemed to only hang out at camp during the day and in Deep Playa at night. But there's so much more to Burning Man than the schedule they'd gotten used to for so many years.

Therefore, I made it my project for the week to get the veteran I'm fucking to have fun with me at Burning Man.

And this is a valid question for all you veterans out there: What are you here for? Why do you keep coming? Take a moment to step back and



Anonymous veteran burner in the comfort of their air-conditioned RV, working on their laptop instead of experiencing Burning Man.



Burning Man," I finally got their cute ass on a bike - just to be ditched a few blocks later because they whined "it's too hot."

So instead, I continued on with another burgin from our camp, and we had a lovely afternoon - granted, indeed, the thing we were going to didn't actually happen because... well, it IS Burning Man. But we still had a good time hanging out there.

While I was cycling back to my bed in the purple light of dawn, I came to realize just how much truth there was in the words I just blatantly threw at that stranger's head and why my previous burn had sucked so much: I had come here with a group of overly-prepared, unexcited, jaded people.

Forcing the fun I recognized that instead of trying to be like them, THEY needed to be like ME. They went through all the hardship of moving their shit to Black Rock City, paying tons of money for

Top 10 Instagram Spots in BRC

Compiled by the BRC Weekly staff, here's a handy checklist of all the best Instagram spots in Black Rock City. Whether you're just flying in for the day and want to hit all the playa "hot spots," or staying for the entire week but will be way too fucking high most of the time, we've got you covered!

- 1. First stop: Selfie with the actual Burning Man. Look excited! #welcometobitches #titid #thankslarry #playamiracle
2. Selfie at the Temple. Look pensive and deep in thought. #thirdeyewoke #playamagic #immetoburn #wearthehat
3. Hands up in the air on an art car (like Paris Hilton, right). #sparkleponyreality #burnergirls #playalove #burnAF
4. On top of any random art installation in Deep Playa that you can climb on. #livingyourbestburn #playayaprovids #deepplaya #dirtyburner
5. Selfie in a whiteout, with dust mask and goggles (like Katy Perry, left). #industwetrust #dustinweirdplaces #dusty
6. Selfie in the reflection of The Orb. #burnerselfie
7. Shot of yourself reading the BRC Weekly. #brccweekly
8. Yoga pose in deep playa during the "magic hour" light of sunset. #burnbabycorn #playaready
9. Shot of you on the other side of the trash fence (like Ya-Ya, right). #donttellemehowtoburn #burninghard #fuckyourgown #itwasbetteryestear #thedrugsdntkickinyet #needashower
10. Selfie at Robot Heart at sunrise. #burnerliche #dontnate