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Fireside Chat

BA-MEN is beginning our 15th year! Our 15th anniversary for the club being 12/21/17! (That date in 2002 was our very first event.)

Lee and I have begun hosting some events on the East side of Garden Grove, on the border with Santa Ana, and our first event was Feb. 13th, and we had 9 guys attend, plus us 2, so had 11 total.

The first event was a massage trade & movie party, and we watched the new movie "*Mad Families*" on the free streaming service <u>Crackle</u>, and after sharing some pizza and a few other sides, snacks, & desserts, we ended the event watching "*X-MEN*: *Apocalypse*" via the <u>VUDU</u> streaming service. (Both are at a .com web site, plus have apps for use on at least Android phones & tablets.)

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We're now actively seeking a few good men to assist your President in club operations, and we're looking for guys that are either current or former members, as well as those that have attended at least 2 events in the last year as a guest to be eligible. We'd like to have the assistance of 1 or more "secretaries" to help with email and/or voice mail to return phone calls.

In return you'll get free membership and other perks that I will not disclose in advance, as I'm not looking to appeal to those wanting a sort of hand-out.

Honestly, I can't see this taking more than 1-2 hours a month at present, unless it's hard to reach someone or they ask a lot of questions in email.

If you're interested, please email the club at: BAMENClub@GMail.com

(Note that if you take a week to get back to my reply, I will not consider you as a serious candidate unless you tell me you'll be on a trip or something.)

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On a similar subject to the above, I've created a new Yahoo Group forum/mailing list to solicit some feedback & suggestions from our members and guests about our web site & other things about the club.

If you'd like to offer your feedback & suggestions in an interactive forum about our web site and other club business, please write us directly at our main email address and request to be admitted to the new group

& let us know if you want web or emailonly access, as this will help get you access if you've restricted invites to Yahoo Groups on your account.

Our usual, preferred address is: <u>BAMENClub@GMail.com</u>

As you know, we're trying to get new guys in our group, and I am hoping we will have the funds before April 1st so we can get some ads running in the *Blade* (is that one still being produced?), *Frontiers*, and perhaps *Adelante*, too.

If you can help us out to this goal, we're accepting "donations" in any amount, and while you can mail a few bucks in the US Mail, it would be safer and simpler (at least to me) to pay online (see the "Payment Policy" section on page 3 to see which we accept & other payment info... Feel free to email and suggest another if we don't have one you like!), and you can send checks & money orders, too.

Feel free to let us know if you'd like to be listed as a contributor or not in a future issue.

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For those that are interested in a more intimate event than we usually offer (at least during the official event), check out this new group:

https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/OCLB NakedMen/info

Orange County/Long Beach Naked Men will allow for a more intimate event than we normally do, and as such if anyone wants to host an event that's of that nature, it will be hosted under the guise of OC/LB Naked Men, rather than BA-MEN.

Check it out and see if some of the events planned there are of interest.

The Meetup sites for it and us are at this point temporary, unless someone wants to make donations to cover keeping Meetup.com sites going, as it costs \$20/month or \$15/month for 6 months paid in advance.

So, if you care to check them out, you may, but PLEASE do join the Yahoo Groups as a permanent site at the address to the left for OC/LB Naked Men and the address for us on the last page of this newsletter.

The (expected) temporary sites on Meetup are:

OC/LB Naked Men:

http://www.meetup.com/OCLBNakedMen/ BA-MEN: http://www.meetup.com/BA-MEN/

Another new thing to help promote BA-MEN is we've got a group on Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/bamen.oc lb/

Please "like" or "share" the above group on your "Timeline" if you have a Facebook account so we can get a little more exposure, even if you don't decide to join and/or follow it.

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If you have a pool and/or spa, or know of someone who does and might host for us, even if they're not really in our "home area", we'd love to talk! Just use the feedback form in the prior column or any of our contact methods on the last page of this newsletter.

One thing we'd really like to find is someone willing to host in another area, like Palm Springs, with hopefully a pool and maybe a BBQ and ideally some place several of us can spend the night, instead of resorting to a hotel (with an added cost for many), but we can discuss options if you're willing – Just contact us and we'll talk about it!

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Want to meet 1-on-1 or in a small group to chat & socialize sometime, on your schedule?

Right now I've got 2 new possibilities to meet... Best is where I am currently staying in Garden Grove near the Santa Ana border off Westminster/17th, between Harbor & Fairview. We can even hang nude for a while, if you like.

The second option is to meet at a nearby public place, like McDonald's on Harbor & Westminster.

If you're interested, please use any contact method on the final page here, though keep in mind email is usually responded to fastest.

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Do you know anything of the "Hilltop Hot Spring" towards Mammoth in the Owens Valley off Hwy. 395 or the "Hot Spring Canyons" in the Santa Ana Mountains?

Contact us at any method on the last page if you do, as we'd love some info on the places.

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Can you help us have fewer hotel events by hosting an event at your home sometime?

Keep in mind the following perks if you do help us out...

We have a new offer for event hosts!

We're now offering the following, per event:

* A guaranteed minimum of \$10 for indoor events, \$15 for spa/hot tub parties, and \$25 for pool parties.

* A virtual certificate for free admission at 2 other home-based events. (Or \$5 off the door fee of a hotel-based event when prepaid only.)

* **Updated:** You get \$3 per paid attendee and you pay no fee.

* Free membership for up to an additional year beyond your current membership OR a second free admission cert. (as above).

* Ask and you'll receive any help you need with house cleaning before the event. (Though I'm sure anyone doing much would appreciate a shower afterward, before the event starts. He also will receive the same admission & membership perks noted for the co-host below.)

* At the event, we'll try our best to have someone deal with cleaning things up and trash, as needed. (They will receive free admission to your event, plus free membership, as above OR free admission to a future event, as above.) -Events with over 12 guys or those when a co-host cannot stay the full time, we'll have a 2nd guy co-host. (And if we ever have a large pool party, we'll try to have a 3rd or more!) -You will not need to request such assistance - only if you need help with vacuuming, dusting, mopping, or whatever before the event.

Alternatively to all the above, you're welcome to request a specific fee for the use of your place, but you'll need to be a current member or the current basic membership fee will be deducted from said fee.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns on this new policy, PLEASE ASK!

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You're also welcome to offer any suggestions on this, if you think we can do better and/or are not offering at least the same as another SoCal brother club.

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We're still very much looking for other opportunities for nude hiking, camping, and other hot spring trips!

If you know of a good place to hike, camp, or of a hot spring that is *preferably* less than 200 miles away, please let us know!

We're not only looking for places to do such, but for guys who can lead the way – and for such, esp. if you can also drive a carpool and give guys without the means to get there, we'll give you our host's current offer – free membership for up to a year! – Drop us a line (see last page for contact info) if you can help us out like this.

Keep in mind that most of the events currently scheduled are un-hosted, so if you would like to host an event on that date or near it, just let us know and we'll make any necessary changes! ▼

Classified Ads:

<u>Need a Personal Assistant or</u> <u>Valet? House or Pet Sitter?</u> <u>Computer Work? House-</u> <u>Cleaning? Handyman? Or ???</u>

If you're looking for someone to help a disabled/semi-disabled person, house-sit, and maybe tend to your plants or animals (for example, he loves dogs & knows how to deal with aquariums), or if you're looking for some sort of help or work on your computer or other electronics, or perhaps need a new light switch installed, please contact John before you spend 2-100 times the amount on someone who might cramp your lifestyle.

Since I'm "one of you", I don't care if you have gay porn laying around, live with your boyfriend, or like to walk around the house nude! –In fact, if you do like to be nude at home, I will likely join you in doing so while there.

You don't have to worry about your liquor or food if you're looking for a house-sitter, as I don't drink, and will obtain my own food. –And you don't have to worry about someone maybe hosting wild parties or whatever... I'll respect your wishes, whatever they might be.

If you are interested, please call John anytime at 714-248-6833 & leave a message or e-mail him at doctor34@gmail.com.

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Your Ad Could Be Here !!!

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Want to Submit a Classified Ad?

We feature *free* ads from members (or those paid for by others for a small fee that we accept for print).

If you wish to feature an item for sale, have a room for rent, your services to offer, etc, please get in touch with us via any method listed on the last page of this newsletter. \blacksquare

Who is this Celebrity Guy?

In the last issue the celebrity was Italian actor Lorenzo Balducci in the movie *"Falling Star"*.

The answer to who the guy shown here is will be in the next issue.



A hint: He has an identical twin, and this snip is from a movie sequel released in 2013. (FWIW: The little spot in the wall for soap & stuff is just like the showers at Irvine Valley College in Irvine.) ▼

Happy Birthday Wishes To:

Gary R. on 02/11, Gary S. on 2/26, Eric A. on 03/09, Mike M. on 03/24, & no April member birthdays.

Become a member and get your birthday listed here too! ▼

Calendar of Events

(All Events Are *Tentative* - <u>An</u> <u>*RSVP for all is required*!)</u>

To RSVP for any event, please click the following link or send email to that address, or call us via any hotline on the last page if you have no email. You may also contact us at this address if you have questions about the event that are not answered here.

BAMENRSVP@GMail.com

You can best RSVP for an event via our new RSVP forms:

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For all events, you may click: http://BA-MEN.Org/rsvp/

Or for the direct link to each form:

For hotel-based parties, click: http://BA-MEN.Org/rsvp/hotel/

For trip events, click: http://BA-MEN.Org/rsvp/trip/

And for everything else, click: http://BA-MEN.Org/rsvp/main/

Also, please take a moment to view our current polls online and help us shape the future of your club and our events:

http://BA-MEN.Org/polls/

Our deposit/advance payment policy for any hotel or trip event is if you cancel by the event's RSVP deadline or if we should have to cancel the event, you will get your money back in full via the same online payment service, or via a bank issued check by mail after your payment has fully cleared. Late cancellations may still receive a refund if others pay to attend in your stead.

At this time, for all events that request a deposit or advance payment, you may pay via check or money order (by mail), Square Cash (Cash.Me or their app), Chime, Circle Pay, PayPal, Venmo, & PopMoney online, or you can pay in person in cash. Also we can accept credit & signature debit cards again in person and online. (Email or call to get our payment address or a location to meet us if paying cash or by card in person before the event, or to pay via one of the other methods.)

All deposits/pre-payments are due no later than Noon on the Friday the week before the event for online payments & U.S. Postal Money Orders, and all other checks & money orders are due by noon the Friday 2 weeks prior to the event. BA-MEN provides a drug-free environment, and even things like "poppers" & "420" are not permitted at any time.

Also, unless otherwise noted, smoking (even cloves & e-cigs) is not permitted.



Need a Haircut?

At each of our scheduled hotel events (which is all but the meet 'n greet & Imperial Spa events on the calendar here), we'd like to offer you a free crew cut.

If you're interested, bring a large towel or sheet to capture the hair (and dump it in the trash carefully when you're done), and we'll be glad to give you a good buzz-cut.

The gent offering the haircuts (yours truly, the group President) is not professionally trained and is not asking for a cent (a tip would not be refused), but I can do a nice, even crew.

I can *try* to do other lengths, but I have never done so before, so there's no guarantee at all on how it might turn out. If you want to be a guinea pig and try something other than a crew, please bring a personal comb as well.

You will need to make your cut request (especially if not a crew!) known fully when you RSVP, as I will not bring the clippers if no one asks for one.

You're welcome to look at my own cut for an example of my work (and hopefully I've done it recently and it's not gotten shaggy).

<u>Sunday, March 5,</u> <u>2:00pm-3:30pm</u>

Taco Sunday Meet 'n Greet

Clothed, at the Taco Bell off beach Beach Bl. on Garden Grove Bl.

*** This event will not take place if the weather is fair in Canoga Park, as we will have a pool party there instead – See pool party listing that follows ***

(You may RSVP for this event & the next, the pool party, or either Taco Bell & Spa or Pool Party via our RSVP form – No need to RSVP for each separately if you wish to attend any of these.)

Google Map/directions: https://goo.gl/maps/rXTrGrNyXAT2

(If re-typing, note that case is sensitive!)

You MUST RSVP if you want to attend! If you don't we won't know you will be there, and if no one RSVP's, your President will not be there either.

Please RSVP by 9pm 3/4.

This is an event to meet & get to know a few of the group members ahead of time, as well as talk over things related to the group, and perhaps talk about new things to do or maybe find someone willing to host an event.

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If outdoor tables are available, we'll plan to be at one of them, this way others there won't hear us talking of naked parties or whatever. (If it rains or is cool, look for the group & myself inside near one of the corners of the restaurant, if possible.)

You're welcome to order something from inside (or not) and join us, but you'll be responsible for your own bill and we're not asking for a cent for the event, but as always no donation will be refused should you wish to make one.

This event is non-smoking.

Please feel free to join us at 4pm at the Imperial Spa just about 2 blocks away following this event!

RSVP at: http://BA-MEN.Org/rsvp/main/



Sunday, March 5, 4pm-7pm Imperial Health Spa (in Garden Grove)

*** This event will not take place if the weather is fair in Canoga Park, as we will have a pool party there instead – See pool party listing that follows ***

(You may RSVP for this event & the next, the pool party, or either Taco Bell & Spa or Pool Party via our RSVP form – No need to RSVP for each separately if you wish to attend any of these.) *** Your RSVP is REQUIRED if you are attending with the group! ***

(You won't know where to find us or hear about any changes/cancellation in plans if you don't RSVP.)

Please DO NOT FORGET TO RSVP if you intend to attend! –Our last few Imperial Spa events have had few "for sure" RSVP's, especially any that would confirm they would attend.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP no later than 9pm on 3/4.

The Imperial Spa is located at: 8251 Garden Grove Bl. Garden Grove, CA 92844 Phone: 714-530-0055

Google map/directions: <u>http://bit.ly/Imp-Spa-GG</u>

(Please call only for location or services info, and PLEASE do not mention BA-MEN when calling.)

Cost: \$15 entry due to the spa at arrival, plus any optional services.

Come and enjoy the many amenities of this Korean-style day spa, where virtually everyone goes nude. (Keep in mind this is an all ages/family spa, not a gay bath house, so it's not a place for sexual activity.)

The men's wet area features a dry sauna (on the hot side, but cooler than the steam room), steam room (fairly hot w/Eucalyptus), "Live Mineral" steam room (mildly hot), a cold plunge, & fairly hot Jacuzzi.

Body scrubs (\$25 extra) are given in an alcove off the wet area by a male attendant wearing shorts only - you are nude.

Relaxation area has warm to rather warmly heated Jade & Salt Rooms, as well as a darkened recliner nap/TV room, and cold, filtered water is on tap.

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Spa provides all soap, shampoo, conditioner, & even shaving cream & disp. razors if wanted, as well as small towels (sized to cover the sauna & steam room benches), and robes, t-shirts, & shorts for the mixedgender treatment, pool, & gym areas.

Note that massages or acupressure treatments are given by women in the common area.

They do have a juice & snack bar w/sodas, juices, & Asian soups & goodies for an extra fee, and a robe is needed here.

Please RSVP so we know you plan to attend, but feel free to go anytime they are open, 8am-10pm.

Be sure to RSVP so we can tell you who to look for in the men's area, otherwise we'll never know you were there if you don't come over and say "Hi!"

RSVP at: http://BA-MEN.Org/rsvp/main/



*** To be held ONLY if the weather is warm in the Canoga Park area, otherwise the Taco Bell & Imperial Spa events are on and this one is canceled instead ***

Sunday, March 5, 1pm-6pm "Refreshing" Pool Party w/Potluck BBQ

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*** RSVP's are REQUIRED if you wish to attend ***

(Also please don't show early unless you've asked when you RSVP. Our host may be busy with private things.)

In Canoga Park, off Saticoy & De Soto. (The exact address will be given to RSVP's only shortly before the party.)

Google Map/directions: <u>https://is.gd/oquhig</u>

If you plan to attend, please RSVP no later than 9pm 3/4. PLEASE DO NOT RSVP LATER THAN THIS or you may not receive the information until Sat. AM - if at all!

Cost: \$7 requested donation for first or second time guests, paid BA-MEN or brother club members. Non-members after their 2nd visit are required to donate \$10. Lifetime BA-MEN members get in for \$5. (If you cannot afford the door fee, please let us know when you RSVP and what you can offer, if anything... No one will be turned away if you state so when you RSVP.)

(This is also a special membership drive event, so all joining or renewing at the party get free admission! College students & those on a limited/fixed income can join for only \$5, and other memberships start at only \$10/year or \$50/lifetime.)

Like all of our events, all men age 18 or older are welcome to attend, regardless of their ethnicity, body type, size, etc. Bring a friend! (Let us know they plan to attend and let them know the rules & what to expect.)

Note that the **pool at this location is not heated**, sorry!

If you'd like to participate in the potluck, please tell us as specifically as possible what you want to bring when you RSVP, and a BBQ will be available for those who want to bring something to grill.

Also, if you'd like some snacks, please bring snacks (chips, dip, crackers, etc) to share as well.

And as always, please bring your own towel, and we recommend having a spare, dry towel if you plan to sit on any of the outdoor furniture the host has avail. (It's optional if you bring your own.) Feel free to bring whatever beverages you wish for yourself, whatever is legal for yourself. (We don't serve, so we don't card, but if you look under 20, you may be asked for ID at the door.) Please also bring your own sunblock, hat, and sandals as you desire.

Please do plan for this to be a social event, and not attend expecting something sexual. That said, like any of our events, if a spontaneous erection occurs, you're fine... Just don't do anything to get it that way, and don't be surprised if someone compliments you. ;) We're all guys and realize that one can occur just because you're happy about something, not that it means anything in particular otherwise.

This event does allow outdoor smoking, as long as you are down-wind of the rest of the group. (This includes "e-cigs".) No "420" is ever permitted at BA-MEN events, even if medicinal.

RSVP at: http://BA-MEN.Org/rsvp/main/



Saturday March 11, 2:00pm-8:00pm

Naked Tech Talk/Q&A w/Demonstration, Foreskin Restoration Talk/Demo, Movies, Massage Trade, and Potluck Dinner (AKA "Nude Gadget Geek"

Discussion/Q&A & MORE!)

In Garden Grove off Westminster/17th, between Harbor & Fairview on border with Santa Ana. RSVP's will get exact address & map image with exact location.

Google Map/directions near event: <u>https://goo.gl/maps/4p7iAMuQ17K2</u>

To attend, RSVP no later than 9pm 3/10.

Attendance will be limited, so please only RSVP if you're very sure you'll be here.

Cost: \$7 donation requested (no one is turned away for lack of funds if you say so when you RSVP)

Feel free to bring something to heat-up for dinner during an early evening break (5pm?). (It's OK if it's hot when you get here, as we can reheat.)

This event idea came out of a few recent discussions at other events, so let's see how it goes...

The major idea is if you have ANY computer, tablet, smart phone, or other electronics question, you're encouraged, if possible, to post your question(s) in the comments box of the RSVP, and if possible & practical, bring the item(s) with you when you attend. (Though nothing heavy or bulky... If you have a desktop computer, TV, etc, bring the manuals instead.) We also recommend fully charging your device before bringing it over.

I know some of you have some "simple" questions, like "How do I create a GMail account?", while others might have

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something more technical, like "How do I enable Hibernate on Windows so I can restore what I was doing after turning the power off and not doing a full reboot?" -Or maybe something easier to say, like "Can I access the full site for my bank on my tablet?" Or "How do I get my phone to stop ringing at 2am without shutting it off?"

Whatever the gadget or device, I can probably find a solution for you, but PLEASE pose the question ahead of time with some info on your device, like "I have an Android phone and it won't do..."

Questions posed at the event may take some research, so may get deferred to email.

When the tech portion is over, or for lack of any, we'll move on to a talk & demonstration, for anyone interested, on foreskin restoration, as goodness knows there's plenty of us out there that would love to get back what a doctor took from us at some point in our lives.



After dinner is over, guys are welcome to exchange body scrubs and/or massage (on a bed unless someone has a table) and/or continue our discussion.

If no one has any questions remaining, a movie may be viewed, and, optionally, if you're interested in seeing a new release without commercials, an additional \$1 donation is requested to cover the price of a digital movie rental on VUDU.

An "after-hours party" will be available for 1 hour following the event.

This is a non-smoking event in an upstairs condo with no pets present.

RSVP at: http://BA-MEN.Org/rsvp/main/



Friday, March 17 thru Sunday, March 19 Tecopa Hot Springs Soak & Death Valley Trip

This trip is open to all BA-MEN paid members & guests, as usual, however for anyone making the full \$105 deposit before the 3/10 final deadline, you will also get free membership or an extension to your current membership for one full year! (Lifetime members will receive at least a \$5 discount if all 6 spaces in the cabin are sold.)

For this 3-day weekend trip, if going all 3 days & staying with the group, a DEPOSIT of \$105 is required not later than 3/10 to be assured a (likely shared) bed to sleep on. (Cost estimate is about \$10/day for shared food & \$50 [or less] per day lodging in a 3-bed cabin.)

Since St. Patrick's Day happens during the trip, we'll have a free green body coloring and best green penis contest Friday night... Paint your own, or let someone else help you out! (Depending on factors, there may even be a prize involved for participants.)

Have you ever soaked, showered, etc in water that feels as smooth as silk? Well, you literally can do this in Tecopa, CA & neighboring Shoshone, CA!

And yes, this may be one of the farthest trips we've planned, but it's well worth the drive! Did we mention that the waters here have been proven to have curative properties for various aches & pains?

These hot springs are also virtually sulfurfree, so there's no disturbing odor!

Since it is a good drive, we seriously suggest making this a 2 night/3 day trip, so we can get the most out of it all! (Which means leave for Tecopa Fri. in the AM, if possible, & return Sun., likely leaving early afternoon. If you can't take off for the whole time, let us know when you can attend.)

Not only can you bathe in the very smooth waters of the natural hot springs in the area, but this trip will be a chance to have a lot of space to hike (nude if you want if you're on BLM (national) land, which is most of Tecopa!), and/or see the sights of a real, old-west ghost town, visit and sample the goodies at a date ranch (grows all but 3-4 of the world's types of dates - doesn't get cold enough there for a few!), see the Death Valley museum, and more!

Unfortunately, only our room/cabin, the hot spring pools, and hiking, as well as perhaps some of the drive out there are clothingoptional... The rest do, unfortunately, need clothing. (It should be noted that the hot spring pools REQUIRE NUDITY, and the showers are in the hot spring pool enclosures, so do expect to be nude around the other guys at this event at least at some point.) :)

Delight's Hot Springs Resort is the place we plan to stay at, as they have decent size cabins for several guys to spend the night, as well as having 4 private hot spring pools, which have open air enclosures - no roofs, just netting - and may offer a chance for stargazing or catching some sun while soaking! -Their pools also feature showers within each. (And I guess that means someone can have an AHP anytime inside our room(s) or the pool areas, since they are private, as long as those with you do not object.)

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Those attending may bring games to pass the time... Or if someone has a TV & DVD player (or laptop w/DVD or portable player) they want to bring, we can run movies or whatever back in the room.

(On that note, there's no local reception of TV, radio, or even cell phones out there, which is a nice get away from it all trip, unless you have to stay in contact... There is a land line phone in the lobby, and WiFi is avail. near the cafe. ONLY SATELLITE TV, radio, & phones work in the area. It is possible that Verizon and/or AT&T has service in the area, however we were unable to verify this on our Spring 2016 trip.)

We suggest bringing your own beach-size towel, as well as sunblock, sunglasses, and/or a hat for any daytime outdoor time. You will also need to bring your own water & other beverages. (The water in Tecopa & Shoshone is not safe to drink - it contains high levels of Arsenic, Lead, & Fluoride, as well as a cocktail of other metals & minerals. A glass may have laxative effects, and much more isn't recommended. You can buy bottled water & ice in the office and nearby, but it's not cheap - \$3/32 oz. or 1 ltr.)

If you are driving your own vehicle out there & back, note that estimated driving time from Western O.C. is about 3.5-4 hours, one way, and we recommend stopping for 15-20 min. at least once on the way, or perhaps 10-15 min. twice, so everyone can stretch their legs and whatever. (One good stop is at an In-n-Out Burger just off the freeway in Barstow or if you need food sooner, in Hesperia or Victorville.) The best stop for gas is likely a station in Baker, where the giant thermometer is, which is also the last chance for gas, as well as groceries or food without paying a premium unless we go for about a 45 mile ride from Tecopa into Pahrump, NV (yes, they do have casinos there, too).

We plan to buy groceries as a group and cook in our cabin to keep costs down, and a share of that, plus a share of the cabin, & gas for the trip is expected in advance in full. If you're not riding with our main car pool, naturally you're on your own for gas, but the remainder of any shared expenses will still be due in advance to assure you have a bed & food at a reasonable price.

The trip is currently estimated at a cost of \$80-\$105, or possibly a little higher, depending on prices of gas, food, & rooms. (Cost is dependent on number going per car, its MPG, current cost of gas and any possible increases in the cost of food, as well as the number of guys staying in each room or cabin - they have some that can sleep 6 easily, perhaps 7+.) –This cost can only be finalized any further once we have MPG figures from a driver and know relatively certain how many want to make the trip. (Our primary O.C. driver, Lee, is not asking for gas money.)

We will announce a deposit/estimated cost for the trip, which will be required at least 5 days before the event if you want to attend with us (depending on how paid). Currently, we expect this to be around \$105, with any expected overages due upon arrival at the event and any remaining funds will be refunded within 1 week of the event. (It will take about 48 hours to process after our return, plus an add'l. 2-4 bus. days for the service you paid through to process the refund or for our bank to issue a check.)

An advance deposit/pre-payment is required to attend this event. We will not accept payments on the trip except for cash for extra expenses to be paid by all.

(Should we stop at a restaurant or other place with expenses of any kind, you are liable for 100% of your own bill, to be paid directly by you - individual checks/receipts.)

For more info on Tecopa and the surrounding area, see:

https://is.gd/tecopa_etc

Check Tecopa area weather at: <u>https://is.gd/tecopa_wx</u>

RSVP at: http://BA-MEN.Org/rsvp/trip/



Sunday, March 26, 5-11pm Beginning Massage Workshop (Swedish & Tantric techniques)

In Long Beach on PCH, near Cherry.

If you seriously plan to attend, please RSVP & pay in advance no later than Noon 3/21.

Cost: If pre-paid by the deadline, a MAXIMUM of \$25 for paid members, first or second timers, & brother club members, \$35 for non-members; and a student or limited income discount is avail. with membership, or free membership for non-members.

You must pre-pay to guarantee your admission and the lowest entry fee. And if pre-paid, you may get in for as little as \$15, depending on attendance & your membership status.

Looking to learn the basics of Swedish (AKA Essalen) and Tantric massage techniques? If so, join us for an evening to do just that!

If you have a massage table and/or know the basics well enough to teach said workshop, we'll let you in for free, but you must RSVP ASAP and let us know that you have a table we can use and/or feel you can impart your skills to others, and if you follow thru with one or both we'll not only let you in the event for free, but give you free membership for 6 months for doing either – or a year if you can do both! –We will have room for a maximum of 2 tables & 2 instructors.

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Assuming we get no volunteers to teach and/or a table, we'll have a bed available for massage training & practice, and will plan to use a massage video along with an instructor to guide the class.



An example of Tantric practices.

Please do understand that those getting a massage, either during the training, or during the practice time, may very likely get an erection, especially if you're getting Tantric massage (which in fact is somewhat necessary for)... We're all guys and know that an erection only means you're enjoying something, and that it's not a sign that you want sex. –That said, please do not offer to be demonstrated on if you object to other guys seeing you erect, especially if you are receiving Tantric massage.

Basic Swedish/Essalen massage is easy to learn, and anyone can do it! On the other hand, Tantric massage is a bit more complicated, as there are a number of techniques that one can preform. (Not that it's more difficult, it just means there's more to remember!)

(Speaking of which, if you feel you can teach Swedish but not Tantric, that is fine... Just let us know!)

This event is planned for a private hotel room with an in-room Jacuzzi tub, as well as a separate shower that you can use to freshen-up with at any time. (Don't worry, this hotel is not a really small one that watches everyone coming and going... We've never had an issue here.) We'll plan to have about 2 hours for instruction, a break for pizza (chip-in around \$7-\$8 if you want some), and then about 2 more hours of practice time where you can try your techniques on others there, and the one being worked on as well as the instructors can offer feedback on your work to improve it, if needed.

Those that RSVP will be given the basic address, but we'll need to call you (or you can call us) with the room # we're renting, so BE SURE to GIVE YOUR PHONE number when RSVP'ing for this event.

For this event, please plan to bring a total of 3 towels -1 to sit on at all times, 1 to dry off with after showering or using the Jacuzzi, and another that's either a large beach towel, bath sheet, or even a flat bed sheet to use for massage, as well as a non-staining massage oil, lotion, or gel.

Please also bring your own beverages, snacks to share (if you want any), pizza chip-in (if you want pizza), and your door fee, if not pre-paid.

An "after-hours party" will be available for 1 hour following the event.

RSVP at: http://BA-MEN.Org/rsvp/hotel/

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Upcoming Events:

June ?: San Onofre Nude Beach (but not the State land due to their current rules, so we'll go past the fence piece to the Marine base land, like everyone else that goes there still and gets naked.)

Sat. 8/12/2017: Annual President's Birthday trip to Catalina Island (Maybe rent a room on the island for a party and get naked?!?)

Plus more to be announced!

Can **YOU** Host an Event???

We're always looking for guys to host events at their home or other suitable venue that they have access to, and right now we're mostly looking for guys who can host ANY kind of indoor event!

We seriously need some new guys to host, and would love to see some of our past hosts help out as well.

(Speaking of which, if you hosted in the past and had some sort of issue with the event, can we *please* talk about it and see if we can't overcome whatever the problem was?)

I know some guys have commented at times about what I've said, but *PLEASE* keep in mind I'm just making suggestions! I'm not trying to say you *HAVE* to do this or that, just making suggestions based on various experiences and requests our members & non-member attendees have made.

No matter your limitations on hosting, we can work with you, including no alcohol, no smoking (most of our guys prefer this), limited or no immediate area parking, you need a lot of help before you can host, or whatever!

Seriously, we can help vacuum and/or other cleaning ahead of time... Just ask!

If you have female roommates/relatives (etc), then perhaps you can plan for something when they are out of town.

If you've got male roommates you're not sure if they will feel OK with such, try asking them sometime if they've ever been to a nude beach and see what they say... Or if you think that even that might mess up your relationship, then invite myself or even a handful of guys over sometime when he/they are there and let us bring up the subject. Should it go well, we can even bring up the idea of hanging nude and see what they think... And even offer to be first

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to get naked then and there and give it a try, should they wish.

BTW, even guys in a studio apartment can & have hosted events for us - we just set a limit on attendance.



We can do potlucks, snacks-only events, order pizza or Chinese food, or no food at all – whatever you wish!

In the past we've held all sorts of events, including movies, games, massage trades, Jacuzzi soaks, nude workouts, touch sessions, and even various workshops, including art drawing/painting, learn basic massage, and more! And even a plain social with no specifically planned activity works, too.

If you can only do it at noon for an hour on Tuesdays, we can work with that as well!

Granted, Saturday afternoons or evenings are always the most requested by our attendees, but it's not what we're limited to.

If you host, you get to pick what we do when, any limits, etc.

You also get \$3 per paid attendee, don't pay yourself (or any male roommates), plus you get free membership for a year and 2 free (for home) or discounted (when possible) event admissions for future events you'd like to attend. If you'd like to talk about it, I'm open to any method! -Start by emailing (or calling if you need to) one of our addresses on the last page of this newsletter, letting us know you're interested in hosting, and if you phone, be sure to leave your number(s) and time to call or not call if we can't call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. :)

I'm open to emailing, calling, meeting in person, or perhaps even an online chat and working things out.

So what do you think???



"Do you think you're dressed appropriately for this job interview?"

If You Can't Host, Can You Spare a Buck?

We're looking for a few guys who can donate towards club expenses even when we're not hosting an event and accepting any funds from that.

Our club's been dwindling down a bit in membership, and we're in need of some new members... And some guys that can host events would be really, truly, appreciated. The trick is finding them!

So what we'd like to do once again is run some ads in various places, like *The Blade*, *Frontiers*, etc. We'd also like to keep a site on Meetup.com going (\$20/mo., or \$15/mo. if paid 6 mos. In advance). Many of these in the past got us quite a few new members and guests. But those ads cost money, often \$30-\$40 an issue, which isn't all that inexpensive compared to what little funds we still have from this past year.

We can accept PayPal, Venmo, Circle Pay, Chime, Square, & Square Cash (app or Cash.Me), PopMoney, as well as check, money order, or cash, & signature credit & debit cards in-person, by phone, or online.

If you can help out, please email us (see last page for address) with your preferred method of payment and we'll send instructions.

Any amount is appreciated, but keep in mind some of these charge nearly \$0.50, so \$1 doesn't go far, and PopMoney, if the fee is passed on to us, costs \$0.95, so less than \$3 is kinda pointless there.

The ones that use debit cards or bank account debit tend to be free, including Circle Pay, Venmo, Chime, & Square Cash.

Thanks for your consideration!



Want to do Yoga?

We need a few donations to start a collection of yoga DVD's if we are to start doing yoga via DVD as many of you voted for in our online polls.

If you can offer something to help cover the cost of such videos (typically \$50-\$60 each, give or take), one of the options we have is to use PayPal, and you may do so at: <u>https://www.paypal.me/bamensocal</u>

All gifts to the club for this purpose are appreciated, but non-refundable, so be sure you're OK with it before donating.

We will keep your donation anonymous unless you state otherwise.

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To become a member and receive our monthly newsletter, see our web site, or please send the amount below, preferably via Money Order or cashier's check^{*}, to the address in contact methods, and make it **payable to John E.**

Membership Form

Name(s)
Address
City
State
Zip
Phone ()
E-Mail

Birthday Month & Day____

Please check as appropriate: Is this a: □ New Membership □ Renewal Membership Options: □ 1 Year - Electronic Newsletter (e-mail/download): \$10/year □ Partners or Roommates add \$5 for each to the above. □ Lifetime - Electronic Newsletter \$50 sgl./\$75 cpl. □ College Student or Limited/Fixed Income -Electronic Newsletter \$5/year (Contact us first!). Would you like your: Name & last initial on our members' contact list? \Box Yes \Box No Phone # listed also? \Box Yes \Box No E-Mail Address also? □ Yes □ No Would you permit your photo to be used in: Our newsletter & online members only areas? \Box Yes \Box No Our public web site? \Box Yes \Box No Other clubs newsletters? \Box Yes \Box No Can you offer or do you need a ride or wish to carpool to events? \Box I can offer a ride. \Box I need a ride. \Box I wish to carpool. For ride-sharing purposes, what area do you live in? Nearest Major Intersection - N/S Street first, please:

City_

Zip_

How did you first learn about our group? (Be specific!)

If you are interested in joining via **credit/debit card or electronic check**, please check our website, e-mail us, or call us at one of the numbers below for more information. You can join our club online at: <u>http://BA-MEN.Org/signup/</u>

Our Group's Purpose

(Southern California) Beach Areas Men Enjoying Naturism (AKA *BA-MEN*) is a men's naturist/nudist social group. Our focus is as a loosely organized social club, not a sex/adult activity club. (Any sexual activities are at the discretion of the event's host, and we support only safe sex activities.)

Fees: In addition to our membership fees (see left column), we may collect a donation of anywhere from \$0 to \$10 per member, first time guest, or brother club member (with proof, please) per event, and \$7-\$15 per other non-member per event. –This does not take into consideration any additional amount for the host's or venue expenses. If you cannot afford the posted door fee, please let us know when you RSVP and we'll see if we can't help you out!

People: We are not a clothing-optional club, instead we <u>require nudity</u>.

We are a **private**, **not-for-profit** club that accepts males of all ages (as long as you are at least age 18), nationalities/race, sexual orientations, and religions.

It does not matter your body type: Fat, skinny, tall, short, or whatever your penis size, you're always welcome at *BA-MEN*!

Guests, visitors from other clubs, and new members are *always* welcome!

Contact Methods:

• E-Mail: BAMENClub@GMail.com

Please also be sure to have the above addresses added to your "White" or "Approved" lists and check your spam or bulk mail folders to make sure it did not get caught there. (We've been having problems with Yahoo & AOL either trashing or deleting mail to or from us, so you might try another free service like <u>GMail.com</u>, a great free service from Google.

Feel free to also contact us at our secondary address:

BA-MEN@BA-MEN.Org

• 24 Hour VoiceMail Phone Numbers: Long Beach area: (562) 507-1-BA-MEN [(562) 507-1226]

Compton area: (424) 785-4-BA-MEN [(424) 785-4226]

Garden Grove area: (714) 643-BA-MEN [(714) 643-2263]

Laguna Beach area:

voice messages.

(949) 436-9-BA-MEN [(949) 436-9226] All of our hotline numbers support incoming text (SMS) messages from cell phones, as well as

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• US Mail:

If you need to send us U.S. Mail, please e-mail or call us for a temporary mailing address.

For the *fastest* response, please contact us via email.

• Web Site:

http://BA-MEN.Org

• Yahoo Group Forums & Mailing Lists: http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/BA-MEN/info And for members only: http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/BAMEN-Members/info

Announcements only: http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/BAMEN-

Announcements/info

Event Details only: http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/BAMEN-Calendar/info Newsletters only:

http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/BAMEN-Newsletters/info

• We are on Tumblr at: http://BA-MEN.Tumblr.com

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