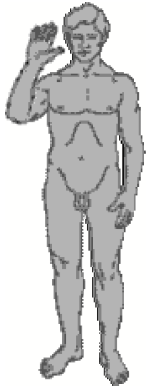


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Fireside Chat

I feel like I've been in a time where Mercury is perpetually in Retrograde.

Now if you're not at all familiar with this element of Astrology, not that I really put much faith in it, it's a period of several weeks where the planet Mercury appears to be going backward in it's orbit around the Sun, and during this time a lot of things seem to go wrong. Now, adding insult to injury, this period is made a bit longer by Mercury's shadow appears to be going in reverse as well, both before and after the retrograde cycle, making it even longer.

And while this generally happens 3 times a year, and the last cycle has already passed, I have felt like I've been stuck there.

I've been having problems with my computer, some of which, like the spell-check bug in my word processor, have been going on for some time now, and while I appreciate getting another donated computer, it's been a handful as well, trying to get things moved over, at least enough to be able to do newsletters reliably again, but as I started to do that a few hours before writing this, I ran into some new problems trying to clean out stuff I don't need from a prior copy of this to start the new one!

Backing up a bit in time, I've been fighting some severe side effects of several changes in medicines, and trying to find some that work better for a few issues is challenging.

One of these side effects was increasing my migraine frequency and strength, which really zaps me of my creativity, which really stopped me from doing the newsletter for a while, as well as from updating some things online that we use, like the RSVP forms, though I was able to post some events on the calendar, though it seems like few guys have taken notice.

Well, I'm kinda crossing my fingers as I move ahead with this issue, so wish me luck!



By the way, have any of you taken notice that we've had a new event on the calendar for a while now?

I'm talking about the "Touch Playshop".

We've had some requests to do something like this before, but it's not been getting much of any interest in the way of RSVP's for it, so I thought I'd point it out...

While CMEN came-up with the idea, and runs such events currently near LAX, along with some of the guys from CMG, and while some of our guys like the idea of it, they don't want to go all the way out there for it.

Basically, their version of the event allows guys to meet at a specific time, undress to the level that suits them (clothing-optional), and they begin the event with some of the guys typically wearing shorts or some sort of underwear, though they normally give these up by the end of the first or second round.

I've had ours down as requiring nudity from the start, but I've been wondering if there's some out there in our area that might prefer we start clothing-optional as well... So let's do that this month and see if we get a better response!

The event is pretty simple, starting off with a chance to introduce yourself a bit (after undressing), then hugging everyone in the group.

Most, if not all, of the routines they do have groups formed, with some chosen to be on the outside of a circle, and others inside, and some have another circle inside that, but it really depends on how many guys are present.

Typically they start with at least the two circles, with one guy closing his eyes while

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the other guy touches him, and if the one being touched doesn't wish to be touched somewhere, they take the other guy's hands and move them to a place they prefer to be touched. All during this, the one being touched is free to touch back, if he wishes with the same rule if he doesn't wish to be touched somewhere.

After so much time has passed, the guys outside will shift one direction or the other, as directed, and touch resumes with the next guy.

This repeats until the circle outside has reached full-circle, then the guys reverse roles with the inside circle guys being the ones to do the touching and rotating when time's up, and continuing until they have come full-circle as well.

In so doing, everyone is pretty much given a chance to touch everyone there.

It's a pretty fun night, and like I said, the guys with any clothing on get the idea it's more fun, and no one's judging anyone over anything, including the fact that such activity pretty much gives everyone, at least at some point, a bit of an erection, and it's nothing to be embarrassed about... In fact, for something like this, it's a bit celebrated, really. :)

Now the above is the typical beginning only of the Touch Playshop, and we'll pretty much do it the same way, more or less, giving everyone a chance to relax and be themselves, giving others a chance to touch and caress them.

So why not join us for a relaxing time, time to bond a little with your fellow men, while letting go of some of culture's inhibitions for a while.

If you're still wondering, yes, you do get touched pretty much anywhere you allow, but in a non-sexual, though totally sensual and somewhat intimate at the same time.

Now, I'm sure some of you are saying that it'll leave you hanging, feeling that you need some release before you can go... So, we'll give you a little time for the typical "After-Hours Party" after the event, staying for it only if you wish to.

So, if this sounds like fun, please RSVP for this new monthly event of ours and I'm sure you'll have a good time!



I've been wondering lately if more of you guys would be interested in meeting various places at chain hotels with in-room spa tubs as we've done in the past?

The advantage of this is offering more varied locations and having the Jacuzzi-type tub, too, though on the other side of the coin it costs more, so we'd typically be asking \$15-\$25 per guy attending, paid in advance, so we're sure the costs of the room is covered.

I think if our attendance stays low and no one else is still offering to host, we'll try doing that, as well as some O.C. area day spas (like the Imperial Spa we used to try to meet at in Garden Grove) soon.

Even if you can't host yourself, perhaps you have an idea on something we can do that you think guys would enjoy.

If you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to email us (see the final page here for contact info).

One thing I've thought of doing, since the new owners of the Garden Grove Imperial Spa have let things deteriorate (and they've also refused to honor gift certificates sold by prior owners, which is illegal in CA), that we might try out ISpa (AKA Irvine Spa) in Irvine sometime and see what it's like. :)

Reports from several guys on Yelp say that ISpa does a FULL body scrub if you get one there, not stopping above your pubic zone,

and going around it, keeping a washcloth there at all times. –I do hate that these reviewers on Yelp refer to such with words like "handling my junk"... Because I don't know about you, but I think my penis & scrotum are anything but junk – they are more of a prized possession. (Whatever happened to the phrase "family jewels"? Sigh!)



By the way, if you have emailed us (or any of the SIG groups) and it takes a while to get back to you, my apologies! I try to reply timely to all messages, however if I get stuck with several appointments in one day or on consecutive days, that may not give me enough time for replying to private messages for a few days...

And ditto when it comes to working on the newsletter, which often takes 3-5 days, as I first work out what event might seem to go well on what day, put it on the events calendar, and when all of the events for us & the SIGs are done, it usually takes me 1-2 days more to get the newsletter done, which includes a lot of typing, inserting graphics, and fixing any formatting issues that the present content may cause... Then after that it takes me a bit to upload the new newsletter and some minor updates to our web site, then send out various posts about the newsletter being out, various events, etc.

Once that's all over, then I have more time to take care of various messages and other things, though I am always looking for something I may want to include in the newsletter from the occasional message that guys email me.

So, hope this makes sense, and you now understand why sometimes it takes a week to reply to email! :)



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Hey, can YOU host something for us sometime? Or maybe you know of someone with a pool and/or spa that's either indoors or not in an area with 2-story homes nearby with sufficiently tall walls or plants to keep the neighbors from peeping in?

We'd really love it if sometime you could host for us (any event!) or can refer someone to us!

If you don't want to bug your neighbor about letting us use his pool/spa, perhaps you could give him our web site address and tell him a bit about us, or if you have their email address, we could contact him directly and see if we can't get something going.

You don't have to host a bunch of events if you don't want to, just maybe something once in a while, especially when we don't have anyone but myself and my roommate offering to host. -Heck, even just one time ever would be great, and give guys a break from just one location that doesn't have the best parking situation. [Sigh!]

Just think about it, and contact us by any method on the last page of this newsletter.



We're considering our next trip (where and when) currently, and keep in mind we're always looking for guys who can host us at their place or somewhere they have access to that would be usable for something socially nude.

We're especially on the look-out for a place with a pool and/or spa that we can use, and all it really needs (which really goes for any location & event) is to be free of view from a direct line of sight by your neighbors or anyone passing.

If someone can see into your yard only by standing on their roof, getting on a ladder, or even jumping on a trampoline, it makes them guilty of being a "peeping tom", and

THEY can be arrested, not you the home owner or renter!

This goes for their indoor space as well, so if you can only see the tops of their windows and only a little old lady or other short people live there, it's OK... On the other hand, if you know there's a 6'5" basketball player next door and can see him in the window, then you might want to think twice, but otherwise it's OK by California law.

Keep in mind if you get someone with a pool, spa, or even just a mundane home to host an event, we'll not only give them the host perks, but you can share in it as far as membership or an extension to same goes!



I really, REALLY could use some help keeping this club going... Nothing that would take a huge chunk of your time, and while it wouldn't be paid, you'd get a number of perks, including free membership, free advent admission (except for public venues or some other special events), and more.

We need guys that can do one or more of:

- Return phone calls (listen to voicemail and respond, and you can use the voicemail number as your calling number, so people don't get your personal number).
- Help plan events.
- And possible other assistance.

If you can help, contact us via any method on the final page of this newsletter... Preferably via email!



I'd like to let you guys know that we're going to try to resume our little random door prizes for event attendees!

If the event (not for trips or public venues) has 5 or more fully paying attendees, we'll be giving away 1 or more things, which might include things like free BA-MEN memberships, T-shirts, bumper stickers, DVDs, and more!

What is awarded when will be random, and those entered into the drawing are limited to attendees who pay the full amount requested on our calendar & newsletter for the event, which might be as little as \$1 even!



Our "SIGs" (or Special Interest Groups) are off to a slow start, but if you have any interest, please check them out... Be sure to look at their event calendars, as after this newsletter, they will no longer be listed here – just on their calendars & forums.

FYI, the site that was offering the cheap .party domains had indicated a cheap renewal rate, but since they added about \$10 to the renewal rate, we won't be renewing them, and instead are now using a sub-domain of ba-men.org for each. -If anyone wants to offer-up a yearly donation to retain these, we'll try to make it work, but it would be over \$60 a each for each of the 5 domains.

You can find **WHYP-SoCal (WHYP=Why Hide Your Penis)**, a men's body shyness support group) forum, events calendar, & RSVP page at:
<http://whyp-socal.ba-men.org>

Foreskin Restoration (stretching):
<http://olfsrestoration.ba-men.org>

O.C./Long Beach Naked Men:
<http://olnakedmen.ba-men.org>

Also, somewhat related a bit to WHYP-SoCal, but not necessarily a shyness issue, **SoCal Shirt-Free Men:**
<http://socalshirtfreemen.ba-men.org>

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Plus, there's our newest – **O.C./Long Beach Social Men**, for clothed events:

<http://oclbsocialmen.ba-men.org>



Interested in Short-Notice Events?

Did you know we have a mailing list (via Yahoo Groups) to let guys know about events that are quickly planned on short-notice, but you don't have time to follow our main or members' only Yahoo Groups on an immediate or daily basis?

Check out our short-notice events list:

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/BAMEN-SNE/info>

Keep in mind that you should only subscribe to this list with “individual messages” delivery, and that it will not feature any other postings, so you'll likely want to keep your membership in our main or members' forums to keep touch on us, but if you follow these with individual messages, you don't need to be on the short-notice events list, as they will also be posted to those groups, as well as the calendar & announcements lists.



Can YOU Host Something???

We're always looking for guys that can help us out by hosting an event... Indoors or out... Whatever you like to do, we'd love to come over and do it with you!

We've held all sorts of indoor events in the past, including but not limited to games, movies, massage trade, touch sessions, potlucks, and even plain-old social events with nothing specific to do.

Outdoors in a pool and/or spa (hot tub, Jacuzzi, or whatever you want to call it) is

always nice, but it's still nice to get some sun, even if that's about all we're doing!

Guys have often asked if I know of someone with a private yard (IE: you can't see directly into your yard without a ladder or climbing on a roof) where they can lay out and get some sun.

You don't even have to turn on your hose for us, but some guys love to splash around a bit with even water balloons or just a sprinkler, even.

It's great if you can offer any little space for our use sometime... We can always supply things needed and/or ask guys to bring them, so you really just need 1 thing... A private place we can use, be it a yard no one can see into directly, or a home of any kind where you have window coverings (curtains, blinds, etc, even stained glass).

You get to pick what we do and when we do it!

We're also ready with some suggestions if you want some ideas or you'd like better chances of them being well-attended. (Sure, we welcome all event times/days, but Saturday & Sundays, typically afternoon or early evening are always requested, but then there are some who can only attend on a weekday, perhaps even a mid-day thing might be some guy's only option, so it really is up to you!

That said... We still need someone with floor space to host an event with TV & DVD player acting as the instructor for a nude yoga class.

You yourself need know nothing about yoga, though we'd love it if someone with some experience might also join us as a sort of co-instructor to accompany the video.

If you can help check out the hosting info at the end of this section... Or just use our email address:

BAMENclub@GMail.com

Feel free to complete our new hosting offer form as well:

<http://BA-MEN.Org/hosting/>



We're STILL 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.

I'd also love it if we can find someone who can help plan events and/or contribute in some other way towards our newsletter and/or web site!

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. (I've talked to too many of those.)

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.)



I've created a new Yahoo Group forum/ mailing list to solicit some feedback & suggestions from our members and guests

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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 things about club, please join the new forum at:

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/BAMEN-Suggestions/info>



As you know, we're trying to get new guys in our group, and I am hoping we will have the funds so we can get some ads running in various local gay publications, like the one that appeared in the 2017 & 2018 May & June issues of *Adalante*.

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 elsewhere 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 (see mailing address on last page).

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



Do you know we have a group on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bamen.oc.lb/>

Or feel free to use our shortcut URL that's easier to remember: <http://BA-MEN.Org/facebook/>

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, whether or not you follow it.

The Facebook Group joins our long time group on Yahoo (which we've had from the beginning in late 2002) as being a way to keep in touch with us, as well as other members and those interested in our club.



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!



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,** or if you bring a swimsuit, we can go soak in 1 of the spas or pools here in the complex.

And besides just hanging out, I'm always open to trade body scrubs (they're not rough, I promise!) or perhaps trade massage.

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.



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.



Can you help us have fewer hotel events, as well as give guys another place besides ours in Garden Grove, 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 pre-paid only.)

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

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* 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!

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.

If you can host, please email us at BAMENClub@GMail.com or complete our new hosting form: <http://BA-MEN.Org/hosting/>



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! (Longer distances can work, but it needs to be worthwhile, like the trip to Tecopa Hot Springs.)

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:

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

If you're looking in the O.C. or Southern L.A. County area 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.



Your Ad Could Be Here !!!



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. ▼

Who is this Celebrity Guy?

In the last issue the celebrity was Craig Parker in the cable TV series "Spartacus", from the episode "Vengeance".

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



A hint: While you might recognize him right away, he was a star in that old TV series with a zipcode for much of it's name. And may I also say rest in peace. ▼

Happy Birthday Wishes To:

Due to on-going problems, I will update this in the next issue, hopefully.

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

Calendar of Events

(All Events Are *Tentative* – *An RSVP for all events is required!*)

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:

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 US Mail), Cash.Me (or Square Cash App), Circle Pay, Google Pay (formerly Wallet), PayPal, & Venmo online (plus we may also accept others – please ask!), or you can pay in person in cash.

All deposits/pre-payments are due no later than Noon on the Friday the week before the event for online payments, and Money Orders, checks, and cash 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.** ★



Sun., Oct. 6, 1pm-6pm
Massage Trade & Body Scrub Exchange with Potluck Lunch
(in Garden Grove)

Join us for an enjoyable time exchanging massage and/or body scrubs.

This is a potluck event, so please bring a dish to share and if you're interested in snacks as well, please also bring snacks to share.

You are asked to bring your own beverages, massage lotion, oil, or gel (non-staining, please!), towels (3 recommended- 1 for showering, if you wish, 1 large one [or a flat sheet] for massage, and a dry 1 to sit on at all times).

More details are at: <https://is.gd/hopebe>

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

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(A deposit is REQUIRED for the following event if you're staying with us.)

Saturday, Oct. 12 thru Monday, Oct. 14 (Columbus Day) Tecopa Hot Springs Soak & Death Valley Trip

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?

And since it is a good drive, we seriously suggests making this a 2 night/3 day trip, so we can get the most out of it all! (Which means leave for Tecopa early Sat. & return Mon., if at all possible. If you can't take off for 3 days, let us know when you can attend.)

Keep in mind that the Monday of this trip is Memorial Day, so many have the day off.

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... You just have to be at least 1 mile

from any road or building), 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 clothing-optional... 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.) :)

* IF WE ARE AT Delight's Hot Springs Resort, which we'll use if we have over 4 guys for sure: They have decent size cabins (sleeps up to 6) 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 you 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.)



* IF WE ARE AT Tecopa Hot Springs Campground's "glamping" motel rooms: We'll have room for up to 4 guys here, and we would like to stay here for a change, so we can use the communal, men-only, nude-mandatory hot spring pools. These are next to open-air pools, like the above, however I believe the 1 changing room is open to the sky, which would give a view of the Southern sky, at least, at night. (The only

true privacy here would be in the room, so feel free to remain in or return to the room if you need it for privacy, and be sure to let the rest of us know.)

Those attending may bring games to pass the time... Or if someone has a TV & DVD 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 are land line phones, and WiFi is available. ONLY SATELLITE TV, radio, & phones work in the area. It is possible that Verizon or AT&T has service in the area, however we were unable to verify this on our prior trips.)

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 very high levels of Arsenic, Lead, & Fluoride, as well as a cocktail of other metals & minerals. You can buy bottled water & ice nearby, but it's not cheap.)

Estimated driving time from Western O.C. is about 3.5-5 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. There's also a CiCi's Pizza [\$5+ buffet] off the 91 not too far East of the 15 in Corona, or Golden Corral in Hesperia.)

We plan to buy groceries as a group dine 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.

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***The trip is currently estimated at a cost of \$130-\$210 with a share of food (or \$30 less if you buy or bring your own food), or possibly a little bit higher, depending on prices of gas, food, & rooms. (Cost is dependent on number going per car, it's 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.) -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. (FYI, the cost of Delight's rooms have gone up since our last trip in early 2017.)

***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 \$165, with any expected overages due upon arrival at the event and any remaining funds will be refunded within 1 week of the event. (It takes 48 hours to process after our return, plus an add'l. 2-4 bus. days for the service you paid via 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.)

Feel free to ask any questions on the event to the above address as well.

Please see our pre-payment/deposit policy near the start of the events section of this newsletter and note the payment methods excepted (though we may have expanded or altered the methods available, so please ask if we can accept your preferred method).

Deposits are due no later than Noon Fri. 10/4 for cash (in-person), checks, and Money Orders, and by Noon on Fri. 10/4 for online payments. Payments via PayPal or

Cash.Me/Square Cash app may be accepted as late as Noon the day prior to the event, or possibly later if the event is a go and you must confirm late and you are staying with the group or buying-in for food that we buy for the group.

If you have any questions before or after RSVP'ing, please email:
BAMENRSVP+Tecopa@GMail.com

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



Sun., Oct. 20, 1pm-7pm
Movies with Potluck Lunch
(in Garden Grove)

Bring a movie on DVD or BluRay or just watch one of ours, including our online collection and other streaming sources.

Please suggest 3 movies and/or at least 3 genres of movies for us to watch, and we'll go with the popular vote! (Include your choices in the RSVP comments.)

This is a potluck event, so please bring a dish to share and if you're interested in snacks as well, please also bring snacks to share.

You are asked to bring your own beverages, towel (1 to sit on at all times, and bring an extra if you're coming from or going to work and need to shower).

More details at: <https://is.gd/yajoyi>

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



Sat., Oct. 26, 1:30pm-5pm
Touch Playshop
(in Garden Grove)

Join us for a new type of event, where taboos are shattered and new friends are made.

Please see the second section of page 1 for some basic info on this event.

If you're interested in snacks for a break, please bring snacks to share.

You are asked to bring your own beverages, towel (1 to sit on at all times, and bring an extra if you're coming from or going to work and need to shower).

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More details at: <https://is.gd/rogohi>

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



Sat., Nov. 10-Sat., Nov. 17 Palm Springs Trip

Some of us are going to the Palm Springs area for a whole week, checking in in the afternoon or early evening on Sunday, then probably staying until the following Sunday at 10am.

Feel free to stay with us for the week, or join us for a day or two!

We have room for 2 more guys in the car from S.E. Garden Grove, and can pick-up guys along the way, as needed.

You're also welcome to join us by coming out (and/or leaving) via MegaBus, Greyhound, or Amtrak, which feature buses

into/out of the general area, or just drive yourself there & back.

The timeshare we have this time has room for only 2 other guys, so you can stay with us for a donation to our timeshare owner and/or BA-MEN. (There's literally no set amount for this. And the same goes for guys traveling with us from Garden Grove.)

Do plan to bring extra money for things like restaurants and clubs/resorts that we may visit (like Canyon Club, CCBC, All Worlds, all of which are clothing-optional) on a day pass, as well as any other personal expenses.

We will be asking all restaurants that we go to as a group to do separate checks, that way there's no problems and no guessing as to what you owe.

Note that we are trying to get some locals to host a pool party (or whatever) as well, and there's also the chance to join a local group of guys for nude hikes on Tuesday & Wednesday, if you are interested.

If you know of anyone there with a pool or some other activities we might like, please contact us!

Speaking of which, I'm sure we'll be hitting "Wangs in the Desert" sometime... I think their the best Chinese/Asian food restaurant I've ever dined at!

(Note that you're not required to go to any particular place the rest of us are visiting.)

If you'd like to use the Jacuzzi, pool, or relax on the "lazy river" at our timeshare, note that it's NOT clothing-optional, so bring a swimsuit.

Do plan to join us hanging nude inside the timeshare (unless it's cleaning time).

You might want to bring your own shampoo, body wash, & other toiletries, because who knows if you'll like what they have or if it will last until they clean-up the

place (typically once during the stay), and you might also want to bring your own pool towel for visiting resorts, or if you need more than 1 towel in a 3 or 4 day period. (Timeshares often charge for extras.)

OK, enough said for now. :)

More details at: <https://is.gd/ebozig>

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



Upcoming Events:

Tue., Dec. 31: Nude Year's Eve Party

Plus more to be announced!



SIG (Special Interest Group) Events:

To find more on these SIGs, please see page 3.

Please also see page 3 for their event calendars... We're skipping including the events for them this month to get the newsletter out a bit quicker.



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!

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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

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???

If you want to discuss it, email us: BAMENClub@GMail.com

Or complete our new form at: <http://BA-MEN.Org/hosting/>



FYI, the gremlins were still hard at work while I was working on this issue, as on the “new” PC, it kept crashing when I added in graphics, and the old one still thinks all words are misspelled! [Argh!]



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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?

Yes No

Phone # listed also? Yes No

E-Mail Address also? Yes No

Would you permit your photo to be used in:

Our newsletter & online members only areas?

Yes No

Our public web site? Yes No

Other clubs newsletters? Yes No

Can you offer or do you need a ride or wish to carpool to events?

I can offer a ride. I need a ride.

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:

<http://BA-MEN.Org/signup>

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 **require nudity.**

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 GMail.com, 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: (949) 436-9-BA-MEN [(949) 436-9226]

All of our hotline numbers support incoming text (SMS) messages from cell phones, as well as voice messages.

• **US Mail:**

BA-MEN

12410 Woodbridge Dr.

PMB B-62

Garden Grove, CA 92843-4165

(Include an S.A.S.E. if you want a written reply.)

For the **fastest** response, please contact us via e-mail.

• **Web Sites:**

<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 & reminders only:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/BAMEN-Calendar/info>

Newsletters only:

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

Short-Notice event info only:

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/BAMEN-SNE/info>

Club suggestions, feedback, etc:

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/BAMEN-Suggestions/info>

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