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COLOSSAL MAN WILL GIVE US A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

BY MOSTLY HARMLESS

This year's Man is a scratch to a long-standing itch of the Burning Man build team. The desire to build a massive effigy reminiscent of the Colossus of Rhodes in ancient Greece. This year's Caravansary theme was the master stroke that finally unleashed the idea.

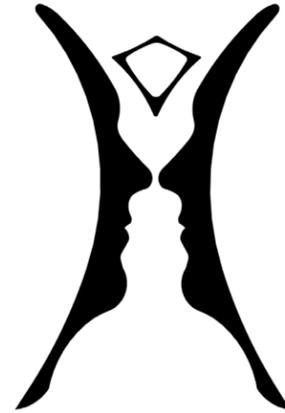
The Man is so much larger than previous effigies that they could easily fit between his legs, and for the first time in nearly 20 years he is standing on the ground.

"The build crew of the Man is constantly groping the line between ambition and failure. I think that itch

has been scratched to its fullest with this year's Man," said Andrew Johnstone, a.k.a. "Haggis", the artist behind the 2014 effigy.

The Man required more than 100 people to create and setup. "They are the best, you could not head hunt this crew. I am just conducting a band of virtuosos," Haggis said.

"A caravansary provided travelers a safe place to stop in harsh environments to trade goods, allowing distant cultures to connect to one another. They became a sort of 'congress of the mind' Haggis explains with enthusiasm. "In that way, Burning Man is not very different."



The tattoo on the man's arm depicts face to face sharing of knowledge and experiences, a congress of minds.

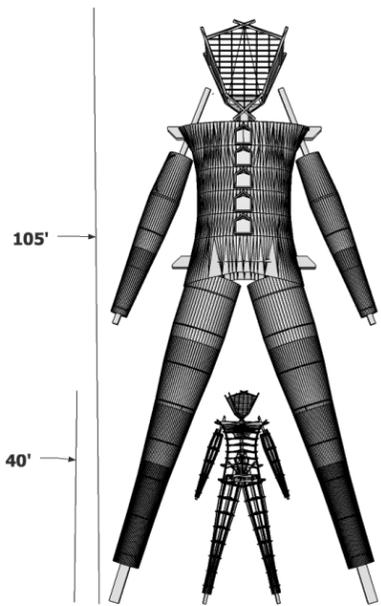
ABOUT THE MAN

His head is 17 feet across, and weighs 3000 lb - about the same height as the Thunder Dome.

His torso and arms weigh 29,900 lb. He weighs 70,000 lb in total.

Eight cables tether him to the ground, able to sustain up to 27,000 lb of strain each.

Large winches in his belly help him raise his arms, via remote control. The Man's arm tattoo is a silhouette of two faces, with a diamond between them - echoing the Burning Man logo.



MORE ON OUR LOST BURNER

BY INDIE AND RHINO

Witnesses to Thursday's fatal mutant vehicle accident say the victim was dancing alongside the vehicle when she was clipped by its trailer and went under the wheels.

First-timer Annick McIntosh and four-year veteran Karl Stanley said the tragedy occurred at 6.30 on Esplanade about 1 a.m.

"We were about 20 feet away, and Annick was 100% sober and looking right at it when it happened." She said, "Karl, did you see that?"

"I looked over and I didn't see anything for a couple of seconds when she was dragged under the wheel or somehow caught up in it, then I saw her," Karl told the Black Rock Beacon.

"It was two or three seconds before people realized what had happened, her friend was running alongside screaming stop, stop, stop."

The driver stopped immediately, and Annick ran over to the woman, 29-year-old Alicia Louise Cipicchio, from Jackson, Wyoming.

Annick yelled for others to get help,

and a ranger appeared within two minutes, while people started CPR.

However, Annick feels the woman was already dead.

"Her friend lifted her up, and she collapsed back, she had severe lacerations to her face and was bleeding from her head," Annick said.

"She was not breathing."

Annick and Karl praised the fast response time by Emergency Services, who were on the scene within minutes.

They believe neither Alicia nor the mutant vehicle's driver were to blame

for the tragedy. Annick said she did not believe anyone had been acting irresponsibly--it was just "horrible timing."

"She was just dancing alongside, she wasn't on it," she said.

They believe the articulated trailer, which was about "one or two feet" wider than the vehicle's cab, had a knee-high metal bar that swept the victim under the tires.

The pair have given statements to the Pershing County Sheriff's Office. Anyone else who saw the accident is urged to come forward, particularly for the sake of Alicia's family.

CENSUS NOTES

Data provided by Black Rock City Census Lab, Scribble and Hunter

Preliminary statistics show that almost 80 percent of 2014 burners purchased their tickets through the Burning Man organization. With an additional 6.5% purchasing their tickets through the STEP program.

With so few tickets being sold at a premium above face value, issues with scalpers has been mostly non-existent.

An unexpected stat noted that 'unaffiliated' is now the largest political group at 41%. And yet 86% of this year's burners that are eligible to vote do, confirming that burners are indeed participating in the political process of the default world.

For further stats and to add yourself to the census go to <http://census.burningman.com>



The Black Rock Gazette

10 Years Ago

Friday, Sept. 3, 2004 - Travel Edition

In "He Finds Himself at Burning Man," Gotholot goes on a quest to find a home.

Starting at the Man, he travels to Mars, where the natives are unfriendly, thence through a storm on the way to Jupiter, and next to Uranus, a dirty place where he is guided elsewhere.

Eventually he comes upon Center Camp, where the Chai is hot and the vibe is cool, but while it's in the middle, it isn't the center that he seeks. A phone chat with God reveals that the center of the universe is wherever one is.

Finally, through the dust, a small white house with a picket picket fence appears, and Goth's wanderings cease.

Medical & Police Blotter

Thanks to Ben Smith, PIO of Rampart Medical for ballparking stats as of midnight Thursday:

- 1700 patients
- 200 broken bones/ortho
- 200 soft tissue injuries
- 2 cardiac arrests
- 2 visits/day from Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)/Green Dot Rangers for psycho-physical assistance
- 300 transported by ambulance
- 125 X-rays
- 200 dehydration, lung, eye irritations
- 0 assaults treated

Huge Shout Out to The Pink Ladies of Winnemucca for supporting Humboldt General Hospital/Rampart's on-Playa X-ray machine. Black Rock City citizens Thank You from the marrow of our bones.

Photo by Maarten De Pue



These bathrooms are indeed fabulous, but we're all looking forward to using some real plumbing.