

BILLY HOLCOMB CHAPTER 1069

REMINDS YOU OF THE RULES

YOU COME, YOU PAY

NO WIDDERS OR *OTHER* EXPLOSIVES

NO GUNS

NO LONG KNIVES

NO FIREWORKS

NO O.H.V. OR DIRTBIKES

ANYONE WHO VIOLATES THESE RULES **WILL**
BE ASKED TO LEAVE

NO FREELOADERS – **NO** GROUND FIRES –
CONTAINER FIRES ONLY

CAMPFIRE CONTAINERS MUST BE ELEVATED
ONE FOOT FROM THE GROUND.

DO NOT BURN OR SCORCH THE GRASS.
BRING A CONTAINER TO TAKE
YOUR ASHES HOME.

NO ASHES IN THE DUMPSTER/TRASH BINS.

Billy Holcomb Chapter 1069 - Code of Conduct

Please note, that while we have made every effort to identify areas of conduct that are not allowed at Billy Holcomb functions, the primary purpose of this Code of Conduct is to encourage ALL Clampers and PBCs to behave at all times with "Seemly Decorum." For this reason, the Board of Greybeards reserves the right to determine the proper manner of conduct on a case by case basis. The Board of Greybeards alone shall determine what actions shall be taken to protect the best interests of the Billy Holcomb Chapter 1069.

1. Each Clamper and PBC shall conduct themselves in a manner which does not bring disgrace upon themselves or the organization.
2. No Clamper or PBC shall make remarks about another's ethnicity, sexual orientation, nation of origin, religious beliefs or personal background.
3. No Clamper or PBC shall ever exert bodily harm upon another or shall he cause another to fear such harm based upon vocal abuse. Fighting is strictly forbidden at Chapter functions and may result in removal or expulsion from the Billy Holcomb Chapter.
4. No Clamper shall in any way do bodily harm to a PBC or touch him physically beyond what is considered to be good taste. No Clamper shall cause any materials to be placed upon a PBC's person without the express permission of the Hangman or his duly appointed agent.
5. No Clamper or PBC shall take anything from another Clamper or PBC, or his camp or vehicle, unless the other party is informed of and is in agreement with this action. No Clamper or PBC is to take anything from the Billy Holcomb Chapter without prior authorization from the Noble Grand Humbug or Clampatriarch.
6. No Clamper or PBC shall remove from any site anything which is considered to be an artifact that has current archaeological significance, nor shall any Clamper or PBC intentionally cause harm to or destroy any protected or endangered plants or animals.
7. No Clamper or PBC shall engage in lewd conduct.
8. No Clamper or PBC will possess or use illegal drugs at any Billy Holcomb function.
9. No Clamper or PBC will use or possess any firearms, explosive, fireworks, cannons or other similar items at any Billy Holcomb function. Additionally, no Clamper or PBC shall possess or use any knives with a blade in excess of 4 inches except as needed for the preparation of food.
10. No Clamper or PBC shall be allowed to operate any unlicensed vehicles at Chapter functions, nor operate or ride upon any vehicle or trailer without DOT -approved seating. An exception to this rule does allow for disabled persons to operate electric carts and chairs when so authorized by the Board of Greybeards. Those so operating "authorized vehicles" will be expected to operate said vehicles in a manner that is solely subject to the approval of the Greybeards of the Billy Holcomb Chapter, and at speeds limited to 5 MPH.
11. No Clamper or PBC may operate any vehicle at a Billy Holcomb Chapter function in an unsafe or illegal manner. The speed limit at Chapter functions is limited to 5 MPH.
12. No Clamper or PBC may drive or park their vehicles within the areas of Registration, PBC Check-in, the Cookshack, the Chapter Store, the HOCO, PBC Entertainment, or other areas of the campsite as designated by the Noble Grand Humbug or Clampatriarch.
13. No Clamper or PBC shall be allowed to have ground fires at Billy Holcomb Chapter events. All fires must be confined to suitable containers and may not be left unattended.
14. All Clampers and PBCs are required to police their own camp areas for trash and debris. In order for the Billy Holcomb Chapter to continue to use public and private lands, all campsites must be cleaned to their original state before departure.
15. Each Clamper or PBC is expected to follow the rules, directions and instructions of the officers and Greybeards of the Billy Holcomb Chapter, especially those of the Noble Grand Humbug and the Clampatriarch. Non-Redshirt guests attending any Billy Holcomb Chapter event shall be subject to this Code of Conduct.
16. Violations of any of the provisions of the Clamper Code of Conduct may result in removal, suspension or expulsion from the Billy Holcomb Chapter. Each violation will be reviewed by the senior officers of the Billy Holcomb Chapter and the Board of Greybeards as appropriate.

To the Redshirted Brethren of the Billy Holcomb Chapter ***(Read Me)***

Greetings Gentlemen,

As many of you are likely unaware of, the Holcomb Chapter had two troubling incidents at the October 2021 Event in Apple Valley. The Graybeard's of this Chapter believe it necessary (again) to outline the Chapters policies and remind us all of the necessity of using some common sense.

The events we refer to are:

On Friday, late afternoon of the event a redshirted Clamper was seen driving a golf cart in a dangerous manner. Turned out he was drunk. He had trouble walking, much less operating any type of vehicle. He refused to let his buddy drive.

Then, on Saturday night, a separate incident occurred involving a drunk Clamper operating a 2500 Series GMC Truck. He narrowly missed hitting two men sitting in chairs in their own camp by cutting a corner far too sharply and far too fast.

Both times, Greybeard's or officers of the Chapter called out the individuals operating these vehicles and in both instances, the DUI perpetrators were non-cooperative and belligerent to a fair degree. Both of these guys were not a "little tipsy" or just "had a couple beers." They were both falling down, pissed their pants, hammered drunk. They would have gone to jail if they had been anywhere else. Neither had any business driving anything. This is not funny or cute.

Again, Every Flyer, Mailer, Posting and Notice put out by the Holcomb Chapter requests that a ***"Brother of Sobriety Hold the Reigns"***. This applies to in-camp transport also.

There are good reasons of this request.

First, someone is going to get hurt, perhaps badly. We came, literally, within 18 inches of two members being hit by a full-sized GMC Pickup while sitting in chairs around a fire with friends.

Second, All ECV Chapters are required to acquire and maintain Liability Insurance.

Considering who we are and what we do, such insurance is not easy to get and it is expensive. If this Chapter were to ever have to file a claim based on a drunk Clamper hitting another Clamper with a vehicle of any kind, a truck, a car, a golf cart or an electric ice chest, we would reasonable expect either a large increase in premiums or even cancellation of our policy. **No Insurance Equals no Events.**

On top of all this, the fact both these guys were belligerent about the situation is unacceptable.

This is a simple request that our members behave in a universally and socially accepted manner. If you are drunk, Do Not Get Behind The Wheel. Of Anything. No Matter How Short the Drive. Period.

Is there any reason this should be a problem?

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Next Request:

As we all know, it is becoming increasingly popular for our members to request the addition of articles or foreign materials into our monuments. Challenge coins, mementos of loved ones, in some cases, actual ashes from cremations. It's starting to get a little out of hand at times.

Therefore, the Graybeards & Erection Crew of the Holcomb Chapter ask the following:

One: Please think it through first. Is the article you wish interned in our marker truly worthwhile? Is our marker really the best place for your item?

Second: If you do decide this is the best course to take, please be at the marker site no less than 30 minutes prior to the actual 10:00 a.m. concrete pour. Do not show up 15 minutes after the top is set, the form is filled and the PBC's and erection crew are done with their work.

If you want your friends' ashes in the marker, fine. Get there early, before the concrete truck.

Lastly, Do Not put anything into a Holcomb Monument on your own. Seek out Vice Humbug, Dennis "The Erector" Parker and ask him what you'd like to do and Dennis will make the call as to where and when to best place your artifact.

Simply put, we do not want to take the form off a new historical monument and see plastic bags of ashes embedded on the surface. We need to have this done correctly and while the concrete is still being worked, please.

Again, as before, we believe these notices are not establishing any new rules or policies but simply asking for your help in establishing some orderliness to our events. If you have any questions or wish to add your voice, please see any Greybeard or Officer of this Chapter.

Clampfraternally,

The Billy Holcomb Graybeards and Officers

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On behalf of the Graybeards of the Billy Holcomb Chapter

Gentlemen,

As many of you have heard by now, the Billy Holcomb Chapter has had two distressing events take place within our Camp Sites over the last few months. Additionally, we have been a bit lax in enforcing some common and day-to-day Rules. The Board of Graybeard's for this Chapter are taking this opportunity to clarify, reinforce and make clear this Chapters Policies. For so many of our members, this message will have zero effect on you because you are already aware of and abide by these common sense guidelines.

First: The Billy Holcomb Chapter will not allow fighting or violence or any type. Twice in the past 13 months this Chapter has been forced to permanently expel members for such acts. This is far from our normal rate and we intend to stop any further escalations now. The Bylaws of this Chapter, filed with the State of California and the rules and grants of the Grand Council of ECV provide to the Greybeards of this Chapter the authority and right to expel any member of this Chapter for cause. Every single mailer, flyer, schedule, code of conduct and PBC Blue Book outlines our policy in this matter. Further, the Greybeards have decided, moving forward, that any act of violence committed during a Chapter sanctioned event will now result in an emergency meeting of any available Greybeards and senior officers of this Chapter and we will make a decision on the spot to permanently expel violators, we will no longer delay until the next quarterly meeting. We believe any member with a love of ECV and some common sense will applaud this policy and its intentions

Second: Again, as noted in all documents distributed by the Billy Holcomb Chapter, the policy is clear **–If You Come, You Pay-** It is a disheartening fact that we are still having issues with guys showing up, parking their rig, putting on a Redshirt and not paying to attend. Excuses are many “I’m not going to eat a steak” “I’m just here for the day” “My friend is going to pay when he gets here Saturday” “I’m helping at the Cook Shack”. None of these reasoning’s is valid. This Chapter runs as a Non-Profit business. The financials are reported at each meeting and the particulars are available to all members. The Rub that our members contribute pay for not only “the steaks” but for camp site rental fees, toilets, trash, upkeep on our trailers and equipment, storage for that equipment, tax prep, liability insurance, stocking of the Store, printing of histories, give away items and a dozen other costs associated with the organization and success of our events. Starting now, we are going to become far more intolerant of freeloaders. Everyone, from The NGH to first time PBC’s, all of us, everyone, will henceforth be REQUIRED to wear your Chapter supplied wristband to show you are paid up. Anyone refusing to pay or caught attempting to skate by wearing a similar unit from a past event will be expelled from that event. It’s a simple rule & we must make extra effort to inforce it because of a few that take advantage of all of us. Please report Free Loaders to any Officer or GB of this Chapter.

Lastly: Per Grand Council edict and Holcomb Chapter policy – **No Widders on Site** - as was made clear to all of us during our introduction to ECV, ours’ is the fastest growing Male Fraternal Organizing in the United States. If you wish to involve your Widder, she is welcome at Billy’s Birthday in January, naturally at the Widders Ball in February, at Grand Council in May, at the Freedom Days Parade in July and the Annual Fam-Clamp in Stovepipe Wells every November. Additionally, she is welcome at the public dedications of our Historical Monuments, twice annually. At the actual events, we request that she (and you) recognize our policy. Naturally, in the case of actual emergency, the case of female land owners, or the case of an included female being specifically invited to dinner or presentation, in advance, by the NGH, VNGH or HA putting on the event, exceptions can be accommodated. Contact the NGH directly, in advance, if you require such accommodation.

That’s it. Nothing earth shaking. The Board of Greybeards trust the above should come as no surprise to any member of this Chapter. We believe the above does not constitute any “new” rules or requirements, we judge the above only reminds us and reinforces the need to keep in mind, and near to heart, the spirit and reasoning for the requirements and standards this Chapter already has in place.

Clampfraternally,