

SERIOUS S----T READ ME !!!

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.

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