

THE BATES BEACH BEAT

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Our Carpinteria Parade Truck Receives Positive Crowd Applause

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

July 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27

Mid-Week Group Visits to Bates

Sat, July 1, Carpinteria Independence Day Parade

Sat, July 8, Bates Beach Picnic, Noon – Sunset

Fri, July 14, Meetup Dinner in Ventura, 6:45 pm

Fri, July 21, Online Meetup, 7:00 pm

AUGUST

Aug 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31

Mid-Week Planned Group Visits to Bates

Fri, Aug 11, Meetup Dinner in Ventura, 6:45 pm

Sat, Aug 12, Annual Summer Games, Olive Dell.

Tues, Aug 18, Online Meetup, 7:00 pm

Sun, Aug 20, Bates Beach Picnic, 11 am – 6 pm

The Independence Day parade on July 1 in Carpinteria saw a slightly larger crowd than last year (estimated at around 7,000 people), and they gave our Friends of Bates Beach entry a very enthusiastic reception with many smiles and happy waves as we drove past. This was our 10th year of participation.

We had a great group of FOBB volunteers who helped decorate Mike Glinzak's truck with red-white-blue bunting, flags, and magnetic signs. Waiting for the signal to start, some of us interacted with several city council members and the city mayor.

The 10-block parade had around 40 participating groups, slightly fewer than in previous years. Missing were the city's Junior lifeguards and the high school band, but the cheerleaders were there, as was the bus carrying the past winners of "Carpinterian of the Year" and the flatbed truck that had members of the city council sitting on haystacks.

The local VFW color guard opened the parade, followed by a group of highland bagpipers, the Boys and Girl's Club, the Carpinteria Senior Center, a bridal group on horseback, a gaggle of young skateboarders, and a group of dog owners with their pets advocating for a new dog park in town. Near the rear were the local Daughters of the American Revolution club, a natural gas-powered sanitation truck, and a fire engine that occasionally blew its siren. In other words, it was a typical small-town parade. And smack in the middle, 21st in line, FOBB promoted the Beach Ambassadors and invited everyone down to the local nude beach at Bates.

This year we replaced some of the older signs and the new ones, especially the "Feel the Freedom" sign across the front grill, received much attention.

As our decorated truck passed the reviewing stand the two announcers, John Parmentari of KEY-TV and Dennis Mitchell of Carpinteria Valley Radio, read the paragraph (we submitted the text with our application) describing our mission. When Parmentari finished, both he and Mitchell ad-libbed additional sentences showing their support for our beach and commenting on our "Nudist and I Vote" pins. A super thank you to them both!

After the parade, FOBB treated the volunteers to dinner at Nutbelly's a local pizza/Italian cuisine restaurant on Linden Ave. As usual, the pizza, salads, and spaghetti all tasted delicious.

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Helen and Gary wave to the crowd from the back of our decorated truck. More photos on page 2

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By Gary Mussell, Director

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Carpinteria Parade

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We paid our tip using \$2 bills. This is known in town as the “nudist currency” for those supporting our beach. The restaurant staff promised to disburse them as change to their other customers

A video on the 35-minute parade can be viewed online at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qosGsXUjL8!>. (We are on the video at the 20-minute mark) A second, shorter video without commentary is also available of the parade. Go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CPRnH_EOtZY (we are at the 2:40 minute mark).

Next year’s parade will be a week earlier, on Saturday, June 28.

More Photos From The Carpinteria Parade



Volunteers crunching into the back of the truck.



Thanks to Mike Glinzak who donated his GMC truck for the event.



John Parmentari of KEY-TV (right) and Dennis Mitchell of Carpinteria Valley Radio (left) announce the parade entries as they pass the reviewing stand.

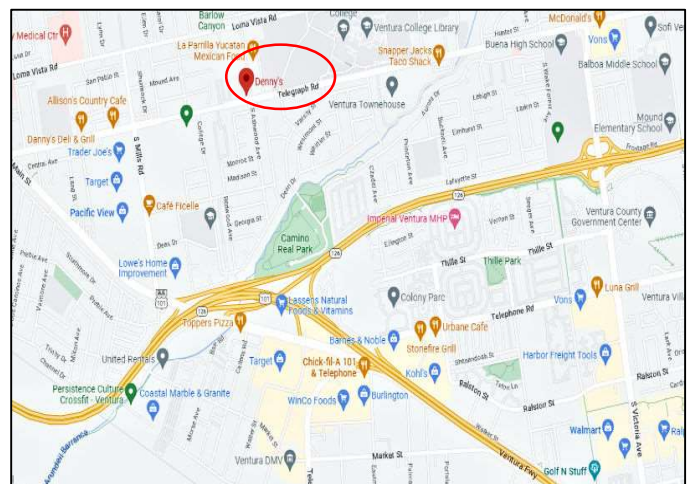


All the parade volunteers enjoyed dinner afterward at Nutbelly's.

Next Club Dinner Meeting Set for July 14 at Denny's Ventura

Our in-person meetings at Denny's Restaurant in Ventura always bring together a mixture of members and first-timers who are curious about nude recreation. Summer sees the peak number of participants and it is an excellent opportunity to learn about our non-profit organization and its many activities.

These dinners are on the **second Friday of each month** at the **Denny's Restaurant on Telephone Road** in Ventura (near Ventura College) starting at 6:45 PM. You will be responsible for buying your meals. The meetings usually last until about 8:30 PM.



Map to Denny's Restaurant on Telegraph Road in Ventura



June 17 Bates Picnic After Beach Cleanup Day A Success

June 17 - This was our first scheduled cleanup day of the season and our invitation to other local groups to join us yielded several new helpers (some came as early as 10 am to help!). Joe collected what was found by the others and used the club cart to haul out a pile of junk left including a broken mechanical swim fin discarded by previous beachgoers (see photo). Since we keep our section of the beach pretty clean, this was an easy task, and we received many thanks from others on the beach as we hauled it up the ramp to the trash cans at the top.

We plan to do these cleanups before each of our monthly weekend beach picnics this summer.

By noon, the overcast “June Gloom” of the past several weeks lifted and it was sunny most of the afternoon at Bates for a change.

We had to sit farther west than our normal spot, because there were still rocks exposed from the winter storms. The sand levels are rising, slowly but surely.

The beach remains narrow so those walking past us are close. For the most part, people just smile at our state of undress and keep going. We continue to cover ourselves with a towel when families come near if the parent starts to scowl. It is a nuisance to do, but we don't want any complaints. For the most part, the “live and let live” tradition at the beach continues to prevail.



Mid-Week Bates Visits Back On The Calendar As The Sun Has Come Out – Finally!

Because of a longer than usual “May Gray/June Gloom” overcast, FOBB had to postpone the mid-week picnics to Bates for several weeks, but no longer! The sun has finally come out and the beach trips are back on schedule!

Come visit us at our designated area. Look for the yellow and blue sign on the beach when we are there so you know where to sit. Plan on some of us being there Tuesdays and Thursdays on July 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27.

Most FOBB members use www.meetup.com/Friends-of-Bates-Beach/ to communicate up-to-the-minute news to our members. In case of sudden overcast or other reasons to cancel a specific date. On that website, we coordinate meeting times and carpooling (given enough lead time). It's free to sign up! Please sign us if you haven't already.



Next Multi-Club Beach Picnic and Cleanup Day is August 20

Our third monthly clothing-optional Bates Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 20, starting at noon.

However, if you can arrive an hour earlier, we will host a beach cleanup the hour before. We will provide trash bags and gloves. We will be doing primarily our section of the beach, but we will also pass out bags to other beachgoers who want to clean in the textile section to the east.

This allows us to get a little positive public relations with the others on the beach.

Once we get the trash out we will post our usual sign to mark the start of the clothing-optional area so people can settle in and drop their towels and clothes to enjoy the day.

We have invited several Southern California nudist groups to join us for the picnic, however the northbound freeway construction south of the Bates Road exit is causing major delays during peak hours, so it might cause some to arrive later than originally anticipated.

Contact us if you can get to the beach by 11 AM to help with the cleanup: friends@friendsofbatesbeach.org.

FOBB member John Parsons reports that this month's sand measurements at Bates show the sand has risen another foot during June but it is not yet back to 2022 levels. Watch for hidden rocks just below the surface as you walk toward our nudist area.

Look for the yellow and blue standup sign to find us on the beach.



More Club News



Bates Beach members "Towel Surf" at June 10 party in Camarillo.

Surf Was Up for Our Pool Party In Camarillo on June 10

By Mike Glinzak

"Next time read the memo. Who forgot to bring the sun?" said one party goer which pretty well summed up the Surf's Up party weather in Camarillo on Saturday, June 10. Afternoon temps in the 60's limited outdoor exposure for some, but Peter Connolly's home was the perfect venue to battle the "June Gloom" weather. The large indoor pool heated to 92+ degrees also nicely warmed the enclosed space around the pool, making it a VERY popular afternoon spot. And for those who craved even more warmth, there was also the outdoor Jacuzzi!

Surf's Up may be the entreaty of the day at the nearby beaches, but the largest wave we saw in the pool was when Harold dove in and created a 6" mini-tsunami. The party's theme was carried out with several partygoers showing their best "turf surfing" techniques in the backyard along with great surfing tunes playing in the pool area during the day.

There was a wide variety of potluck dishes brought by the guests throughout the day. Chicken bites, BBQ pork spare ribs, hamburgers, freshly baked pizza, Chow Mein, fresh bread and bagels, home-fry potatoes, assorted veggies and cheeses, chocolate mousse cake, Dee's cookie salad, watermelon, and blueberry pound cake satisfied members. But the most unique dish of the day goes to Rachel with her homemade Mexican Verdolagas salad.



A dozen members of the Southern California Naturist Association and Friends of Bate Beach participated in the Festival

FOBB Leaders Attend AZ Festival to Meet Other Beach Leaders

The Shangri-La Nudist Ranch was the site of this year's Western Festival, sponsored by The Naturist Society Foundation.

The 4-day festival attracted leaders from nudist beaches, hikers, and nudist clubs from all over the Western United States. They attended hourly workshops on interesting and fun topics such as the Future of Naturism, Places to Hike Nude, the latest in camping equipment, and How to Take Really Bad Naturist Photos. There was Chi Gung every morning and a drum circle at night.

The workshop that had the largest attendance was Government Affairs, hosted by FOBB's Gary Mussell and Cyndi Tendick, the current AANR-West President. The session reviewed several laws being proposed that could affect the nudist community, especially one in Arizona that would make it a felony to have children 15 and younger in the presence of naked people (outside the family). Nudists were organizing a letter-writing campaign urging the state's governor to veto the bill (she eventually did just that!)

The other most popular workshop was on "Women in Naturism" which was open to both women and men. There was a lively discussion about how women want to be treated at a beach or a club and how to make it more comfortable for new visitors at those locations.

Most of the workshops were held inside the air-conditioned clubhouse and library, which made it comfortable. The food at the restaurant was good and reasonably priced.

During lunch and dinner, participants informally shares their experiences and stories and gave advice.





Many FOBB Members Attend the World Naked Bike Ride Through the Heart of Los Angeles

By Dennis Crane, the NitOC club

My experience with the WNBR-LA started in 2012. We were much smaller then and very much disorganized. I've been fortunate to participate in all the rides since then. I got so passionate about it that I have been volunteering to help for many years. This also put me in a unique situation, as I am an avid cyclist. This sets me up to be a ride monitor for every ride.

Ride monitors are an important part of our ride. We get to herd the riders and keep them moving and safe in traffic. Most importantly, the ride monitors are visual to LAPD that we have people making sure we follow the rules of the road and keep everyone in line with the laws. And we had some ride monitors who went above and beyond to keep everyone safe.

This year we eliminated our long ride, which was in the past, a 15-to-16-mile ride. It was too much for many people. Toward the end of the ride, we would be spread out over 2 miles. This year we created two rides, both about 7 miles long and different routes. I think the riders just enjoyed being able to ride clothes-free in downtown LA and they don't care where they ride. The routes we took passed some great landmarks, which made for great photo shoot stops. And we had some water stops along the way.

My job this year was to know where everyone was on our approved route, meaning the first rider to the last rider. So, I had to go to the front of the ride, then to the back of the ride, and determine if we needed to group up anywhere. I got to ride several extra miles.

On occasion, being up front, the view of the public is always priceless. They see a few nude riders go by and are in shock, then they see hundreds more riders and they are in awe. You could tell there was some jealousy that they were not on the ride. The support and enthusiasm from the public are probably 99.9 percent positive. Even the opposing traffic stops in the street to take pictures of us. No one honks or gets mad that we are blocking their way because they also want to see our ride.



In fact, at many traffic lights, the cars often refused to continue on their way at the green because they want to see more of us.

The supporting comments are priceless and encouraging. One comment that stuck with me was from two women who were standing at a crosswalk. As the first rider just passed them, one of the girls said, "We need to call the police!". The second girl said, "Girlfriend, the police are leading them!". I have seen men covering their wife's eyes with their hands while they watch us ride by. We have many people who happen to look out their apartment windows to shout positive words at us, and even flash us. People come out of the businesses just to watch us, and naturally take pictures. I can't imagine the stories they told later that day because it may have seemed unbelievable. As I mentioned, all this simply invigorated us as we rode by.

I must give thanks to our 60-plus volunteers for making this happen. We spent many months working on the details. And when we pull off a drama-free ride, it makes the hard work worthwhile.

And I must thank LAPD. Several weeks before the ride they said they would not show up unless we called them. Well, the Captain, and two of his officers, showed up early anyways just to check in with us. They said they would be leaving shortly, but they ended up staying around to watch us leave in mass on our first ride. They then hopped into an unmarked patrol car and followed us for at least half the ride. On the second ride, LAPD showed up again and did the same thing, watched us leave, and followed us. They always had the biggest smile on their faces! With all the drama that LAPD encounters every day, it must be refreshing to see nothing but happy riders and spectators.

Every year I always contact all the media and I get nothing from them, and the same for this ride. So, I contacted **HBO Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel** to come and film our ride. Their cameraman, Daniel, ended up rollerblading the entire second ride while carrying his camera! Since this was a public event, and it is HBO after all, no censorship was needed.

I also invited **Clothes Free International** to come out, and we were graced by Tim Chizmar doing a CFI TV segment on our ride. We got some high-power coverage. You will be able to see us shortly on their media channels. Our WNBR team will send out the notice on when the HBO and CFI footage airs.

So, my view from the front, middle, and back is made up of wonderful memories of people being able to be clothes-free in LA and I was honored we could help out to make it happen for our 16th ride.



Travel Report



Several of the hotels and motels are nudist-friendly.

My Visit to Zipolite, the Mexican Nudist Beach City

By Hernan Perez

Mexico's premier destination for naturists from around the world, Zipolite at first glance seems to be an unlikely place to attract such global attention.

I spent a week there for the town's annual NUDIST FESTIVAL in February this year.

The beach town is comprised of a patchwork of hastily constructed, colorfully painted concrete shacks just off the Oaxacan coastal highway, but adjacent to what is undoubtedly among the largest and most spectacular stretches of beach on Mexico's Pacific coast.

The white sands, warm surf, and magnificent sunsets are the backdrop for a bohemian-chic beach scene that immediately inspires the shedding of clothing and cares, as you join the many locals and tourists unburdened by fabric or body shaming.

I resolve to someday return to this remote, carefree idyll on the coast of Oaxaca.



One of the magnificent sunsets we observed at Zipolite, Mexico.

Sports Report

Early To Run At Glen Eden's Dare To Be Bare 5K

by Scott Schmitz

Some 154 runners from across the states joined Glen Eden's annual Dare to Be Bare 5K held on June 3rd this year. To beat the heat the race began when the horn sounded off at 9 am.

Mike K was with fastest male with a time of 19:27. Andrew O was second with a time of 21:45 and Samuel K was third with a time of 21:56. The fastest female was 61-year-old Tracy T coming in with a blazing 28:52. Second place went to Sally T who was a year younger but managed 29:49. Third place female Toni N with a time of 30:04 beat fourth place Devi D by three seconds.



SCNA members running the race were Scott S (45:59) and Julie W (1:08:30). Several other SCNA members attended but did not race, preferring instead to cheer the runners on from the sidelines.

Not listed are the prizes awarded in the various age and gender categories. You can see the entire list at <https://my.racewire.com/results/37457>.

Many of the runners stuck around after the awards ceremony to enjoy Glen Eden's many amenities for the afternoon. Some had the energy left to enjoy volleyball, water volleyball, pickleball, and tennis. Most of them spent the afternoon recovering by the swimming pool and Jacuzzi, or in the picnic/conversation areas enjoying Glen Eden's food and beverage selections.

Congratulations to all the 2023 Runners!

Beach Alert!

Dangerous Coastal Algae Near Bates Endangers Local Sea Lions

Several news media in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties are warning beachgoers to stay at least fifty feet away from any sea animals, such as sea lions, they may encounter as many have become sick from harmful algae growing in the offshore seawater. This is due to domoic acid in the algae, a neurotoxin produced by phytoplankton. The toxin bioaccumulates in the fish that eat algae contaminated with this toxin and becomes more toxic as it moves up the food chain to larger animals such as sea lions and dolphins.

If you observe a live marine mammal (dolphins, seals, sea lions):

- **Do not touch:** Do not touch, feed, harass, cover, pour water on, coax/drag/push into the water or out of the surf zone, allow dogs near or take selfies with the animal. These are wild animals, and they may bite!
- **Observe animal:** Observe the animal from a minimum of 50 feet (length of a school bus). Keep people and pets away from the stranded animal. Note the animal's physical characteristics and condition.
- **Determine location:** Determine the exact location of the animal. Be as accurate as possible and note any landmarks so rescue teams can easily find the animal.
- **Call the marine mammal rescue hotline** at (805) 567-1505 or fill out an online rescue form [HERE](#). Provide your name, phone number, and specific information about the animal and its location
- **If you observe a dead marine mammal:** contact the Carpinteria public works department at (805) 755-4450 and leave a message with the location of the animal and the date and time you called.

If the animals have ingested less than a fatal dose, the toxins will take from 24-72 hours to clear their systems, and survivors will return to the ocean on their own.



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When Shopping in Carpinteria, Don't Forget to Spend \$2 Bills!

Carpinteria's restaurants and retail stores have been very supportive of our beach efforts over the years, so we must be seen publicly supporting them now as many are still hurting financially after the recent pandemic.



Buying things using \$2 bills not only supports them but also gives us some positive publicity as it is identified as "nudist" currency by the locals.

Next time you go to your bank, give them your \$20 bill and ask for ten \$2 bills in exchange. Carry them in your wallet for use next time you visit Carpinteria. Also, be sure to carry our \$2 bill business cards with you to give to the merchant when they inevitably will ask about why you are paying with such a non-traditional currency. The card explains we are nudists supporting local businesses and we would appreciate them giving out the bill as change to their customers so the word can spread.

Have You Asked Your Friends to Sign Our On-Line Petition?



Our online petition drive to legalize the nude section of the beach passed 1653 signatures at the beginning of July. We plan another big push during the summer months to reach 2,500 signatures.

We ask all of our members (and their non-nudist friends) to add their names to the list.

You don't have to be a nudist to sign! We accept anyone who thinks we should be allowed our own safe space, no different than those who want a dog park or a tennis court.

The petition site is at:

<https://www.change.org/p/friends-of-bates-beach-make-the-traditional-nude-section-of-bates-beach-official>.

With enough signatures (somewhere in the neighborhood of 5,000 signatures) we can ask the Board of Supervisors to change the county's nudity ordinance.

Beach Ambassador Training and Exams Are Now Online

Our Beach Ambassador Training Final Exam may now be taken via interactive PDF file online. Applicants no longer need to download and print a paper copy and mail it to us for grading.

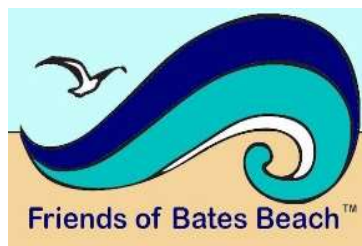


There are two parts to the quiz, one for textile beaches and one specifically for nude beaches.

Those interested in becoming certified can view/download the training workbooks at

<https://www.friendsofbatesbeach.org/information/beach-ambassadors>

FRIENDS OF BATES BEACH WANTS TO MEET YOU!



Each month, the Friends of Bates Beach hosts a monthly dinner and also an online ZOOM discussion group. These meetings are open to members, non-members, and first-timers who are interested in social nudity. The focus of this dinner meeting is on naturist activities at Bates and other Southern California beaches; however, topics vary every month. Anyone with a sincere interest is welcome.

This meeting is a great first step for non-nudists who are curious and have questions about naturism, and it is a required orientation before non-members are invited (on a space-available basis) to attend one of our backyard pool parties. Become a member for only \$10! <https://friendsofbatesbeach.org/>

ONLINE MEETINGS



Friends of Bates Beach hosts an online meeting each month for the people who cannot make the in-person meeting. Most participants live in the Santa Barbara to Los Angeles area, although sometimes we will

get people from as far away as Canada and Florida!

Be aware that since everyone will be at their own home, these meetings are clothing-optional, and people often take advantage of that opportunity.

THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
7 pm to 8:30 pm

VENTURA/SANTA BARBARA ONLINE MEETUP

Just click the link and any browser will connect you! (You will be asked to link to the online application; click "ok") Cell phone users: it works like connecting to any other call. If you want to be seen, just click your camera "on."

Please join our Meetup from your computer, tablet, or smartphone at:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/724415629>

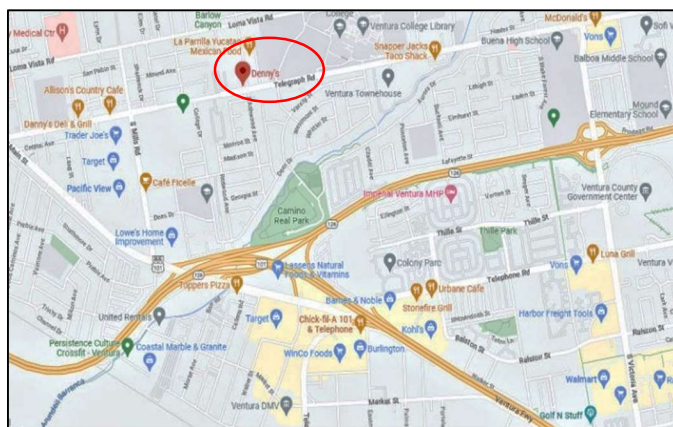
You can also dial in using your phone at:
(571) 317-3122, Access Code: 724-415-629

Upcoming Friday Schedule for 2023:

- **July 21, 2023**
- **August 18, 2023**
- **September 15, 2023**
- **October 20, 2023**

November and December dates pending

IN-PERSON MEETINGS



Map to Denny's Restaurant on Telegraph Road in Ventura

SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH

6:45 PM – 8:30 PM

MEETUP DINNER

**Denny's (west of Ventura College),
4095 Telegraph Rd, Ventura,
CA 93003**



Our meeting room is to the right and rear from where you walk in. Buy your dinner.

RSVPs for the dinner meetings are not necessary but appreciated so we have an advanced head count.

Email us at: friends@friendsofbatesbeach.org

- **July 14, 2023**
- **August 11, 2023**
- **September 8, 2023**
- **October 13, 2023**

There is no Friday dinner meeting from November through February.