

# *August 2023*



PHOTO OF THE MONTH FROM MARK W.  
MARK REMEMBERS "SEEING" THIS THE FIRST TIME HE HIKED THE MTN. IT  
LOOKED LIKE JABBA THE HUT. CAN ANYONE ELSE SEE IT??

THANK YOU TO JANE FOR TACO BINGO AND LISA FOR BUNKO, A LOT OF FUN  
WAS HAD BY ALL.

## August Activities

Not sure everyone knows that:

Sponsored by means that all money made from the activity goes to the club.

Hosted by means that the club helps with the activity and extra money goes to the club.

*Every Saturday and Sunday at 9am there will be coffee at the clubhouse.*

*Every Saturday night 7pm fire*

### August Time Donation

5	6pm	\$10	50's/60 Diner & costume contest Sponsored by Ken & Cherie Music & dancing on the grass
6	10am		Board Meeting
12	6pm	\$10	Beach Towel Dinner – Karaoke to follow Sponsored by Mark & Kari
18	6pm	\$0	Paint party (not work) Brady & Jamie Bring an appetizer to share & BYOD
19	6pm	\$5	Casino Night and Auction Jane, Lisa, Susan Wi
26	10am		Member discussion meeting
	6pm	\$5	Gumbo Dinner Sponsored by Sandra & Ron

Casino Nite is **coming**



Sat. -**AUG 19** -at 6 pm

I hope you aren't sick and tired of hearing about casino nite, because it is a major money maker for Bare Mountain Resort. This is OUR club, and we need to support it. Casino nite is a fun way to do it because it gives us a chance to get something back as we donate our \$\$.

I am hoping that the Casino Nite bin has been filling full of all sorts of fun items that will be auctioned off to the winning club members.

If you have already purchased an item or two for the auction – THANK YOU!!! If you haven't then keep your eyes 'peeled' for items you think will be something that our fellow members will like. Liquor, solar items, homemade items, decorations, camping supplies, etc. all are popular. The item does not have to be new, but it needs to be LIKE NEW.

We still need help that night: We still need dealers, servers (2), and another Vanna. Please sign up at the clubhouse. Neither Lisa nor myself have gotten any emails other than from Mark and Susan offering to help, so watch for Lisa this weekend or me on the 12<sup>th</sup> – or email me at [susan@willden.org](mailto:susan@willden.org)

**FINALLY – please remember, this is a fund raiser for Bare Mtn Resort. Please do not come thinking you are going to get a great deal, but rather, lets raise some dollars while having a fun time.**

# Mardi Gras & Gumbo Party

- **When:** Saturday, August 26 at 6:30pm
  - **Where:** Bare Mountain
  - **Cost:** \$5.00 per person.
- **Costume Contest:** Wear the Mardi Gras costume of your dreams!
- **Prizes:** Logan's best buttercreams from Bluebird chocolate for the top 3 winners!
- **Perks:** Aggie Ice Cream for dessert from Utah's famous Aggie Ice Cream!



**Hosts:** Gillam's

**RSPV:** (Appreciated but not required) [Sandi.gillam@me.com](mailto:Sandi.gillam@me.com)



## **Elections are in September at the General Meeting**

It is that time of year when the Bare Mountain Retreat Vice President is charged with developing a list of members willing to serve on the Executive Board for the next year. Hopefully we will have multiple candidates for each position. Voting will take place in September.

At this time none of the current Board Members have committed to run for their positions again. Two have said they will not.

Please consider that if Bare Mountain Retreat does not elect a board for 2024 our club could dissolve and all we have worked for reverts to the Idaho Youth Ranch.

It is not necessary to live full-time on the mountain to be a Board Member. With the help and assistance of all members any one of us could hold these positions. Many of our meetings are held via "Go-To-Meeting" online. Previous Board members would be willing to assist the new Board. We now have manuals written for some of the positions and are a great reference and guide.

A suggestion has been made to have an assistant for both the Secretary and Treasurer. The assistant would be a non-voting position. Not only would this be a great help to the person holding this position, but it would also be good training for the future. Having more than one person knowing the ins and outs of these two positions would be a benefit to the club. The Board would like your input and comments about this.

This club is member owned and an all-volunteer club, except for the Caretaker position. If each of us does our part and participates in doing the work that must be done, life on the mountain is so much more enjoyable for all.

Please consider how you would like to volunteer your time and expertise to help our club grow and become the fun-loving place it is meant to be. Whether it is as a Board member or part of one of the many committees, your participation is welcome and needed.

A form is attached, or you can pick one up at the clubhouse. These need to be turned in to Donna, or you can contact her directly to be placed on the ballot for membership voting for Board positions in September. You can also email your nomination to me at [donnalegler@gmail.com](mailto:donnalegler@gmail.com)

Thank you very much for considering how you would like to contribute in 2024.

Donna, Vice President

We had over 20 members and a number of visitors get up early on Sat July 22 and assist in cementing 17 fence posts. In addition to those working the posts a number of club members prepared brunch and dinner for all those who stepped up to the challenge. A special shout out to Ron for coordinating the overall fence project, Pat for hauling up the cement and Al for the use of his cement mixer. As we all know it takes each of us to keep our Club going and there are plenty of ways for each of us to help, so step up and get involved. Then once the work is done we can all head to the pool, the trails, the common areas or wherever on the grounds that you find enjoyable knowing that you did your part.

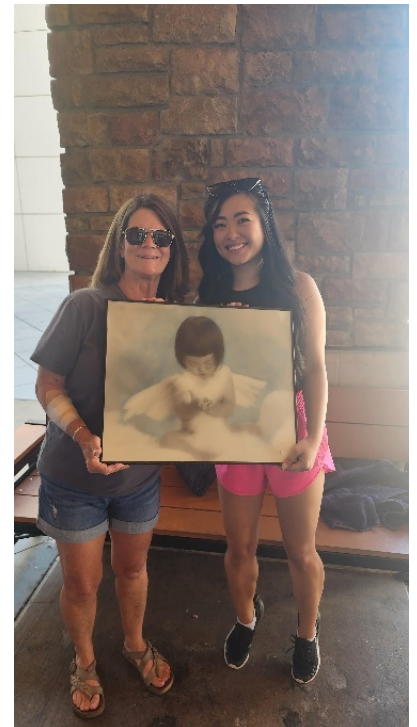
CHRISTIAN

DUE TO THE FACT THAT I HAVE BEEN STUCK IN UTAH FOLLOWING KNEE SURGERY, I HAVE FELT A REAL DISCONNECT FROM THE MTN AND WAS HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME COMING UP WITH IDEAS FOR THE AUGUST ROAR. SO, I SENT A BUNCH OF EMAILS OUT SAYING HELP! AND WOW!! I NOW HAVE PLENTY OF IDEAS FOR THIS MONTHS' ROAR. SO JUST KEEP READING. SUSAN WI

Debbie shared this:

This is just a story of a full circle. In 1997 at a county fair, I fell in love with a photo of a little girl that reminded me of an angel. It was just so peaceful and pure. My then boyfriend, knowing I wanted it, found a way to get it for me. It hung in every home I lived in until 2015 when we sold our home. It went into storage until recently, and while getting rid of more stuff I came across it again. I hadn't remembered, but it had a note on the back that read - Brianna, "our hope". I was hoping I could find her and see if she would like it for herself. I did find her on Facebook. She reached out and after talking with her parents, said she would love to have it. Come to find out her parents were stationed in Japan and adopted her at 5 days old. Finally, we met today, and she was able to have it for herself.

Debbie R



## Trail notes from the Nudes Nest:

8/6/18, Awesome spot! First bare-naked hike here. Nice place- a naturists heaven!  
Bill

8/16/18, One of the most incredible hikes I have ever experienced. We have never been to such a beautiful and liberating place such as Bare Mountain. Thank you for having us.

*Cindy sent these pictures of our mtn. Remember, as you walk past, stop for a minute and disbud the dead flowers, check to see if they are too dry and pick up and throw away any trash you see by the pool or common grounds or even the road and trails, We thank Cindy and Gary and everyone that helps to make our club clean and beautiful*



**A DAY ON THE MOUNTAIN,** by Randy B







As Randy hiked, he took pictures of our beautiful mountains and then sent them to the ROAR

Thank you Randy.

There are many of us who have heard about our trail system for hiking and wished we could hike them but for various reasons we are stuck down below. Gary has been busy making signs for the various trails to guide our members and visitors around our mountain. Gary sent these pictures for the ROAR and then at my request he “takes us on a hike” over our mtn trails with the various captions’.

ENJOY YOUR TOUR!



Many hikers like to begin their hike via the *garden trail*.



The garden trail leads to bench one and the *archery range*, there they begin the ascent up *lake view trail*



After reaching the crest many hikers turn and stop at the *Nudes Nest* where we have a first aid kit in an *ice chest*.



The more ambitious hikers will continue on to the *high point trail*. This is where the STREAK TO THE PEAK race ends. Returning back to the *lake view trail* you see the sign: (note the sign underneath. “*your clothing 1.2 mi!*”)



After descending *black diamond trail*, you have the opportunity to climb the *West View Trail*,



After returning from west view, you cross *the bridge*, and head to the *pool*. (Thank you, Cindy, for the pool picture!) If you have done all that, you're probably going to need a long soak in the hot tub as well.

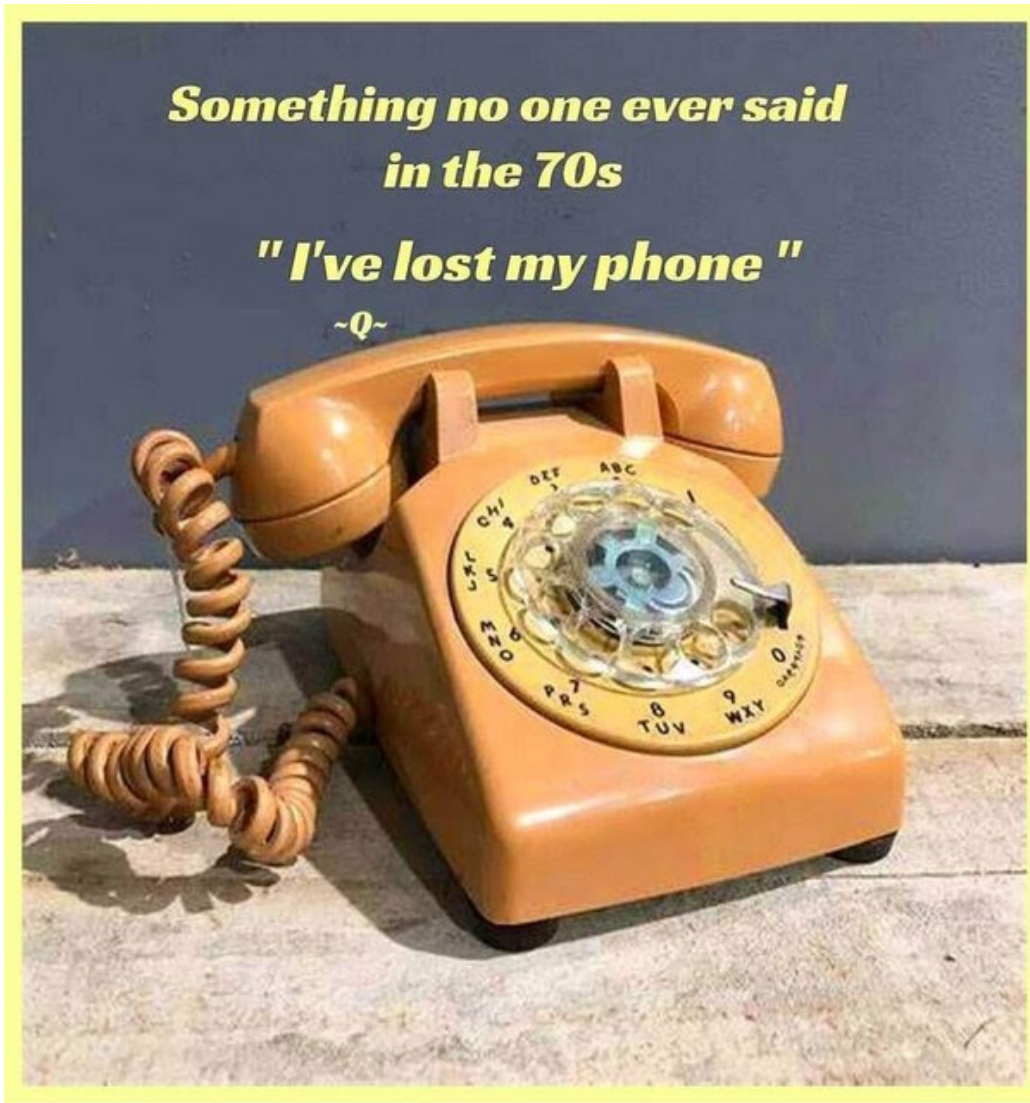
Happy hiking!

(Thanks Gary and your crew for all the hard work you do to keep our mountain trails looking awesome!

**Something no one ever said  
in the 70s**

**"I've lost my phone"**

~Q~



**Just sayin'**

**Bisti / De-Na-Zin by Christian**

*I have always enjoyed hiking, and hiking naked, when possible, is even more enjoyable. That, of course, is one of the many reasons I love being a member of Bare Mountain Retreat, and the opportunity to hike our many trails. Another location where I have enjoyed hiking (with my clothes left in the car) is a wilderness area just south of Farmington, New Mexico called Bisti / De-Na-Zin.*

*The Bisti / De-Na-Zin Wilderness encompasses over 40,000 acres of rock formations that would seem more natural on a distant planet than in New Mexico. Congress, recognizing the uniqueness of this*

*area, designated it as a Wilderness Area in 1984 and the Bureau of Land Management manages the site. As many of us nudists know the BLM allows nude recreation as long as you don't offend anyone (so always use common sense when hiking naked).*

*If you venture to this wilderness, you will find it to be one of the most unusual; a stark, alien landscape, with undulating hills in white, black, and red, punctuated by hoodoos and natural wind windows. Based on my last few trips you may see a few people hiking at the main area around the parking lot, but it isn't unusual to have the place all to yourself.*

*As you hike in, you'll find that it looks like a different world and like any new world it's easy to get lost in. With no cell service (at least when I was there last) I strongly suggest you pack a portable satellite GPS, a lunch and lots of water! I think the best time of year to explore is early spring or late fall with its mild temperatures and fewer visitors, you can easily lose yourself naturally in this natural wonderland.*

*Christian S.*

#### **Trail notes from the Nudes Nest:**

*5/11/19, Excited to share this experience with my husband. Thank you, Boise, for having something like this. Joey and Stef*

*6/2/19, This is a splendid walk. Just me, a red-tailed hawk and the views. Many thanks to the trail crews, Phil*



**Finally, we have babies!!!** *Thanks for the photo, Debbie!*

### Thailand - A Nudist Bucket List?

This past May Susan and I had the opportunity to spend 28 days in Thailand. This was our second trip to Thailand and once again the country and people did not disappoint. Traveling from the jungles of the far north of the country near the Thailand and Myanmar border, to the bustling metropolis of Bangkok, to the spectacular islands in southern Thailand, the diversity of geography and culture is stunning. Interacting with elephants, shopping the famous night market in Chiang Mai, exploring vast cave systems and searching for the largest flower in the world, extraordinary 5 star dining in Bangkok to palette blowing street food, from hostels to a floating cabin to one of the world's top boutique hotels on a private beach, shopping the largest outdoor market in Asia, snorkeling vibrant coral reefs, and more, Thailand has something for about anyone as long as

you don't mind being hot. In the words of our friends who have lived in Thailand, "Thailand has 3 seasons; Hot, Really Hot and Hot and Wet."



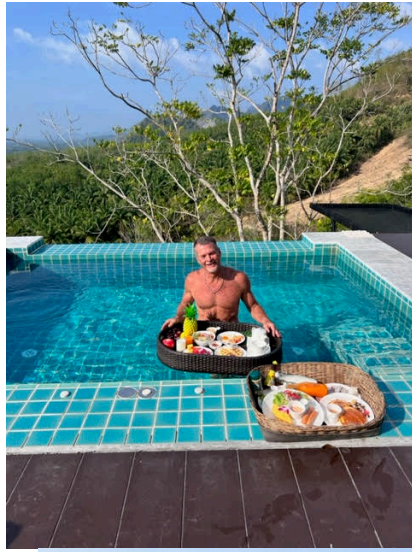
For us, Thailand encapsulates, in many ways, what we are looking for when we travel abroad. Most notably the ability to interact with and learn about another culture, its people and its history. As a Buddhist

country the tenants of Buddhism are intertwined into virtually every aspect of daily life. Monks seem to always be present, and temples blanket the landscape. Perhaps most noticeable to me however, is the effect of a deep adherence to the idea of Karma. Although it has some negative societal effects in general it has served the Thai people well, and as an outsider, it makes visiting and travel in Thailand safe and very enjoyable.



Interestingly, nudism in Thailand is strictly forbidden, and against the traditional beliefs of Buddhism. That said, there are over a dozen nudist resorts in Thailand. We stayed at two, Harmony Naturist Resort on the southern end of Phuket Island and Oriental Beach Village Resort located on a small island about 90 minutes north of Phuket. What is interesting is that although against traditional Buddhist practices the notion of Karma means the society is very accepting of divergent ideas and practices as long as they do not harm others. Nudism was not looked down upon or even spoken quietly about. It seems to in many ways be quietly endorsed. The resorts are charged some additional taxes but otherwise left alone and are popular with local as well as foreign travelers.





We would be glad to chat more about our experiences in Thailand with any of our Bare family. Finally, if you have a desire to visit Thailand, we would strongly encourage you to do so. It is a very affordable and fascinating country to visit with and without your clothes.



Cheers, Mark and Susan

I saw this  
cute 4<sup>th</sup> of  
July  
decoration  
at my  
sister-in-  
law's  
home, and  
I



immediately thought of Ron!! I hope you had all had a fun  
Independence Day

**A special THANK YOU to everyone that sent pictures and/or  
stories for our Mountain ROAR. This is YOUR newsletter,  
so we are happy to share your stories!!!**