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BEACH HOUSE PARTY

Mid Summer's

The Druid from Venice is throwing a party on Saturday, June the 22nd, on Venice Beach to celebrate the Summer Solstice, Mid-Summer's Day.

That Saturday will have about as many hours of Sunlight as any in this whole year, and Venice has about as many things to see as any Beach on our old Earth.

On Summer days in Venice there is always a party going on. Ours just joins it. If you can make it, you should have fun.

Party headquarters will be at 49 1/2 Brooks, but the party will be wherever you are in Venice. You can come early or late, and leave likewise.

Draft beer, a bathroom, etc. will stay at 49 1/2 Brooks, but the other party doings will be partly held elsewhere. There will be maps of Venice, and such, at party headquarters.

DOINGS

There will be surfing, sunning, swimming, snoozing, skim-boarding, sight-seeing and suds-downing, to cite just seven (aside from sex).

There might be an evening bar-BQ, if there is enough interest. We will talk about it if you are going to come, when you respond to reserve space.

We might have 'sandlot' football, volleyball, a bi-cycling marathon, a by-standing marathon, or any other beach activity, from head standing to foot-bag.

We will certainly have a poetry competition. Some people insist on calling this such things as chin-flapping, face-waveing, jow-boning, bull-shitting, or the lost Art of conversation. Whatever you call it, you are likely to find it in Venice!



DIRECTIONS (see map)

From In-Land

1. Take the Santa Monica freeway almost to the end, to Lincoln Blvd.
2. Turn left onto Lincoln, off the off-ramp. Take Lincoln to Ocean Park Blvd., the 4th light.
3. Turn right on Ocean Park, and take it down to Neilson, the third light. This is 1 block past Main.
4. Turn left on Neilson. It turns into Pacific when you reach Venice. You are going to the alley just this side of Brooks Ave., the 4th light.
5. Turn right into the alley, named Park Ct. Party headquarters is the first shack on the left. Skip to PARKING instructions.

From Up- or Down-Coast

1. Follow the Coast. Take Lincoln to Ocean Park, and then follow the preceding instructions from 3 on, except that those coming up-coast turn left onto Ocean Park.

PARKING

Parking is a problem.

Stop at party headquarters when you get there and we will share any current parking tips with you.

Druids believe in 'Local Magic' so they will take credit for any lucky parkers. Venice will take the blame for the unlucky.

From the Sea

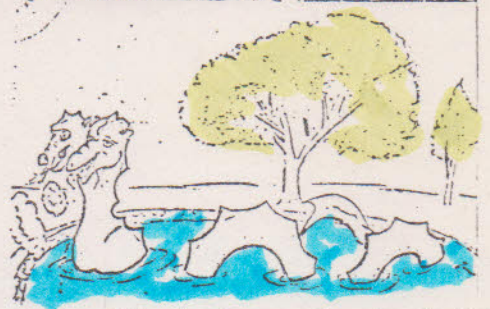
1. Tie-up at the Pier, 33°53'19"N.
2. Walk up Ocean Front Walk around Billy's apts.
3. Trudge in-land, up the alley, behind Billy's, to the last shack on the right, before Pacific's traffic.
4. Those arriving by sail need not RSVP. We will throw a kitten out.

RSVP

Reserve space very promptly, and respond, if you please, by calling Venice at (213) 399-4183.

Party headquarters can accommodate no more than 39 kittens, cats, and people at one time, so space has to be parcelled and planned. There is a resident population of kittens and cats.

Based on past party participation, space should be plentiful. But please do call (213) 399-4183 and speak to Spencer, Tim, Dick or their Machine.



This is Green, the Two-Headed Sea-Dragon at Legg Lake, where the Druids held their last party.

Green was the Monster at that Monster Picnic.

Reformed* Druids hold 'Monster' parties in honor of Daniel O'Connell, a Nineteenth Century Irish pacifist and non-violent labor reformer, who scared the British into letting Trade Unions into Ireland with his Monster Rallies.

Our Monster Party goal is fun.

NB

... is invited because Bard is an office of special honor in the Druidic tradition.

By the way, are you interested in writing a column for the American Druid Monitor?

We could use columns on Astronomy, Cycling, Dendrology (Trees), Hiking, Mountaineering, Oceanology, and Poetry.

Bards are invited to wear Blue.



This Beach Party is the second of the Druid's annual four-party cycle--Holy Alder Morn, Mid-Summer's Day, All-Hallow's Ween, and Mid-Winter's Night.

COMING EVENTS

The next Monster Party on the religious calendar is Halloween, on October 26th. Mark that Saturday on your social calendars now. Costumes will not be required, but they will be welcome. Think medial.

By no small coincidence, this All-Hallow's Ween is my real fortieth birthday. So the Beach Party is the last practice party. At last!