

Wasteland Weekend 2015

Wasteland Weekend was fun this year, I was a vendor and found and built a "Post Apoc." truck. Building the truck was so much fun.

I was there with the "X" Tribe. From Panacea X fame.

Tribe included, Me, Gideon, Forest, Ron Baker and his brother Rory.

We later adopted James from Hawthorne NV into our tribe, he fit right in.

I really appreciate all the help with the vendor booth/ store and the vehicle from all the X tribe members.

Everyone contributed. I want to especially thank Ron and Rory for providing us with so much tasty food and fresh brewed Coffee in the morning!

Forest kept us laughing with his mainly gay humor!

Gideon helped immensely with everything from loading and unloading the GTB to the set up and break down of the booth. Plus everything else all while having fun and keep it light!

I bought a 1943 Ford GTB "Bomb Service Truck" just about four weeks (August 27th.), before I was going to drive 8 hours to Wasteland Weekend near California City in the Mojave Desert. I liked the truck so much I had to buy it even if it made no sense to do so! First off, the patina on it was perfect for a post apoc truck and second, the lines and look of the truck I loved. It was short and tuff looking, like a four wheel drive Pitbull. Below are pics of that vehicle that I rebuilt to be more post apoc.

It won 3rd place at Wasteland for "Best Original Vehicle"! Of course, I had lots of help, and I want to thank Greg Conklin who got it running well and converted it to 12v. Also, Luke Porter and his great crew at *4 X 4 Labs* that reworked the steering so it could turn better with the oversized tires and also helped build the "Wheel knives", that I designed, and install the front bumper. Luke pulled his whole crew, 4 to 5 guys, off their regular jobs, to help me finish my truck in time. Thanks again Luke!

I also wanted to thank Ron Baker who made some good looking "spear bombs" for the truck. Last but not least my daughter Christine for helping with details on the truck and costume.

There was a lots of entertainment from death metal to electronic dance music, to "Jugger matches" ("football with weapons"), fire performers and dancers, cage matches, Thunder Dome "Fights" with foam nerf bats as

weapons. Smash botz, (remote controlled post apoc car race). Car and motorcycle contest, Costume contest, fashion show, Shopping in Barter town, post apoc. film festival (my favorite), general BSing fun and partying!

Why do I like Wasteland so much? I have thought about this a lot. My answer is there are many reasons, but foremost, I get to make and show my post apoc art, and I get to show it to people who can really appreciate it! Even though my chainsaw bayonets are horrific and I hope and pray they are never used on anyone, all I see in them is that they are so absurd that they are funny! People intuitively get this and smile as soon as they see one. Also, my truck, could be seen as horrific but instead it is seen as humorous, even cartoonish. I enjoy this kind of art because it cannot be wrong! That is so freeing for me; if the piece is cut wrong, bent or rusty, that is not bad, it is actually good! I also love Si Fi in the post apoc category; I love to see different authors take on what they believe could happen. I was born the year of the Cuban Missile crisis and ever since then someone in the crowd has been yelling "the shit is going down this year for sure!". But in reality my whole life has been filled with abundance and opportunity, creativity, fun, love and exploration. I think Wasteland Weekend is a way for me to remember what I have to lose without losing any of it. At the end I get to go then back home to warmth, friends and delicious foods from around the world, and really to easy street! How lucky are we that we get to celebrate the apocalypse every year, and that it is actually a festival of art, performance and abundance!

Below is my photo essay of my time there this year.

Love at first sight! 1943 Ford GTB, Bomb Service truck, AKA “Burma Jeep”.



On its way home from Lovelock Nevada. (On Luke's trailer! Thanks Luke!)



At Greg's, getting tuned, lubed, new tires and 12 volts and lots of new wires! Awesome job, thanks Greg!



Giant wheels and tires I got on eBay.



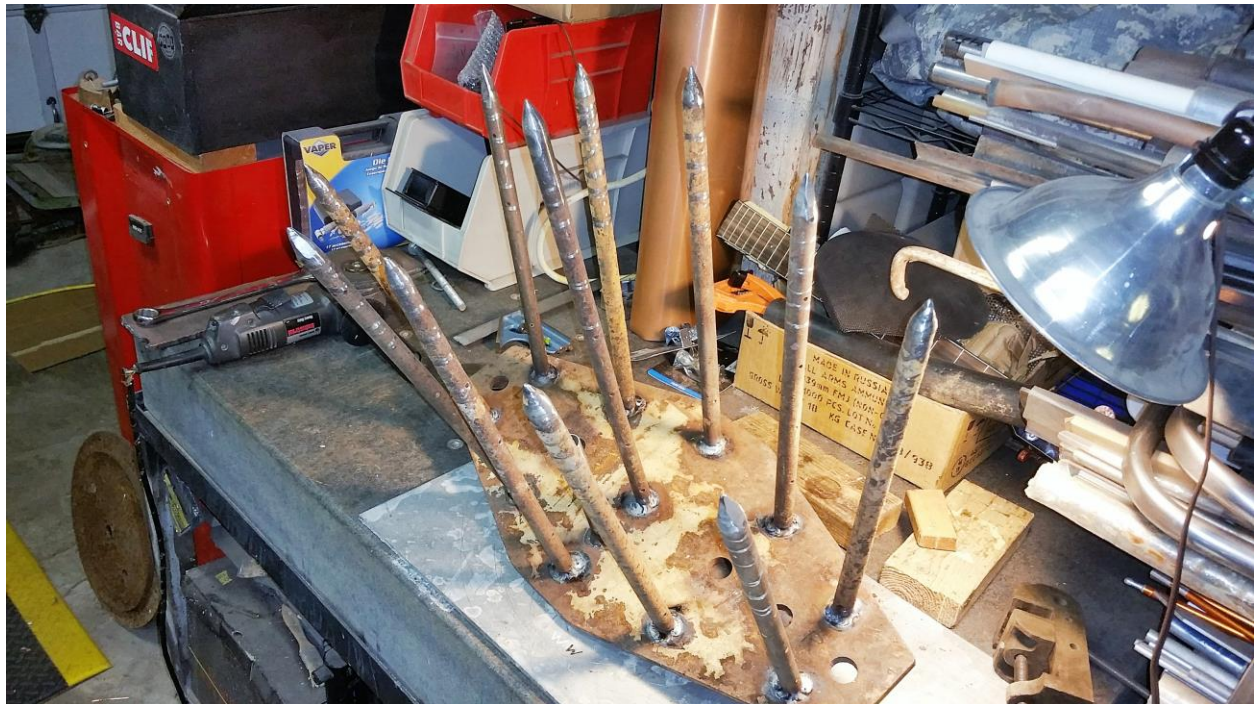
Bumper I fabricated and “no pit” Corner spikes.



Bumper finished with post apoc paint job.



Tail Spikes in progress.



Ryan from 4X4 Labs helping to mount the tow truck bumper I found on *Craig's List*.



Me cutting out rear guards station.



“Meli” in Post Apoc car, truck and motorcycle show.



Tail Spikes and Spear Bombs.



About 100 Post Apoc. cars were there this year.





My view of Gid in the gunner's copula.



Our slave girls. (How did that slave girl get a smart phone?)



See video of the overview of the Panacea X truck on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/yZ4dy-cnx7k>

Me posing with 3rd place award for best original, (not a copy) Post Apoc Truck/car.



Vending: Panacea X Store

Panacea X Flag flies proudly over our store. While bones give the Wasteland salute. (Thanks Christine!)



The Panacea X Store at Wasteland. This was a brand new 12' X 20' Wedding tent that I painted post apoc.



Gid poses with a machete bayonet that I made, in front of store. We parked “Meli” (lovingly named for Melissa, who was so understanding and supportive of my art, thank you baby!), in front of the store to bring in customers.



Me watching the store. :)



This Girl was one of my favorite customers, because she liked the prototype "Killsaw" so much. You can just see the "Fuck Yeah!" on her face!



Entertainment:

Metal bands: *Element A440* was good.



Atomic Café, free drinks and cage dancers!



Fire performers and Burlesque shows.



Fashion show.

I was able to get the prototype Panacea X “Killsaw” into the fashion show. It was placed with this great model named Gavin. He did a good job showing it off.



Fashion show video, Video. <https://youtu.be/NRqVf4lwOc8>

Thunder Dome was really popular.



Thunder Dome video: <https://youtu.be/GnfuB6SNjrs>

Actually beautiful. The natural beauty of the Mojave Desert. I got out every morning to walk or run and to see the sunrise.... Below is a sunset.



Opening ceremony.



There were amazing costumes there. This guy was my favorite. He had a gas hose/gasmask canister vaporizer, and....



A Cabbage Patch Kids head that when he pulled on the spine, it dispensed sun screen!



Below is this guy that Tom Poole branded with a “W” last year he was stoked and hoping you would be there again! Next year Tom!



Here I am| my scariest face, with my art! Can you guess that I loved Halloween as a kid!



At rest stop on our way home. Yeah, it is a big heavy truck!



Below is one for Gid aka “Armagideon” his costume resembled this character from Mad Max “Road Warrior” the Gyro Copter pilot.



OK, who is down for next year?!!!