

Burn in the Forest - Art Car (“Mutant Vehicle”) Policy

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WHAT IS A MUTANT VEHICLE?

A Mutant Vehicle is a unique, motorized creation that shows little or no resemblance to their original form, or to any standard street vehicle. Mutant Vehicles are radically, stunningly, (usually) permanently, and safely modified from their base vehicle. Sometimes the whole vehicle is made from scratch.

Mutant Vehicles may include such non-standard motorized forms such as furniture, other non-street vehicles such as a boat or train, animals, or just about anything imaginable. For safety reasons, they must not mimic any type of emergency service or law enforcement vehicle.

Vehicles merely stripped to the frame and engine, and vehicles with minimal changes or temporary decorations are not considered Mutant Vehicles.

Vehicular Traffic At Burn In The Forest

With regards to vehicular traffic, the intent of Burn In The Forest (BITF) is to give preference to pedestrians and human powered vehicles (bicycles, etc). Therefore motorized vehicles are restricted as follows:

1. Emergency Response Vehicles and BITF Organizational vehicles may freely travel the BITF site.
2. Motorized wheelchairs for people with disabilities may freely travel the BITF site.
3. Mutant vehicles may operate in accordance with the restrictions of this document, in designated areas.
4. All other vehicles may be driven to your site with care upon arrival for the purposes of unloading, following which they are to be parked for the duration of the event in accordance with the BITF Parking Policy.

There are no “in and outs” for vehicles/citizens of BITF. Please park your car for the weekend and enjoy the site on foot or on a bicycle!

Operation of a Mutant Vehicle is a serious responsibility! Failure to abide by the rules above will result in shutdown of the vehicle, and may result in loss of event privileges, or removal from the site.

Approvals Process

Phase 1 - Mutant Vehicle Application and Invitation

All mutant vehicles must be approved for use by the BITF organization through the following application process.

Prior to the event, by the posted Submission Deadline (June 15, 2018) please indicate your intent to bring a mutant vehicle by completing the online application form at <http://www.burnintheforest.com/artcar> Questions about the application form may be addressed to artcars@burnintheforest.com

Your application will include a detailed description of the vehicle design, including structural details of any mutant modifications, a safety plan, and a complete list of designated operators. You will need to have the following information ready before starting the application process.

- 1) The name(s) of the operator(s) of the vehicle
- 2) Confirmation that the operator(s) each hold valid Class 5 driver’s license(s) in the province of British Columbia (or equivalent license from another jurisdiction) and is 25 years old or older as of the opening day of the event.
- 3) Aesthetic description of the mutant vehicle (Note: the vehicle should be a work of art and should be relatively unrecognizable from its factory state. Your mutant vehicle may be rejected if it is not sufficiently modified (eg. A truck with Christmas lights is not a mutant vehicle).
- 4) For any platforms, decks or seating areas that are not “factory”, include detailed structural information demonstrating that the platform/deck/seating area is structurally sound for use by passengers.
- 5) The maximum capacity of any platform, deck, or seating area.
- 6) Detailed description of how citizens will enter and exit the vehicle.
- 7) Proposed lighting plan if intended for night usage.

Following your submission of the application the BiTF DMV will send you an email indicating acceptance or denial of your application. Acceptance emails will include an invitation to bring your Mutant Vehicle to the BiTF site for phase 2 of the approvals process. You will be asked to show your invitation at the BiTF Gate and will not be permitted to bring your vehicle on site without an invitation.

All acceptances and invitations are conditional to successfully completing phase 2 of the approvals process.

BITF may request clarification or improvements following your initial or subsequent submission. Any such clarifications or improvements are mandatory. Any mutant vehicle not adhering to these conditions will be parked for the duration of the event.

Phase 2 - Onsite Inspection

Immediately following your arrival at BITF, you must check in with a DMV representative – they can be flagged by any BITF Organization member with a radio.

DMV will perform the following inspections prior to approving your mutant vehicle’s travel on the Site:

- 1) Re-confirm the driver(s) for the event. Any drivers not previously listed must each hold valid Class 5 driver’s license(s) in the province of British Columbia (or equivalent license from another jurisdiction) and be 25 years old or older as of the opening day of the event.
- 2) Stress-test any structural modifications intended as platforms, decks, seating, hand-holds, or other devices intended to bear the weight of a citizen.
- 3) Witness the mechanical operation of the vehicle to confirm that the vehicle appears mechanically sound and is not an environmental or noise hazard (egs. No fluid leaks, engine is muffled, etc)
- 4) Confirm that the vehicle owner has posted the capacity limit of any platforms, decks, or seating areas within that area, in plain view.
- 5) Examine the lighting system to ensure that it is adequate for night usage (if intended).
- 6) Confirm that no Lasers are attached to the mutant vehicle

Following approval by the onsite DMV representative, your vehicle will be given a BITF license sticker, which permits operation of the vehicle in accordance with this policy document.

Vehicles which fail or do not submit to the onsite inspection may not operate at BITF.

Operating your Mutant Vehicle

BITF has nearly 1500 citizens for 2018, the vast majority of whom are pedestrians or cyclists. Being mindful of this reality, and associated hazards and risks, is essential to safe operation of a mutant vehicle.

The following rules must be observed at all times by all mutant vehicles:

- 1) Abide by all applicable Federal and Provincial laws applying to the operation of a motor vehicles, including and especially all open alcohol container laws. *Note: roadways at BITF are public spaces and citizens may not have open alcohol by law.*
- 2) **Always** drive at a speed of **8 km/h** or less (reduce speed appropriately in hazardous situations such as tight crowds).
- 3) **Always** come to a complete stop before loading or unloading any citizens.
- 4) No person under the influence of alcohol or drugs may operate a mutant vehicle.
- 5) No person under the age of 25 may operate a mutant vehicle
- 6) No driving in areas designated for pedestrian use only, or other restricted areas. A map of these areas will be given to each mutant vehicle during the onsite inspection.
- 7) **Always** yield the right of way to pedestrians, human powered vehicles, and emergency services vehicles.
- 8) If your mutant vehicle has a Sound System, adhere to the BITF Sound Policy.
- 9) If your mutant vehicle has flame effects, these must be operated only in designated areas (indicated on the map you will receive onsite), and must adhere to the BITF Fire Plan. *Note: Your fire effects must be pre-approved under the BITF Fire Policy, as a separate application.*
- 10) Stop **immediately** upon being hailed by any BITF organizer, Ranger, Security, or law enforcement officer.
- 11) Obey any additional guidelines that may be set forth by BITF.

Lighting Vehicles for Night Usage

Vehicles intending to operate at night must have adequate lighting to ensure that all citizens are aware of the presence of a mutant vehicle in the vicinity.

The vehicle must be lit and viewable from all sides.

NOTE: Lasers are prohibited at the event and may not be used on Mutant Vehicles

Your lighting system will be inspected onsite to ensure it is adequate. You will be required to demonstrate the electrical functioning of the lighting to ensure it is robust and not likely to fail.

If your lighting fails at night, you must immediately stop the vehicle, unload all citizens, and when safe to do so, remove the vehicle to a spot off the main road where it shall remain parked until your lighting system is fixed, then inspected and cleared by the DMV.

LICENSE YOUR MUTANT VEHICLE

YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS

DRIVE SLOWLY, CAREFULLY AND SOBER

STAY UNDER THE SPEED LIMIT OF 8 Km/h

BE AWARE OF THE CITIZENS ON BOARD AND AROUND YOU

OPERATE ONLY IN DESIGNATED AREAS

OBEY ANY INSTRUCTION FROM AN AUTHORITY