

Our Burning Man Wedding



August 28, 2013

We got married at sunset
on Wednesday,
August 28, 2013
in Black Rock City, Nevada,
at the Burning Man Festival.
It was a "Mad Max",
fairy tale wedding for sure.

We want to thank
all our family and friends
who helped to make it
so much fun and
such a magical time.





sCary came to get Gwen to take her to the ceremony in his art car. The neighbor behind our camp let Gwen change into her wedding dress in his air conditioned trailer. MUCH better than in a HOT tent!!



Amy and Sarah were Gwen's bridesmaids. David McParland was such a TERRIFIC help, embellishing not only Gwen's dress and making her headpiece, but the entire wedding party's clothes and all the flowers! THANK YOU David!!



Gwen's headpiece from the back.

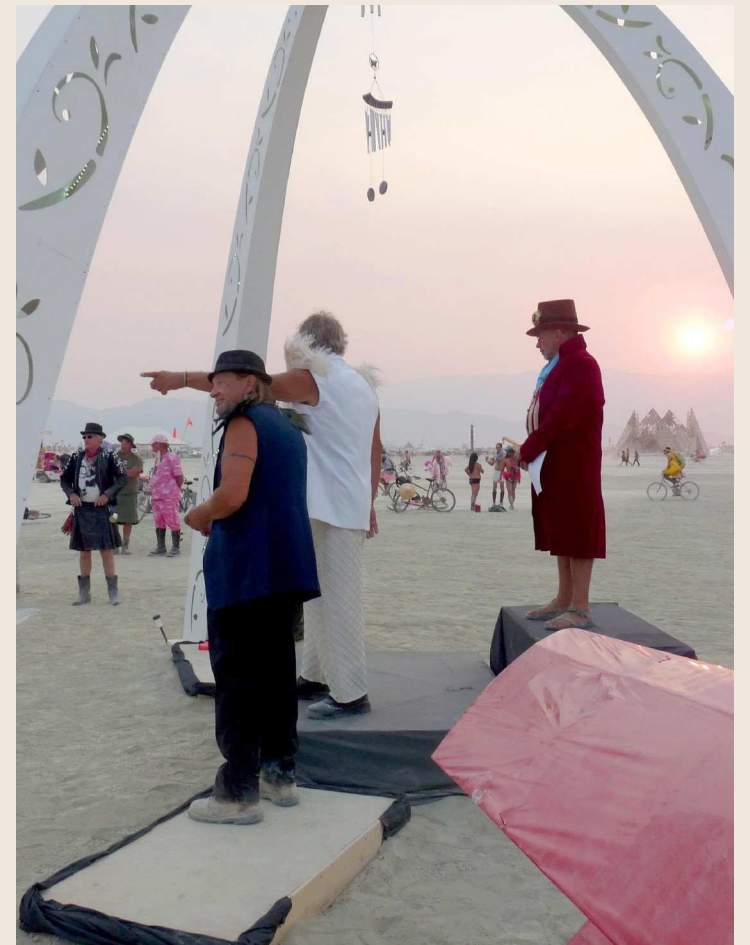
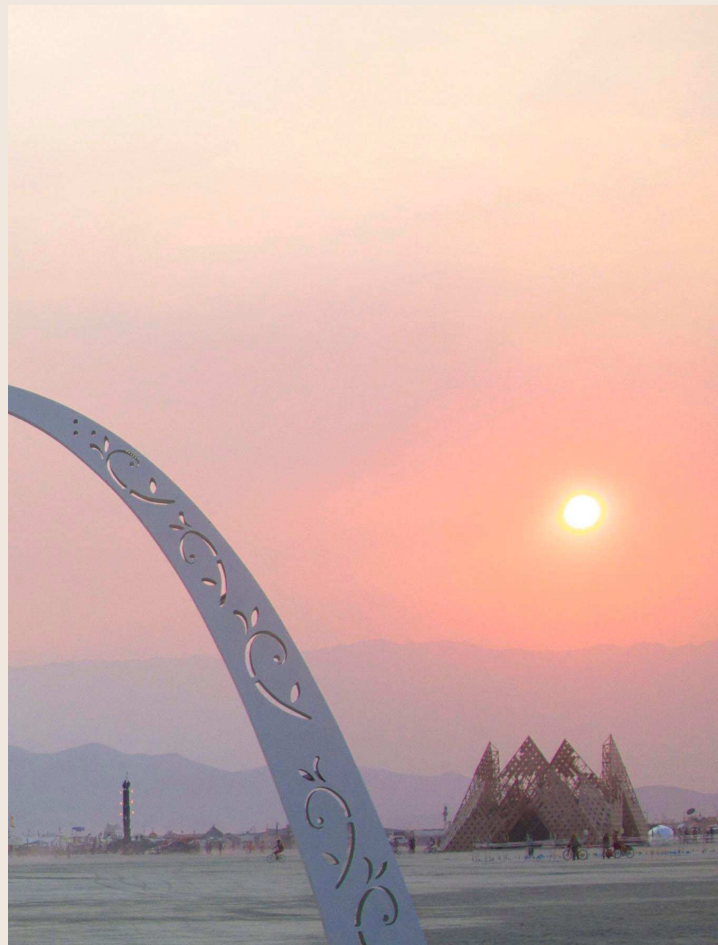
The back of Gwen's dress.

Wizzard hand painted Gwen's and his boots with peacock feathers.





Wizzaard "flew" in for the wedding in a bi-plane he built himself. SacDave, Wizzaard's best man, directed him where to go. So glad he had a smooth flight. Flights into BRC can be a little tricky!



Wizzaard designed and built the arch where we got married. There were 600 white LED lights in each leg, that showed through the scroll work at night It was BEAUTIFUL!!

Wizzaard spots Gwen coming in.



Amy, Lori, Sarah and Gwen, arriving at the ceremony location. Gwen was so happy when her sister, Lori, decided to come to the wedding! And, she was very happy that Amy and Sarah were there too!



sCary gave all the women in the wedding party a ride on his art car. Definitely a Mad Max arrival.



Amy on the outlook.



Yes, that is a "stripper pole" Gwen is holding onto.



Gwen calls this the Unicorn picture.



Made It!!



Now, where does my foot go??



Sisters



Emilio, Wizzard and SacDave.



Uncle Ira



Pretty!



David arranged Gwen's flowers.



Sarah, Amy, Emilio, Wizzard and SacDave.



When Gwen was volunteering at the Temple, this guy was spinning flags. Gwen asked him if he would be part of the wedding, and fortunately he said yes.



Lori, Sarah and Amy waiting for Gwen to arrive at the arch.



Wizzard sees his bride.



Wizzard and SacDave watching Gwen arrive.



Gwen was thrilled when AJ agreed to walk her down the aisle.

Awwwhhh!



Lori



Emilio greeting the guests.

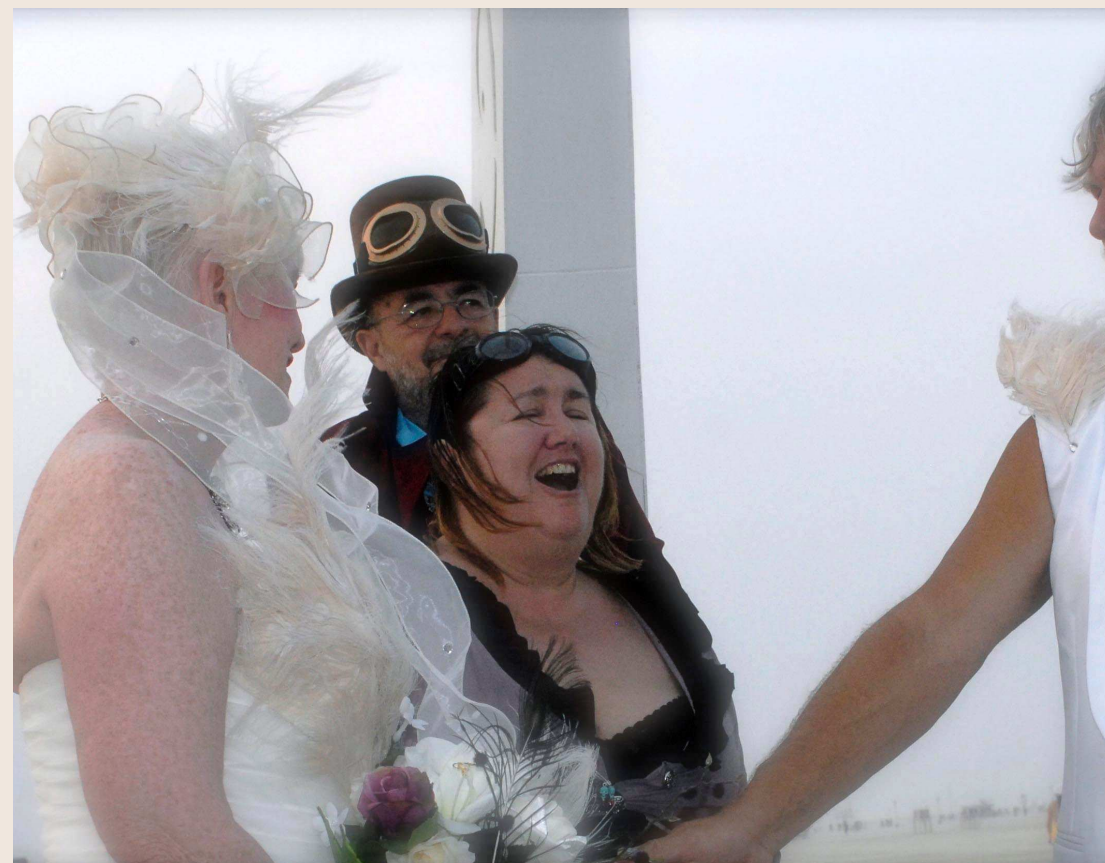


SacDave looks on.

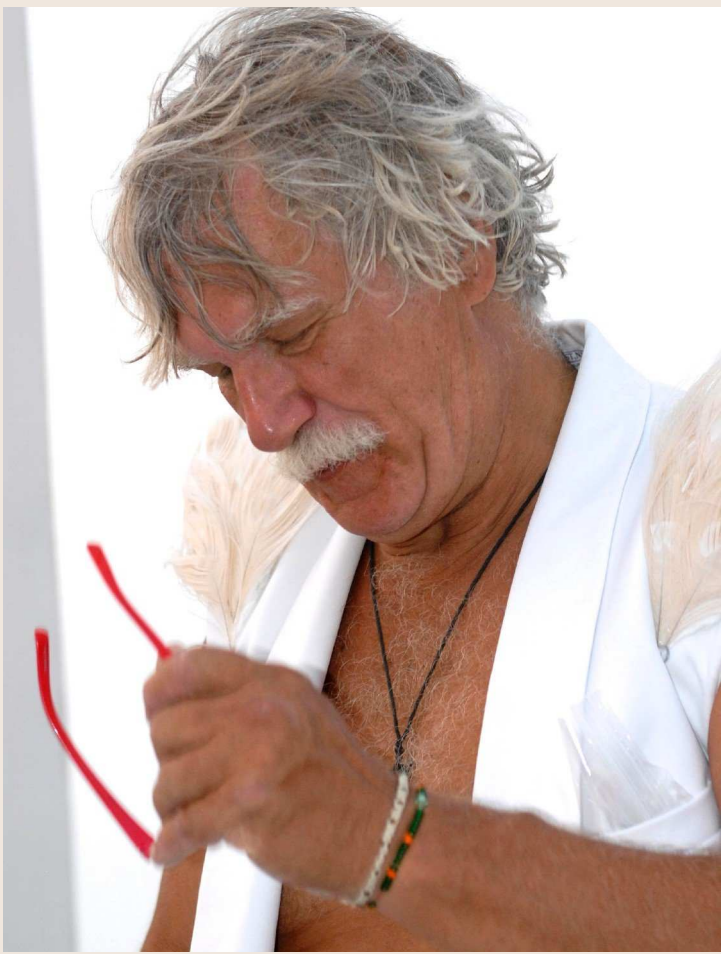


Some of the wedding guests.





RealGirl sang a beautiful song as part of the ceremony. Thank you RealGirl!! It was really lovely of you!



Reading vows, placing rings and feeling emotions.



Wedding Ceremony and Vows

"Blessings for a Wedding" by James Dillet Freeman

Emilio:

Friends – We, who have gathered in and around this beautiful arch, are now privileged to witness and to participate in a ceremony celebrating the public acknowledgment of a love which Gwen and wizzard have for each other, knowing that by our presence here with them, we are saying that they, together, are loved by many others.

We have come to surround them as they stand before us in this place, where now Gwen and wizzard in essence say --

"Welcome to our Wedding!
Welcome to our Celebration!"

Debi sings

Emilio:

Gwen and wizzard have asked me to read the poem:

May your marriage bring you all the exquisite excitements a marriage should bring, and may life grant you also patience, tolerance, and understanding.

May you always need one another - not so much to fill your emptiness as to help you to know your fullness. A mountain needs a valley to be complete; the valley does not make the mountain less, but more; and the valley is more a valley because it has a mountain towering over it.

So let it be, with you and you,
May you need one another, but not out of weakness.
May you want one another, but not out of lack.
May you entice one another, but not compel one another.
May you embrace one another, but not encircle one another.
May you succeed in all important ways with one another, and not fail in the little graces.
May you look for things to praise, often say, "I love you!" and take no notice of small faults.

If you have quarrels that push you apart, may both of you hope to have good sense enough to take the first step back.

May you enter into the mystery which is the awareness of one another's presence no more physical than spiritual, warm and near when you are side by side, and warm and near when you are in separate rooms or even distant cities.

May you have happiness, and may you find it making one another happy.
May you have love, and may you find it loving one another.

Emilio:

Gwen and wizzard have vows that they would like to say to each other at this time.

Gwen:

wizzard, I love you.
You are my best friend, my lover and my confidant.
Today I'm giving you my hand and my heart;
I give myself to you in marriage.

My intention is to love you for all the remaining days of our lives together. To willingly share you with your family and friends
To allow you space when you need your own private time and to happily share my time with you when we are together

I promise to encourage and inspire you,
To love you in good times and in bad,
When life seems easy and when it seems hard,
When our love is simple and when it is an effort,
And I will try in every way to be worthy of your love

I will always be honest with you, kind, patient and forgiving,
And I promise to be a true and loyal friend.
I promise you these things because here is where I want to be,
Always by your side, wherever life may lead us

wizzard, I promise these things to you this day before these witnesses.

wizzard:
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Emilio:
The wedding ring is a symbol of unity, a
circle unbroken, without beginning or end.

And today, Gwen and wizard give and
receive these rings as a demonstration of
their vows to make their life one, to work
at all times to create a love that is whole
and unbroken, and to love each other
without end.

Emilio and wizzard:
(wizzard places ring on Gwen's finger)
wizzard, in placing this ring on Gwen's
finger, repeat after me:

Gwen, with this ring I give you my
personal promise of love and trust
and pride that you are my wife.
We will wear these rings and the world will
know that I am yours and you are mine.

Emilio and Gwen:
(Gwen places ring on wiz's finger)
Gwen, in placing this ring on wizzard's
finger, repeat after me:

wizzard, with this ring I give you my
personal promise of love and trust and
pride that you are my husband.
We will wear these rings and the world will
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Emilio:
wizzard, do you take Gwen to be your
lawfully wedded wife?
To love and care for her as long as you
both shall live?
Do you take Gwen with all her faults
and strengths, to help her when she
needs help and to turn to her when you
need help?
Do you choose Gwen as the person you
want to spend your life together with?

wizzard: I do

Emilio:
Gwen, do you take wizzard to be your
lawfully wedded husband?
To love and care for him as long as you
both shall live?
Do you take wizzard with all his faults and
strengths, to help him when he needs
help and to turn to him when you need
help?
Do you choose wizzard as the person you
want to spend your life together with?

Gwen: I do

Emilio:
Gwen and wizzard, just as two very
different threads woven in opposite
directions can form a beautiful tapestry,
so can your two lives merge together to
form a very beautiful marriage.

To make your marriage work will take
love.
Love should be the core of your marriage,
love is the reason you are here.

But it also will take trust – to know in your
hearts you want the best for each other.

It will take dedication – to stay open
to one another; to learn and to grow
together even when this is not always
so easy to do.

It will take faith, to be willing to go
forward to tomorrow, never really
knowing what tomorrow will bring.

In addition, it will take commitment, to
hold true to the journey you both now
pledge to share together.

Gwen and wizard, in so much as the two
of you have agreed to live together in
matrimony, have promised your love for
each other by these vows, by the power
of the State of Nevada, I now declare you
Husband and Wife.

Congratulations! You may kiss your bride!

Ladies and Gentlemen,
may I introduce you to
Gwen and Robert Marzewski.



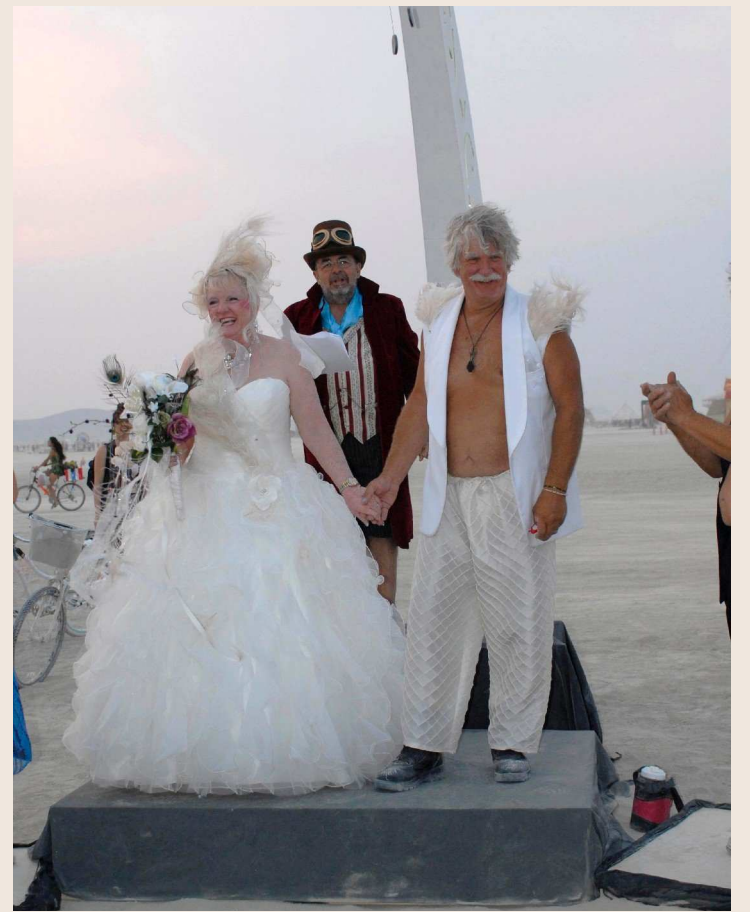
With this ring . . .



... I thee wed.



You may kiss the bride!



I present you Mr & Mrs Marzewski.





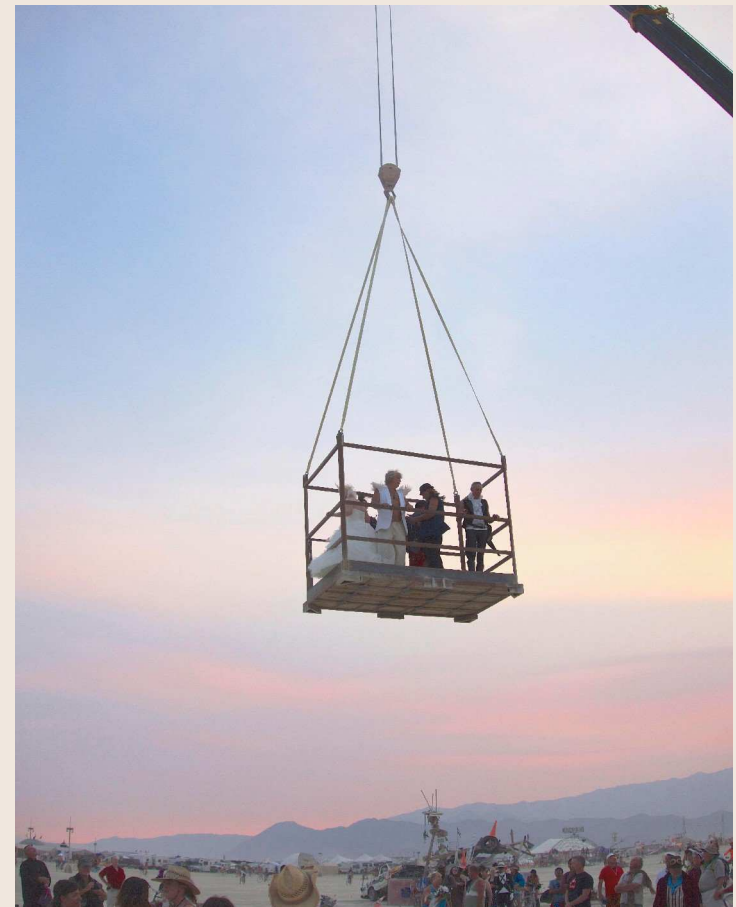
As a wedding present, Bruiser from Heavy Equipment gave the wedding party a ride in a cage that was lifted 120 feet into the air.



Gwen threw her bouquet while the cage was being lifted.



Look who's next!



Going higher still!



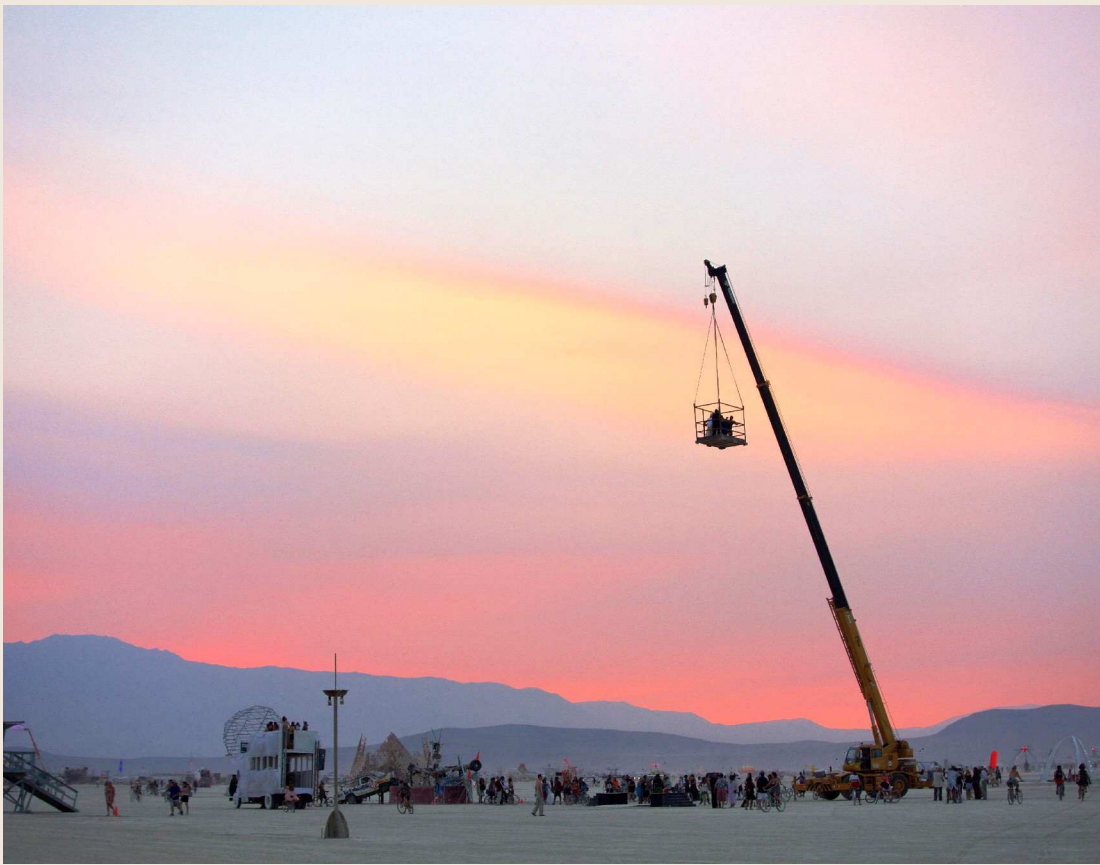
Gwen showing off her ring 120 feet in the air!



The happy couple!



David, AJ and Amy all having a great time in the cage.



AWESOME!!!



The view of Black Rock City, and most particularly K-SVERT, where the reception was held.



Our Chariot!!

Thanks to Emilio for arranging to have it take us to the reception!

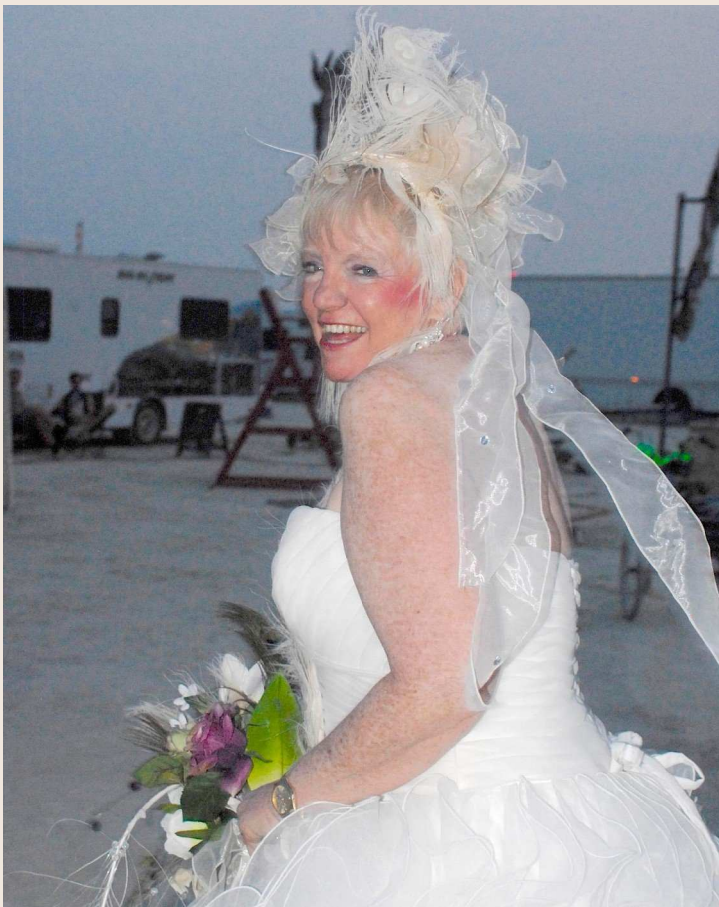




The Chariot arrives.



Wizzard and his best man.



Happy Bride!



Our friends, Brenda and Wit got married at the same time we did. They joined us after their ceremony.



Happy Groom!



Annamarie and Daniel with the bride.



Sarah made the cake - Maple Bacon!!



She also made all the cupcakes!!



Time to cut the cake.



What could she be thinking??





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JUST
MARRIED