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POOL PARTY AND BEACH PICNIC HIGHLIGHT OUR JUNE SCHEDULE

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

June 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29

Mid-Week Planned Group Visits to Bates

Fri, June 9, Meetup Dinner in Ventura, 6:45 pm

Sat, June 10, Pool Party in Camarillo, Noon – 7 pm

Sat June 17, Bates Beach Picnic, Noon – Sunset

Tues, June 20, Online Meetup, 7:00 pm

Sat, June 24, World Naked Bike Ride–LA, 8 am–4 pm

JULY

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Fri, July 21, Online Meetup, 7:00 pm



The seasonal overcast skies are giving way to sun and warmer temperatures just in time for our June activities to begin!

We have three major events planned for the next 30 days:

Saturday, June 10, we have a house party in Camarillo at a member's home. There is a large indoor pool, Jacuzzi, patio, BBQ, and plenty of room to dance and enjoy a potluck dinner.

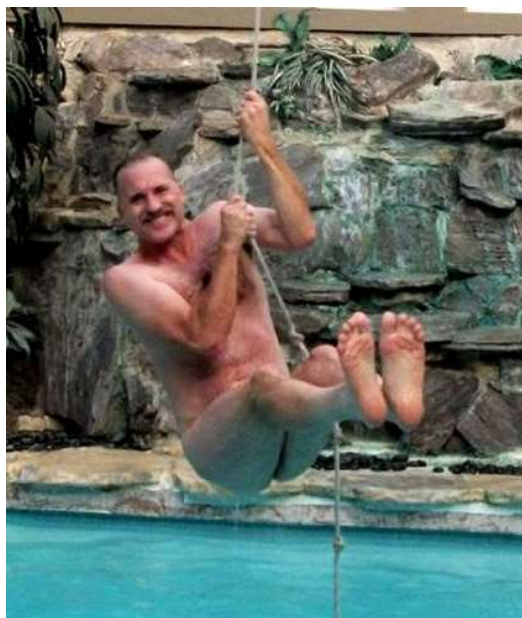
All dues-paying members of FOBB are invited with an entry charge of just \$10. You **MUST** RSVP ahead of time to be on the list! Email us at friends@friendsofbatesbeach.org. Other details may be found on Page 8 of this newsletter.

Saturday, June 17, we are hosting our first large picnic at Bates! We have invited all the other nudist clubs across Southern California to join us so we expect about 40-50 people to attend. This is also a scheduled Beach Cleanup Day before the event (see page 3). Details and directions will be sent to those who RSVP.

Saturday, July 1, we are in the annual Carpinteria Independence Day parade through the center of town. This is our tenth year in the parade and it has great public relations value for our organization and to remind people there is a clothing-optional beach nearby. See the story on page 2.

As the sun has now returned to the coast, our mid-week visits to Bates are back in business. We will have volunteers at the beach on Tuesdays and Thursdays (weather permitting) starting in the early afternoon. Look for our blue sign that will identify where we will be sitting.

Note: The sand is starting to come back and cover the annoying rocks that litter the beach beneath our feet, although we don't expect them all to disappear before mid-Summer. Many members tell us they have moved farther west a hundred yards or so to where the beach sand is smoother so you might keep that in mind on your next visit.



Have a pool-swinging time at our July 10 pool party in Calabasas!

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Get Well Update

Longtime “Bates Beach Mom” Sonya Robinson suffered a major heart attack on April 7 at her home in Ventura. She remained in Community Memorial Hospital, Ventura, for two weeks before coming home to recover her strength. She emailed us to say she is “feeling much better although not yet 100%.” She appreciates all the love and prayers that were sent her way by club members. She hopes to be well enough to see us at the pool party on June 10.



Volunteers Needed for July 1 Independence Parade Truck

Each year for the past 10 years, FOBB has been invited to participate in the Carpinteria Independence Day Parade, through the heart of the city on Linden Avenue. The parade is always on the Saturday before the actual holiday, so this year the event falls on July 1.



We need volunteers to help decorate the truck, ride in the back of the truck and wave to the crowd (yes, we will be appropriately dressed), and hand out literature and perhaps other things to the crowd. Every year we receive a warm welcome from the spectators as so many who still live in the city visited the nude beach at Bates when they were younger. They appreciate our hard work keeping Bates clean and safe.

Once again Mike Glinzak will be providing his truck. The parade starts at 4:00 PM so we need to arrive to decorate our vehicle about an hour before that. We encourage members to come into town several hours earlier to enjoy the traditional Rods & Roses car show along Linden Avenue where people like to show off their vintage hot rods and muscle cars from the 50s, 60s, and 70s. It also gives us the chance to buy food and souvenirs in town using \$2 bills, recognized as the currency of nudists in town.

Once the truck is decorated, up to six can stand in the back of the truck and wave while the rest of us either ride in the cab or walk behind. We will decorate using a “back to the beach” theme and have Beach Boys’ music playing from the truck as we go.

After the parade, we will all have dinner together in one of the restaurants on Linden Avenue.

It is always a fun day! We hope we can find some people in their twenties or thirties to ride in the back of the truck (or perhaps a family?) to wave to the crowd. If you are interested, contact us at friends@friendsofbatesbeach.org and we will send you information about where to meet us in town on the parade day.



June 17 Is Our Next Beach Cleanup Day at Bates, 11 AM

As stated on page 1, we have invited several Southern California nudist groups to join us for a party at the traditional clothing-optional section of this beach starting at Noon.

But last week we were contacted by a local Carpinteria business asking if their employees could do a beach cleanup with us. Bates has not been cleaned of trash since last September and the tides have washed up various paper products etc. across our area that should be cleared before we sit down to enjoy the day.

So, we decided to merge the two events into one!

The beach cleanup starts at 11 AM and should take about an hour. We will provide trash bags and gloves. We will be doing primarily our section of the beach, but we will also pass out bags to other beachgoers who want to clean in the textile section to the east.

Once we get the trash out we will post our usual sign to mark the start of the clothing-optional area so people can settle in and drop their towels and clothes to enjoy the day.

Contact us if you can get to the beach by 11 AM to help with the cleanup: friends@friendsofbatesbeach.org.



Also, FOBB has received a donated beach volleyball set, but it is a pain to carry it down to the beach and back again. If enough people RSVP ahead of time and say that they want to play we will haul the equipment to the beach, otherwise, no, we are not bringing it down. Tell us your preference when you RSVP.

City and County News



Back under consideration is a proposed hiking & bike trail on the south (ocean) side of the cliffs above Bates Beach.

Carpinteria City Council Reverses Rincon Trail Decision

By Gary Mussell, FOBB Director

May 15, 2023 – By a 3-1 vote, the Carpinteria City Council reversed its decision from a year ago and supported the controversial ocean-side path for the proposed Rincon Trail.

This was one of ten proposed paths for the hiking and bike trail that will eventually connect the existing path in Ventura County to the one currently under construction north of Carpinteria. The trail is part of the larger California Coast Trail system that will eventually run along all 1500 miles of the state.

The path selected was considered the most controversial option by many interest groups, including the Friends of Bates Beach, because it will require over 100,000 cubic yards of dirt to be removed from the cliff above Bates Beach and terminate into the parking lot at North Rincon Beach Park. The soaring community objected strongly to this path choice because they say the removal of the cliff will destroy the ability for them to get enough wind updraft off the ocean to be able to soar safely from there. The paragliders testified there are only three similar sites in the entire state and the next closest is near San Diego.

FOBB further objected to the end of the path because the heavy traffic in the parking area during the summer makes it unsafe for bicyclists to navigate around the cars pulling in and out of their parking spaces.

FOBB and the paragliders prefer an alternative path that runs inland, parallel to the freeway for about 1000 feet and that bypasses the hill altogether. In the end, the city staffers assured the Council that they would work with the county to reconfigure the parking lot at a later date.



FOBB Director Gary Mussell (left) and Helen O'Neill (right) address the Carpinteria City Council at its May 15 hearing.

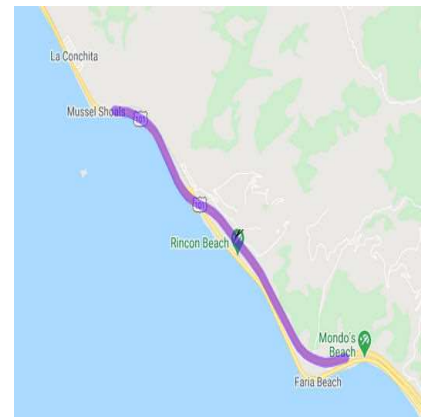
Several council members also expressed safety concerns about the paragliders and questioned how much wind uplift would be lost by the removal of the hill. What tipped the balance, many at the hearing agreed, was a letter from the California Coastal Commission supporting the coastal path because it had an ocean view.

A year ago, the council sided with FOBB and the paragliders. But the 2022 election replaced two council members and the new members sided with the coastal path. Acquiring grant money to build the project will take many more years before construction can begin, but even that won't happen if the paragliders follow through on their promised litigation threat.

The approved path will not be located above the clothing-optional section of the beach but will cross from the freeway side to the coastal side via a bridge across the railroad tracks about halfway between the nudists and the existing walking ramp down from the parking lot.


Road Work Has Switched to the Northbound Side of Highway 101 Between Ventura and Carpinteria

Caltrans has shut down several lanes of the northbound 101 freeway between Mussel Shoals and Faria Beach, bifurcating 4.3 miles of the northbound traffic into two separate, K-rail-guarded lanes — one of which is currently occupying the fast lane of the southbound freeway.



This is the third and final stage of the Caltrans \$48 million U.S. 101 Pavement Rehabilitation Construction Project. It is expected to be completed by winter 2023 or early 2024.

Our recommendation: Those living in Ventura County and farther south should plan on some extra driving time when heading north to Bates this year, especially between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. through the summer months.



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John Parsons reports that this month's sand measurements at Bates show the sand has risen another foot during May. His report is part of the ongoing Sand Measurement Project out of UCSB to examine sea level rise along the southern California coastline.

Continued Dredging of Salt Marsh Will Affect Bates Sand Levels

06/02/2023 - Due to the increased flooding risk to adjacent properties and the city of Carpinteria next winter, the County of Santa Barbara County is conducting an emergency dredging operation at the Carpinteria Salt Marsh west of the city.

Officials have found sedimentation in the marsh is obstructing Santa Monica Creek and Franklin Creek. When these channels are obstructed, the community is at increased risk for flooding during heavy rains. Obstructed channels also interrupt the tidal cycle in the marsh, which reduces habitat for fish and wildlife that rely on open water channels for habitat and foraging.



The hydraulic dredge vessels used for the operation will export water and sediment through a discharge pipe into the surf zone at a designated location near the mouth of the Salt

Marsh where it will wash to sea with the tides.

As happened the last time this dredging occurred, the tides bring these sediments back on shore at beaches to the south of the operation, and this includes Bates Beach. The beach area north of Carpinteria State Beach is closed to public access for 400 ft in each direction from the discharge pipe due to potential bacterial contamination. No contaminated water or sand is expected to reach Bates, as we are about ten miles south of the operation.

The good news for us, however, is the additional sediment dumped into the ocean should accelerate, slightly, the rebuilding of our beach from the loss of sand we suffered from the winter storms.

The dredging of sediment from the marsh is expected to continue until the end of June.

When Shopping in Carpinteria, Don't Forget to Spend \$2 Bills!

Carpinteria's restaurants and retail stores have been very supportive of our beach efforts over the years, so we must be seen publicly supporting them now as many are still hurting financially after the recent pandemic.

Buying things using \$2 bills not only supports them but also gives us some positive publicity as it is identified as "nudist" currency by the locals.

Next time you go to your bank, give them your \$20 bill and ask for ten \$2 bills in exchange. Carry them in your wallet for use next time you visit Carpinteria.



Also, be sure to carry our \$2 bill business cards with you to give to the merchant when they inevitably will ask about why you are paying with such a non-traditional currency. The card explains we are nudists supporting local businesses and we would appreciate them giving out the bill as change to their customers so the word can spread.



Why Did You Receive a \$2 Bill?

You have just waited on a nudist/nudist. We give \$2 bills as tips or payments for services as a way to demonstrate our support for local merchants.

You don't have to be a nudist to support our campaign for a legally designated one-quarter mile stretch of beach out of the 89 miles of beaches in this county. If you agree, please pass this \$2 along as change to your customers.

FOBB Booth Is Confirmed for the Avocado Festival Oct 7-8, 2023

FOBB has submitted its application and made a deposit to reserve a booth at the 2023 Avocado Festival in Carpinteria. This year, the three-day event will be over the weekend of **October 7-8, 2023**.

We will need club volunteers to staff the booth, preferably in 4-hour shifts, on Friday afternoon and evening, Saturday all day, and Sunday through mid-afternoon. This is the most important way that we interact with the general public all year. Please mark your calendars and set aside a few hours to help. Drop us an email to confirm your preferred shift.



For June Only, Monthly Online Meetup Moved to Tuesday 6/20

While the June 9 Dinner Meeting will go on as planned, the ZOOM meeting usually held a week later must be postponed a few days until Tuesday, May 20 at 7 PM.

This is because so many of the beach leaders will be attending the Naturist Society's Western Festival in Arizona that weekend that there is nobody to manage the call!



The agenda for the phone meeting is usually close to the same as for the dinner meeting and is for all those members and non-members who live too far away to attend the Ventura dinner. We also cover other

issues that have come up since the dinner meeting, and in this case that will be the Camarillo pool party and the beach picnic and beach cleanup on June 17, So it should be an interesting meeting! The contact links may be found on the back page of this newsletter.

Have You Asked Your Friends to Sign Our On-Line Petition?



Our online petition drive to legalize the nude section of the beach passed 1645 signatures at the beginning of June. We plan another big push during the summer months to reach 2,500 signatures.

We ask all of our members (and their non-nudist friends) to add their names to the list.

You don't have to be a nudist to sign! We accept anyone who thinks we should be allowed our own safe space, no different than those who want a dog park or a tennis court.

The petition site is at:

<https://www.change.org/p/friends-of-bates-beach-make-the-traditional-nude-section-of-bates-beach-official>.

With enough signatures (somewhere in the neighborhood of 5,000 signatures) we can ask the Board of Supervisors to change the county's nudity ordinance.

We believe that all beach users should have access to California's beaches and, where practical, certain sections be set aside for clothing-optional use. Local polls show Carpinteria residents overwhelmingly agree that a designated beach with proper signage is a positive addition to the south county.

FOBB Membership Dues Can Now Be Paid, Via Zelle

Many thanks to all who have renewed their memberships! We need your contributions to be able to fund the upcoming Independence Parade entry and Avocado Festival in Carpinteria.

Through the efforts of our treasurer, Bates members may now pay their memberships and renewal dues via Zelle as a second option to using PayPal.



Using Zelle means the total dues amount will be transferred to our bank account instead of having a small processing fee deducted as PayPal requires.

All the members have to do is create a Zelle link at their bank for their account, then assign "friends@friendsofbatesbeach.org" as the recipient, and the transfer will go into the correct club account.

Renewals for May and June were recently emailed, and those members who joined during last summer can expect an email from us soon, asking them to continue their support for our beach.

Beach Ambassador Training and Exams Are Now Online

Our Beach Ambassador Training Final Exam may now be taken via interactive PDF file online. Applicants no longer need to download and print a paper copy and mail it to us for grading.

There are two parts to the quiz, one for textile beaches and one specifically for nude beaches.

Those interested in becoming certified can view/download the training workbooks at

<https://www.friendsofbatesbeach.org/information/beach-ambassadors>

FOBB STORE



By popular demand, we have added a **Clothing-Optional** sign to our store. This is the same sign used at Bates Beach.

It is 8.5" x 11" in size and can be used at home on a bedroom wall, outside in the backyard, or even on the front door! The price is \$20 plus shipping.

Also available is our "**I ♥ Bates Beach**" cap for \$15 plus shipping.

Please check out the store at our parent organization (<https://socalnaturist.org/store/>) to order these items using the club's PayPal processing link.

World Naked Bike Ride Is Coming To LA On June 24

By Rolf Holbach, SCNA President

SCNA is co-sponsoring the 16th World Naked Bike Ride through the city of Los Angeles on Saturday, June 24, from 8 AM until about 4:00 PM. Registration starts at 8 AM, and the first leg of the ride will start at approximately 10 – 10:30 AM.

Like most years we are looking for a few people to volunteer to help. Specifically, we need bike ride monitors for the ride itself, someone to drive a follow-vehicle, and security and registration help at the starting base. If you are willing to help, please contact us asap via email: scna@socalnaturist.org.

While participation is free, we encourage donations to help cover the organizing costs. This year we are encouraging riders to pre-register online at wnbr.losangeles@gmail.com.

If any pre-registered riders also send a \$5.00 (or more) donation to wnbr.losangeles@gmail.com via PayPal or Zelle, the first 200 that show up at check-in will also receive a nice Drawstring Sports backpack. **Pre-registration ends on June 20, 2023.**



The ride is open to anyone who wants to support the event as an expression promoting bike safety, alternative forms of transportation to the automobile, and positive body awareness.

Clothing is always optional during the ride. You ride “as bare as you dare.” Many will ride nude, but some will choose to remain dressed, body painted, or costumed in some form. Your choice!

There are two parts to the ride. The first route is a 7-mile segment that takes riders through central and southern downtown past some of the classic landmarks like Disney Hall, MOCA, Crypto.com arena, LA Live, and back to the starting base.

After a lunch break, the second part will start, also 7 miles through northern downtown, to the Second Street tunnel and into Chinatown and the LA Historic Park.

The starting point is always kept secret until 24 hours before the ride to discourage gawkers. Sign up by clicking “Like” on the WNBR-LA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WNBRLA. Directions will be posted on this page the night before the ride.

At the staging area: a body-painting booth and food trucks will be available. Also, available at the registration booth will be signs supporting three issues: body acceptance, better bike safety, and reducing our dependency on fossil fuels that you can attach to your bike, or to yourself.

The first ride will begin at approx. 10-10:30 AM, so don’t be late! The second leg of the ride will begin approx. at 1-1:30 pm if you can’t make the early ride.



SHOW SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 10, 2023, at 8:15 pm
Monday, June 12, 2023, at 8:45 pm
Saturday, June 17, 2023, at 6:45 pm
Saturday, June 24, 2023, at 8:15 pm

“Disrobed” Returns To Hollywood Fringe Festival

Bates Beach and SCNA members will get a \$5.00 discount by using the code word NUDE when purchasing their tickets.

In the summer of 2019, Brian Knudson and Steven Vlasak took an old 1931 classic nudist play, “Barely Proper”, updated it for modern times, and presented it at the Hollywood Fringe Festival with the support of SCNA. An actor and budding filmmaker, Troy Peterson, attended a couple of the performances. The stage play was so well received that it earned an encore performance in July of that year. And then Covid hit...

As the pandemic worsened, any further live performances of the play were canceled. Then, Troy came up with a great idea!

He got together with the writer, Steven Vlasak, and they once again updated the play, this time framing it as a Zoom meeting between all the characters which could be broadcast or streamed online.

Troy did a masterful job of producing, directing, and acting (as the lead role of Eric), but most of all, editing all the performances of the other actors together coherently and effectively.

The virtual version of “Disrobed” was well received and it even won a few awards at film festivals around the world.

This year Troy is bringing “Disrobed” back to the Hollywood Fringe Festival with a mostly new cast!

As before, in this live production, all audience members must also be nude to make it an immersive experience. Tickets for the performances at the Studio/Stage Theatre (520 N. Western Ave. in Hollywood) are available starting on May 1 at <https://www.hollywoodfringe.org/projects/9725?tab=tickets>





Nudist Clubs Enjoy Memorial Day At Black's Beach, San Diego

By Scott Schmitz

On Memorial Day, Ron Mercer hosted a NitOC gathering at Black's Beach. As I was on my way home from De Anza Springs, I stopped by since it was roughly on my way home. The low clouds appeared just past the Descanso exit on I-8 and got steadily thicker the closer I got to La Jolla.

Yes, it was cool at Black's Beach, in the '60s, but not breezy which made the coolness tolerable. The patchy sun came out just as I was leaving around 5:00 pm. Claudia Kellersch of the San Diego Camping Bares had reported that the usual beach host, Dave, had not done his usual trail maintenance or had put up the volleyball nets the last time she was there. Indeed, I did not notice much in the way of trail maintenance on the hike down or up, but at least two volleyball nets were up. I'm not sure who set them up, but several groups of young textiles were enjoying vigorous games. None of us naturists felt energetic enough to join them.

The large landslide that had been reported and whose video has been posted on social media was surprisingly close to the base to the trail leading down from the glider port. It remains an impressive sight but seemed stable enough despite the ocean nibbling away at the base of the slide. Brave, or foolish, souls were up on the ridge at the top of the slide inspecting the damage. I felt safer inspecting the slide from below.

Ron had the NitOC banner up at the usual place just north of the volleyball courts. Four other naturists showed up while I was there, so there were only six of us out enjoying the surf and sand. I took a few dips in the ocean, which was cool but tolerable. I was expecting the water to be colder. In between dips, I took a long walk along the shore. There was a proliferation of mollusks along the shore, small shellfish about a pinky nail in size. The number of gulls that seemed to be feasting on the mollusks that were washed up above the tide easily outnumbered the people on the beach. For a holiday weekend, the crowd was rather sparse. The weather may have had something to do with it.

Well, I enjoyed the briskness of the air and the chill of the surf, and the feel of tiny sea shells beneath my feet. But I was tired from my visit to De Anza Springs and ended up spending most of my time napping. And then I said my goodbyes, got dressed, and took the long trudge up the trail back to the car, dreading the drive home. The drive from San Diego was a lot easier than I thought it would be. Being not the best of beach days, the traffic was light even for the end of the Memorial Day weekend.

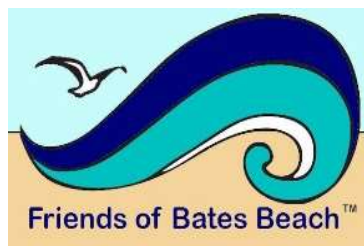
Upcoming Events



Cowabunga, Dude! F.A.Q. About the "Surf's Up" Pool Party on June 10 in Camarillo

- **Time: Noon – 7:00 PM**
- **Location: Camarillo (exact directions will be given to those who RSVP)**
- **Cost: \$10** for Members who have paid their dues, all others **are \$20** but must **RSVP before June 8.**
- **Because this is a private home, no one will be admitted who hasn't RSVP'd**
- We're inviting members of the SCNA club to join us for this bitchin' party also! They will be handling the reservations (see the link below) and the check-in table.
- The theme is "Surf's Up" so the Beach Boys and Jan & Dean will supply the dance music.
- Enjoy the indoor heated swimming pool, Jacuzzi, BBQ, or sun in the backyard. (and the rope swing into the pool!)
- As usual, we'll supply the sodas and water. This is a **potluck**, so everyone is expected to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Bring enough for 6-10 people, and bring serving utensils!
- At the party we will take a "Towel Surfing" group photo of all of us "hanging ten" on our towels in the backyard.
- RSVP today at: scna@socalnaturist.org or (818) 225-2273 BEFORE JUNE 8, as we need a head count so we can bring enough drinks and supplies.
- To avoid duplications, enter the dish, appetizer, or dessert you're bringing at: <https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/UJLM7950>

FRIENDS OF BATES BEACH WANTS TO MEET YOU!



Each month, the Friends of Bates Beach hosts a monthly dinner and also an online ZOOM discussion group. These meetings are open to members, non-members, and first-timers who are interested in social nudity. The focus of this dinner meeting is on naturist activities at Bates and other Southern California beaches; however, topics vary every month. Anyone with a sincere interest is welcome.

This meeting is a great first step for non-nudists who are curious and have questions about naturism, and it is a required orientation before non-members are invited (on a space-available basis) to attend one of our backyard pool parties.

ONLINE MEETINGS



Friends of Bates Beach hosts an online meeting each month for the people who cannot make the in-person meeting. Most participants live in the Santa Barbara to Los Angeles area, although sometimes we will get people from as far away as Canada and Florida!

Be aware that since everyone will be at their own home, these meetings are clothing-optional, and people often take advantage of that opportunity.

THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
7 pm to 8:30 pm

VENTURA/SANTA BARBARA ONLINE MEETUP

Just click the link and any browser will connect you! (You will be asked to link to the online application; click "ok") Cell phone users: it works like connecting to any other call. If you want to be seen, just click your camera "on."

Please join our Meetup from your computer, tablet, or smartphone at:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/724415629>

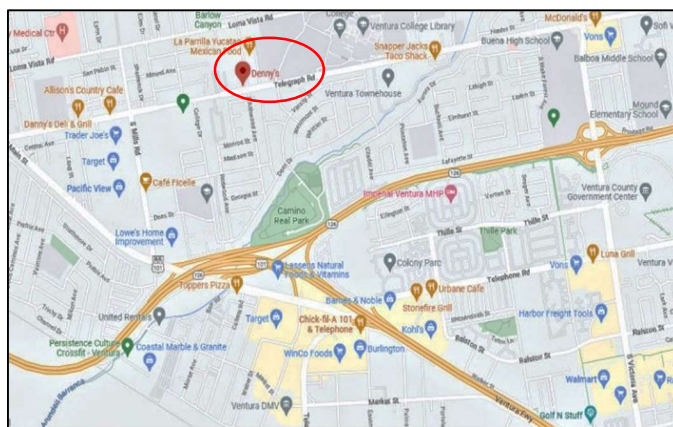
You can also dial in using your phone at:
(571) 317-3122, Access Code: 724-415-629

Upcoming Friday Schedule for 2023:

- **June 20, 2023 (this is a Tuesday!)**
- **July 21, 2023**
- **August 18, 2023**
- **September 15, 2023**
- **October 20, 2023**

November and December dates pending

IN-PERSON MEETINGS



Map to Denny's Restaurant on Telegraph Road in Ventura

SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH

6:45 PM – 8:30 PM

MEETUP DINNER

**Denny's (west of Ventura College),
4095 Telegraph Rd, Ventura,
CA 93003**



Our meeting room is to the right and rear from where you walk in. Buy your dinner.

RSVPs for the dinner meetings are not necessary but appreciated so we have an advanced head count.

Email us at: friends@friendsofbatesbeach.org

- **June 9, 2023**
- **July 14, 2023**
- **August 11, 2023**
- **September 8, 2023**
- **October 13, 2023**

There is no Friday dinner meeting from November through February.