

Only on Catalina

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Making Catalina a better place to visit

"INTERESTING / UNUSUAL QUESTIONS / COMMENTS CONCERNING CATALINA ISLAND" (additional ones, www.catalinaislandman.com):

"How long does it take a bath towel to dry out at Two Harbors?"

"Do you pay 'Duty Taxes' on Catalina?"

"Do you have radios on Catalina?"

"How long did it take to build Catalina Island?"

"Is your fresh water barged over from the Mainland?"

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of being trained by the **GREATEST VOLUNTEER** that the Conservancy has ever had! Paris Rebl. She has contributed thousands of hours over the last 10 years and has put in more time than all of the other volunteers **COMBINED!** I am now ready to take out any size groups that would like to volunteer their time and participation to helping to keep 88 percent of Catalina as natural as possible for present and future generations to enjoy it. Contact me, chuckliddell.catalina@gmail.com, if you would like to join me and others to make a positive impact on our beautiful/unique Island, and get to see and enjoy locations that **VERY FEW** get to.

simply to show positive actions that we can take so that we can continue to live the way we have enjoyed for so many years. Focusing on these and other issues will hopefully help us to have a "kinder/friendlier" environment:

1) We **MUST** find out how drugs are getting to the Island and eventually to our youth and **STOP** that flow!

2) Please keep your dogs muzzled for the protection of all and pick up after them.

3) Support the Sheriff's Department and all of their

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appreciate them.

7) Try to spend more time with those you don't know so well, or at all, so that there can be a stronger bond between us. Invite them to coffee, a drink, breakfast/lunch/dinner, etc. When we get to know each other better, we will treat each other better.

8) Volunteer to the non-profit groups in Avalon that need additional help to survive. There are **MANY** opportunities to get to know the Island better and enjoy the unique benefits that are provided for volunteers.

9) Return grocery carts to

their proper place, instead of just leaving them on the sidewalks/streets once you transfer your groceries to your vehicles.

Making "someone else" pick up after you only causes the town to look less than what it could be.

10) Always thank, whenever possible, those who work for the Island Company, Edison, City, Conservancy, etc., when they are trying to improve our streets, buildings, etc. They work **HARD** and deserve to hear our appreciation.

11) Clean up after yourselves and don't litter! Yes, we need more trash cans around town, but with a little visual search, you can find convenient ones near by.

12) Pick up trash of others. No need to become obsessed, but simply picking up a little trash each day will make the town look so much nicer and, others seeing you doing this, will hopefully cause them to follow suit.

13) Be considerate when smoking in public. If you **MUST** do it near others, please ask their permission. **SOME OF US ARE ALERGIC!**

14) Support as many local activities/programs as possible. They all, especially the non-profits, need your financial and physical support. We must show our appreciation for the fact that we have opportunities here and don't have to go the Mainland as often as we otherwise would to participate.

15) Respect the rules of the road. Always use your turn indicators, but if your golf cart doesn't have one, then use your arm signals. When at a 4/6 way stop, be courteous and wait your turn to go.

Even better, offer to let others go ahead of you. **STOP** for those in the cross walks; that goes for bicycles also. Watch out for "anything" to happen! Most of the people on our streets are visitors for the first time, many from different countries, and they are on "vacation mode!"

We have been there/done that ourselves when we travel. Be respectful of them and give them as much latitude as you would expect to receive when you are in an unfamiliar location.

16) "We have the enemy and the enemy is us!" Pogo. This is directed mostly to parents, but all of us eventually. Whatever you don't like to see in your kids or others, clean up your own "acts" first. If you don't like to see those around you overweight, smoking, drinking, showing disrespect to authority, inconsiderate, unfriendly, breaking the law, etc., **MAKE SURE THAT YOU AREN'T DOING THE SAME!** We all need to be positive role models to those around us and **BELIEVE ME**, we are all being watched and mimicked, either positively or negatively! **ULTIMATELY**, we need to "practice what we preach" and become the "change" we want to see in Avalon!