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AANR News



AANR President Kathy Watzel addresses the convention

AANR's International Convention Is a Hybrid of Live and On-Line Participation

The AANR International Convention was held August 11-13 at Star Ranch Nudist Resort in Texas. The convention was supposed to be held there in 2020, but that event was converted to a ZOOM videoconference. This year the convention was held in person but with a videoconference option for those who wanted to attend remotely. The consensus is that all future AANR meetings will be a combination of live and remote in order to increase participation by the membership.

The sessions each day lasted about four hours so that the host club could present different sports events and workshops. The Wednesday session was devoted to committee reports. The annual awards for given out on Thursday morning for such things as Best Club Newsletter (won this year by the Buff-a-teer club in Tucson, AZ), best television and radio news story, Scholarship awards, etc.

The two people inducted into the AANR Hall of Fame this year. Bob Morton, from AANR's Southwest Region (and former NAC Executive Director), and Morley Schloss, owner of the SunSport Gardens club in Florida.

1. Behavior Guidelines and Non-Discrimination

The WINR committee announced there is a poster available to assist those made to feel uncomfortable at an event.

A motion was defeated to list the clubs on the aanr.com website who endorse the AANR non-discrimination by-law. The Trustees felt each club, as an individual business, should have the right to decide if it allowed children, alcohol, singles, etc. but that any restrictions should be listed on the club's Impexium club page so that guests can see them and decide ahead of time whether or not to visit that club.

However, the Trustees unanimously agreed to accept the new social media guidelines as presented by the Public Relations and Membership Marketing Committees.

2. Future Meeting Locations and Reimbursements

The 2022 convention will be held at Suwanee River Resort in the Florida panhandle. The convention selected Solair Family Nudist Resort in Woodstock, CN for its 2023 summer convention.

A motion was approved to raise the room reimbursement rate for the Trustees attending meetings from a maximum of \$85 to \$120 per night "to reflect realistic lodging costs." Air fare and car rental reimbursements were also raised. This is effective in 2022. Non-trustees still will have to pay the going room rate at the nudist park or at a nearby hotels.

The AANR yearly meeting minutes are now available under "Documents" in the "Minutes and Committee Reports" of the Members Only section of www.AANR.com

Buff-a-teers Win Best Small Club Newsletter Award

The Ilsley Boone Award is presented each year for the Best Club Newsletter. There are four categories, based upon number of AANR members in the club. The only award made at the AANR convention was for Group A (10 to 50 members) and it was presented to the Buff-a-teers club of Tucson, Arizona. President Len Summers was present to receive the commemorative plaque.

When contacted about the award, Hunter Macpherson, the newsletter editor, wrote "I wish to wholeheartedly thank those who chose the Tucson Buff-A-Teers club newsletter, the *Buff Flyer*, for the Best Club Newsletter of the Year award. Producing the newsletter is a team effort as I strongly rely on the continued support of fellow board members who regularly submit information to me for publication. And it is my honor as the editor to try to put out that timely information to all fellow club members in both clear and entertaining ways."

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President's Corner**My AANR-West Vision for the Next Two Years**

By Cyndi Faber-Tendick,
AANR-West President

I am honored to have been elected and to be serving as president of the Western Region for the next two years. Serving on the board, in various capacities, for the past 8 years has given me great insight on how our organization operates and can continue serving as a credible voice of reason for nude recreation in the West and across the county.



The newly elected board of directors have a great vision for the region; we are all looking forward to getting back to traveling and socializing with our clubs and members after this past year. One of the

boards main focuses, as well as mine, is going to be getting back to the fun of nude recreation through sports and events. We are also looking to give back to our great members, like yourself, who have shared their enjoyment of family friendly camping, living, and socializing for many years.

It is my hope that over the next year we can increase our presence through social media, online presence, and community outreach, while helping all of our clubs to welcome new members and continue to serve those that have supported them over the years.

As a club owner myself I have great insight on how to organize, market, and execute events. I will be personally reaching out to clubs to offer my advice and help with everything and anything they may be struggling with. Another vision that I have is to increase the communication and collaboration between our travel groups and our landed/destination clubs.

Nude recreation has always been a large part of my life and it is my goal to continue sharing that with all AANR-West members. Please reach out to me for any questions, comments or concerns you may have; I I am here to serve for you and am energized for the years to come!

The Western Sun Wellness Corner is Coming!

Starting next month, the Western Sun will be adding a news column devoted to wellness issues. Planned are discussions about healthy diets and recipes, exercise tips, and other activities everybody can use. The goal is to offer healthy choices so we all can lead active lives and maximize our personal potential.



We may even create a cookbook out of the suggestions offered by our readers! The author, **Cindy Savage**, is active in the nudist movement with an outstanding background in this field. Look for it, starting in October.

**AANR West Convention Highlighted in Several CFI Online Video Shows**

Kevin Manning, reporter for Clothes Free International (CFI) video blog, and his video crew attended the AANR-West convention July 30-August 1 and recorded several interviews with our new directors and others around the Shangri-La grounds.

CFI has edited these into several 15-minute videos available now to CFI subscribers online. Show #391 was released on August 7.

In the first video, newly elected AANR-West President Cyndi Faber-Tendick is interviewed alongside her new husband, Jeff Tendick. Andy Walden and Linda Weber are also interviewed with Andy showing off his newly shaved head, performed as a charity event for the region's scholarship fund.



In the second video #392, new director Kay Nauta from Mountain Air Ranch (photo, left) was interviewed about how she came to discover nude recreation. Kevin also played a game of "Either...or" with several park guests where he asks something like "would you rather eat nothing but cheese for a year or abstain from cheese for a year?" and the

viewer gets to hear the spontaneous answers from the unsuspecting respondent.

In the third video #393, AANR Executive Director Erich Schuttauf is interviewed about the importance of AANR in keeping the nudist way of life legal all across the country from homes to beaches, to public lands, and to the existing clubs.

We have been told there are more videos coming with many of the AANR-West officers being asked similar "either...or" questions, among other things.

The CFI.com video site is available with a small subscription fee.

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AANR West Region Sees Membership Numbers Rise After a Year of Covid Declines

During the first six months of 2021, the Western Region has gained back about half of the members it lost during all of 2020 during the peak of the COVID pandemic, when many clubs were closed. The AANR main office released these numbers during the first week of August.

The full AANR organization also saw a rise in its membership. After suffering a loss of 11% between December 2019 and December 2020, AANR has regained about 900 members through June 30, which is a 4% gain for the year. AANR now has 28,700 members across all regions and countries. This trend is also being seen in other non-profit industries as people begin to return to their normal lives. Here are the numbers by club and by state for our Western Region:

Club Name	Members 6/21	Members 12/20	Net Change	Pct Change
Arizona Wildflowers	68	71	-3	-4%
Buff-A-Teers	43	43	0	0%
Canyon State Naturists	9	12	-3	-25%
Clothesfree.com*	3	3	0	0%
De Anza Springs Resort	248	268	-2	-7%
Front Range Naturists	10	10	0	0%
Glen Eden Sun Club	1198	1155	43	7%
Hangin' Loose	6	7	-1	-14%
Laguna del Sol	1653	1655	-2	0%
Las Vegas Bares*	4	6	-2	-33%
Las Vegas Naturists	14	16	-2	-13%
Le Club	4	4	0	0%
Lupin Lodge*	11	17	-6	-35%
Mira Vista Resort	339	296	43	15%
Mohave Sun Club	24	25	-1	-4%
Mountain Air Ranch	474	467	7	2%
Northern California Exposure	9	9	0	0%
Northern Nevada Naturists Assoc	19	15	4	27%
Olive Dell Ranch	211	194	17	9%
Olympian Club	109	13	-3	-23%
The Pacificans *	3	3	0	0%
Roadrunner Naturists	47	48	-1	-2%
The Sequoians	101	103	-2	-2%
Shangri-La Ranch	325	317	8	3%
Southern Utah Naturists Society *	6	1	5	
Southern CA Naturist Association *	32	30	2	7%
SunTree Travel Club	15	17	-2	-12%
Wasatch Naturists*	34	25	9	36%
Total Club Members	5019	4830	108	4%
AANR-W Direct Members	1957	1836	121	7%
Total Western Region	6976	6666	229	5%

Percentage Club Members		
By State		
AZ	808	16.1%
CA	3,579	71.3%
CO	518	10.3%
HI	6	0.1%
NM	62	1.2%
NV	37	0.7%
UT	6	0.1%
WY	-	-
W Mex	-	-
Other	3	0.1%
	5,019	

Percent Direct Members		
By State		
AZ	442	23%
CA	930	48%
CO	217	11%
HI	32	2%
NM	62	3%
NV	147	8%
UT	104	5%
WY	21	1%
W Mex	1	0%
Other	0	0%
	1,957	

* Note: Some clubs have more actual members than are show here, because these clubs do not require all their members to join AANR, and some clubs have AANR members who joined directly and are "Direct" instead of credited to their primary club.



My Wonderful Afternoon with SCNA's Dragonfly Ladies

By Judy Tomboc,
Member, AANR West Board of Directors

As I sat at the patio table with my newly acquainted lady friends, they told the story of a dragonfly who visited them years ago. Consequently, the women were lounging in the swimming pool surrounded by beautiful flowers and trees at the lovely Altadena home when a friendly dragonfly flew around them and ceremoniously landed on each lady. Thus, they were dubbed the Dragonfly Ladies.

Cynthia Holbach of Southern California Naturist Association (SCNA) has been holding women's gatherings every few months for over five years for the purpose of strengthening the camaraderie between women naturists. Linda Weber, chair of AANR-West WINR (Women In Nude Recreation), encouraged me to attend. As a new AANR-West board member, I looked forward to this opportunity.

There were 10 ladies, including myself, who attended the Dragonfly Ladies' gathering on Saturday, August 14, 2021. As we conversed for several hours, it became apparent to me that these ladies indeed had a special bond.

The conversations centered around our affinity for naturism, family, food, and humorous encounters. I found myself instantly feeling at ease when I discovered that I shared my Filipino heritage with four of the women who were related: mother, daughter, and 2 cousins. This, of course, prompted hours of family stories. Another surprising connection was with a woman who lived in Santa Monica where I resided for years. Not only was she familiar with the street I lived on, but she even knew my ex-boyfriend. Small world!

The experience was made even more endearing with a soothing guided meditation and a sumptuous potluck dinner of pasta, veggies, fish, and more. These ladies can cook!

Ultimately, the synchronicities and camaraderie were a delight to say the least. Just like the dragonflies which are a symbol of wisdom, growth, and transformation, these ladies lived up to their name holding a space for the cultivation of caring connections while relishing in the joys of naturism.

Thank you SCNA Dragonfly Ladies for your warm welcome!

AANR Promotes New Anti-Harassment Posters for Clubs

While it has never been a large problem at clubs, personal harassment does happen from time to time at the clubs. So AANR is doing something about it.



This month, the organization is asking its clubs to display a poster in its club restrooms giving instructions for whom to talk to in case a member or visitor feels they are being harassed either sexually or ethically or for any other perceived reason. AANR takes such violations of its anti-discrimination By-Law very seriously after hearing of a few cases around the country with those feeling they had nobody in authority to talk to. The poster provides several ways for people to take the next step should they chose to do so.

Margie Cantlon, AANR VP and owner of Sun Meadows Ranch in Idaho said she has had a couple of complaints since she posted a draft of the poster in her restrooms a few months ago, and the incidents were quickly resolved. "Usually, the problem is a guest who doesn't understand our behavior guidelines," she told the AANR convention. Our women members feel very positive about the results."

Margie agreed men can be harassed also, especially about sexual orientation. A separate poster is available for them.

An 8 x 11 size version for AANR-West is being sent to all clubs in our 8-state region with this newsletter. Copies of an 11 x 13 poster are available from the AANR office by request.

AANR Hosts "Raising Children in Nudist Home" Webcast



On August 21, the AANR main office hosted another in its series of ZOOM webcasts on issues of interest to the nudist community. This hour-long session was on "Raising Children in a Nudist-Friendly Environment." It consisted of Erich Schuttauf, AANR's Executive Director,

and President Kathy Watzel talking about their own experiences raising their families in clothing-optional households, along with some Q&A from the 52 people who were on the call.

Erich recommended the humorous picture book "Naked," written by comedian Michael Ian Black. The book is for children (available on Amazon) about a boy who refuses to wear clothes. It explains to kids the fun of being naked, and when it is not appropriate.

Viewers asked questions about how to handle the topic with disapproving relatives or nosy neighbors or curious outside playmates, and also family legal issues. One viewer suggested all clubs designate a **Family Weekend** each month so parents with children know there is a good chance to meet other families, and so their kids can play together.



AANR-West Regional 2021 Intra-Club Sports Calendar

- April 24 — Olive Dell Beer Mile Run
- April 25 — Olive Dell Bare Burro 5K Run
- June 5 — Glen Eden Dare to Be Bare 5K Run
- July 27 — Regional Volleyball Tournament, Shangri-La Ranch
- July 31 — Regional Volleyball Tournament
- Aug 7 — Annual SCNA Summer Games Competition, Olive Dell Ranch
- Sept 18 World Naked Bike Ride – Los Angeles
- Sept 26 De Anza Springs 5K Fun Run
- Oct 8-10 AANR-West Fall Festival, De Anza Springs (Volleyball Tournament playoffs)
- Oct 16 Shangri-La 5K Bare Buns Run



Noodle javelin toss – much harder than it looks!



Hula Hoop Pass got players looking like pretzels



Traditional water balloon toss



The Medalists: Winner by one point for the Individual Gold Medal is Harold Goldstein of SCNA (center, above). The Silver (second place) Medal was won by Abel Chapa of Olive Dell Ranch (left above) and The Bronze Medal was awarded to Patrick Sweeney, also of Olive Dell Ranch (right).



Orange County Nudists Win Annual Southern California Summer Games Competition

The Orange County club scored a decisive victory over the others participating in the annual Summer Games competition, held August 7 at Olive Dell Ranch.

Individuals and clubs from all over the region are invited to compete for medals and a prized trophy. This year's games welcomed an estimated 100 participants from the following clubs: Camping Bares, De Anza Springs, Glen Eden Sun Club, Mojave Sun Club, Naturists in the OC, Olive Dell Ranch, SCNA, plus there were many individuals and children competing who were not affiliated with any organization.

The planned event took about six hours to complete and tested strength, agility, endurance, and teamwork. These included an inner tube pool relay, hula-hoop passing, diving for bottles, a noodle foot race, water balloon toss, and a Frisbee toss for accuracy. At the end, everyone enjoyed a water balloon fight.

Points were awarded for winners and runners-up in each event and the totals went toward individual performance as well as being credited to whatever club the person was affiliated with. Trophies were handed out at the end of the day.



Annual AANR-West Fall Festival!

Multi-Club Volleyball Tournament Schedule for Fall Festival, Oct 8-10

Nudist clubs from around California and Arizona have been invited to send teams to the annual water volleyball tournament at De Anza Springs October 8-10. De Anza Springs Resort in Jacumba, CA, about an hour east of San Diego.



The events is part of the AANR-West Fall Festival, and it is hoped this can become a truly multi-club regional event. Awards will be given in both sand and water volleyball tournaments.

The following related story first appeared in the August issue of *Sidelights*, the monthly Gen Eden magazine. It is reprinted here with permission:

By Mark P., Glen Eden

In 1996, water volleyball players from Glen Eden won a tournament held at De Anza Springs as part of the Western Sunbathing Association (WSA) convention that year. That began over two decades of friendly rivalry between players from Glen Eden and De Anza.

In most years, Glen Eden and De Anza would play each other once or twice. But this year the rivalry has intensified to a total of four encounters.

Two months ago (on May 24), a team from De Anza won a tournament held at Glen Eden. In response, on July 31, a team from Glen Eden won a tournament held at De Anza.

De Anza will be sending teams to participate in our Labor Day tournament, and we will be sending teams down there for a tournament during the AANR-West meeting in October. Win or lose, we know we will have great fun with our De Anza friends.



Preparations Begin for World Naked Bike Ride – Los Angeles

When: Saturday, September 18, 10 AM – 6 PM

Location: Downtown Los Angeles. Participation Fee: FREE!



This is an AANR-West supported event along with three other Southern California naturist clubs. There will be a 9-mile ride through downtown Los Angeles where clothing is optional “as bare as you dare.” Registration will begin at 10 am.

At the staging area a body-painting booth will be available. The ride will begin around 11:30 am sharp, so don’t be late! Decorate yourself and your bike with signs or sayings reflecting the environmental aspect of the human powered transportation that we’re bringing attention to. For other information, and to register, go to www.facebook.com/WNBRLA as only those pre-registered will be sent the exact location where to meet a couple of days before the event.

Registration Closing Soon for Sept 26 Bare Booty 5K Fun Run

Date: Sunday, Sept 26, 2021, 9 am



The run will go ahead despite recent increase in COVID cases in the county. To ensure safety of participants, all activities will be outdoors. There will also be a virtual option, so anyone who

is feeling unwell, or would prefer to limit exposure, can run the same course anytime over the following month in his or her own social group. They will be able to collect their medal and event prize from the office after completing the course.

Event limited to first 100 to register. No Registration after Sun Sept 19, 2021.

This event, like the original Olympics, is a nude run. Shoes, hats, sunscreen, and big smiles are welcome. De Anza Springs Resort is clothing optional, so before and after the run, feel free to dress/undress, as you feel comfortable.

To register, go to:

<https://www.runguides.com/event/10652/bare-booty-5k-fun-run>

Shangri-La Announces 5K Bare Buns Run Oct 16

On October 16, Shangri-La Ranch in Arizona will host its annual Bare Buns 5K Run, beginning at 7:30 am. There is a \$40 registration fee.

The 2-lap course will take the runners around the beautiful desert property, located remotely in New River, AZ. Nudity for the run is strongly encouraged; women may wear sports bras. A running swag bag, awards, and refreshments are provided.

Race registration is open, and it includes a day visit to the resort. Sign up at: <https://4peaskracing.com/events/bare-buns-desert-run-2021/>

New Apple Child Protection Policy Raises Privacy Concerns

On August 6, Apple confirmed it had developed a new program for its iPhones to combat child sex abuse materials (CSAM), including implementing technology that will detect nude images on personal phones or uploaded to the iCloud. Apple will now automatically block someone searching for these images online either directly by using Search, or through Siri. Apple will allow parents to implement a program on their children's iMessages that would blur any images with nudity. It will also alert parents if the child chooses to view the image or send nude images themselves. The announcement said the program will be released in the US later this year.

A week later, Reuters reported that more than 90 policy and civil rights groups around the world published an open letter urging Apple to abandon their plans for scanning children's messages for nudity and the phones of adults for images of child sex abuse.

"Though these capabilities are intended to protect children and to reduce the spread of child sexual abuse material, we are concerned that they will be used to censor protected speech, threaten the privacy and security of people around the world, and have disastrous consequences for many children," the groups wrote.

Signers of the letter included the American Civil Liberties Union, Electronic Frontier Foundation, Privacy International, as well as other civil liberties groups from in India, Mexico, Germany, Argentina, Ghana, Brazil and Tanzania.

The signers said the policy change could endanger children in intolerant homes or those seeking educational material. "This technology could "out" LGBTQIA+ kids to their parents, potentially placing them in both psychological and physical danger." Also, US teens are sexually active before the age of 18— and that "sexting" is not uncommon among teenagers. This technology, then, potentially infringes on teens' right to sexual autonomy. It could also potentially open up charges of distributing child pornography against the children,

"...Or let's say a woman wants a divorce from her husband. He grabs her phone, activates this, sees she's sexting a new partner, and uses the images against her in revenge porn. I can promise you that will happen with this technology."

"...Once this backdoor feature is built in, governments could compel Apple to extend notification to other accounts, and to detect images that are objectionable for reasons other than being sexually explicit," the letter says. "We feel very confident this technology could be used to spy on people in other countries."

The nudist community has not yet come together to issue a common response but there are private concerns voiced within the leaders of various nudist organizations and clubs that this new program will affect the ability of such organizations to communicate with its members through shared photos, newsletters, websites, or blogs.



Appellate Judges Uphold Ocean City's Topless Ban

August 4, 2021 - A federal appeals court on Wednesday affirmed a Maryland beach town's right to ban women from topless sunbathing.

A three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond ruled unanimously that Ocean City's law, which allows men to be topless but not women, is constitutional.

Ocean City passed its law in 2017 after one of the plaintiffs in the case, Chelsea Eline, contacted Ocean City police and asserted a right to go topless.

The panel's ruling notes that courts across the country have upheld laws banning women from topless sunbathing on public beaches. While the law imposes a restriction on women that is not imposed on men, Judge A. Marvin Quattlebaum Jr. wrote that Ocean City's elected leaders are within their rights to enact laws that protect public sensibilities.

"The judicial legacy of justifying laws on the basis of the perceived moral sensibilities of the public is far from spotless. Some government action that we now rightly view as unconstitutional, if not immoral, has been justified on that basis. Even so, in this situation, protecting public sensibilities serves an important basis for government action," Quattlebaum wrote.

Town leaders said they received calls and letters overwhelmingly supporting the ban.

In a concurring opinion, Chief Judge Roger Gregory wrote that U.S. Supreme Court precedent requires upholding the ban. But he suggested the court should reconsider the issue.

"At first glance, Ocean City's ordinance seems innocuous enough. ... But we must take care not to let our analysis be confined by the limits of our social lens," Gregory wrote. "Suppose the ordinance defined nudity to include public exposure of a woman's hair, neck, shoulders, or ankles. Would that law not run afoul of the Equal Protection Clause?"

"The plaintiffs relied on one court decision from the district of Colorado that favors their position," prosecutors said after the decision. "The Colorado decision [Free the Nipple v. Fort Collins] appears to be an outlier, given the various decisions in both federal and state courts that do not favor the plaintiffs."





Clubs are encouraged to submit feature stories about their past or upcoming major events.

Laguna del Sol's Naked Man Makes a Comeback in 2021

By Suzanne Schell

After missing 2020, Naked Man was back and bigger and better than ever this year!

The credit for its success goes to everyone who contributed and participated, with the biggest thanks going to the event organizer, Michael Lawrie. Without knowing what events would be allowed to take place, definite planning was impossible until after the state opening up date of June 15th.

Michael crammed a lot of communication into an extremely short time period. She handled an extremely stressful time period with calm dedication and hard work.

Thankfully, everything was able to take place as in past years and everyone had a wonderful time.

From the kickoff "Jamaica Me Party & Dance" headed up by Mike and Renee on Wed night to the burn of the spectacular castle temple built by Russ on Sun night, it was an extended long weekend full of fun. The Thursday night "Lights on Wheels" parade was the largest ever, "The Black Light City" made the outdoor dancing extra special each night in addition to indoor dancing and the Saturday night "Spectacle" was fantastic with George's butterflies and his new fairy wings creation, the SacCirque entertainment troupe and Naked Man and Naked Woman sculptures coming to life.

The camps were spread throughout the resort grounds and were creative, beautiful, fun and tasty! The 2 special concerts by LdS member groups the N'Ukes and Ensemble del Soul were excellent and well-attended, as were the Spaghet-Together and Root Beer Floats. So many people joined together for the enjoyment of others!

The entire Laguna del Sol staff worked long hours preparing for everyone and keeping everything stocked and in working order.



Glen Eden Announces its 5th Annual Sabroso Latin Festival, September 17-19 Weekend

By Mauricio Pinto

After a COVID hiatus in 2020, Sabroso is back in 2021 with the theme of "Latino Rhythms- Flavored in Traditions and Cultures." The focus this year is on the various types of music that originated and have evolved in Latin America, and which now permeate much of the pop music being produced today. These musical influences include Reggaeton, Salsa, Cumbia, Tango and Batacha. The festival this year also includes a home-grown band named Sabor ("flavor" or "taste") composed of members of Glen Eden, and which will perform a varied assortment of favorite Latin rock songs. This year's schedule can be found on the poster above.

"Sabroso" is a Spanish word that means exquisite, rich, flavorful, and savory. Often used to describe a mouth-watering meal, in the Latin American culture it is also used to describe any experience that brings delight.

The Sabroso Festival's intent and purpose is to entertain and educate about the different customs, music, and history of these various countries. Activities typically include bands and poolside entertainment, dancing exhibitions, Latin-themed café menu items, an evening pool party, vendors, and a flag parade of countries.

Party Naked! 5TH ANNUAL Dance Naked!

SABROSO

LATINO FESTIVAL
at **GLEN EDEN • SEPT. 17-18-19 2021**

Friday, September 17th
3p-5p **Happy Hour**
5p-6p **Salsa Dance Lessons**
8p-12a **Dance with Jimmy & Enrique**

Saturday, September 18th
11a-12p **Flag Parade & Ceremony**
1p-2:30p **Poolside Music with Sabor Band**
4:30p-6p **Sebastian Sidi Performance**
8p-12a **Dance with Sidetracs Band**

Sunday, September 19th
10a-11a **Zumba Class**
12p-4p **Poolside Music with Scott Garrepy & Travis Finnern**
4p-7p **Karaoke**

SABROSO means exquisite, rich, full of flavor, and tasteful.
SABROSO is what we call our Latino Festival at Glen Eden, as it demonstrates the diversity of tradition while fostering respect for self and others in a clothing-free environment. Join us for SABROSO!

First Time Visitors pay \$16 per person and receive **FREE** second pass to return to Glen Eden

Glen Eden Sun Club is a nudist club, as well as a membership club.

Nearby Fires Restrict Access to Nudist Outings in No. Calif and Nevada

As of August 31, the Tamarack and Caldor fires have destroyed more than 500 homes, burning through rugged terrain from east of Sacramento toward Lake Tahoe. They have grown in two weeks to more than 190,000 acres. They are now approaching South Lake Tahoe, requiring evacuation of residents there.

This worsening development has affected the plans of several nudist groups in the area including Northern California Exposure, Northern Nevada Naturists, and Tahoe Area Naturists, plus numerous unaffiliated campers and nude hikers.

The smoke has created conditions so hazardous that a temporary area-wide closure of all the national forests California and the Nevada Lake Tahoe Basin. Ash has started falling in the lake and on the beaches, thick enough to leave footprints.

As a result, the beaches along the east shore of Lake Tahoe and camping areas east of Sacramento also have been closed until the Caldor fire is contained. The poor air quality from smoke in the area, all the way to Reno, is considered the worst in the nation at the moment.



Smoke from nearby Caldor Fire visible from the east shore of Lake Tahoe, forcing beach closures in area. Smoke and ash from several fires are drifting over the lake and also Reno, affecting air quality.

ARIZONA

• BUFF-A-TEERS (TUCSON)

The club was awarded Best Club Newsletter by AANR at its annual convention in Texas! We are very proud! (See story on page one of this newsletter.)

We had a fantastic Buff outing on August 14 at the home of Buff members Dan and Kat. The pool was wonderful, as was the potluck dinner.

We have a dinner planned for September 2 at the Olive Garden in Tucson, and September 12 will be a club outing to Mira Vista Resort.

Updated details of all club events can be found at www.Meetup.com under Tucson Clothing Optional Recreation Meetup or on their website at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/tucsonbuffateers/>. Inquiries can also be emailed to the club at tucsonbuffateers@gmail.com.

• CANYON STATES (PHOENIX)

Contact CSN at <http://www.canyonstatenaturists.net> for a list of upcoming events. Email: canyonstatenaturists@yahoo.com

• MOJAVE SUN CLUB (LAKE HAVASU)

Mohave SUN Club's 70's Party is September 25, bringing back the music and wearing beads, hairstyles, and playing games etc from the late 1960s-1970's era. This will be a pool party at Sharron and Spikes. Reply to Mohavesunclub@gmail.com to RSVP to attend and to say what potluck item you can bring. We have lots of chairs but if you want a chaise lounge, please bring one with you and a towel. A BBQ is planned midafternoon along with potluck appetizers, sides, and dessert.

Our Halloween party will be hosted in Morongo Valley, CA on Saturday, October 23 with games and events running through Sunday Brunch on October 24. With our hosts incredible decor, be ready to be wowed and scared in this imaginative and creative setting with scary and fun activities. We will have a nudist costume contest. There is space for RV parking, or you can stay overnight dorm-style by bringing a sleeping bag and cot, or a mattress for group sleeping.

RSVP to mohavesunclub@gmail.com.

• MIRA VISTA (TUCSON)

Mother Nature has brought us a lot of rain this year and now the desert is so lush and green at Mira Vista and the surrounding areas!

On August 14 the resort hosted an "Eye's Wide Shut" Masquerade Ball where participants were asked to wear elaborate masks. Music at the dance provided by DJ's C & G

Labor Day Weekend September 3, 4, 5 activities: Friday is Open mic and Karaoke starting at 5 pm in the lounge. Saturday afternoon there will be a BBQ poolside from 2-6 where we will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, brats & all the fixings.

Saturday August 21 was the *Rumble in the Jungle* themed party with DJ music. Suzanne observed many people wore jungle or animal print attire (if anything).

Labor Day weekend is another themed dance beginning at 8 pm. Be sure to wear your red, white & blue!

For room reservations, please call 520-744-2355.

• SHANGRI-LA RANCH (N OF PHOENIX)

From July 30-August 1 the park hosted the annual AANR-West regional convention and regional assembly. Read the full story in the August newsletter.

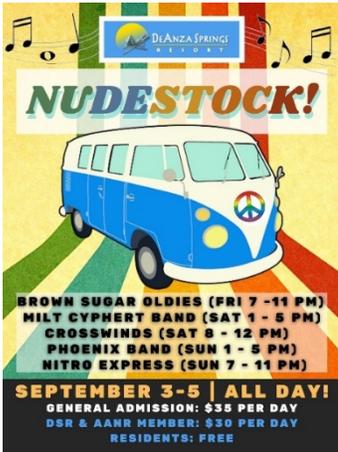
During September, the club hosts Water Volleyball, Jungleball, and Water aerobics every day, and a dance every Saturday night.

On Oct 16 the park is hosting their annual Bare Buns 5K Run, beginning at 7:30 AM. There is a \$40 registration fee.

Check our website at: <https://shangrilaranch.com> for additional information.

• **DE ANZA SPRINGS (JACUMBA)**

De Anza wil host its annual Nudestock Festival Sept 3-5. See poster for details.



September 26 will be the annual Bare Booty 5K Run. See information under Sports above.

The AANR West Fall Festival and Sports Tournaments will be held Oct 8-10.

Besides these big events, De Anza has weekend Karaoke and DJ Dancing for everyone to enjoy. Contact the office for more information.

For reservations, call (619) 766-4301 or visit the website

at: www.deanzasprings.com. Email: stay@deanzasprings.com.

• **GLEN EDEN SUN CLUB**



GE is planning a **Summer Lights Evening Garden Walk** for September 11 from 7 pm – 9 pm. People can stroll through the residential area and enjoy the house and garden decorations displayed by individual homeowners.

Residents are invited to share some libation or a snack to treat with the walkers as they pass by.

Labor Day Weekend will see dances on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. There will be a water volleyball tournament Saturday afternoon. Music around the pool both Saturday and Sunday provided by local DJs.

The annual **Sabroso Latin Festival** is planned for the weekend of September 17-19. See story above.

On October 29, the park is organizing a blood drive with a Halloween theme.

Visit <https://gleneden.com/calendar/> for a complete activity list, subject to change.

• **LAGUNA DEL SOL (SACRAMENTO)**

The club's Nudestock Music Festival is on September 16-19. Enjoy a beautiful weekend with friends, food, music, and vendors. Live entertainment all three days.



LdS says it still has some vendor spaces open. Please contact James at manager@lagunadelsol.com asap if you are interested. Include your phone number and what you want to sell. No food or drink vendors allowed.

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• **LUPIN LODGE (SANTA CRUZ)**

Because of the fast-spreading Delta variant in the south bay area, all indoor activities will require masks, vaccinated or not. But to ensure safety do get vaccinated!

Water Supply is Better

Last month we reported that the water supply was so low at this park that visitors were asked to bring in 3 gallons of water per person to use or to donate. Since then, the club reports things have improved greatly.

“We've made some wonderful additions to our water system. We are open and the hot tub is open too! We still ask people to practice extreme conservation and still recommend visitors bring 3 gallons of water with them for personal use. You can always call the office for current status of events.”

“Also, because of the drought and high fire danger, until further notice there will be NO FIRES or charcoal grills allowed at Lupin. Please do not start a bonfire and smokers be mindful of where you put your butts.”

Looking Back: August 10 “Summer of Love” 5K

On Saturday we greeted the Bare Buns Run once again. All runners were vaccinated and had a great time. We will look forward to next year. In the evening a great many people danced the night away to the DJing of Tangerine and Moonbeam's “Summer of Love.” We held a fun costume contest.

Happy Birthday, Lupin!

Lupin Lodge celebrated its **86th Birthday** on the weekend of August 27-29. On that Saturday, there was a gathering to discuss some of Lupin's historical photos back to its founding in 1935. In the afternoon there was music and theater Improv on the lawn followed by a Lupin Birthday Champagne Toast & Cake. In the evening we has a special 1935 dinner prepared by the restaurant. In the evening there was a Birthday Balloon DJ Dance Party & Costume Contest.

• **NORTHERN EXPOSURE/RIVER DIPPERS (SACRAMENTO)**

Nearby fires and their smoke are affecting air quality and the ability to plan any camping trips at the moment. For activity information, please contact the club at: members@norcalexposure.com

• **OLIVE DELL RANCH (COLTON)**

ODR hosted the annual Summer Games on Aug 7 and provided a great dinner and dance afterwards.

Sept 4-5 is the annual Luau Festival, a tradition on Labor Day weekend. The gate fee is discounted for AANR members (\$16 **instead of** \$22 per person per day). Sunday is the main event, the park's annual Polynesian Dinner Buffet (pork, teriyaki chicken, rice, pea salad, pasta salad, fruit salad & banana pudding) and entertainment The Luau dinner/show has a separate cost.

Visit Olive Dell Ranch's Facebook page for the most recent information about their events. Park is closed to nonmembers on Tuesday & Wednesday Website: www.olivedellranch.com

Email: bnude@earthlink.net



ODR to Host Annual Gay Weekend

Sept 18 will be the third annual Gay Camping Weekend. Several nudist-friendly local LGBTQ-A groups have been invited to share a positive experience at the park with its members. Organized games in the pool during the afternoon.

Becki writes: "The Gay Weekend started when I had numerous guys who came up for Bare Burro 5K say that they'd love to have their own weekend. So just like with the Summer Games or the United Nudist weekend, it's just a weekend where we have a good time! It's about introducing all different people who share the common idea of loving to be naked! So, we'll have a mix of people, gay straight, young old, tall short, etc!!"

That night there will be a **Glow Party Dance**. We encourage people to bring some bright colored body paint or some other fun item that might react to our black lights. All of us can then dance the night away! It's an absolute blast!

• OLYMPIAN CLUB (TUSTIN)

Sept 4-5 club members will be attending the Luau festival at Olive Dell. For more information, see the club website at: www.olympianclub.com or Email: olympianclub@aol.com

• SCNA (LOS ANGELES)

- Saturday, August 28, the club made its annual visit to the quirky **Zorthian Ranch** above Pasadena for a pool party and talent show.

Coming Up, a Busy September!

- Sat, Sept 4, is the monthly **Online Game and Cocktail Party**
- Sept 5, Labor Day. Monday, SCNA is joining the Camping Bares of San Diego and NitOC of Orange County for a visit to **Black's Beach** in San Diego. Sun, Sept 18, Noon – 5 pm
- Sept 18: Every year on the third Saturday in September, people meet at sites all over California to take part in the State's largest volunteer event, **California Coastal Cleanup Day**. SCNA and Friends of Bates Beach once again will oversee this annual event at North Rincon (Bates) Beach.
- On the same day (Sept 18) across town, we will see the return of the annual **World Naked Bike Ride** through downtown Los Angeles. See story above.

• SEQUOIANS (EAST BAY)

The Sequoians, A Clothes-Free Club has no special events planned for September and possibly October due to COVID. Do visit www.sequoians.com, write to 10200 Cull Canyon Road, Castro Valley, CA 94552 or call 1 510 582-0184 for updated information.

COLORADO

• FRONT RANGE NATURISTS (DENVER)

Unless otherwise stated, all events are for members of the Front Range Naturists (FRN) and their guests only, unless prior arrangements have been made with our membership committee.

Due to limited space, and the fact that our events are held at a privately owned facility, we cannot extend an open invitation.

No specific dates have been provided for a planned September Potluck and the annual business meeting.

FRN just moved their website to a new Word Press location: <https://frncolorado.wordpress.com/>.

• MOUNTAIN AIR RANCH (DENVER)

August 21 was a Body Painting Day followed by a Glow Dance Party.

In September, MAR is hosting a cribbage tournament, karaoke night, DJ dance, and bingo night over the Labor Day weekend.

Oct 2 is a scheduled Highway Cleanup Day. Volunteers are needed.

The club has announced a promotion for families applying for full membership can qualify for a child credit of \$200 per child as a deduction on their annual membership fees.

MAR requires all new visitors to call ahead to schedule a tour.

Visit our website at: www.trynude.com. Contact us at (303) 697-4083. Email: marinfo@trynude.com

HAWAII

• SWIM FREE HAWAII (BIG ISLAND)

Swim Free has celebrated its fifth anniversary. "We appreciate all the support given to us by AANR-West!!"



NEVADA

- **NORTHERN NEVADA NATURISTS (RENO)**

We had a great Nude Recreation Week! We started with a nude pizza night and followed up with many of us going to Laguna Del Sol for a few days.

- **TAHOE AREA NATURISTS (TAN)**

Tahoe Area Naturists hosted its annual Hat Day celebration on August 21 at Creek Beach.

At 2:00 p.m., the party commemorated the life of their long-time "master of the beach," Bob Hildebrand with cake and champagne.



Photo of Lake Tahoe's Creek Beach

- **LAS VEGAS BARES**

The Las Vegas Bares sponsor Nude and Clothing Optional day and overnight trips to hot springs or landed nudist resorts. We have scheduled clothing-optional hikes and nude kayak day trips, full moon nude hikes, nude overnight kayak excursions on the Colorado River and visits to neighboring nude resorts in CA and AZ. Sometimes we also have nude pool parties with NUDE Water Volleyball, and a sundeck to get your all-over tan! Come out and enjoy and an afternoon of relaxing naked in the sun or recharge your mind and body with a free hike in the desert. <http://www.lasvegasbares.com/>

- **LAS VEGAS NATURISTS**

Las Vegas Naturists celebrated their 17th anniversary on the Fourth of July. We open with all of our locals join us to enjoy the beautiful sunny weather at the Las Vegas Valley. We are looking forward to a plenty of good times this coming month!

When in Vegas relax at our B&B! Guests can enjoy playing horseshoes, bocce ball, jacuzzi, and feast on the best potlucks in Las Vegas. Web site: <https://www.lasvegasnaturists.com/> Phone: (702) 658-9444

NEW MEXICO

- **ROADRUNNER NATURIST CLUB (ALBUQUERQUE)**

Clyde and Trenea hosted a party at their home August 21. Kevin from Clothes Free International was there to film an online

video episode. That show was published on the CFI Internet site on Aug 28, 2021, as episode #394. During this 14-minute show viewers got to meet the club officers and several members in the "cold tub" (unheated hot tub, since it was 100 degrees outside). Photos (below) captured from the broadcast:



Kevin says he is going to visit many of the travel clubs across the Western Region during the next few months in order to highlight them in a series of video broadcasts.

Future Events:

September or October, date TBD: Roadrunner Gathering at **Faywood Hot Springs**. We missed going to this popular location during 2020 and will be reinstating our club tradition of travelling there every year. We will post on our website as soon as a date is decided.

October 9-11, 2021. Join other Roadrunners for a fun weekend at one of our favorite places, **Mira Vista Resort** in Tucson. The Tucson Fall climate is great for naturist activities! Discount room rates available, contact us if you are going.

Website: <http://www.roadrunnernaturists.com/>

Email: RoadRunnerNaturists@hotmail.com

- **FAYWOOD HOT SPRINGS, LLC**

Faywood Hot Springs, a rustic natural geothermal resort in southwestern New Mexico, has many outdoor campgrounds and private soaking pools for those who wish to partake of its healthful and rejuvenating mineral water baths. There are separate clothing-required, clothing-optional (naturist) pools and private and group bathing areas. Contact us at <https://faywoodhotsprings.com/>.

New Phone number: (575) 342-8181.

- **SUN TREE TRAVEL CLUB (LAS CRUCES)**

For club activities, email: information@suntree.net

• SUNS (ST. GEORGE)

On August 14 the club-hosted pool party and on August 18 we held our first game night. Both were very successful!

We have swim parties scheduled for Sept. 11 and 25. We also have game nights scheduled for Sept. 1, 15, and 29. The game nights are just getting started, so no donation to play is required. Just bring your own beverage, a snack to share, and a towel to sit on Email us at: info@southernutahnaturistsociety.org

• WASATCH (SALT LAKE CITY)

We held a nude swim on August 14. It was only our second of 2021, as our swims have been on hold since the pandemic began. Photo below.

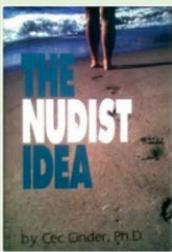
Our next event is a nude campout September 10-12 to Stansbury Island (aka "The Beach") in Tooele County.

For more information, email the club at: wasatchnaturists@gmail.com.

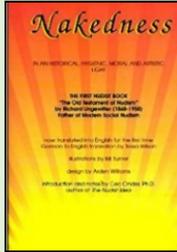


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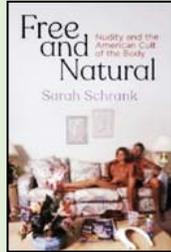
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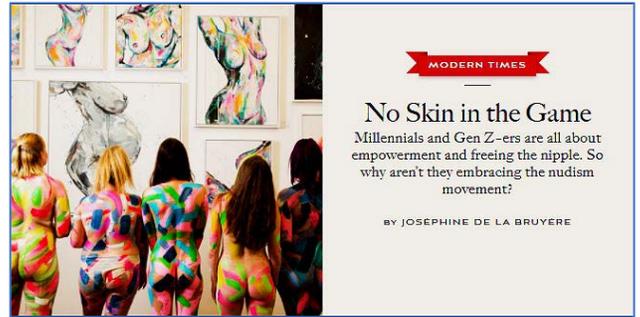


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Breaking News

Online Article Asks, "Why Aren't Millennials Joining AANR?"

By Gary Mussell

As we were going to press, we were notified an interesting article about the ongoing questions about why younger people are not joining AANR clubs was published by the Air Mail News online blog service.

The article, "No Skin in the Game," written by a 22 year old Princeton student Josephine de La Bruyère, appeared online August 28 at https://airmail.news/issues/2021-8-28/no-skin-in-the-game?utm_campaign=share&utm_source=share

In it, de la Bruyère described her observations from visiting Glen Eden Sun Club, Mountain Air Ranch, and Lake Como. She also visited a Florida Young Naturists weekend event and quoted several young adults she meet there and elsewhere. For balance she also quotes several key AANR individuals including Jeff Baldassarre and Gary Mussell.

The essence of the article is this sentence: "[Millennials believe] AANR. clubs are unaffordable and passé."

"Millennials are the best educated, least financially stable demographic in three generations," continues de la Bruyère. Mussell adds: "Young Adults these days want nudity today, and paragliding tomorrow. The movement doesn't interest them yet. The fun does."

The 1500-word article is certainly worth reading and discussing as AANR clubs continue to seek ways to attract their next generation of members.

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Per Month Only	\$25 one time	30-word limit
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For more information and to download a contact form, contact information@aanrwest.org. Rates are above.



Treehouse hosted Mr. and Miss Nude Universe Contests

87-Year Era Ends As Former Treehouse Fun Ranch / Deer Park Club Property Is Sold

By Gary Mussell

In 1971 Bill and Fran Flesher opened one of the most successful, if controversial, nudist parks of that era. The Treehouse Fun Ranch was born at a remote corner of Devore, California near what is now Glen Helen Regional Park.

Over its 87 years as a nudist-friendly destination, the 40-acre location went through several owners, name changes, and cultures. Few remember that before it was called Treehouse, the nudist-friendly park had been known by many other names since it was originally bought in 1934 by Ray and Helen Barry, who named it **Buckhorn Ranch**, then renamed it **Sunshine Ranchero**. In 1947 it was bought by Jim Campbell and Bill Keisel (later a founder of Olive Dell Ranch) who named it **Oakdale Guest Ranch**. Ten years later it was bought by Mel and Ann Hocker who started the tradition of Nude Pageants at the resort. It retained this name until the Flesher's purchase in 1971.

In its heyday, **Treehouse Fun Ranch** was a mecca for nude recreation in the Inland Empire. Flesher was a master of marketing and his three annual events, a world-class Chili Cookoff, the Miss Nude USA, and the Mr. Nude Universe beauty contests, gave him and his park worldwide recognition.

The cookoff attracted some of the world's best chili chefs (sometimes as many as 40 entries) and it guaranteed thousands of visitors (nudity was not required at the event) and guaranteed media coverage. There was also a wet T-shirt contest that weekend and plenty of country and bluegrass music on the stage, plus contests for Mr. Hot Sauce and Ms. Chile Pepper.

At the Nude beauty contests, outsiders were allowed to bring cameras to photograph the contestants during the judging. This was long before the word "sexist" and "misogyny" were ever used to describe these events. Fun fact: In 1977 the Fleshers were sued by the Miss Universe Corporation, and they were forced to cease using the word "Universe" in their promotional material because, the judge agreed, it caused confusion with the larger international company.

Treehouse regularly hosted ASA (American Sunbathing Association, predecessor to today's AANR) conventions and the Fleshers were seen as leaders of the national nudist movement. They even opened a Treehouse II in Palm Springs

for a short time to handle the overflow seeking overnight accommodations.

By 1996, both Bill and Fran had developed health issues and could no longer adequately manage the property. They fell behind on their mortgage and the banks foreclosed.

The property was renamed **Buff Creek** by the new owners, and they began promoting the place for lifestyle advocates and swingers. All of the national nudist organizations disassociated themselves with the new owners. It only took a few years for them to run into financial difficulty and the property was again sold, this time to Chris Crawford. Crawford was a real estate entrepreneur whose wife had grown up as a nudist on the property. He renamed it **Deer Park** in 1998.

The new managers "cleaned house," trying to regain the support of nearby nudists who had since changed loyalties to nearby Olive Dell Ranch and Glen Eden Sun Club. It was a hard struggle, and despite many land improvements and support from nearby travel clubs, the property never achieved its former glory.



In 2013, Crawford closed the nudist park and leased the land to **Freedom Acres**, a nearby swinger night club looking to expand recreational opportunities for its members. Families were banned from the property and many of the nudists owning mobile homes there sold out to Crawford at huge losses. Freedom Acres made many improvements to the infrastructure, as by now many buildings were quite old. FA seemed to thrive with its infamous pool and foam parties. But the COVID epidemic shut it down and the bills started to mount. Crawford began looking for a buyer.

A few weeks ago, all of that history came to an end as the remaining residents were notified that they have 30 days to vacate to property to make way for a new truck stop. The new property owners, rumored to be an oil company, are going to tear everything down at the site and start over, according to the written notice. There was no prior warning, residents said.

Freedom Acre members are naturally angry and are searching for a way to stop the sale, but it seems the residents are out of time. They either find a way to move their mobile homes or else lose a substantial part of their investment there. Many are of retirement age and really have nowhere to go.



Deer Park at its peak, around 2008.

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