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AANR NEWS



Nude Recreation Week Plans Take Shape

Started in 1976 as National Nude Weekend by the Nudist Society's founder Lee Baxandall, this annual celebration of social nudity has evolved into a week-long celebration by all the nudist organizations around the globe.

The second week in July is set aside by all the AANR clubs for special events. Many clubs provide discounted gate fees that welcome new guests trying social nudity for the first time (check your local club for any special rates).

For example, Saturday, July 14 is International Skinny Dip Day being celebrated worldwide.

Check out the schedule on the last page of this newsletter for other events, from Laguna del Sol's Motorcycle and Car show to Mountain Air's Olympics, to Olive Dell's Ice Cream Social, etc.

June is Women in Nude Recreation Month

With recent news stories about harassment and discrimination in the American workplace, AANR thought it would be timely to have the clubs set aside June for workshops or discussion groups where these topics can be explored more thoroughly.

We know several of the clubs have scheduled workshops. It is hoped that the sharing of experiences can lead to a more thorough understanding of the issue so people can come away with ideas for a plan of action.

Check your local club to see when they will be holding their Women's event(s). We will also be hosting one of these workshops at our summer convention.

Regional News

Delegate Credentials Packets Being Sent to All Clubs

AANR-West has mailed credentials packets to all club presidents confirming their participation in the summer convention, August 2-5.

All clubs and Associate (members not affiliated with a club) are eligible to participate and vote at this annual meeting where your ideas and suggestions for improving our service and operations get discussed and voted on. Each Associate (not affiliated with any club) in attendance gets one vote, and clubs get delegates based on a formula of one vote per 25 members.

Clubs need to mail back a signed form listing the names of who their delegates and alternates to the convention will be. Also included in the packet will be nomination forms should anyone wish to run for a seat on the Board of Directors for AANR-West. There are five open seats this year. Please consider giving some us some volunteer time this next year!

Also in the packet will be forms to nominate any worthy Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, and Family of the Year. We prefer these awards be given to the unsung heroes in the clubs who work very hard and deserve some recognition.

Please return them ASAP to Cyndi Faber at Shangri-La Ranch, 44444 N Shangri-La Lane, New River, AZ 85087.

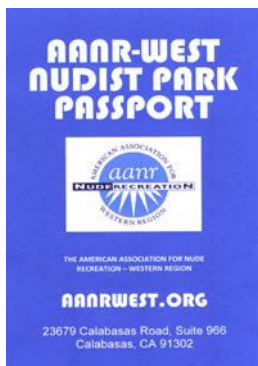
Have You Made Your Reservations Yet for the AANR-West 2018 Convention?

Have you made your reservations at De Anza Springs yet for our annual AANR-West convention August 2-5? This four-day meeting is filled with interesting workshops and fun activities from volleyball to a "beer google" run, culminating in the traditional pudding toss on Saturday (just what it sounds like). On the serious side, we will also be electing 5 members to our Board of Directors. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us at information@aanrwest.org for additional information.

The AANR International convention also will be at De Anza from August 6-13, immediately following the AANR-West conclave. Contact De Anza at stay@deanzasprings.com to reserve your space soon, as we hear the rooms, trailers, and camp sites are filling fast.

Announcing the New AANR-West Nudist Club Passport Program

Our new Nudist Passport Program will commence August 3, 2016. At the summer convention. Here is how it works:



- The Nudist Passport is designed to encourage visits at multiple nudist resorts and parks throughout the Western United States. There are 29 AANR clubs in the region.

- Simply bring your passport with you when you check in at the club's front office. They will have a stamp to mark their page in the passport book. They will sign and date your visit. That's it!

- Visit a minimum of at least 6 resorts and/or travel clubs in a 12-month period.
- Mail us your completed passport by November 15, 2019 to the address on the back page of this booklet to be eligible for the prize drawing.
- Purchase a new passport. Passport books cost \$5 each (to cover production costs). They can be purchased at any participating nudist park or club in the region.

Participation in this program is entirely voluntary.

We hope you enjoy visiting our affiliated nudist groups, meet many interesting people, and have a wonderful nudist adventure tour!

Welcome to Our Newest Affiliated Club: Windfeather Resort Air B&B in Tucson, Arizona

Kim and Kathy Windfeather are a very nice couple who just opened this B&B last October. It sits on just under an acre of land with two separate bedrooms and bathrooms for guests, and a common kitchen and dining area. The backyard has a pool and Jacuzzi and patio area. There is plenty of parking on the property. Someone with an RV can park in the front if they wish but there are no hookups for power, water, or sewer.

They do not allow children under age 18 because they also do not have a separate fence around the pool area. There is no smoking on the grounds, and no pets. Guests are responsible for their own meals.

Fees for the B&B vary with the seasons. They are happy to provide discounts to card-carrying AANR members. For more information contact:

Windfeather Resort Air B&B

10860 N Thornydale Rd, Tucson, AZ 85742

Phone: 520-833-2483

Website: <http://clothingoptionalresortsarizona.com>

Email: windfeatherresort@gmail.com

Passings

Farewell to Gigi Kraus

January 31, 1931 □ June 1, 2018

Gigi and her husband Horst Kraus emigrated from Germany in the 1960's and fell in love with Shangri-La Ranch in Arizona as a vacation destination. When the club went up for sale in 1996, the couple bought it and turned it from a rundown 50-site RV park into the desert oasis it is today with over 160 RV sites accommodating full time residents, RV travelers, and those looking at getting away for a weekend or simply a relaxing day.



The club hosted many AANR West festivals, and meetings over the years and Horst and Gigi received many awards including the Hal O'Neill award and the Glen Eden award. Horst and Gigi were inducted into the AANR-West Hall of Fame in August 2017.

Gigi suffered a brain aneurysm in December of 2012 from which she never fully recovered. Gigi passed in her sleep on June 1, 2018.

She leaves behind her husband of 65 years, Horst and 3 daughters, Patty Faber, who is an AANR Trustee and soon to be AANR Vice President; Elvira of New River AZ and Autumn Kraus-Hill of Irvine, Texas, and 5 grandchildren include Danielle Smith, the AANR-West Secretary and Cyndi Faber, AANR-West Vice President, and 4 great-grandchildren.

Still Time to Send your Kids to the AANR-West Summer Camp in Colorado

By Cyndi Faber, AANR-West Vice President

There is still space available at the AANR-West Youth Camp at Mountain Air Ranch in Colorado, **June 28 - July 1, 2018**. Deadline for signups will be June 25. If you know any one that is interested, please forward them to us at information@aanrwest.org

This mini-camp is designed for kids/young adults 11 to 17. The **cost of the camp is \$50 per attendee**. The camps are full of workshops about self-esteem, leadership, and principles for being a good community citizen. All camp staff have received background checks and are experienced at running youth activities.

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Saline Valley Near Death Valley

We thank those AANR-West members who have sent letters of support to the National Park Service about the updated management plan for Saline Valley Warm Springs, adjacent to Death Valley National Park in California.

This has been a popular spot for nudists to enjoy the local hot springs for several decades. We want to keep it that way, with no change in policy or enforcement. If you agree, send a brief letter to:

Death Valley National Park
P.O. Box 579, Death Valley, CA 92328

Comments may be submitted by email to:

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/SalineValleyWarmSprings>.

AANR and the Naturist Society are working together to have input into the planning process. Comments are due by July 2. More information can be found at:

<https://www.nps.gov/deva/learn/news/saline-valley-comments.htm>

Auburn Dam, Sacramento River

The California State Parks Department and the US Bureau of Reclamation are collaborating on a new General Plan/Resource Management Plan for Auburn State Recreation Area, located on the north fork of the American River. Just below the Auburn Dam, is a very popular destination for nudists in this part of California.

A public workshop was held on December 7, 2017 in Auburn. AANR-West and GAT were well represented by **Tim Mullins** and other members of the nearby **Northern Exposure club**. Tim reported that nobody objected to the nude beach area as the focus of concern seemed to be access to the area by pet dogs (currently banned) and a demand to build bicycle trails in the park.

Another public hearing is scheduled for June 26 and Tim and his team will be attending. We will report back next month on what happened.

Little Nudity Legislation This Year

Election years are usually when we see a flood of anti-nudity bills introduced by local politicians wanting to use our way of life as a campaign issue. This year, however, it has been extremely rare to see any such bills in the eight western states of our region. One such bill in Hawaii never got a hearing.

Neither has there been many anti-sexting bills or proposals to restrict the use of hobby drones over private property or public parks or beaches (our position is nobody should have their image photographed or videotaped while nude without personal approval).

It seems the politicians are too preoccupied with guns, walls and kids in detention camps to worry about the people who want to hang out together without clothes.



Annual AANR-West Summer Festival and 5K Run at Glen Eden

A big thank you to Glen Eden in Corona, California, for hosting our annual Summer Festival June 2-4.

AANR-West sponsored many of the tournaments held during the weekend including volleyball, water volleyball, tennis (men's and women's singles and doubles), pickleball, 8-ball billiards, ping pong, and poker. Winners (and winning members of teams) received a nice cool towel to wear around their necks.

Sunday morning was the annual 5K run. An estimated 250 people participated, and prizes were awarded in several age bracket categories as well as by gender.

AANR-West had an information table above the pool and many GE members dropped by to say hello and to pick up literature. We also distributed lip balm, beach balls, and other spiffs to those who visited.

Thanks to Glen Eden for their hospitality.

Reminder to Runners! Grand Tour 5K Nude Run 2018 Calendar

On Saturday, September 15, De Anza Springs Resort, east of San Diego, will host their 5K "Run to The Border" race. The final 5K in the series, "The Desert Buns Run," will be held at Shangri-La Ranch, north of Phoenix, AZ, on October 6.

Prizes for those who run all four 2018 events!

Date(s)	Location
Sept 15, 2018	De Anza Springs
Oct 6, 2018	Shangri-La, AZ



World Naked Bike Ride is Coming to Los Angeles June 23

AANR-West, NAC, and several local nudist clubs are co-sponsoring the 11th Annual World Naked Bike Ride through the city of Los Angeles on Saturday, June 23.

Those interested can RSVP on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/WNBRLA. Directions will be posted on this page the night before the ride. The first leg of the ride will start at approximately 11-11:30 AM.



The ride is open to anyone who wants to support the event as an expression promoting bike safety, alternative transportation and positive body-awareness. Clothing is always optional during the ride.

You ride "as bare as you dare." Many will choose to be, body painted or costumed in some form.

The second leg is about 13 miles long and will take about 3 hours to complete. That segment takes the riders along the LA river, up through Silver Lake, down Sunset Blvd, past Chinatown and Dodger Stadium, and LA City Hall. A police escort is being provided.

Don't forget to bring several bottles of water, sunscreen, sun glasses, a hat, and optionally a towel to sit on the bike seat. Cameras are also allowed but be polite and ask permission before taking someone's picture.

Nude Laser Tag Games Are a Hit with So Cal Clubs

Sunday morning May 27, Naturists in the OC rented out Lazer Legacy in Yucaipa before their regular business hours to enjoy a few games of Lazer Tag without clothes! There were 35 players from various clubs, separated into teams, wearing special vests and shoes (and nothing else).

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After the first game people were hooked! During the two hours the place was rented, the group got to play four different game periods. "It was really great fun and I recommend it as an event other clubs should consider," said Rolf Holbach, SCNA president.

THIS MONTH'S SPOTLIGHT



The club members of NNGuadalajara.

Nudism in Mexican is Becoming Very Popular

by Claudia Kellersch

On June 3, 2018, the Mexican Federation of Nudism (<http://federacionnudistademexico.org/>) held a general assembly in Mexico City to elect a new executive team for the federation.

Affiliated with the INF, this federation was founded in 2011, and has been growing with affiliated groups all over the nation. In his report, the out-going president, Juan Castañeda, mentioned the legal designation of the long-time naturist beach of Zipolite in the southern state of Oaxaca in 2016, and the three very successful consecutive nudist festivals celebrated there each February since 2016

The General Assembly chose between two highly qualified and enthusiastic teams led by the presidential candidates Mercedes Ruvalcaba (La Fuerza del Nudismo) and Hector Martinez of the Nude and Natural Guadalajara (NNG) club. Martinez, age 27, won by majority vote.



Martinez is also an AANR member and we are working to get NNG to become an affiliated club for the region.

The assembly also voted for AANR-West and FNM member Claudia Kellersch to be the official delegate to the next INF World Congress held in Portugal in October 2018, giving Mexico representation for the first time at the INF level.

AANR West president Gary Mussell has extended an invitation to Martinez, as the new president of the Mexican federation, to attend the AANR West Convention at De Anza Springs in early August and speak at a workshop about the rapid growth and acceptance of nude recreation in Mexico.

If you are planning to attend the convention, this workshop should definitely be something not to miss. Get your questions on nudism in Mexico answered and find out about upcoming organized, low budget English-language trips to various parts of Mexico! Discounts of 10 percent for AANR members are already available and will be extended in the future.

There's Always Something Happening Around the Region!

Below is a list of major club activities for the next several weeks from around the region. This is only a partial list. Visit the aanrwest.org web site for a more complete list. Click on the club link at right to view some details about the event at the club's web site.

Calendar of Major Events at the Clubs June 15-30, 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Host Club</u>	<u>Club Link</u>
6/16/2018	Father's Day Country Western Dance	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
6/16/2018	Super Hero Night	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
6/16/2018	Family Day (Bug Hunt)	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
6/16/2018	Bates Beach Party	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
6/17/2018	Father's Day Brunch	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
6/17/2018	Happy Father's Day Dance	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
6/17/2018	Father's Day Brunch	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
6/18/2018	Pool Party and potluck	SunTree Travel Club	information@suntree.net
6/20/2018	Kids Weird Science Week	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
6/21/2018	Jamaican Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
6/23/2018	World Naked Bike Ride LA	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
6/23/2018	WNBR: Nude Bike Ride ▯ Los Angeles	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
6/24/2018	Backyard Party	Roadrunner Naturists	http://www.roadrunnernaturists.com/
6/28/2018	Full Moon Social	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
6/28/2018	Fourth of July Weekend Festival	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
6/29/2018	Pool Party Dance	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
6/30/2018	Boat Regatta	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
6/30/2018	Red, White & Blue Live Music Dance	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
6/30/2018	Dance Party!	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
6/30/2018	4th of July Weekend Dance	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
6/30/2018	Red, White & Blue Dance	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
6/30/2018	Independence Day Parade float, Carpinteria	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org

Calendar of Major Events at the Clubs July 1-31

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Host Club</u>	<u>Club Link</u>
7/4/2018	Independence Day Parade	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
7/5/2018	Hop-A-Park Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
7/6/2018	GE Independence Day Celebration Weekend	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
7/7/2018	Family Day	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
7/7/2018	Pool Party	Olympian Club	olympianclub@aol.com
National Nude Recreation Week July 8-16			
7/8/2018	Bates Beach Party	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
7/11/2018	Crazy hat Dance	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
7/12/2018	National Nude Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
7/14/2018	Rockets & Sprockets Motorcycle & Car Show	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
7/14/2018	Golf Cart Rodeo	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
7/14/2018	MAR Olympics	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
7/14/2018	SCNA Pool Party and Elections	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
7/14/2018	Camping at Faywood Hot Springs	SunTree Travel Club	information@suntree.net
7/15/2018	Ice Cream Social	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
7/19/2018	Lollipop Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
7/20/2018	GE Annual Nudestock Music Festival	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
7/20/2018	Cornhole Tournament	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
7/20/2018	▯Art-rageous Weekend▯ Festival	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
7/26/2018	AANR Western Convention Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
7/27/2018	Full Moon Social	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com

AANR West clubs welcome all people willing to conform to its principles and standards, regardless of age, gender, marital status, religious beliefs, ethnic origin or sexual orientation.