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We publish this newsletter every month for our independent members and clubs. We appreciate it being forwarded to club members and other AANR guests as you feel appropriate. Communication is the key to everyone understanding all the things that AANR and AANR-West does for the social nudist movement.

AANR NEWS

AANR Elections Coming in May

Next month, AANR is holding its bi-annual election for President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and all 14 members of the Board of Trustees. All AANR members are encouraged to vote!



The election will be held May 1 to June 20, and members can vote one of three ways: online, by paper ballot, or by phone.

AANR will be using a firm called Vote-Now to provide election services. **Vote-Now will be contacting all members by email to remind them about the election, so please don't discard this email when you receive it early in May. It is NOT spam!**

Online voting is secure and easy, so don't be afraid to use it. If you want to vote online, we MUST have your email address, and each AANR member needs their own email address. Couples at the same mailing address typically use the same (one) email address, but you need to **separate each person** into different emails to vote this way. Call 1-800-TRY-NUDE to register the second email address so the system can accept the second person's ballot.

A **Voter's Guide** to all the candidates and propositions is included in the May issue of the *Bulletin*. If you don't receive this monthly AANR publication, the Guide is also available online at www.aanr.com/login/logincss.php.

Any questions, please contact the AANR main office at 1-800-TRY-NUDE.

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Government Affairs

One of the primary reasons to belong to AANR (besides having fun) is to support our work that protects our right to be nude through legislation and the courts. and, where possible, to expand social nude recreation opportunities. Here is a summary of recent activity:

In **Colorado**, HB 18-1143 is a repeal of many of the nudity laws in the state which local courts have ruled unconstitutional. For example, a state court in Ft. Collins ruled that women have the same rights to top freedom as men. We are quietly supporting this because we don't want to stir up any opposition. Odds of passage are good.

In Oregon, the legislature has banned alcohol use on the nude beach at **Sauvie Island, near Portland**. Law enforcement wanted this, and it passed the legislature by a large majority.

In California, the state's **Sex Offender Registry** is being reorganized into tiers, with the worst offenders (child molestation, etc.) grouped together and others ranked by the seriousness of the felony. Those ticketed for simple nudity do not need to register in most cases, but we are watching to see how these regulations are re-written.

At **Bates Beach, Santa Barbara County, California**, the local police chief has retired. He agreed not to ticket for nudity there if there were no complaints. We plan to meet the new chief in coming weeks.

In Hawaii, SB 691 proposes to **ban public nudity** in the state, period. It has not yet been scheduled for a hearing and our team sees almost no chance for approval.

Hawaii's HB 2134 is a **revenge porn** bill supported by the women's caucus that is on the verge of passage. The language was tightened so that nudists who share photos are not covered.

We are looking into hosting a **Government Affairs workshop** at the AANR-West convention, so our members can gain a better understanding of what we do to promote or oppose various bills at the federal, state, and local levels.

GAT Award Nominations Wanted

If your local club has a person actively engaged with the local city, county, or state representative, we want to know about it! Please take the time to contact tim.mullins@aanr.com by May 31 with the name, or names, so we can honor them for their hard work.

News from Around the Region

All Clubs: send us a paragraph about your upcoming activities (4-6 weeks in the future) so we can promote them here in our newsletter (and send photos!) so we can tell the world about your success!

AANR -West Wants to Honor Local Outstanding Club Volunteers!

Each year, AANR-West presents awards for a Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, and Family of the Year who have shown outstanding volunteer service at your club.

This can be a staff person or someone else who you feel should be singled out for their contributions. Please contact us at information@aanrwest.org by May 31 with your names and the reason why your unsung hero should be recognized.



Two Kids Summer Camps Announced

By Cyndi Faber, AANR-West Vice President

I am happy to report that dates have been confirmed for two youth summer camps this year; June 21 - 24, 2018, in Southern California and June 28 - July 1, 2018, in Colorado. The exact locations will be disclosed to those interested.

These mini camps are designed for kids/young adults 11 to 17. The **cost of the camp is \$50 per attendee**; other contributions and donations are gratefully accepted! These 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.

Deadline for signups will be June 20. If you know any one that is interested, please forward them to us at information@aanrwest.org

Scholarship Application Time Has Closed

Thanks to all the kids, to their AANR member parents and grandparents who applied for 2018 scholarships. The committee is reviewing your submissions and winners will be announced in June.

Lupin Lodge is Hiring

The club, nestled in a pine valley in the mountains between Santa Cruz and San Jose, is looking for enthusiastic people skilled in customer service to work in their restraint, front office, housekeeping, and grounds keeping. Interested persons should contact Michelle Mason at (408)-353-9200.

Olive Dell to Kick Off 5K Run Season April 22

Olive Dell Nudist Park in Colton, CA, is hosting its 9th annual **Nude 5K "Burro Run"** on Sunday, April 22, open to all who wish to participate. An estimated 350 people are expected to participate this year, running (or walking) the developed course through the back hills of the resort.

Register on line at: <https://www.active.com/colton-ca/running/trail-run/bare-burro-nude-5k-trail-run-weekend-2018>

More about the race in our May issue.

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

Date(s)	Location
Apr 22, 2018	Olive Dell Ranch
Jun 3, 2018	Glen Eden
Sept 15, 2018	De Anza Springs
Oct 7, 2018	Shangri-La, AZ



SCNA Hosts Spring Bowling

The Southern California Nudist Association (SCNA) club rented out an entire bowling ally in Montrose on the afternoon of March 31 and invited other local clubs to join them for an afternoon of bowling and fun. Over 40 bowlers responded. Prizes were given for high score and best series. They plan to do it again in October.

Some Seats Still Available for Bus Ride to San Fran Bare2Breakers

As we announced last month, Lupin Lodge is providing a bus from its nudist resort in Los Gatos to San Francisco for this annual clothing optional run across the City by the Bay on Sunday, May 20. About 80,000 people regularly attend with several thousand enjoying the run while nude or top free.

Call **Lupin at (408) 353-9200** to sign up for the 90-min bus ride from Lupin. Cost is \$40 round trip. The transportation is basically non-profit since the money is used to rent the bus, pay the driver, and buy the gas.

The bus leaves Lupin at 6:00 a.m. to arrive comfortably before the 8:00 am starting time. Discount pricing is available for overnight and weekend stays at Lupin.

Arizona's Buff-a-teers to Host Movie Night and Camping Trip

By Hunter Macpherson, Buff Flyer Newsletter Editor

The Tucson's Buff-A-Teers Club held its annual board elections on Saturday, April 14 at a member's beautiful pine covered 5-acre property and lake called Wesworld. The business end of the get together included the club's annual election of its board officers. Elected to the Buff-A-Teers board were: President: Len Summers III, Vice President: Kirk Krentzel, Treasurer: Jim Reed, and Members at Large: Paul Tynan and Wes Scott.

Congratulations go to all the newly-elected board members who have dedicated themselves to serving the Buff-A-Teers for the 2018-19 season.

In addition to the board election, members of the Buff-A-Teers enjoyed a fully catered meal followed by nude croquet and a game of Timber Toss. That evening several members stayed to enjoy an outdoor projection screen showing of the classic movie *The Maltese Falcon*

After a night time campover, sleepy members woke up on Sunday morning to a hot breakfast of pancake, eggs, bacon, and orange juice.

The weekend of April 14-15 proved to be a fun event for the Buff-a-teers and everyone looks forward to other upcoming gettogethers and campovers in the future.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Tucson Buff-A-Teers are encouraged to inquire at tucsonbuffateers@gmail.com or call 520 298 3938.



Welcome our Newest Club: Swim Free Hawaii

On April 1, we welcomed the **Swim Free Hawaii club** to the Western Region. It is a boat charter, based at Honokōhau, Kalaoa, on the western Kona Coast of the "Big Island" of Hawaii.

Captain Chuck Hauptert has been conducting fishing charters for 30 years. He and his partner, Nova Neri, established Swim Free Hawaii last year to offer visitors and locals the opportunity to enjoy their charters in a clothing-optional environment.

A Southern California native, Hauptert discovered nude recreation in San Diego in the 1970s during the heyday of Black's Beach. Hauptert moved in 1978 to the Big Island, and decided to open a fishing charter business. A few years ago, he decided he was getting too old to "wrestle large and angry fish," and he decided to open his boat to those who just want to snorkel, whale watch, or just hang out on the boat at sunset.

Nude recreation throughout Hawaii tends to consist mostly of hard-to-reach beaches. Hauptert figured there would be a market for a clothing-optional charter, and business has grown mostly by word of mouth. He says he can take up to six guests per cruise. For parties of less than six, he'll fill the boat with partial groups who, as fellow nudists, inevitably get along.

SwimFree Hawaii has its own web site (www.swimfreehawaii.com), an active Facebook page, and even a few YouTube videos featuring passengers having fun. Contact Chuck and Nova at the web site to reserve your saltwater adventure...naturally!

AANR WEST TRADE SHOW UPDATE



AANR Booth Attracts the Curious at the Cal Parks & Rec Expo

AANR-West staffed a booth March 14-15 at a trade show sponsored by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. This is the largest regional park and recreation expo show in the nation with about 20,000 park employees attending the 4-day event at the Long Beach Convention Center. This was our opportunity to meet and speak to local park rangers, area supervisors, and local park law enforcement about the need for designated nude recreation areas within the state park system.

We found that many of the park employees were also interested in nude recreation opportunities for themselves as this was a "Bucket List" item for many. We collected names and emails for follow-up after the show.

We gave out several hundred brochures from virtually all the clubs and resorts in the west. We also gave out some spiffs such as beach balls, keyring flashlights and lip balm. The most sought-after item was a lapel pin we create new every year just for the show. There are many pin collectors out there, and they make a point of coming specifically to our booth to talk to us and get this year's version.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT



Celebrating our 20th Anniversary at Hangin' Loose on the Big Island

By Dennis Crane (Orange County, California)

In February, my wife and I decided to celebrate our 20th wedding anniversary by visiting the Hangin' Loose AANR club on the Big Island in Hawaii.

The story of Hangin' Loose

In 2000, Michael and Jan searched the Island for a place to create a Bed & Breakfast for naturists, as they were long time naturists themselves. They worked with a realtor who suggested the current property since there were no nearby neighbors, beautiful and lush vegetation all around, and private fencing. There are even lava tubs running below the property.

The main house needed massive work, but because of the price and location, they decided it had exciting potential. A few years later, they purchased the two adjoining lots, and then built rental cottages there, plus a couple of yurts. The Honeymoon Hale yurt became their most popular rental.

Hangin' Loose is probably about a 25-minute drive from the Hilo Airport.

Our Anniversary Story

Noreen and I arrived on the Big Island late on a Saturday afternoon. We drove up the long and dark driveway, covered by an awning of trees. We were greeted by Michael and Jan standing in front of their main house. They directed us to our Honeymoon Hale yurt. It was well furnished with a large kitchen area and an outdoor shower. The yurt eve had its own private Jacuzzi!

By the following morning, one could really appreciate how beautiful the place was, as it felt like you were living in a tropical rain forest with amazing trees, plants, and flowers growing everywhere.

Being at Hangin' Loose really forces you to slow down "Hawaiian style," and genuinely enjoy life and relax.

Simple pleasures of life was greatly enhanced by being in paradise surrounded by peace and quiet. Michael and Jan were always accommodating and willing to help us with every need. They gave us many hot tips on places to go and see. They also made sure we had our privacy on the property.

After a few days, we started doing the tourist things. On Sundays we visited the Maku'u Farmers Market, about 3 miles away. This is the place to go for fresh fruit and a variety of other foods. From there we headed to Ahalanui Park, which is a hot spring pool which the ocean flows into it to maintain about a 90-degree temperature.

The following day we hit up the nude beach, Kehena Black Sand Beach. Michael happens to be one of the drum masters every Sunday at the weekly drum circle. This beach features black sand, and it is one of my favorite nude beaches in the world. There are some beautiful cliffs as the backdrop to the sand and the ocean. Apparently, it's a popular spot with local nudists! Everyone was very friendly to us.

As it turned out, we ended up hangin' out at Hangin' Loose most of the week. In the evenings, there was a very informal dinner gathering at the bar/pool area. Michael and Jan would bring what they cooked that night to the bar, and the place became a little pot luck. event When we learned of this, we went to the nearby market and grabbed something to BBQ so we could share.

I must report on days when we were at the pool area, the pet birds talked to us! They speak surprisingly well, and you do understand them. At first, it took us by surprise because we did not expect to hear "Hey...how ya doin?" from a bird.

Again, such a relaxed environment to be vacationing at.

You might want to give Hangin' Loose a visit, but only if you really want to relax in paradise!



Hangin' Loose: Our Dinner with Jan and Michael



Inside the Honeymoon Yurt

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 April 14-30, 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Host Club</u>	<u>Club Link</u>
4/14/2018	Deep Creek Hike	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
4/17/2018	Potluck	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
4/17/2018	Pool Party	Roadrunner Naturists	http://www.roadrunnernaturists.com/
4/19/2018	Yard Sale Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
4/20/2018	Earth Day Volunteer Appreciation Weekend	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
4/21/2018	Rhythm & Blues Earth Day Dance Party!	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
4/21/2018	Kite Day	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
4/21/2018	Spring Dance	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
4/21/2018	Naked Beer Mile Run (3pm)	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
4/21/2018	Toga Dance	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
4/21/2018	Camping at Faywood Hot Springs	SunTree Travel Club	information@suntree.net
4/22/2018	Bare Burro 5K Run	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
4/22/2018	Olive Dell 5K Nude "Burro Run	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
4/26/2018	Arbor Day Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
4/28/2018	Plant-A-Tree Event	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
4/29/2018	Women's Gathering (Dragonfly Ladies)	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org

Calendar of Major Events at the Clubs May 1-31, 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Host Club</u>	<u>Club Link</u>
5/3/2018	Cinco de Mayo Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
5/4/2018	Weekend Camping	Roadrunner Naturists	www.roadrunnernaturists.com/
5/5/2018	Kentucky Derby on the Big Screen	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
5/5/2018	Casino Night	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
5/5/2018	Cinco de Mayo Swim Party	Mojave Sun Club	mohavesunclub@gmail.com
5/5/2018	Cinco de Mayo Dance	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
5/5/2018	Cinco de Mayo Party	Olympian Club	olympianclub@aol.com
5/5/2018	Cinco de Mayo Party	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
5/5/2018	Naked Gardening Day Party	SunTree Travel Club	information@suntree.net
5/10/2018	Mother's Day Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
5/11/2018	Mother's Day Weekend	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
5/12/2018	80's Night	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
5/13/2018	Mother's Day Brunch	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
5/13/2018	Mother's Day Dance	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
5/13/2018	Mother's Day Brunch	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
5/17/2018	Armed Forces Day Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
5/18/2018	Camping at Wildwood Hot Springs & Retreat	SunTree Travel Club	information@suntree.net
5/19/2018	Operation Paperbacks	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
5/19/2018	Movie Night	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
5/19/2018	Korean Spa Evening	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
5/24/2018	Memorial Day Weekend Dance & Other Events	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
05/26/18	Memorial Weekend Dance & Other Events	Shangri-La Ranch, AZ	joinus@shangrilaranch.com
5/25/2018	Music Festival Weekend (3 day of live bands!)	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
5/26/2018	Golf Cart Jousting	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
5/26/2018	Memorial Day 3-Day Weekend Dance	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
5/26/2018	Memorial Day Weekend Dance	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
5/26/2018	Red White & Blue Dance	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
5/26/2018	Arts & Crafts Show	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
5/26/2018	Annual Rockin' the Ranch Music Festival	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
5/26/2018	Pool Party	Roadrunner Naturists	http://www.roadrunnernaturists.com/
5/27/2018	Memorial Day Parade	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com