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Aboard the Big Nude Cruise

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For its 29th year anniversary, Bare Necessities offered The Big Nude Boat cruise around the Caribbean Sea, making four ports of call. This was my first ocean cruise ever — let alone a clothing-optional one — and I anticipated this trip for months. My friends Kevin and Martha from Georgia met me at Port Canaveral where 2800-plus strangers embarked aboard the Carnival Sunshine for a nine-day venture from January 25 – February 3.

The first stop was Half Moon Cay where I encountered hundreds of “full moons” across the sugary white clothes-free sands of this private Bahamian island. After lunch, I explored the souvenir stands and warmed to the tropical breezes before getting dressed (yuck) for the return tender to the ship. Next was Ocho Ríos for a bus tour that introduced me to Jamaican life, the Fern Gully, jerk chicken at Bamboo Beach Club and many opportunities to sample the local rums. The ship then docked in Mahogany Bay on the Honduran island of Roatán.



Andy at Map of Half Moon Cay in the Bahamas

My day was complete with snorkeling, WaveRunner riding and more all-over sun. The fourth port of call was Cozumel. I was joined by Jennifer of BNA as we boarded a shuttle boat to the Mainland and a bus ride to the Mayan city of Tulum.

The days in between ports were spent trying to keep track of the non-stop events planned by both Carnival and Bare Necessities. The daily itineraries were overflowing with challenging games, fun activities and informative lectures.

Nudity was the (un)dress code virtually everywhere with exceptions of times at port or in the ship’s dining rooms. The staff on board was professional and responsive, the meals plentiful and the entertainment amazing. As I disembarked along with my 2800-plus new nudist friends, the atmosphere was bittersweet though made easier knowing I now am that much closer to my next nude cruise!



Traditional group photo of the 2400+ passengers on board the Carnival Sunshine nude cruise.



Between ports, many passengers gambled away the rest of their retirement money in the ship’s casino.



GE Says It “Dodged Yet Another Bullet” From Most Recent Rainstorms

January 18, 2019 – On its 11pm newscast, local television station KABC-TV said Glen Eden nudist park TV suffered another flood of mud from 4 days of heavy rain (with some screen images of water flowing through the parking lot).

GE’s General Manager Art Bell told us this was “Fake news, LOL” as the creek running through the park did open up “and took a new path,” but there was no damage. “We are repairing it now... We dodged a bullet.” Residents were evacuated for several days as the storm approached but all activities returned to normal within two days.

Two weeks later another series of storms forced yet another mandatory evacuation. No damage was reported, and the planned Superbowl Party went on as usual.

February 14 - As we went to press, the seventh storm to hit the area in recent weeks caused yet another evacuation. VP Steve Spencer wrote following on Instagram:

2/14/19 at 3:45 pm... As predicted, Glen Eden has experienced a rain event that has again caused flooding. Everyone is safe and the preparations made have certainly saved the club from major damage! We will again be digging out and cleaning for a few days. Eden West sites have been impacted. The creek also breached again on the tennis courts 5&6 side. While this presents another challenge for our club, our facilities survived with minor damage. We should be good to go for the weekend!

Buff-a-teers Host Nude Yoga Classes in Tucson

Tucson’s Buff-a-teer club hosts a clothing-optional yoga class every Wednesday evening in Tucson. Tickets are \$90 for ten classes or \$50 for five classes. New participants must sign a waiver agreement. For more information contact: tucsonbuffateers@googlegroups.com



Marsha and Bob pause to search for clues in a displayed painting as they collect answers for their scavenger hunt sheet.

Scavaging Nudes at The Getty Museum Brings Out the Fun

An art museum is always a great place to admire great works of art containing various poses of the human nude. Each January several clubs in Southern California collectively meet at the Getty Museum in West Los Angeles for an annual “Nude Scavenger Hunt.” No, the club members cannot be nude themselves, but the hunt asks participants to find the answers to over 100 questions about various nude paintings, statues, and other objects throughout the 4-building complex.

Example: “In Room E103, who is the dying lover of Venus in this sculpture?” (Answer: “Adonis.”)

This year, the Getty hosted a special exhibit “The Renaissance Nude” which gave our members plenty of additional opportunities for the contest.

The Renaissance Nude exhibit was upstairs in the Exhibitions Pavilion, and many of us thought it was a real shame we could not be nude ourselves while searching for answers to the questions about the nude artwork displayed in the various galleries and rooms.

If you have never visited the Getty, it sits up on a hill in the Sepulveda pass above the 405 Freeway and on a clear day, it provides a spectacular panorama view of downtown Los Angeles.

The grounds contain four two-story pavilions filled with classic paintings and sculptures collected from around the world. It also has a world-class research center, museum studio, and sculpture garden.

Six teams of 2-3 people competed including three from SCNA, two from the Olympians club and one from Orange County’s NitOC club. The winning team came in at 2 hrs. and 2 minutes and missing only 4 out of 119 questions.

Afterwards, some people decided to go back into the museum to see certain exhibits more closely or to take of the guided walking tours. Others went for a late lunch-early dinner in the Getty cafeteria to watch the sun set over the Pacific Ocean.



So California Clubs Enjoy Korean Spa Night

One of the members of the Southern California Naturist Association club owns a Korean Spa, which he rents out to the club several times during the year for the members and their guests to enjoy.

SCNA opens the invitation to all the clubs in the region to come and enjoy for the 4-hours the place is closed to the public. The event took place January 26.

The most popular areas the hot jacuzzi and cool pool area, the sauna and the steam rooms. Many also reserved and received individual massages or body scrubs.

A \$20/person entrance fee was charged for the four-hour event. About 50 people attended. Another spa night is scheduled there in mid-May.

Roadrunner Club Organizes Some Fun Sub-Groups

The Roadrunner Naturist Club in New Mexico is promoting several special interest groups for its members and guests to join, according to its most recent newsletter. These are:

- The **Poker Group** (meets once a month for tournament).
- The **Roadrunner Readers** select a book once a month to read and discuss.
- The **Roadrunner Science Geeks** are the computer enthusiasts in the club discussing the latest programs, games, and tech toys.
- The **Mahjong Queens** also meet monthly for a spirited round robin of games.
- The club is also in the process of forming a **Crafts Group** for those interested in arts and crafts.

Based upon their success, they recommend other clubs take these ideas and adopt them for their own members.

Region News

AANR-West Board Will Meet at Lupin Lodge



The nine directors and 4 officers comprising AANR-West Board will hold their Spring meeting on Saturday March 2 at Lupin Lodge in Los Gatos, CA.

All Associate and club members of AANR are invited to attend this

one-day review of planned activities and budgets for the coming year. Call Lupin at (408) 353-9200 to make overnight reservations.

The Information Packet containing reports from each of the regional committees will be emailed to the clubs the second week in February. Please read it and bring your questions to the meeting.

Additional copies may be obtained from our website at www.aanrwest.org/legal-documents.html

AANR-West's Nudist Passport Program Off to Fast Start

The AANR-West Nudist Passport program we launched in January is off to a fast start, with over 90 books distributed during the first 30 days. Books may be obtained at all participating clubs throughout the eight western states covered by the program for a nominal fee.

We have also placed a PayPal link on the www.aanrwest.org web site so people can buy the books directly for \$10.

A raffle will be held in July 2020 for great prizes offered by the various clubs (merchandise, dinners, gate fee coupons, weekend days, etc.) to those who participate in the program and get their books stamped at different clubs and participating events. For more information see the Home Page of the www.aanrwest.org website.

Scholarships Open to Adults and Vocational Schools

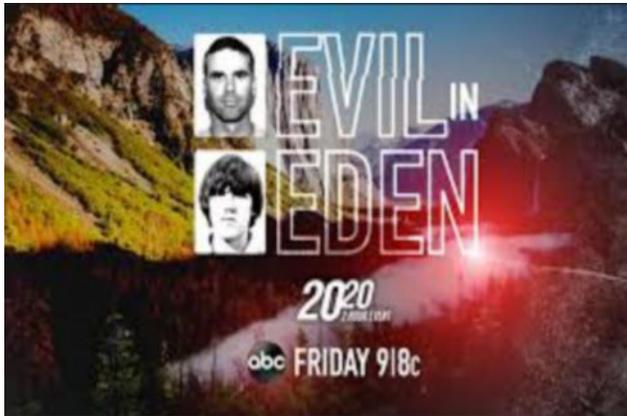
As we announced last month, the AANR-West Scholarship Program has been expanded to cover not only those who want to attend a college, but also a vocational or technical training school for people of all ages who are not seeking a degree.

College-bound applicants still need to submit their application to AANR-West by the **April 30** deadline, however vocational school reimbursement can apply any time. There will still be up to **two college scholarships** of \$2,000 each awarded every June (we formally announce the winners at the annual summer convention in July).

Second, since **vocational schools**, run courses year-round applications can be submitted at any time. This money is on a first come first serve basis.

The **application forms** are available now on our website at: www.aanrwest.org/scholarhip.html.

Other Nudist News



Story of 1999 Serial Killer Captured at Laguna del Sol retold on ABC-TV 20/20

On July 25, 1999, astute members and guests of the Laguna del Sol nudist resort near Sacramento, California, recognized serial killer Cary Stayner at the resort, notified authorities and successfully detained him until the FBI could arrive and arrest him. This dramatic story was only a small part of a two-hour 20/20 show broadcast on January 25 on ABC TV.

Stayner had murdered three women in Yosemite National Park the previous winter, but he did not become a person of interest to law enforcement until another woman was brutally murdered six months later.

Stayner left the murder scene and drove to LDS to hide but the local residents became suspicious as he did not “blend in” as he had hoped. After learning he was being sought for questioning, one woman made the call to the FBI while other LDS members arranged for a motor home to conveniently stall, blocking the exit gate until the authorities could arrive. Only the woman’s call was mentioned during the broadcast, as the show credited the FBI agent who showed up and took him into custody as being the hero who cracked the case.

LDS was given about 3 minutes total out of the two-hour show because the producers apparently wanted to focus on Stayner’s motivation, which they theorized was caused by his younger brother having been kidnapped and sexually abused for seven years a decade earlier.

Have a club event happening? We want to know about it! Send your email or text to us at information@aanrwest.org.

20th of Month is Deadline to Submit Your Events to Club Happenings in AANR Bulletin

The AANR Bulletin has a page in the back where clubs can promote the name of an upcoming event and the date.

The deadline is the 20th of every month for the month 6 weeks away (example: the deadline for April issue is February 20.)



Nudity Required for French Audiences Who Attend Nudist Play

The Los Angeles Fringe Festival wasn’t the first venue to host a play where both the actors and the audience were nude, and apparently it won’t be the last as the French have adopted the concept for themselves.

On January 20, a new play named *Nu et Approuve* (translation: “Nude and Approved”) opened in Paris at the Palais des Glaces theater. The audience is required to strip off their clothes and sit on a towel to watch it. According to the theater website, VIPs will be provided with their own microfiber seat covering, but everyone will have to bring their own towel.

The web site describes the play as a story of a brother and sister who find themselves on opposite sides of prickly social issues. In order to find common ground, they must shed off all masks and inhibitions and get naked. The term “Nu et approuve” is said to be a commonly used formula in France for a signing of official documents. The one act play lasts 1 hour 15 minutes.

This piece of drama has been supported by the French Federation of Naturism and the Association of Naturists of Paris. There are now several naked comedy shows throughout the city, advertised nude museum visits, restaurants and other tourist spots as the city seems to be discovering the tourist potential of nudists from other countries. Paris also has a nudist zone in its biggest park.

We could not find any reviews of the play in subsequent newspapers printed after the play’s opening.



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 February 10 – February 28

02/10/19	Water Volleyball (Indoor Pool)	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/13/19	Potluck Social (Dining Room)	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/14/19	Valentine's Day Dinner	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/15/19	Couples Dance Party	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/16/19	Karaoke Night	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/16/19	Valentine's Day Party	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
02/16/19-02/17	L.A. Travel & Adventure Show booth	(multi-club)	
02/19/19	Full Moon Social	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/22/19	Karaoke, Mobsters & Dames Dance	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/23/19	Pinball Wizard Arcade Event	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
02/24/19	Oscar Night "Black Tie Only" Party	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org

Calendar of Major Events at the Clubs March 1 - 31

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Host Club</u>	<u>Club Link</u>
03/30/19	Comedy Night	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
03/11/06	St. Patrick's Dinner & Dance	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
03/01-2/19	Women of MAR Weekend	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com ,
03/02/19	Mardi Gras	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
03/02/19	Lakeside Inn - Theme Dinner Night	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
03/05/19	Mardi Gras	SunTree Travel Club	information@suntree.net
03/06/19	Black & White Ball	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
03/08/19	Karaoke Night	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
03/09/19	Spring Nude Bowling	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
03/09/19	Game Day	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
03/09/19	Birthday Dance (monthly event)	Lupin Lodge	relax@lupinlodge.org
03/09/19	International Pickleball Tournament	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
03/09/19	St Patrick's Day Dance	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
03/13/19	Toga Party	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
03/16/19	St. Patrick's Day Party	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
03/16/19	St. Patrick's Weekend Dance	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
03/16/19	Saint Patty's Potluck	Front Range Naturists	clubinfo@frncolorado.com
03/16/19	St Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance	Lupin Lodge	relax@lupinlodge.org
03/16/19	St Patty's Day Dinner	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
03/16/19	St. Patrick's Day at Mira Vista Resort	SunTree Travel Club	information@suntree.net
03/16/19	St. Patrick's Day Dance	Mira Vista	relax@miravistaresort.com
03/16/19	St. Patrick's Day Pool Party	Olympians	olympianclub@aol.com
03/17/19	St Patrick's Day Party	Roadrunner Naturists	RoadrunnerNaturists@hotmail.com
03/30/19	Welcome Spring Gathering	Roadrunner Naturists	RoadrunnerNaturists@hotmail.com
03/30/19	Naughty Nightie Night Dance	Lupin Lodge	relax@lupinlodge.org

Note: These activities and dates are subject to change.



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