

News from the Western Region of the American Association for Nude Recreation

July 2019



Clubs Prepare to Attend Annual AANR-West Regional Convention

Final preparations are underway for our annual convention, this year to be held at Mountain Air Nudist Resort (MAR) in Littleton Colorado, just south of Denver, July 25-28.

All **AANR members** living in the eight western states are eligible to participate, whether or not you belong to one of the 27 affiliated clubs. It is at this annual meeting where your ideas and suggestions for improving our service and operations get discussed and voted on. Each club gets to vote on a formula based upon its number of members. Associate members (those not affiliated with a specific club) that are physically present are also eligible to vote.

There will be several informative workshops over the 4-day event with breaks for many fun activities including sports competitions, karaoke, hiking, and dancing. There will also be an ice cream social and a wine and cheese reception open to all attendees. And – guaranteed – everyone will meet new nudist friends!

MAR informs us that their cabins are sold out but camping sites are still available, as are rooms at a motel down the road, just a few minutes away where a block of rooms have been reserved for us.

Reminder: AANR-West has mailed credentials packets to all club presidents confirming their participation in the convention. If you did not receive a packet, please contact Cyndi Faber at cyndif392@gmail.com.

Clubs need to mail back a signed form listing the names of who their **delegates and alternates to the convention**. 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, as well as president, vice-president, secretary.

In the packet you also will find forms to nominate any worthy Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, and Family of the

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Year. We want these awards to be given to the unsung heroes

in the clubs who work very hard and deserve some recognition. We need to receive your signed delegate form plus any Award nominations **before July 19.**

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



2017 Ice Cream Social at AANR-West-Convention

AANR-West Convention Program

All AANR members are invited to attend these events!

Thursday July 25, 2019

7:00 pm Final Meeting of the 2018-2019 Board of Directors

Friday, July 26, 2019

9:00 am Meeting of the Regional Assembly: @Clubhouse

2:00 PM Candidates Forum (Q&A) Panel: @Clubhouse

3:30 pm Wine and Beer Reception: *@Sauna Building Porch* 7:00 pm Karaoke *@Clubhouse*

Saturday, July 27, 2019

9:00 am Meeting of the Regional Assembly: @Clubhouse

1:00 pm - Workshop @Clubhouse

How to Create a Regionwide Speaker's Bureau Program. Don Giles will show us his presentation designed for a non-nudist audience.

2:00 pm Flotilla Contest @MAR Pool

2:00 pm Volleyball @Sports Courts

2:00 pm – Workshop: @Clubhouse

International Nudism: Claudia Kellersch reviews the status of nude recreation in Thailand, Mexico and Europe

3 pm Ice Cream Social: Mountain Air Ice Cream Parlor 8 pm - Midnight DJ Dance @Clubhouse

Sunday July 28, 2019

9:00 am First Meeting of the 2019-2020 Board of Directors: *@Clubhouse.*

News from Around the Region

The following information is extracted from the newsletters, tweets, and emails from various clubs around our region. Have a club event happening? We want to know about it! Send your email or text to us at information@aanrwest.org.



Ridgecrest 7.1 Earthquake Shatters Some Nerves Across So. Cal.

By Gary Mussell

After calling around to the clubs and members across Southern California on Saturday and Sunday following the two major earthquakes that rattled the area, I am happy to report that there was no property damage at any of the landed clubs and everyone seems to have taken it in stride. The two quakes, whose epicenter was Ridgecrest, CA in the high desert, hit about 30 hours apart on July 4-5.

Olive Dell Ranch members in Colton, about 100 miles away from Ridgecrest, said they felt the initial sharp shake followed by the rolling from both earthquakes. Many members in both LA and Orange County also felt the same thing, but nobody said anything was broken, just their nerves and some sloshed water out of their swimming pools. People living in second or third story apartment building definitely got a ride.

The second quake Friday night registered 7.1 on the Richter Scale and it gave everyone a second good jolt followed by a very long rolling motion. At Glen Eden, only a few members who were sitting down felt it; the big pool had a few waves but no spills. There was no damage.

Would You Like to Host a Future AANR-West Board Meeting?

Our region is in need of clubs to host one of our two **Board of Directors meetings** during 2020 (one meeting is in March and one is in November, usually on a Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm). We need space for 12-15 people and a room to hold our meeting. Hosts don't need to be a landed resort. We would love to visit your club and meet your members, enjoy your food, and participate in your weekly events!

We also need a landed club to host our 4-day **annual convention** in late July, which is a bigger deal, but we can talk about what is involved when you contact us at information@aanr-west.org



Glen Eden Hosts Kids Week

By Jesse Clark, Glen Eden Recreation Team Manager

Our annual "Kid's Camp" aka "Kid's Week", was held June 16-22 and it was a roaring success!

Our theme this year was "Team Building." We averaged 7 children per day with as many as 11 and as few as 5 depending on the day and activity. The ages ranged from 3 to 13.

Each day started with Breakfast and a Friendship Circle. Other daily activities varied, but included pottery making, bowling, painting, swimming, storytelling and family time. There was also an ice cream social and Kid's Karaoke. Lunch and dinner were also provided each day.

We recommend all the clubs consider doing something similar next year because all the children and adult volunteers had fun and look forward to doing it again next year.

If you need more information, please contact the Glen Eden recreation director at recreation@gleneden.com

Nudist Play Sells Out All Its Four Performances in Los Angeles

The immersive one act play, "Disrobed — Why So Clothes-Minded?" co-sponsored by AANR-West played to sellout crowds in Los Angeles during the month of June.

The play was part of the annual LA Fringe Festival, playing four performances at the Studio/Stage Theater on Western Ave near Melrose.

The comedy is about a young and strictly raised young man going to meet his fiancée's parents for the first time, not realizing they are a family of nudists.

The twist was to immerse the audience in the same experience the young man was having, by having them be nude in the theater also. One might think this a risky venture, but this is Hollywood, after all, and finding actors willing to be nude on stage proved no problem at all. And the 50-seat theater was a sellout for each of the performances, which must mean there is an unspoken curiosity and comfort level in this city with not wearing clothes!

The show was one of five nominees for the "**Best Immersive Show**," an award given out at the conclusion of the Fringe Festival. It was an honor to be recognized as one of the best shows out of the 450 plays that were presented during the month-long Festival!

After the last show the cast learned the play had been selected to give an extra performance on **July 21 at 9:30 pm**, so all those who missed out have the chance to buy tickets if they act fast. It is well worth the extra effort to do so. Tickets are \$20 per person and will be on sale at: www.hff19.org/6210.. The Studio/Stage is located at 520 N. Western Ave, LA 90004.



A Record Number of Cyclists Enjoy a Six-Hour City Ride at WNBR-L.A.

By Rolf Holbach, SCNA President

As in years past, the leading naturist organizations in the area, SCNA, NitOC, AANR-West, and the Naturist Society Foundation joined in support and sponsorship for LA's version of the World Naked Bike Ride on Saturday, June 22.

Our participants increased this year to 500 riders from all over who went on a 19-mile ride through Los Angeles where clothing is optional and which the rule is that you can ride "as bare as you dare." Some wore costumes or masks, some got body painted, but most went completely nude! Many riders decorated themselves and their bikes with signs or sayings reflecting the environmental aspect of the human powered transportation that the ride promotes.

The World Naked Bike Ride (WNBR) is a first amendment protest ride that advocates and celebrates sustainable energy, environmentally responsible living, human-powered transport and body-positive values. For these reasons the ride falls within the "First Amendment" Freedom of Speech and Freedom of Assembly, which is one of the reasons that we have the support of the LAPD.

The ride is divided into two parts for those who only want to ride part of the distance. The first loop (a little over 5 miles) went through downtown LA past some classic landmarks. The second loop (a little over 13 miles) went past the LA Historic State Park (our former starting location), up Riverside Dr., back along the LA River, and through Montecito Heights near the USC Medical Center back to our staging area.

The staging area where both rides began and ended was in a large, open industrial area that afforded plenty of parking along with enough room for a body-painting booth, a registration booth, tables for our sponsors, two food vendors, and of course the all-important porta-potties! This year we offered great commemorative t-shirts and tank tops for a donation to the WNBR-LA non-profit organizing corporation.

During the ride we had a decorated Tesla lead vehicle to keep us on course. At the end of the parade we had two to four follow-up vehicles that picked up stranded riders whose bikes broke down. In between we had bike riding monitors in orange vests with radios so that they could communicate with the vehicles and each other along the route.

We also had uniformed motorcycle officers who kept the group moving along and preventing any outside problems (there was no such problems this year, only surprised and happy onlookers who applauded and cheered us on as we passed by).

Those smiles plus the enthusiasm of all the riders made this the best of all the WNBR rides to date, and certainly ranks as one of the most fun clohing-optional events in all of Southern California this year. We accompished the goal of spreading our environmental message along with the joy of naturist living!

Thanks to all who participated! Here's to an even better ride in 2020!



AANR-West distributed literature and discount coupons to local clubs at WNBR-LA staging area in downtown Los Angeles.

Beach Group in City's Independence Day Parade Draws Applause

By Gary Mussell

For the eighth year in a row, the Friends of Bates Beach club was invited to be in the annual Carpinteria Independence Parade on June 29. The truck was decorated with a beach umbrella and other beach gear complimenting the flags and red white and blue bunting.



Before the parade, we passed out beach balls to the Junior lifeguards and to the high school cheerleaders while they waited for the parade to start, and they playfully bounced them

around all through the parade! We also got the chance to chat with several local politicians and community leaders. This handshaking is an important part of the public-relations effort to make the beach gain official status. We were invited to be in the parade because of our active participation in other city activities during the year.

I estimate there were about 7,000 people along the 8-blocks of the parade route, definitely more than last year. As we did in past parades, we brought a boom box blasting out music from The Beach Boys that really got the crowd into the mood and many waved enthusiastically as they recognized what we were advocating.

To watch the entire parade (we are at the 28th minute), go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2krjZUxkvE

Coming Events



What is Your Club Doing for Nude Recreation Week, July 8-14?

AANR International is promoting its Second Annual "International Skinny Dip Day" on Saturday, July 13, the final day of Nude Recreation Week across America.

The event celebrates the natural joy of a carefree swim without cumbersome clothing. AANR clubs across North America are asked to host a special celebration of the day with special activities such as open houses, dance parties, sports tournaments, chili cook-offs, "bare buns fun runs," health screenings, art shows, and more.

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.



Glen Eden to Host Back-to-the-Sixties Nudestock Weekend!

Come back to the garden, at least the one Glen Eden will try to recreate this weekend for their NUDESTOCK music celebration Friday, July 19 - Sunday, July 21. The gate fee is \$26.00 per person per day. Bands will be playing all weekend long,

During all this they'll have their usual water volleyball games, tennis clinics, cribbage and 8-ball tournaments. Or you can just chill in their great pool, Jacuzzi, or lounge around listening to the tunes. The Sunshine Café will be open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday & Sunday.

If you wish to stay overnight and want accommodations, or to camp, contact Glen Eden directly at (951) 277-4650 to make reservations.



"Art-Rageuos Art Show Festival!" At Olive Dell Planned July 20

Saturday July 20 Olive Dell Ranch, in Colton CA, is planning a unique weekend where YOU are the creative artist! You can enjoy a variety of hands on artistic experiences! Events include:

- Clay Sculpture Contest
- Paint a mandala on a tote bag
- Tie-dye Shirts, sarongs and/or a towel
- Soapstone Carving
- Cornhole tournament
- Paint 'n Sip
- · Chalk walk and more!

Saturday night enjoy a special dinner prepared by Bobby and the staff. (separate fee).

Show your AANR card to get gate fee discount. Call ODR for more information (909) 825-6619



So. Cal. Clubs Preparing for Annual Summer Games Competition Aug 10

Olive Dell is again hosting the annual Summer Games competition where individuals and clubs from all over the region are invited to compete for medals and a prized trophy.

There are 8 planned events that will test your strength, endurance, and teamwork including an inner tube pool relay, hula-hoop relay, diving for bottles, noodle race, water balloon toss and Frisbee toss. Plus: the best for last! Our annual PUDDING TOSS! (Yes, it's just what you think it is!)

Lunch and Dinner available at the restaurant, cost is separate. The Awards Ceremony will be held during dinner.

Show your AANR card to get gate fee discount. Call ODR for more information (909) 825-6619.



2018 Spectacular Conclusion to Naked Man Festival at LDS

Laguna del Sol Requires Camping Reservations for Naked Man and Nudestock Events

Laguna del Sol asked us to remind our readers that both the camping and RV areas at Laguna del Sol always sells out early for the park's two main summer events: Naked Man (August 1-4) and the Nudestock Music Festival (September 12-15).

The annual Nudestock music draws bands from all over northern California and beyond. Booths will be selling all varieties of hats, wraps, jewelry, and other gear. Over a thousand additional park guests are expected those weekends so plan accordingly.

Contact the LDS office now to confirm or make your reservations: email: office@lagunadelsol.com or call them at 916-687-6550.

Summer Office hours are Sat - Thurs: 8 am to 6 pm, and Fridays 8 am to 7 pm.

De Anza Springs Planning 3-Day Nudestock Music Festival

On the same Woodstock anniversary weekend, **De Anza Springs Resort** will also be hosting their own 3-day event, August 16-18. The club website lists five different bands are booked to entertain nonstop in the Oasis Lounge on those evenings. For RV and camping reservations, call their office at (619).766-4301. More information can be found of their website at http://www.deanzasprings.com/

And don't forget their **5K Run** scheduled for September 22!

Lupin Schedules a 50th Anniversary Celebration of Woodstock Nation

Lupin Lodge is also focusing their music festival to coincide with the fiftieth anniversary of Woodstock.

The club invites everyone to come dressed (at least at first) in appropriate 60's counterculture garb and "groove on the clubhouse lawn" on Saturday, July 17, while the music flows from under the giant oak tree stage all afternoon. There will be body painting, mud painting, hot tubbing and water volleyball!

An anniversary dance with all the appropriate music from the era starts at 8 pm in the clubhouse.

Visit their website at <u>www.lupinlodge.com</u> for more information and call the park at (408) 353-9200 for overnight reservations.

Reminder

Have You Used Your Passport Yet?

The Passport program is a way for AANR members and their guests to visit many different clubs. We especially wanted to encourage our Associate members, who are not affiliated with any club, to feel more welcome at the nudist parks and also at the many non-landed local clubs and bed and breakfast sites affiliated with AANR that are scattered throughout the eight western states.

Don't have a Passport book yet? You may purchase one at any participating club in the 8 western states, or you may purchase one at the AANR-West website at www.aanrwest.org,. may via PayPal for \$10 online including shipping. Books cost less at most clubs (usually around \$5).



Clubs may have already begun greeting at their check-in desks some of the 230 people in the region who have received their Passport books. [Clubs: be sure your staff know what to do when someone presents them their book.]

Reminder: 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.

Government Affairs

"Crackdown" at Lake Tahoe's Secret Beach Resolved

07/05/19 - A rogue cop and a lewd hand gesture in return prompted a one-day crackdown at a nude beach at Lake Tahoe last week.

Things have returned to normal at least for now, according to Guy Dannehl of the Tahoe Area Naturists, but things were anything but normal over the holiday weekend.



The Tahoe Area Naturists" have an excellent rapport with the Carson City Sheriff's deputies who patrol the beaches on foot," according to Dannehl in an email to us.

"Usually, the deputies are concerned with glass on the beach, marijuana use, and lewd sexual activity, but have never shown they has a problem with naturist nudity."

On Saturday, June 29, a boat approached Secret Creek Beach, and a deputy on board identified himself using a bullhorn as from the Washoe County Sheriff Department. He said they had a complaint about lewd activity on the beach and he ordered everyone to get dressed. The request was met with some boos and a few hand gestures. The incident was captured on a cell phone video and posted on Facebook and showed there was no lewd activity. The naturists also questioned their jurisdiction because the beach is in Carson City's jurisdiction and not in Washoe County.

On Sunday, June 30, another boat approached the beach, this one apparently containing Carson City Sheriff Ken Furlong himself. Again, an order to dress was issued.

Dannehl believed if the nudists complied, the entire incident would blow over and the beach would soon return to nudity as usual. But that night the local newspaper and the local TV news carried stories about the "crackdown."

Meanwhile, Dannehl contacted Rich Pasco of the Bay Area Naturist group, and Pasco in turn contacted the Naturist Action Committee (NAC). AANR was also contacted and within a few hours a telephone conference call was set up between Dannehl, AANR Government Affairs, and NAC to discuss the situation.

On the call, Dannehl said he was friendly with a local deputy, also named Guy, who frequently patrolled the beach. The deputy told him he saw no lewd activity and told his superiors so. So he question now was, is this an escalation by law enforcement to close the beach to nude use?

NAC and GAT decided not to overreact but to let the local TAN group gather more information and negotiate, if possible.

The next day, Deputy Guy told Dannehl the deputies had held a meeting and decided they had overreacted to the hand gestures, and that the call about lewd behavior may have been from someone who just didn't like the nudists being there. Dannehl has been informed the traditional nude beach will be allowed as long as no lewd behavior is enforced by the TAN club.

In the few days since the incident, things have returned to normal and TAN is showing a greater presence on the beach making sure all the visitors there know the behavior guidelines.

AANR-GAT will continue to monitor the situation but for now nudists should not be worried about visiting Secret Beach.



Secret Beach is a clothing-optional beach on the north eastern (Nevada side) shore of Lake Tahoe.

Compromise Proposed Over Disputed Florida Nude Beach Land

07/19 - On South Hutchinson Island in Saint Lucie County, the hard-won clothing-optional Blind Creek Beach straddles two legal jurisdictions: part of it is on county-owned land and part is on land owned by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The DEP is attempting to enforce a Florida Administrative Code rule that requires the wearing of swimming suits on all Florida State Park beaches.

Saint Lucie County says Blind Creek Beach is not in a State Park and, therefore, that state law does not apply, and they have no intention of giving-up its profitable nude beach. The state has pushed back and is threatening to close the beach to all rather than see nudists there.

This past month, cooler heads may have prevailed as the county is now proposing a land swap — whereby the DEP would trade its section of Blind Creek Beach to the county — thus leaving the nude beach intact — in exchange for a piece of county land located elsewhere. The state would no longer claim ownership and the nudists could stay.

Florida nudists retain the services of a paid lobbyist and he has been performing shuttle diplomacy between the two warring government agencies. No agreement has been made yet but he says he is hopeful this compromise will provide the necessary win-win for all parties.

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 aanswest.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 July 13 - 31

<u>Date</u>	Event Description	Host Club	Club Link
07/08/19 - 7/14	Nude Recreation Week		
07/12/19	Karaoke Night	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
07/13/19	Potluck BBQ & Marbles Tournament	Front Range Naturists	clubinfo@frncolorado.com
07/13/19	Members Appreciation (Luau) Party	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
07/13/19	Back to the 80's Dance	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
07/13/19	Camping at Faywood Hot Springs	SunTree Travel Club	information@suntree.net
07/13/19	Game Night	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
07/13/19	Vita Nuda So Cal Day	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
07/18-21/19	Western Naturist Gathering	Lupin Lodge	relax@lupinlodge.org
07/13/19	Pool Party in Corona	Olympians	olympianclub@aol.com
07/20-22/19	Nudestock	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
07/20/19	Art-ragous Weekend	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
07/20/19	Rockets and Sprockets	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
07/20/19	Summer of Love Dance	Lupin Lodge	relax@lupinlodge.org
07/25-28/19	AANR-West Convention	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
07/27/19	Bates Beach Picnic	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org

Calendar of Major Events at the Clubs August 1 - 31

<u>Date</u>	Event Description	Host Club	Club Link
08/01-04/19	NAKED MAN!	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
08/04/19	Dinner en Blanc	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
08/09/19	Karaoke Night	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
08/10/19	"Sun" Days Potluck	Front Range Naturists	clubinfo@frncolorado.com
08/10/19	Annual Nude Summer Games	Many So Cal Clubs!	scna@socalnaturist.org
08/10/19	Glow in the Dark Body Paint Party	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
08/10/19	Game Night	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
08/10/19	So Cal Clubs Summer Game	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
8/14/19-8/18	AANR International Convention	Sun Meadows, Idaho	(multi-club)
08/14/19	Sabroso Latin Festival	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
08/17/19	Tiki Weekend	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
08/17/19	Movie Night	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
08/17/19	Victor/Victoria Theme Dance	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
08/17/19	Annual Picnic in Fullerton	Olympians	olympianclub@aol.com
08/17/19	Volleyball Tournament	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
08/24/19	Bates Beach Picnic	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
08/24/19	Lupin Lodge 80 th Anniversary Dance	Lupin Lodge	relax@lupinlodge.org
08/24/19	Mardi Gras in the Fall	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
08/31/19	Decorated Golf Cart Parade	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
08/31/19-09/02	Labor Day Weekend Party	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
08/31/19	Bocce Tournament	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
08/31/19	Labor Day Weekend Party	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com

Note: These activities and dates are subject to change.

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