

# The Western Sun



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## CoronaVirus Special Section

WORKING FROM HOME DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING



## How Nudists Can Cope with the Coronavirus Pandemic

By Gary Mussell, AANR-West President

This COVID-19 health threat has, in a very short amount of time, dramatically affected all our personal lives, from social gatherings to grocery shopping.

As I am writing this, we are approaching 300,000 known cases in the United States and nearly 5,000 deaths. Projections are that, before this is over, over 1 million Americans may have been infected.

Business at our nudist parks had turned from robust to just bust as everyone has shut down to shelter in place.

So, what do we do now?

### Parks and Clubs:

- Our destination parks are adjusting life with just the on-site residents. Restaurants are operating on a takeout order basis, and common areas are either closed or severely restricted on their use. This is actually a good thing as it will slow or stop the spread of the virus at the parks.
- We recommend that park managers **voice a positive message** to those still around, encourage them to **enjoy the sun** but to **follow good cleanliness and social separation guidelines**.
- Be sure all common areas are sanitized frequently even if they are off-limits.
- Management should act on the assumption someone in the park is going to catch the virus and develop a plan for that probability now.

- Destination parks and regional clubs may want to try **online events or workshops** for their hobby groups such as women's groups, naked yoga, cooking classes, gardening tips, etc. Start an on-line book reading group.
- Our region subscribes to **Go2Meeting**, which allows for up to 50 people at a time to meet online, so please get back to us if you want us to set up a specific day and time. We will make it **available for free** to anyone who wants to use it. Even the club's Board of Directors can meet this way.
- Encourage your non-resident members to invest the money they might otherwise have spent on a gate fee or a restaurant meal to instead buy something from the club **online store**. **Email your members** frequently to tell them how you are doing and to remind them of your available merchandise for sale.
- Destination parks and regional clubs need to be aware that the federal **Small Business Administration** has made available no-interest loans to companies if the parks have insufficient reserves to get by. **Apply online at:** <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Account/Login>
- Also, AANR has its **Glen Miller Fund**, available to all clubs, should you prefer to borrow no interest loans from our national organization. Call (800) 879-6833 for more information.

### Members and Associates:

- Remember to **support your favorite park or club**, if possible. Check the club's website frequently to see when their admission status has changed.



Purchasing club gift cards will boost small businesses with well-needed revenue reserves ... it's the perfect way to help a club now while planning a future NAKATION™ visit!

- If your park or club is closed, but you have access to an **isolated beach or hiking trail**, go take a nude walk, away from everyone and everything. The Vitamin D will do your body good and the change of scenery will be good for the brain.
- At the very least it is always a great time to enjoy being nude inside one's own **home or backyard** with your immediate family.

I have faith we WILL get through this, our chosen way of life will continue, and our clubs return to normal where we can all share our individual stories and laugh again. But it is going to be a weird couple of weeks for sure!

And remember: the American Red Cross badly needs blood, financial donations to a local Food Bank or Meals on Wheels, or simply buying a gift card from a local restaurant or business will help keep everyone afloat while we weather the storm.

In closing, I also ask that we all use our heads. Rely on facts and science to make your daily decisions, not Internet rumors or politicians.

If you have any special stories you would like to share, please send them to [information@aanrwest.org](mailto:information@aanrwest.org) and we may publish your text or photo(s) in a future newsletter.

## Current Reports from Our Clubs

As of April 1, these are summaries of the emails we have received from the clubs in our region, listed by state:

### ARIZONA

#### • **Mira Vista**

As of March 25: Pools & Spa are open. Pickleball courts are open. Office is open. The Desert Café is open for take-out. Lounge closed Friday and Saturday. The Cantina- open for takeout.

\*We would like to send a shout out to all our residents, members and guests who order from the restaurant and cantina. We appreciate your support always and now during these stressful times.”

#### • **Shangri-La**

Their web site says they are closed to all guest visitors and aren't taking any new reservations, but existing reservations will be honored. Members are still welcome to come but any activities such as the pool or clubhouse are at the member's personal discretion.

#### • **Mohave Sub Club (Lake Havasu)**

All events through April have been cancelled but we are hoping to have the May 2nd Cinco de Mayo party in Lake Havasu City if the ban on more than 10 people gathering is lifted by then.

#### • **Canyon States Naturists (Phoenix)**

CSN has cancelled all events through April. In late-April we will decide whether to continue cancelling events or resume in May

#### • **Buff-a-teers (Tucson)**

We'll see how the month of April progresses since our annual election meeting is scheduled for 4/18.

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### CALIFORNIA

#### • **Laguna del Sol**

3/23/20 - “In our continued effort to help stop the spread of COVID-19, we have to implement a few more temporary, but necessary changes. Starting today, only site holders, permanent resident family members, guests on current stays, and contractors who are actively working at someone's residence will be allowed onto the property until at least April 7. All buildings will be closed, except for the office and the laundry rooms. Only one person at a time will be permitted to enter to collect mail & packages. Guests on current stays are welcome to extend.

The restaurant will continue to be open for takeout and delivery food and drinks. The lounge, gym and rec rooms are closed. The April 4th Black and White Ball has been cancelled.

#### • **Lupin Lodge**

“We are temporarily closing Lupin Lodge until further notice. Residents and members will still have access to Lupin Lodge, however the office will be closed to guests and will not be taking overnight reservations. Residents can pick up their **mail** from 5 pm-6 pm Mon-Sun. Public restrooms and community kitchen will be available and sanitized daily. For public safety and social distancing, we have closed the hot tub and sauna. The restaurant will be carryout and delivery only.”

#### • **Sequoians**

This park, nestled in the Castro Valley of the East Bay, is currently closed to visitors. Call them at (510) 582-0194 or email at [sequoians@gmail.com](mailto:sequoians@gmail.com) for up to date information about when they will reopen.

#### • **Olive Dell Ranch**

Olive Dell Ranch has postponed its Bare Burro 5K Trail Run. from Sunday, April 28, to October 25. You can still register at: <http://www.olivedellranch.com/bburro/>. “Visit our Facebook page for the most recent information. There will be no organized events and residents must maintain proper social distancing from others at all times.”

#### • **Glen Eden**

“As of March 18, all scheduled club activities are being temporarily suspended. Non-resident members are being asked to stay away from the club until conditions improve.

The 5K Run scheduled for June 3 has been cancelled. The Sunshine Café is open for takeout orders and deliveries to residents can be made for those sheltering in place; Piper Hall and the patio are closed.

The temperature in the main pool is being lowered to 75 degrees. The indoor pool will remain heated.

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- **De Anza Springs**

The park has cancelled all events at least through April 15. “We will look at extending that depending on what happens with the virus.” The park remains open to residents only.

- [SCNA \(Los Angeles\)](#)

All events through April have been cancelled.

- [Northern CA Exposure \(Sacramento\)](#)

All events through April have been cancelled.

## COLORADO

- **Mountain Air Ranch Reports First COVID-19 Case**

On March 14, we received an email from Park Manager Christine May that “one of our staff members began exhibiting symptoms of the COVID-19 virus.” Out of caution, the office was closed while staff members were tested. “For the safety of everyone, all social events at Mountain Air Ranch are officially canceled until further notice. I am asking all members who do not live at MAR to refrain from having visitors.”

On March 25, a second email came: “...the test came back negative for COVID-19. Nonetheless, we are canceling all social events on the property through the end of April. We continue to ask all members to only visit the property if it's absolutely necessary. We will continue to disinfect the common areas on the property until no longer necessary...”

## HAWAII

- [Swim Free Hawaii](#)

All tours and charter boat events are cancelled until further notice.

- [Hangin' Loose](#)

Hawaii is under a “shelter in place” order and the owners said the resort is closed until at least June.

## NEVADA

- [Las Vegas Bares](#)

All events through April have been cancelled.

- [Las Vegas Naturists](#)

We are not open, but we were looking for a May opening. We are going to try a "Zoom" video communication with our club members this weekend (Apr 4).

## NEW MEXICO

- [Roadrunner Naturist Club \(Albuquerque\)](#)

All events through April have been cancelled.

## UTAH

- The **Wasatch Club** had to endure a 5.7 earthquake on March 18 near Salt Lake City. Club reports all members are well with minimal damage. All social events postponed for now.

- [SUNS have also cancelled all events through April.](#)

## Western Mexico (part of AANR-West)

March 20 - Several of Mexico’s most prominent business leaders — including a banking executive, the chairman of Mexico’s stock exchange and the chief executive of the company that makes Jose Cuervo tequila — tested positive for the virus after traveling to Vail, a ski resort west of Denver. Public health authorities are now scrambling to find others who recently returned from the resort, including an estimated 400 people who flew on two charter planes from Colorado to the state of Jalisco.

Of Jalisco’s confirmed coronavirus patients, half had been in Vail in recent weeks, the department said. “Until today, coronavirus in Mexico has been a problem for the elites,” wrote journalist Luis Manuel Arellano on Twitter. “Most infected people have financial solvency and good income

Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador has received major criticism from the press over his lax response to the coronavirus. López Obrador has repeatedly made light of the pandemic, continuing to greet supporters with hugs and kisses despite advice from his own health officials that Mexicans limit physical contact with one another.

As of March 30, the confirmed coronavirus cases in Mexico stood at 993 on March 30, double four days earlier, with 20 deaths. Two state governors are among the ill.

All clubs in the **Mexican Nudist Federation** have suspended activities until further notice.

On March 26, the Mexican government demanded a crackdown on Americans crossing the border. *[Don't you love irony? – Editor]*

## Nude Cruising

**Bare Necessities Pandemic Statement:** “The Bali to Fiji charter on the Paul Gauguin is scheduled for May 20th. Should the current travel conditions continue over the next thirty days, we expect that Paul Gauguin Cruises will choose to cancel the charter. If that happens, all of our affected passengers who have paid for their cabin will be eligible for a refund of their payments.

“The Adriatic Odyssey on the Royal Clipper is scheduled to embark from Venice on August 1st. At this time, Star Clippers is not prepared to deem that sailing non-viable or to recommend an alternate itinerary. We expect that we will have more clarity from Star Clippers as we approach early June.

“The Big Nude Boat departs Tampa on February 14th, 2021. Somewhat fortunately, this is a relatively long time away. Carnival remains optimistic that things will have improved significantly by then and we choose to share that optimism as well. Should any government stimulus package directed at cruise lines allow Carnival to restructure our payment schedule, Bare Necessities will certainly pass that benefit along to our passengers. As it currently stands, our final two payments are on April 10th and July 10th.”

## Other Region News

### Scholarship Application Period Extended to June 1

The deadline to submit applications for the AANR-West **Scholarship Program** has been changed from April 1 to **June 1** for those applying for a two year or four-year college.

As a reminder, the Scholarship Program has been expanded to cover not only those who want to attend college, but also to vocational or technical training schools for anyone seeking to sharpen their skills to get a promotion or perhaps qualify for a new job. Since **vocational schools**, run courses year-round, applications can be submitted at any time. AANR-West has set aside a pool of money for the vocational program and is available on a first come, first served basis until that pool is exhausted.

**Application forms** may be found on our website at: [www.aanrwest.org/scholarship.html](http://www.aanrwest.org/scholarship.html).

Both scholarship programs are **open to all ages**. We formally announce the college scholarship winners at the annual AANR-West summer convention each July.

### AANR-West Kids' Camp Program Will Go On, June 21-25

We remain hopeful that the current pandemic will have subsided by June. Therefore, we still plan to go forward with plans for the AANR-West Kids Camp, to be held at De Anza Springs June 21-25, 2020. It is **open to children between ages 8 and 16**, with activities designed for different age brackets, depending on who signs up.

These will include pool games, various arts and crafts, sports competitions, hiking, rock climbing, cooking, a talent show, and an optional trip to Blacks Beach.

We have tentatively arranged for several experienced youth counsellors to guide these activities. Parents are encouraged to help supervise also, especially if their participating children are under age 12.

The camp is intended for the children and grandchildren of AANR members, but the children of non-AANR members will not be turned away.

The price per child will be \$150 with a deposit of \$50 due by June 1. You may pay online at: [www.aanrwest.org](http://www.aanrwest.org). Click the Kids Camp button on the home page to go to the payment page.

Or you can mail your checks to:

**AANR-West Kids Camp**  
23679 Calabasas Road, Suite 966. Calabasas, CA 91302

We are asking the clubs in the region to pitch in and help **subsidize the fee for children** from their own members, if a child cannot afford the fee. Again, we don't want any kid who wants to come to be turned away.

Contact Youth Chair Claudia Kellersch at [claudiakellersch@gmail.com](mailto:claudiakellersch@gmail.com) if you have ideas for other kinds of kids activities. We will keep in touch about the Camp and other future events.



The very busy AANR-West booth at the LA Travel and Adventure Show.

### AANR-West Promotes Nude Recreation Booth at Cal Parks Show

The California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) sponsors a trade show each year where state park employees and administrators can attend four days of workshops to discuss policies and procedure of interest. Workshops on how to handle police or fire emergencies ("shots fired", etc.) or homeless encampments were some of the most highly attended, for example.

AANR-West had a booth strategically placed on a corner of two intersecting aisles near the lunch area and this gave us maximum exposure as all the attendees had to walk by us.

It is always fun to see the double-take on the faces of first timers attending the show when they read our backdrop and realize the subject matter. Many lower-level park administrators and staffers told us they never knew there was any nudity in the 270 state parks, or even in California! In that sense it was no different than any other trade show, but as only about 5,000 people attended the event, we could take the time to talk to people a little instead of giving the usual frantic 20-second speech at the busier shows. I estimate we spoke with about a thousand booth visitors who showed an interest during the two days, many of these for more than a minute each, and a few for even longer than that. It was a good exchange of information. Some admitted (often in a whisper) they were also skinny-dippers and wanted more information about where they could go within the state to do it with minimal hassle (yes, we had a handout for that). Some gave us their names so we could contact them later.

We distributed almost all of the giveaway items, the most popular being the lip balm, writing pens, and the wrist bands that indicate when a person has received too much sun by turning from white to blue. The *Nudist and I Vote* pins also were popular, but we told people they had to wear them around the exhibit hall the rest of the day if they took one – and most people did! It was great PR to drive business to our booth.

Much thanks to our staff who came from several clubs across Southern California. Next year, the CPRS show moves to San Diego.



Board members hold their March Board Meeting. It was a cold day, so some chose to remain clothed, at least for part of the meeting.

## AANR-West Board Meets at De Anza Springs

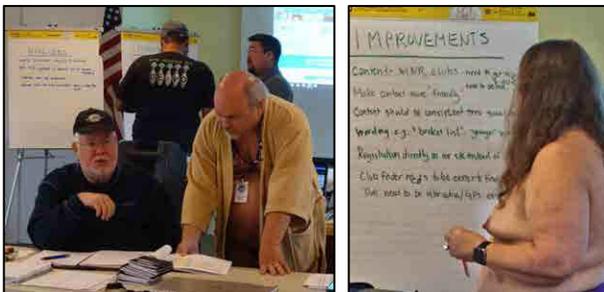
Each March, the AANR-West Board of Directors meet to discuss policy issues and to check the progress on our planned activities for the year.

*[Note: The coronavirus epidemic at that time had still not reached 200 cases in the U.S., and none in San Diego County, so we agreed to meet in person. After we returned home it hit the fan, so this is probably our last face-to-face until the crisis passes.]*

The meeting was held Saturday March 14 at De Anza Springs Resort in Jacumba, CA, about an hour's drive east of San Diego. AANR-West members are always invited to participate in the discussions, and we had a few in the audience who contributed their own ideas throughout the day.

The meeting was a very good and respectful exchange of ideas on all the other usual topics. Here is a summary of what was discussed:

- The planned **Kids' Camp** scheduled for June 21-25 at De Anza will go on as planned. Director Claudia Kellersch has organized several days of activities and hired several experienced camp counselors to help supervise. (See story elsewhere in this newsletter).
- Walt Stephens reported that his committee of experts reviewed **our region's website** and found it reasonably good in many areas but needed improvement in others. The Board decided to list the things it wanted to see changed and to put the site out for competitive bid to other web design companies. The review is supposed to be done within the next two months.



At the Board meeting: Left – President Gary Mussell and Director Rolf Holbach confer during a break. Right – Director Treena Saavedra marks her priorities for improving the web site on wall chart list

- Our **trade show schedule** has been paused for the moment, as the April 19 Earth Day Fair, and the April 26 Bare Burro 5K Run at Olive Dell Ranch both announced they will be postponed until the Fall. The June 5-7 Summer Festival at Glen Eden and the June 27 World Naked Bike Ride events remain on the schedule for now. We are looking into participating in the Women's Suffrage Centennial celebrations in Denver, Phoenix, and Los Angeles next August.
- The **Scholarship deadline** was changed from April 1 to **June 1**. The ability to send applications electronically makes the later date possible. Winners will be announced at the summer convention in late July.
- The Board voted to hold the **Fall Board meeting** at Glen Eden Sun Club in California on **November 14**. All AANR-West members are invited to attend.
- The WINR (Women in Nude Recreation Committee) distributed stacks of their new brochure to the club representatives to display at their check-in desks. Linda Weber paraded a new T-Shirt the WINR team will be selling at the clubs (see photo) once the virus crisis has passed.
- The Board agreed to **update their permanent committee structure** by incorporating all the "ad hoc" (temporary) committees like Newsletter and Website into permanent status. They also rewrote and expanded the mission of the old "Singles" committee into a committee that will encourage compliance with AANR's non-discrimination policies for all genders, sexual orientations, etc.
- Brian Yen made a presentation to the Board advocating we start looking at our various projects based on ROI (**return on investment**) so that we can start receiving income to the region from sources besides just membership dues, as what happens now. He proposed such things as the Kids Camp and Fringe Festival be budgeted so as to make a profit and not just be an outlay of money from the budget. He suggested we start selling through Amazon as they have captured the vast majority of online sales in the world. This is a new way of thinking about the things the region may do in the future, and the Board thought it was a good suggestion.

**De Anza Springs** was a great host for our weekend there, even though the number of park residents at the Karaoke Night was greatly reduced due to the virus crisis. Nevertheless, board member Ernie Wiese from Mountain Air Ranch entertained us with several of his favorite Oldies and Country tunes. Thanks to Ralph in the restaurant for preparing a great menu for us, and thanks to GM Gary Holden for being the "Energizer Bunny" that he is, and for organizing the meeting logistics. The weather was cold but luckily, we got the meeting in between rainstorms.

## Get Well, Ricc Bieber and Larry Gould

Two of our AANR-West board members missed the March meeting due to medical issues. We wish them both a speedy recovery:



**Director Ricc Bieber** was hospitalized with cellulitis on March 7. Cellulitis occurs when bacteria, most commonly streptococcus and staphylococcus, enter through a crack or break in the skin.

If not treated in time, it can spread to the bloodstream and deeper tissues, rapidly becoming life-threatening.

Ricc said was also having trouble breathing. After spending 6 days in the hospital he has now transferred to a nursing facility nearby where he says he is getting better slowly. His leg still must remain raised, so he is very uncomfortable laying down all the time. The good news is the staff have allowed him to play his ukulele so everyone (especially his roommate) is hoping he gets better real soon!

**Director Larry Gould** says the first week of December he was in Yuma on my motorcycle. “As I was leaving an event, my foot slipped on some wet grass. The 900-pound Harley came down on my left leg causing a hematoma about the size of a softball. The doctor wanted to wait a little to see if it would reduce on its own. Instead it got large enough that it split the skin open. They put in a drain, but the hematoma was both under the skin and in the calf muscle. The first surgery was to open up the wound. The second was to clean out the infection and drain the wound. The third surgery was on January 30 where they really opened it up, requiring a hospital stay. They put a wound vac pump on my leg, and a suction cup on the wound with a small vacuum pump that I carry 24/7. The fourth surgery was to open the wound yet more so that some tunneling under the skin could be drained. During that surgery they found a small piece of medical sponge that was stopping the drainage. I still have the pump, the infection is gone, my injured leg is now about the same size as my uninjured leg, and I am getting my energy level back.”

**President Gary Mussell**, who last summer underwent twelve weeks of daily radiation treatment to treat a case of prostate cancer, is happy to report his recent PSA test, used to monitor the size and health of the prostate, showed a value number of 1.1. Normal is 2.5 (his number was 6.1 when treatment started), so they got it all!

## AANR Bulletin to Feature Regional Clubs in Monthly Column

The *AANR Bulletin* runs a monthly article highlighting AANR's non-destinational clubs. To get your club and activities featured, contact Donna Mollan at [donnamollan@gmail.com](mailto:donnamollan@gmail.com) with information about events, your location, and other promotions.

## New Clubs Joins AANR-West

### Here Comes the “SUNS” – Southern Utah Naturist Society

By Bob Wolf, President, SUNS

We are a clothing-optional, naturist group located in the St. George area of southern Utah.

**Who we are:** Our members are all 18 and over representing all genders and orientations, body types and ethnicities. We structure our Club free of drugs and alcohol to create a safe & friendly non-sexual environment where members and their guests can enjoy each other's company based on mutual respect, consideration for others and common sense.

**What we do:** We have events on the third Saturday of every month. Events include skinny dipping parties at a private pool, movie nights, game nights, potlucks and other activities. Our members also enjoy camping, hiking, and visiting naturists resorts; they may take place both in and out of the state.

**Why we do it:** Body acceptance and personal self-esteem are both enhanced when we can accept ourselves and others as we really are, regardless of physical size, shape or body condition. Nudity also helps us relax and reduces stress, while having fun with other like-minded people.

We would love to have you join us and experience the joy of living in the most natural way possible! .... Have a “Sunny” day!

To contact the SUNS: [sunshome2019@gmail.com](mailto:sunshome2019@gmail.com)

Web: <https://southernutahnaturistsociety.org/>

## New Mexico Campground Joins AANR-West: Faywood Hot Springs

In southwest New Mexico, a campground has decided to affiliate with AANR. Faywood Hot Springs is not a B&B, but rather a collection of 6 cabins, RV hookups, and a hot spring. This is according to AANR-West Director Treena Saavedra, who has visited Faywood a few times with the Roadrunner Nudist club based around Albuquerque.

She reports there is also a clubhouse and a small store, but no restaurant. In other words, a REAL “Nudist Camp.”

They also have a “clothing-required” section on the grounds. Treena says the Roadrunners plan to visit again in the near future. Welcome to the AANR family!

Location: 165 New Mexico Highway 61, Faywood, New Mexico 88034, <https://faywoodhotsprings.com/>

**AANR welcome all people willing to conform to its principles and standards, regardless of age, gender, marital status, religious beliefs, ethnic origin or sexual orientation. If you have questions, please contact AANR-West at [informaton@aanrwest.org](mailto:informaton@aanrwest.org)**

## Linda Weber Is the Cover Girl for the April AANR Bulletin

By Linda Weber, AANR member

*[WORLD NAKED GARDENING DAY (WNGD) is celebrated the first Saturday in May each year. Our own Linda Weber graces the cover of the current April AANR Bulletin to promote this.]*



May 2, 2020 marks the fifteenth annual year when people across the globe are encouraged to tend their gardens, flower boxes and yards clothed only as nature intended.

We encourage everyone to discard their inhibitions and pull weeds, cultivate your herbs, vegetables and/or flower garden with nothing between you

and the sunshine but a bit of sunscreen

Naked gardening is like dipping one's toe in a combination Nakation<sup>SM</sup>/Staycation (a nude vacation at or near home).

Appreciate the health benefits: Studies indicate your body needs at least 20 minutes a day of sunshine over at least 75% of your body to help prevent a vitamin D deficiency.

Last, and most important, tell someone about your experience. It really doesn't matter who you tell but tell someone. Write about it in your journal; or post it to your Facebook account, then Tweet it too.

Email us a text of what you did, where, and how it went. We will publish your stories here in a future newsletter.

And of course, feel free to make World Naked Gardening Day an everyday event. **If we are sequestered at home, why not start your own garden to reduce the number of trips to the store and to insure you will have fresh vegetables to eat?**

## Still Seeking Nominations to AANR Hall of Fame

The AANR Hall of Fame Committee is seeking individuals worthy of the honor for their lifetime achievements.

These are the heroes within our regions who have made a lasting contribution to the naturist movement beyond just their own club.

Please submit any names you think worthy of the honor before the May 1 deadline to: [information@aanrwest.org](mailto:information@aanrwest.org)



Andy and Linda show off the draft idea for a new regional T-Shirt. Yet to be added are Q-R codes for the club web sites, and a different cartoon image.

## New AANR-West Developing “GPS Coordinates T-Shirts” for Sale

By Linda Weber

How often have you worn a t-shirt with a logo or saying and someone commented on it? We have a new idea we think you will like!

### The Idea Behind the T-Shirt:

The “GPS Coordinates” idea came from the AANR-West Twitter account and Andy Walden’s “#NudeMemeMonday” tweets, where he Memes a nude person in a public place with GPS coordinates, and the viewer has to click on the link to discover where in the world the person is standing. Bringing this down to the regional level, the GPS coordinates on the shirt represent the nine destination resorts/parks within AANR-West territory. As a person asks the wearer about what the coordinates mean, it gives the nudist a chance to begin a conversation about the fun to be found at nudist resorts.

### How it Works:

Members who purchase the t-shirt will also receive a sticker to place in their regional Passport book. This will entitle them to **DOUBLE** the number of raffle tickets the person would otherwise receive for the next annual Passport Raffle, held each July.

Remember, every time a person visits a different AANR-West club during the year, the club stamps their passport book. By July 1 each year, the person sends in their book and the number of stamped clubs entitles them to that many raffle tickets. If you purchase this T-shirt and put the sticker into your book, your chances for a nice prize double.

### How Do I Get One?

The shirts will be **available starting in July** for the 2020-2021 passport season via our AANR-West website. Watch this newsletter for the announcement.

The initial price of the shirt will be \$25.00, which covers our production costs plus mailing it to the purchaser. Sizes available will be M, L, XL, and XXL. Shirts will be made on a per-order basis so it will take about 10 days for delivery.

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## AANR's Biennial National Elections Set for May 1-June 20



Every two years, members of AANR get the opportunity to elect its officers and trustees. That election will take place both by mail and electronic ballot this coming May. The deadline for nominations was March 16 and the following candidates have qualified:

For President, incumbent Kathy Watzel will be challenged by former AANR East President Gloria Wayrus.

Each region will vote for their own Board Trustee. In our Western Region, former Trustee and Government Affairs Chair **Tim Mullins** will face off against former AANR President **Bev Price** in an open seat being vacated by Walt Stephens.

All the other positions are uncontested:

- For Vice President, Margie Cantlon of Sun Meadow, Idaho as Shangri-La's Patty Faber decided not to seek re-election.
- For Secretary-Treasurer, Kathy Smith is seeking re-election.

There will also be several changes proposed for the AANR By-Laws on the ballot which require members' approval.

All AANR members will receive an email or letter from the AANR office in the coming weeks with instructions how to cast their ballots. The balloting period is from May 1 through June 20.

We have asked the candidates for President and Western Region Trustee to submit candidate statements we will publish in our May issue.

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## BEACHES Foundation Raffle Drawing Held

The nationwide raffle designed to raise funds for the BEACHES Foundation took place on March 28, 2020 at 2 p.m. There were 643 participants who raised over \$25,000 for the current campaign to give several beaches in Florida full legal status. Prizes included weekend stays at several of the major nudist parks around the country and a berth on a future Bare Necessities cruise. The full list of winners may be found at:

<https://www.beachesfoundation.org/main.html>.

Watch the drawing at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uoy79uTcG6c&feature=youtu.be>

Florida Free Beaches promoted several bills that open up Florida Statute 800.03 so that "clothing-optional" beaches may become legal in the state.

Senate Bill 850 filed by Sen. Jason Pizzo, SB 1018 by Sen. Linda Stewart, and HB 0675 by Rep. Amy Mercado directed state agencies to work with Visit Florida to develop a pilot program where three state owned parks will be "set apart" or designated as clothing optional. In addition, the proviso will direct the Department to modify their rules.

Status: SB 850 died in the Rules committee 3/14/20

House Bill 675 passed the Criminal Justice Committee 14-1, and the Justice Appropriations Committee 9-0, and the Judiciary Committee 16-0. It then passed the House 118-0. In the Senate, its text was amended out and replaced by the text of SB 1018.

Senate Bill 1018 was passed by the Judiciary Committee 5-0 but was tabled in the Rules Committee on 3/10/20 after another Senator amended the bill so it was no longer favorable to nudists.

Result: **no bill favoring nude recreation was passed this session.** Florida nudists say they will try again next year.

## Government Affairs

Here is the current status of bills we are watching in the various state legislatures this spring:

### Arizona AZ HB 2703

This proposed law allows a civil penalty after an alleged invasion of privacy caused by any unauthorized capture and dissemination of "a live visual image, sound or other physical impression that is captured or taken in this state after December 31, 2020." Existing Arizona law already addresses civil remedies for theft of property. Status: Held (postponed) by the House Judiciary Committee. No Hearing Date Set

### California SB 798

The intent of this bill is to make it illegal to send photos to anyone through a phone without their consent. It's a civil bill not criminal. Status: Held (postponed) by the Senate Judiciary Committee. No Hearing Date Set

### California AB 2065

Existing law makes it a misdemeanor to share intimate images of another person illegal if the sharing results in the serious emotional distress of the person depicted. This bill would make the offense a felony and require the offender to register as a sex offender. This proposed new law does not exclude artwork nor exclude photos in a place (such as a beach) for which there could be no reasonable expectation of privacy. Status: A hearing on the bill March 17 was postponed due to the CORVID-19 pandemic.

### Wyoming WY HB 48

This "voyeur" bill makes it a felony to use any device to take "intimate" photos of another person without their consent. The bill is cosponsored by 10 House and 2 Senators. Status: On Hold by the House Judiciary Committee. No Hearing Date Set.



Linda viewing Big Nude Boat from the beach

## The 2020 Bare Necessities Big Nude Boat Cruise Was Terrific!

By Linda Weber

The Bare Necessities Big Nude Boat celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> year with the 2020 sailing. It was 7 nights of nude fun options, on or off the Carnival Legend.

The sail away party from the Tampa cruise port is always exciting as the ship gets closer to the announcement by the Cruise Director that “Clothing is now optional!” It was interesting to see the ship transform from what appeared to be a regular cruise, to a clothing-optional nude cruise within just a few minutes.

The first port was **Key West, Florida**. You can hear the collective groan throughout the ship when the Cruise Director mandates that clothing is no longer optional as we are approaching a port. The reward was a bustling town full of sites to see and food choices. It is always a favorite for shopping too.

The next day was a fun day at sea. There are events that Carnival provides like Trivia and various skill games. The “Crafty Cruisers”, a dedicated group of volunteers, always have crafts that are aligned with a theme night for the cruise. There was a “Black and White” night and the craft for the cruise was creating beautiful pearl necklaces or bracelets. There was an “Information Row” which had tables for cruisers to pick up information from various vendors including AANR, Lake Como, Cypress Cove, and Sunny Rest Resort. The Bare Necessities Tour & Travel booth was busy taking reservation for the 2021 cruise.

Rested and relaxed, the next port was **Costa Maya, Mexico**. There were lots of vendors selling handcrafted souvenirs so there was something to pick up for loved ones back home.

The following day we arrived in **Mahogany Bay, Roatan, Honduras**. This is one of the most anticipated ports as you can walk or take a gondola to a private clothing-optional beach. The weather was overcast and sprinkled a bit for the morning crowd but cleared a bit to enjoy a day of clothing-optional fun on the beach. It is a beautiful beach with lots of chairs and a white sand beach and turquoise water. The water was warm and inviting and many spent time swimming or on floats. The weather did catch a few people in a downpour that were coming back from excursions, but it did nothing to dampen anyone’s fun or spirit.

Rejuvenated from a day at the beach, the next port was **Cozumel, Mexico**. Because of a storm brewing out in the ocean, the seas were a bit choppy and a few excursions had to be re-routed to lessen the time on the sea, instead utilizing buses to an alternate location.

The last day was a day at sea as we sailed back towards Tampa, FL. It was a great time for people to exchange information for all the new friendships they made. It was a thrill to meet several of my social media followers on board.

I always travel with my AANR-Int flag and took pictures with the flag in not only all the ports but with other proud AANR members. I arranged a meet-and-greet to take pictures of the AANR flag with other AANR members from a suggestion that one of my Twitter followers had to do so. I hope to arrange something official next cruise so we can get more AANR members involved.

Next year, Bare Necessities is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Nude Cruise with an epic 2-week cruise scheduled! The Carnival Legend will sail to some old favorite ports as well as some exciting new destinations. Hope to meet you on board!



Linda with Carolyn Hawkins staff the AANR booth on board the Bare Necessities cruise ship in February.

## There's Always Something Happening Around the Region! (Except Maybe this Month)

Below is a list of major club activities for the next several weeks from around the region. We are not listing April events as most clubs have cancelled these due to the pandemic emergency. Click on the club link at right to view some details about the event at the club's web site. Note: These **activities and dates are subject to change**

Meanwhile, here is May:

### Calendar of Major Events at AANR-West Clubs May 1-9, 2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Host Club</u>	<u>Club Link</u>
05/01/2020	Music by Request Dance	Mountain Air Ranch	<a href="mailto:marinfo@trynude.com">marinfo@trynude.com</a>
05/02/2020	Cinco de Mayo Dance Party	Glen Eden Sun Club	<a href="mailto:info@gleneden.com">info@gleneden.com</a>
05/02/2020	DJ Dance (Oasis Lounge)	De Anza Springs	<a href="mailto:stay@deanzasprings.com">stay@deanzasprings.com</a>
05/02/2020	Highway Cleanup	Mountain Air Ranch	<a href="mailto:marinfo@trynude.com">marinfo@trynude.com</a>
05/02/2020	Disco Dance	Laguna del Sol	<a href="mailto:office@lagunadelsol.com">office@lagunadelsol.com</a>
05/02/2020	Cinco de Mayo Pool Party, Lake Havasu	Mohave SUN Club	<a href="mailto:mohavesunclub@gmail.com">mohavesunclub@gmail.com</a>
04/29/2020	Saline Valley Camping Trip, 4/29-5/2	SCNA	<a href="mailto:scna@socalnaturist.org">scna@socalnaturist.org</a>
05/03/2020	Women's only yoga	Wasatch Naturists	<a href="mailto:wasatchnaturists@gmail.com">wasatchnaturists@gmail.com</a>
05/08/2020	Karaoke	Mountain Air Ranch	<a href="mailto:marinfo@trynude.com">marinfo@trynude.com</a>
05/08/2020	High Season Happy Hour	Mountain Air Ranch	<a href="mailto:marinfo@trynude.com">marinfo@trynude.com</a>
05/08/2020	8:00 PM – Karaoke (Oasis Lounge)	De Anza Springs	<a href="mailto:stay@deanzasprings.com">stay@deanzasprings.com</a>
05/09/2020	Revenge of the Nerds Pool Party	SCNA	<a href="mailto:scna@socalnaturist.org">scna@socalnaturist.org</a>
05/09/2020	Comedy Night	Olive Dell Ranch	<a href="mailto:olivedell1952@gmail.com">olivedell1952@gmail.com</a>
05/09/2020	DJ Dance (Oasis Lounge)	De Anza Springs	<a href="mailto:stay@deanzasprings.com">stay@deanzasprings.com</a>
05/09/2020	Game Day	Mountain Air Ranch	<a href="mailto:marinfo@trynude.com">marinfo@trynude.com</a>
05/10/2020	Mother's Day Brunch (Cactus Flower Café)	De Anza Springs	<a href="mailto:stay@deanzasprings.com">stay@deanzasprings.com</a>
05/16/2020	Table Tennis Tournament (Oasis Lounge)	De Anza Springs	<a href="mailto:stay@deanzasprings.com">stay@deanzasprings.com</a>
05/16/2020	DJ Dance (Oasis Lounge)	De Anza Springs	<a href="mailto:stay@deanzasprings.com">stay@deanzasprings.com</a>
05/16/2020	Swim (family friendly)	Wasatch Naturists	<a href="mailto:wasatchnaturists@gmail.com">wasatchnaturists@gmail.com</a>
05/20/2020	World Naked Hiking Day Event	Olive Dell Ranch	<a href="mailto:olivedell1952@gmail.com">olivedell1952@gmail.com</a>
05/22/2020	DJ Dance with Raul	Glen Eden Sun Club	<a href="mailto:info@gleneden.com">info@gleneden.com</a>
05/22/2020	Bingo (Oasis Lounge)	De Anza Springs	<a href="mailto:stay@deanzasprings.com">stay@deanzasprings.com</a>
05/22/2020	Memorial Day 3-Day Weekend Events	Mira Vista Resort	<a href="mailto:relax@miravistaresort.com">relax@miravistaresort.com</a>
05/23/2020	Memorial Weekend Events	Glen Eden Sun Club	<a href="mailto:info@gleneden.com">info@gleneden.com</a>
05/23/2020	Memorial Saturday at Glen Eden	Olympian Club	<a href="mailto:olympianclub@aol.com">olympianclub@aol.com</a>
05/23/2020	Water Volleyball Tournament	Glen Eden Sun Club	<a href="mailto:info@gleneden.com">info@gleneden.com</a>
05/23/2020	Band Dance with 80's All Stars	Glen Eden Sun Club	<a href="mailto:info@gleneden.com">info@gleneden.com</a>
05/23/2020	Table Tennis Tournament (Oasis Lounge)	De Anza Springs	<a href="mailto:stay@deanzasprings.com">stay@deanzasprings.com</a>
05/23/2020	DJ Dance (Oasis Lounge)	De Anza Springs	<a href="mailto:stay@deanzasprings.com">stay@deanzasprings.com</a>
05/23/2020	Spring Dance	Mountain Air Ranch	<a href="mailto:marinfo@trynude.com">marinfo@trynude.com</a>
05/23/2020	Volleyball	Mountain Air Ranch	<a href="mailto:marinfo@trynude.com">marinfo@trynude.com</a>
05/23/2020	Memorial Day Weekend	Laguna del Sol	<a href="mailto:office@lagunadelsol.com">office@lagunadelsol.com</a>
05/23/2020	6th Annual Rocking the Ranch Weekend 05/23-24	Olive Dell Ranch	<a href="mailto:olivedell1952@gmail.com">olivedell1952@gmail.com</a>
05/24/2020	Bocce Ball Tournament	Mountain Air Ranch	<a href="mailto:marinfo@trynude.com">marinfo@trynude.com</a>
05/24/2020	Bingo	Mountain Air Ranch	<a href="mailto:marinfo@trynude.com">marinfo@trynude.com</a>
05/24/2020	Memorial Day Weekend	Laguna del Sol	<a href="mailto:office@lagunadelsol.com">office@lagunadelsol.com</a>
05/25/2020	Memorial Day Service	Mountain Air Ranch	<a href="mailto:marinfo@trynude.com">marinfo@trynude.com</a>
05/25/2020	Memorial Day Weekend	Laguna del Sol	<a href="mailto:office@lagunadelsol.com">office@lagunadelsol.com</a>
05/29/2020	High Season Happy Hour	Mountain Air Ranch	<a href="mailto:marinfo@trynude.com">marinfo@trynude.com</a>
05/29/2020	Spring 3-day Campout 05/29-30	Wasatch Naturists	<a href="mailto:wasatchnaturists@gmail.com">wasatchnaturists@gmail.com</a>
05/30/2020	Nude Co-Ed Spa Night	SCNA	<a href="mailto:scna@socalnaturist.org">scna@socalnaturist.org</a>
05/30/2020	Movie Night / Wine & Cheese	Olive Dell Ranch	<a href="mailto:olivedell1952@gmail.com">olivedell1952@gmail.com</a>
05/30/2020	DJ Dance (Oasis Lounge)	De Anza Springs	<a href="mailto:stay@deanzasprings.com">stay@deanzasprings.com</a>
05/30/2020	Put-it-on-Poker	Mountain Air Ranch	<a href="mailto:marinfo@trynude.com">marinfo@trynude.com</a>
05/30/2020	Volleyball Tournament	Mountain Air Ranch	<a href="mailto:marinfo@trynude.com">marinfo@trynude.com</a>