

OFFICER, COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

American Association for Nude Recreation
Western Region



2019 Spring Board Meeting
March 2nd, 2019
Lupin Lodge
Los Gatos, CA

**American Association for Nude Recreation, Western Region, Inc.
Spring Board Meeting Lupin Lodge, Saturday, March 2, 2019**

AGENDA

Committee of the Whole Discussions (Note: these times below are flexible)

9:00 – 10:00 AM WINR (Cyndi, Claudia, Danielle, Treena)

Break 10:15 – 10:30 AM

10:30 AM – Noon: Update on Trade Show Schedule and Strategies
How to Improve Club Liaison Program
Review of AANR-West Website

Lunch Noon – 1:00 PM

1:00 PM – 5:30 PM Spring Board Meeting

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence
3. Welcome by Lupin (Michelle or Leslie or Cyndi Gregory)
4. Introductions and Announcements
5. Roll Call / Determination of a Quorum
6. Adoption of Agenda, Rules, and Order of Business
7. Approval of minutes from board meeting November 4, 2017.
8. Officer's Reports:
 1. A. President Gary Mussell
 2. B. Vice President..... Cyndi Faber
 3. C. Secretary Danielle Smith
 4. D. Treasurer Russell Lucia
 5. AANR West Trustee Report Walt Stephens
9. Legal Counsel Report TBD
10. Committee Reports:
 - A. Internal Administration (IA)..... Tim Mullins
 - B. Finance (review of 2018 so far)..... Rolf Holbach
 - C. Public Relations
 - (a) Social Media Andy Walden, Danielle Smith
 - (b) Trade Shows: Locations, Backdrops, Spiffs. Andy, Ricc, Gary
 - (c) Website Gary Mussell, Don Giles
 - D. Membership Marketing..... Ricc Bieber
 - (a). WINR (Women in Nude Recreation) Claudia K, Danielle S, Treena S
 - (b). Singles Jeff Tendick, Cyndi Faber
 - (c). Associates..... Cyndi Faber, Gary Mussell

Break (approx. 3pm, 15 minutes)

- E. Legislation Mike Glinzak, Don Giles

- F. Conventions & Facilities (C & F)..... Jeff, Cyndi, Ernie
- G. Western Nudist Research Library Liaison..... Rolf Holbach
- H. Sports..... Jeff Tendick, Treena Saavedra
- I. Club Liaison..... Andy, Ernie
- J. AANR West Youth, Young Adults Claudia, Cyndi
- K. Scholarship Program Committee Ernie, Cyndi
- L. Government Affairs..... Gary Mussell
- M. Credentials for Summer Convention..... Cyndi Faber, Treena Saavedra
- N. Nominations Committee..... Cyndi, Gary

11. New Business (anything not previously discussed)

12. Good of the Order *

13. Announcements (usually future activities)

14. Adjournment (approximately 5:30pm)

** Good of the Order allows for specific suggestions, constructive criticism and thus to attempt in good faith to rectify wrongs. if necessary, to achieve a desired outcome. They can be proposed as main motions, for example: I rise during the good of the order to express displeasure regarding smoking in the hall during meetings. I would like to make a motion that future meeting be non-smoking." It is important to note that no tabled, postponed, referred, defeated or otherwise disposed of motion acted on by the body can be reintroduced under good of the order, as this would circumvent the assembly's previous action thereon.*

President's Report

By Gary Mussell

I have had a very busy Fall and Winter since our last Board meeting. Here is a summary:

1. Glen Eden

As the Board knows, both in December and again in January, the Glen Eden Sun Club experienced major flooding, mud, and debris flows following a series of heavy rains that dropped several inches of rain within a few hours on the area. Flooding closed most major streets for several days each time along the I-15 Freeway between Corona and Lake Elsinore.

Although the park did not suffer major damage, many of the streets and two of the six tennis courts were out of commission for several days after each storm. No one was injured and none of the core area buildings, the library, or the pool area were damaged at all. The January storm destroyed the Connett Bridge over Indian Creek, but a temporary span was built a few days later.

As of this writing, GE is evacuated again as a third group of storms hit California.

We have made the park management aware of the Glen Miller Fund in case they want to take a loan from AANR-West to help with their rebuilding but so far they have declined the offer.

2. Legal Affairs

In December, our legal counsel Greg Wilkinson told me he has recently taken a full-time job with a corporation as their legal counsel. We discussed the dissolution of Greg's contract with AANR-West. He agreed to complete the list of outstanding legal issues we had without fee. A list of those outstanding issues may be found elsewhere in this packet.

Meanwhile, Greg recommended we contact the local bar association for referrals for a new attorney, which I have started to do. Thank you, Greg, for your service these past 18 months. We look forward to a positive conclusion to our contract in the next few weeks.

3. Ernie

A week after our November Board meeting, I received a phone call and email from Bev Price, who said AANR-West Director Ernie Wiese was not an AANR member and therefore he had to be removed from our board and the actions taken at all meetings where his presence made the legal quorum were invalid. This meant we could have no 2019 budget since we only had the bare minimum in attendance at the November meeting to pass the budget.

I contacted Ernie, and Mountain Air Ranch, and the AANR office (several times), AANR's Executive Director, AANR President Kathy Watzel, and our own attorney Greg Wilkinson. I sought the facts of the matter, their counsel and advice.

The truth seems to be that Ernie was an Associate member when he joined Mountain Air Ranch, which is a 100% club. Ernie thought the club would take his AANR membership out of his dues there, and the club thought Ernie would continue to pay his AANR membership directly. This went on for three years and Ernie did not wonder why he did not receive his AANR renewal card. He casually mentioned it at the November Board meeting, and this is what launched the whole investigation.

Following my phone call to him, Ernie immediately paid his AANR dues and he also paid his back dues to Mountain Air, which forwarded the money to AANR. Ernie now has his card.

Our attorney researched the legality of it all, and finally ruled that Ernie could remain a Board member, and all of the motions where his vote was crucial to pass could stand because he had "**putative status**" under the law. This is because all parties acted in good faith, and the error was corrected immediately. Greg says this happens often on HOA boards and therefore there is plenty of

legal precedent. The 2019 budget, which was approved at that November meeting can remain in force.

Greg did suggest as a precaution our Board pass a motion at its March Board meeting re-affirming all motions that passed at the November Board meeting. Our legislative chair has this motion in this packet.

Both Ernie and Mountain Air have apologized for their errors.

4. Monthly Newsletter

I remain publisher of the monthly regional newsletter. This is distributed to all club presidents for distribution to their members, although I hear reports many are not doing this. Subsequently, I received permission from the AANR office to receive the email addresses of all AANR members in the region, not just the Associates. This is a 9,000-person mail list. I have not yet processed these for Mail Chimp, our distribution firm, but I plan to have this operational by the time of our Board meeting in March. All 1800 Associate members receive the newsletter announcement monthly. The newsletter (and back issues) may be downloaded from the aanrwest.org website under "News." Thanks to Cyndi and Daniele who help with the editing and feature stories.

5. Web Site & Social Media

The aanrwest.org web site continues to be improved with new written material, new photos and new written material such as the 2019 calendar and a new photo gallery. Don Giles has been particularly helpful in going over each web page and making suggestions for improvements. I continue to meet on a regular basis with our Web Master, Scott Weber, who should have the first wave of those changes in place by the time of our March meeting. Thanks to Cyndi Faber for submitting an improved Scholarship form. A more detailed report on the web site may be found elsewhere in this report packet.

6. Government Affairs (GAT)

I continue to serve as the region's Government Affairs Chair although I am actively seeking my replacement. I have recruited Ron Weimer from Southern California to be my protégé and learn how GAT works so that (hopefully) I can turn this committee over to him in the near future. Ron is also a member of the NAC Board of Directors and he symbolizes the new working relationship AANR has begun with The Naturist Society to work together on legislative issues.

We were very lucky this election year that the candidates were focused on other wedge issues (marijuana, supreme court, gun regulation, women's rights, etc.) instead of falling back on restricting social nudity to score campaign points as often happens. It was a relatively quiet year. It allowed us to make coalitions with outside groups that have similar philosophies in order to make our voices even stronger when the inevitable pushback starts up again.

7. Trade Shows

I remain Quartermaster for the moment, and all the giveaway items and the trade show backdrops and signs are at my home. I send them out as needed to the various teams doing shows around the region. Working with Marketing Chair Ricc Bieber we reduced the variety of spiffs this year and replaced a couple. All items now contain the www.aanrwest.org web site on them instead of www.aanr.com. An inventory of these items will be distributed at the Board meeting reflecting what was given out at the LA Travel Show in February, after the deadline for this report.

These items were all purchased using 2018 budget money so the final 2018 expense report will show a bloated line item since both the 2018 and 2019 spiffs were purchased the same year.

Sports giveaways were not purchased by the Marketing/Public Relations budgets this year. Sports will have to buy their own for the Festivals and 5K events, but it is hoped that committee will

coordinate with the Marketing/PR team on purchase decisions.

8. Passports

Ricc and I got the final version of the AANR West Nudist Passport books printed and we are in the process of distributing them to the clubs. Over 90 have been distributed as of this writing, a good start. We have also placed a PayPal link on the web site so people can buy them directly through us for \$10 instead of going through a club.

The interest seems to be high on the program and we expect it to take off this summer as people start visiting the participating clubs. For more, read Ricc's Marketing report elsewhere in this packet.

9. New Mexico Fund

AANR-West Director Don Giles has exchanged letter with Marian Stelts regarding the separate funds we have kept since 1992 for starting up a new landed club in New Mexico:

Jan 12, 2019

Dear Don,

I guess we must apologize for causing this problem for you. It was not done with malicious intent.

A major objective of the Land of Enchantment Naturist was to establish a cooperative landed club. When it became obvious that we were not going to succeed, **the club voted to transfer the assets to the WSA requesting that a fund be started to help any subsequent landed club to get established.** That was done. The membership regarded the hope of establishing a landed club. Ramie and I made a couple of contributions later that has been a while.

In the intervening couple of decades, no group has gotten together to form a cooperative landed club. There was talk at one time of Roadrunner's trying to establish a fund to buy land, but I don't think anything became of that.

I have talked to Ramie. We both agree that the Roadrunner Naturists are the logical club to use these funds for the benefit on nudism in New Mexico. We would like the decision to be made by the Roadrunner Board of Directors.

Thanks, Marion Stelts

Don replied:

Nudism seems to be slowly growing in central New Mexico and we will apply the funds to efforts that will continue to attract new interested people and provide activities that will serve to maintain their attention and enjoyment of this way of life.

The Roadrunner Naturists Club is certainly not in dire need of funds and therefore can carefully consider the purposes that the funds will be used for. We will continue to maintain a separate accounting for them and will keep you advised of their use.

I will inform the AANR-W Board that we agree with the decision and I will forward your email to them.

A motion to release these funds to the Roadrunner Club will be discussed at the March Board meeting.

10. Callen-Davis

As we have discussed several times, Beachfront USA, a non-AANR club may fold soon, and they have a \$25,000 Callen- Davis Defense Fund they want to preserve in a separate bank account. They have asked AANR-West to be the caretakers of this fund, with us appointing a fund administrator and a second board member to join the existing six-person board. The board will control the use of the funds independent of AANR-West for up to the next ten years, after which the organization will be dissolved, and the funds absorbed into the AANR-West GAT/legal defense fund.

Our attorney advised us not to get directly involved in the operation of this fund, nor can any AANR-West Board member serve on the Callen-David Board (past Directors or officers are okay) as it would present potential conflict-of-interest. Rather, he suggested we rewrite their by-laws to reflect AANR-West's appointment of its Executive Director, and that in ten years the corporation will fold with any remaining funds be bequeathed to AANR-West. I have re-written the Callen-Davis By-Laws to reflect these changes, subject to the approval of their Board of Directors. This is not something the AANR-West Board needs to vote on.

I have appointed AANR member David Tiktin to serve as the C-D Executive Director and Ron Weimer to serve on their Board of Directors.

11. UltraViolet Press

As discussed in earlier reports to the Board, Cec Cinder, the author of The Nudist Idea and other nudist publications has reached the age where he can no longer distribute his own books. Last summer I was asked if AANR-West wanted to take over stewardship of his books so they would not go out of circulation. After consulting with our attorney, we decided it was best that we not get into the book publishing business but try to negotiate a partnership with the Cinder-Snyder family so we could sell the books directly or through our network of clubs at their bookstores.

An inventory of remaining stock in December revealed nearly a thousand remaining books, far too many for us to store and manage. Ce's daughter has decided the family will retain control of the publication business, and will work with AANR-West, Amazon, and other distribution supply chains to sell the remaining books and republish more in the future should the demand be there.

12. Mid-Winter AANR Trustee Meeting

Walt Stephens, our Western Region Trustee, is unable to attend the February 8-9, 2019 meeting in Florida, so as Regional President I get to go as his backup. I will submit a written report to the Board when I return, and I will also have an abbreviated report ready for the regional newsletter March issue.

In Conclusion

It is very gratifying to see AANR-West is once again having a positive impact on the social nudist movement and its future. I think we have some very smart business-focused people on the board, and I look forward to reading your reports about how we will carry our vision forward.

Submitted by: Gary Mussell, AANR-West President
February 2019

Vice President Report

Cyndi Faber

Spring 2019

Since the meeting in November I have been busy with various projects. I have continued to work with Gary on the monthly newsletter; which we have been using as a tool to reach our club members as well as the associates. I look forward to taking this over completely within the next couple of months; as one less thing our president needs to do.

At the November meeting I sent an email out to the company that puts on the AZ women's expo. I am happy to report that we have secured a booth for this event and they are more than welcoming to us. The coordinator was well aware of nude recreation and its positive effects on women and families. She was extremely excited that we reached out and are going to be at the show. This expo is a 2-day show in Phoenix April 27 and 28. AANR West is also going to be at the Earth Day Fair on Saturday April 27; both events are extremely family friendly, and women are the main target audience. It is exciting to see so much of our efforts being allocated towards more women. We are in need of new literature, backdrops, and brochures for these events. I have started working with Claudia Kellersch, Treena Saavedra, and Danielle to get new backdrops, with photos, and a new brochure before our March meeting.

I have also been helping Jeff Tendick with the upcoming convention at Mountain Air Ranch at the end of July. We are so excited to get out of the great state of California and spend some time across our region. This is a great opportunity for folks to get their passport filled with another stamp and visit more clubs than they would have before. The entertainment committee is hard at work planning some great events; see Jeff's report for more information.

On a personal note, I cannot wait for the summer sun to come back! AZ has been experiencing a very wet winter. All the rain will contribute to a wonderful spring full of beautiful flowers and ideal weather. Spring will turn to summer where all our sunbirds come out to enjoy the 100+ temps or travel across our great region and explore new clubs with friends new and old. So excited for the upcoming months. Looking forward to the upcoming months!

Nominations: As VP I am responsible for collecting nomination paperwork for the upcoming positions on the board. This year the entire executive board, president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary, are up for election. There are also 5 director positions open. Any individual that has been a member of AANR West for at least 1 year can run for a position. If you would like more information on any of these positions, please contact myself or Gary. Nominations for all positions, except for treasurer, will remain open until election time, July 27, 2019. In the case of treasurer an application with a resume, reflecting experience, is required no later than June 30, 2019.

Secretary Report
Spring 2019 Board Meeting
Danielle Smith

I believed that I finally had the Bylaws and Procedure Manual done, I was informed that I was editing them wrong so at this point they are up to date just the side notes of the changes are not in the proper format. After this meeting as we do have upcoming legislation everything will be updated including the comments and side notes of the potential new legislation.

I Thank You all for your patience as I stepped into this role and made it my own but still respecting the position. I have greatly enjoyed learning the Bylaws and Procedures as well as the history and innerworkings of this great organization and will continue to do so as I progress in this role.

As always if anything is needed such as an update to either set of ruling documents or you would like something sent out to all of the clubs please contact me. If you know of any clubs that have changed or will be changing contact information please let me know so that I can update it our directory as well as send it along to AANR so they can stay up to date as well.

Danielle Smith

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**American Association for Nude Recreation, Western Region
2019 Spring Board Meeting
Treasurer's Report**

The financial report for the fourth quarter of 2018 has been distributed. If you did not get a copy and would like one, please contact the treasurer at treasurer@aanrwest.org

The new 2019 AANR Western Region Expense Voucher form and eForm should be attached and distributed with this reports package. Please save copies of these forms and use them all year.

If you have any questions, please send them to the treasurer at treasurer@aanrwest.org

Thank you,

Russell Lucia
Treasurer,
American Association for Nude Recreation,
Western Region
310-291-5552 text or voicemail

Legal Issues

By Gary Mussell

A. Dissolution of Legal Services

As stated in my President's Report, our attorney, Greg Wilkinson, has recently taken a full-time job with a corporation as their legal counsel, we discussed the dissolution of Greg's contract as AANR-West's legal counsel.

Greg said he would complete the open issues and then we will all sign a letter of termination.

Greg recommended we contact the local bar association for referrals to a small legal firm specializing in nonprofit corporate law. He suggested we should negotiate for a flat fee instead of by the hours as otherwise we will be charged for every minute the attorney reads an email from us or talks on the telephone with a board member or officer (average fee is \$30 per minute).

Greg said we may have trouble getting anyone as inexpensive as in his contract, especially when it comes to having the attorney present at the Board meetings and Convention each year (covering expenses is probably not enough as the attorney will charge by the hour to be there.)

Greg is happy to help us screen potential lawyers once we develop a list of possible candidates.

Here is a list of the other things we discussed over dinner which many clubs and individuals wanted clarification about:

B. Member vs Non-Member Income

Two of our clubs are having trouble interpreting the IRS(c)(7) and (c)(3) rules about the percentage of income limit they can receive from non-member dues. One club thinks it is 15%, and they define that as everything except the actual member dues. Under this interpretation, all guest gate fees, activity fees, etc., are not counted in the members side of the ledger along with things sold through their store. The other interpretation is the opposite, and member income is defined as everything related to member dues, club activities. "Non-member" income in this interpretation means only store merchandise, direct donations, raffle, etc. Greg gave us a clarification because the IRS rules on this subject can appear murky:

- Members paying to attend an event fall under a benefit of their membership and therefore are not subject to the 15% rule.
- Non-member guests who pay to attend an event may or may not fall into the 15% rule, so Greg recommended the clubs establish as **separate membership category for guests** to attend their events. This should be called a "one day membership" that specifically spells out what is covered (attendance at the location, ability to enjoy the facilities, rental of overnight lodging, etc.) and not covered (voting rights, discounts on merchandise, etc.).
- Purchases of raffle tickets, store merchandise, etc., will therefore fall within the 15% IRS Rule while any entrance fees will not.

I have asked Greg to write us a letter explaining this better than I can above, with proper citation of regulation and case law that our member clubs can use.

C. Photo Releases

At our meeting, we discussed the legality of posting photos we did not take (from the Internet, etc.) in our newsletter, and on our Twitter account.

- It is Greg's opinion that such photos fall into the "educational purpose" clause of the copyright law, and therefore they can be used even if no other source identification can be found. Do not use any photos clearly marked as copyrighted by a photographer or a company (i.e. Getty Images).

- He also said that if we take photos of recognizable people, we need a signed release from these people, and also from the location where the photo was taken if on private property and the location can be recognized because of distinguishable buildings or other identifiable things in the background.
- Photos taken on a public street are not covered by any “expectation of privacy” law, nor are images of people in the background of people taken at a public beach. The question came up over publishing photos taken at the World Naked Bike Ride each year.
- Seizing a photographer’s camera is considered “battery” under the law and well as “destruction of private property” if the photographer’s camera is damaged or destroyed.
- The privacy law is similar regarding drones over public places. (Private property is protected up to 83 feet overhead.)
- Persons who are nude in places where other might see easily (a neighbor’s kitchen or bathroom window, for example) makes the nude person open to prosecution for indecent exposure (or whatever the local law says) but if the viewer must take special effort to view the nudity (using a ladder to climb to top of fence, etc.) then the nudity is allowed, and the viewer is vulnerable to “peeping Tom” prosecution.

D. Legal Issues Still Open:

1. A letter from Greg explaining why Ernie Wise can remain on our Board and all decisions made by the Board while he has served maintain their legal standing.
2. A letter from Greg clarifying how the IRS interprets members vs. non-member income in a non-profit corporation.
3. Helping to incorporate the World Naked Bike Ride – Los Angeles so it can properly negotiate for permits, as the event is now too popular to just ride in designated bike lanes. The coordinating committee, of which AANR-West is a participant, also wants to negotiate for a park area where the event can be properly staged.
4. Assist in finding his replacement.

FINANCE REPORT – FEBRUARY 4, 2019

Rolf Holbach – Finance Chair

I continue to support and advise the AANR-West Board of Directors in the implementation of the 2019 budget authorized at our Fall Meeting.

In 2016 the Board granted a \$1500 loan, and in 2017 a \$1000 loan for the production of “immersive” naturist plays at the Hollywood Fringe Festival under the Public Relations Budget. “Immersive” in the sense that both the performers and the audience are required to be nude. The loans were granted in exchange for public recognition and promotion of AANR-West. Both loans were repaid with interest. Although \$1000 was budgeted in 2018, the producer, Brian Knudson, did not mount a production last year. We did not budget anything in 2019 for this because we were not sure that a project was in process at the time the budget was assembled.

Brian is now in the process of updating the script for the popular nudist play, “Barely Proper” for a possible production at this years Festival in June. At the spring meeting, we may be requesting a loan for this year’s production, again under the Public Relations budget.

Social Media Committee Report

Andy Walden ◦ Danielle Smith ◦ Rolf Holbach ◦ Don Giles

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GENERAL ISSUE

Coming off yet another headache with a terminally suspended account, we are keenly aware that there are individuals who find social or personal nudism as their *dragon* to slay. As with any way of life, there will always be people who are just a little too fanatical with their devotion to nudism and consider anyone not in perfect harmony with their beliefs a heretic. Speaking for all nudists using the various media platforms, we need to be not only vigilant for such worries but also be accountable for our own content. It is the responsibility of every on-line nudist to represent naturism as wholesome and family oriented in the manner as the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR NUDE RECREATION prescribes.



There have been a number of situations which have come to light in the past months which are not in the best alignment with the AANR model. This director often fields complaints from other nudists who voice their trepidations about what they are finding. Concerns include: affiliated clubs who LIKE posts from dubious sources; users incorporating the AANR name in their *user name* whilst opining on non-nudity issues; tasteless comments and failed attempts at humour, just to name a few. There are several other inappropriate blurbs which, due to decorum, need not be catalogued here.

This subject has been discussed at the *corporate* level in Kissimmee to which the PR team is considering an issuance of more comprehensive guidelines. Whether as a representative for a club, resort, region or an affiliated business, we have an obligation to represent ALL our members. Of course, everybody is free to express their thoughts on current events, politics or the trending memes — nevertheless, if it is not directly affecting the nudist community, it has no place on an affiliated or one's personal *nudist* account.

TWITTER

Once again, our TWITTER outreach was suspended for unknown reasons. Just a week after our November 2018 meeting, the @AANR_WesternRegion account “required verification” but — like before — numerous attempts to learn the cause, to rectify the situation or to receive assistance from their “support team” proved futile. We speculate these attacks are from a disgruntled **blocked** follower filing malicious complaint which results in a permanent suspension with no recourse for appeal. Navigating their less-than-friendly “help” is daunting and frustrating.



Even with the appropriate e-MAIL accounts, passwords and identifications, efforts were futile. Special thanks to **Jeffrey Baldasarre** at AANR HQ for his dedication and assistance

AFFILIATE	TWITTER ACCOUNT	FOLLOW ERS 05-Oct-2018	FOLLOW ERS 22-Jan-2019	TWEET S 05-Oct-18	TWEET S 22-Jan-19	LAST TWEET T ¹
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Sº California Naturist Ass'n	@SoCalNaturist	11800+	11800+	6490	6484	22 Aug 18
Clothes-Free International	@ClothesFree	11000+	11500+	1337	1335	09 Nov 18
DE ANZA SPRINGS RESORT	@deAnzaSpringsRe	1917	2414	4172	5022	22 Jan 19
LUPIN LODGE	@LupinLodge	1857	2093	1053	1075	17 Jan 19
MIRA VISTA RESORT	@MiraVistaResort	1467	1684	245	292	13 Jan 19
LAGUNA DEL SOL	@Laguna_del_Sol	1455	1668	234	276	15 Jan 19
GLEN EDEN SUN CLUB	@GlenEdenSunClub	894	1170	399	465	18 Jan 19
THE SEQUOIANS	@TheSequoians	929	1106	290	293	05 Jan 19
SHANGRI LA RANCH	@SLRnude	969	1079	22	22	05 Jul 18
OLIVE DELL RANCH²	@ODBareburr @bobbykilborn	537 254	649 276	207 92	211 92	14 Jan 19 01 Sep 18
Las Vegas Naturists	@LVNaturists	331	351	130	130	21 Dec 17
Roadrunner Naturists	@RRNaturist	201	297	33	44	11 Jan 19
Las Vegas Bares	@LasVegasBares	121	152	42	42	06 Jul 18
AANR Western Region	@aanrWESTorg	3812	129	3743	43	22 Jan 19
MOUNTAIN AIR RANCH	@trynude	74	89	1	1	25 Jun 09

¹As of 22nd January 2019

²Neither account is wholly dedicated to ODR

Questions about the ability to rename a TWITTER handle have also been raised and **YES** the "@_____ " user name can be modified, although it is easier to change on a computer rather than a smartphone:

- Click on the PROFILE AND SETTINGS icon
- Under ACCOUNTS, click to the username text box
- Type a new handle — a prompt will appear if the desired name is taken
- Scroll to the bottom and click SAVE CHANGES

FACEBOOK

The AANR West page continues to grow at a slower than desired pace. We have 165 people who like our page and 171 who follow us. Since this platform is not nudist friendly, we walk on eggshells to assure no community standards are violated.

OTHER OPTIONS

Twitter and Facebook are the most popular social media platforms to-day but what will be the favourites tomorrow? There are numerous channels such as *MeWe*, *Patreon*, *YouTube*, *Pinterest*, *Instagram* and others available which are being explored so our message will be best received.

As an enthusiastic promoter of nudism and president of FEDERACIÓN NUDISTA DE MÉXICO, Héctor Martínez has produced dozens of excellent videos with his group from NATURALEZA Y NUDISMO GUADALAJARA. We ought to benchmark with him to gain insight on production, messaging and affective marketing.



EPILOGUE

We appreciate and welcome the feedback we receive from our followers. This committee is dedicated to assuring the mission of the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR NUDE RECREATION is implemented and represented. We will gladly promote the activities, announcements and facilities of our affiliates with the understanding that it is the responsibility of those associates to post their initial advertisings. æ

AANRWEST.ORG Web Site Report

By Gary Mussell

Since the November meeting, the following changes have been made to the web site (**text with yellow background** is work still in progress as of the date of this report):

Home Page

1. The masthead photo now rotates (i.e. "carousel") between several images reflecting the various regional activities.
2. The last two Twitter page entries are visible in a column on the right and visitors can jump there if they choose.
3. The "What's New" section has been changed (several of these will rotate with the season):
 - a. Passport Program (We have added a PayPal link so people can buy a book directly on line.)
 - b. New Scholarship Program with link to entry form.
 - c. Link to the new Video list
 - d. Link to the new 2019 Club Calendar
 - e. Link to revised Photo Gallery

About

1. Youth
 - New Scholarship Form
 - New text about revised scholarship program
 - **We still need new text about the Camps**
2. Officers
 - Ernie Wiese name is now spelled correctly throughout the web site.

Directory

- Missing club logos have been added
- Rename Windfeather to Sun Suite Vacation Rental
- Added new affiliated business: Desert Sanctuary at Rincon Peak
- **Still need to add Directory/Coupons – so people can print discount coupons for clubs**

Calendar:

- Added January through April events. A full year of data has been collected, subject to future changes.
- **Calendar/Sports:** has been rewritten with 2019 dates.

News

- 2019 Newsletter and thumbnail for current month is leaded and past issues are archived on the page.

GAT

- New summary of actions through December 2018 is added
- The National Park Service paragraph has been revised per Jonathan Hunter email
- **A PayPal button is to be added so visitors can donate directly.**

Activities

1. Photo Gallery
 - Replace some of the photos that are too small
 - Make all the photo images in the Gallery the same size!
 - **Divide photos into activity categories**
 - **Watermark images?**

Membership

1. Issues:

- Summary paragraph has been re-written

2. Legal

Added documents from August 2018 convention and November 2018 Board meeting (minutes and club report packet).

Future Web Site Changes (March-April 2019)

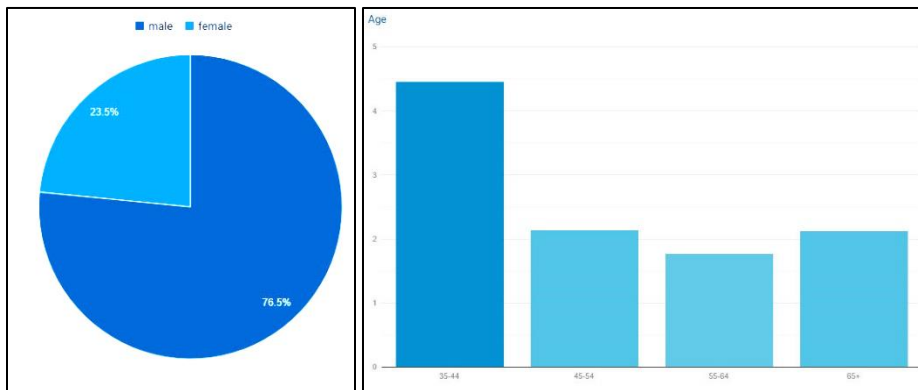
- Rewrite Summer Camp Page
- Add Scholarship winner essays (and photos?)
- Add more biographies to About/Pioneers:
 - Claire Baily
 - Stan Stohler
 - Sol Stern
 - Alice Lloyd
 - Pete McConville
 - Bev Price
 - Bill and Fran Flesher
 - Ralph Kilborn
- Calendar: We still need to purchase the Tokify Applet so the Calendar section is more easily managed.
- Calendar: Add Upcoming Trade Shows (new pulldown menu item) with new text describing trade shows we will visit this year.
- Activities: Update text for
 - Nude Beaches (update about Beach Ambassador Program)
 - Comedy Shows (rewrite wit new material about current productions)
 - WNBR in several cities (it describes LA-2017 now)
- Activities/Travel. Add trip reports for
 - Olive Dell,
 - De Anza,
 - Lupin Lodge
 - Laguna del Sol
 - Sequoians
 - SCNA
 - Roadrunners
 - Burning Man
- Add new Activities/Speaker's Bureau text (Don Giles)
- Add pulldown: News/The Arts. Add Reviews of...
 - Book: Naked at Lunch
 - Book: The Nudist Idea
 - Movie: Act Naturally
 - Movie: Educating Julie
- Membership: Rewrite introductory page to better explain differences between Club membership, Associate Membership, and joining through a Travel Club.
- Membership/Legal: Update AAN-West Bylaws and Procedure Manual
- Add Sports Rules Manual for more than just volleyball (tennis pickleball, etc.)
- Create Store/Café Press site to sell T-shirts, coffee cups, books, and Passports.

AANRWEST.ORG Site Statistics Dec 1, 2018 – Jan 31, 2019

Source: Google Analytics

We subscribe to Google Analytics so we can monitor who visits our web site, what they are looking at, etc. Below are the stats from December 1m 218 through January 31, 2019:

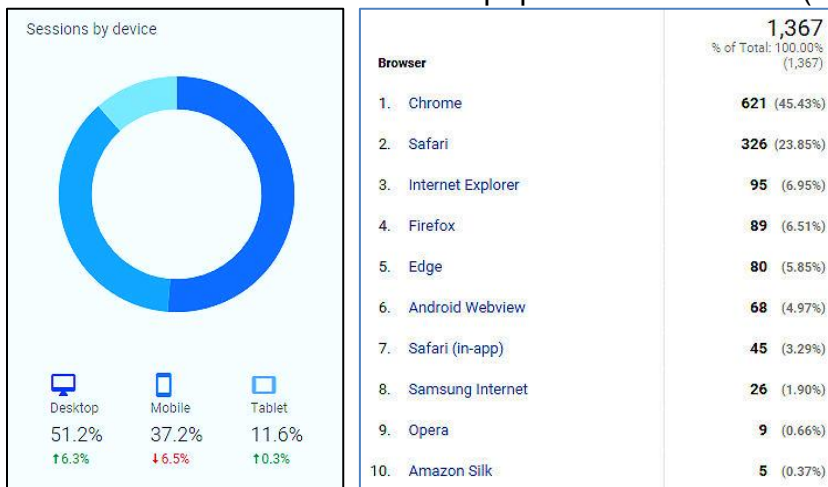
Gender and Age of our web site visitors: 76% of our web visitors are male. No surprise there. 45% of our visitors are between the ages of 35-44. Visitors in the 45-54, 55-64, and 65+ age brackets are each about 20% of the total.



What kind of devices do our visitors use when accessing our web site?

Just over half of our visitors use a desktop computer to view the site. The percentage (37%) of Mobile device users continues to grow as the number of Tablet users continues to shrink. This reflects national trends on the popularity of these devices among the general public.

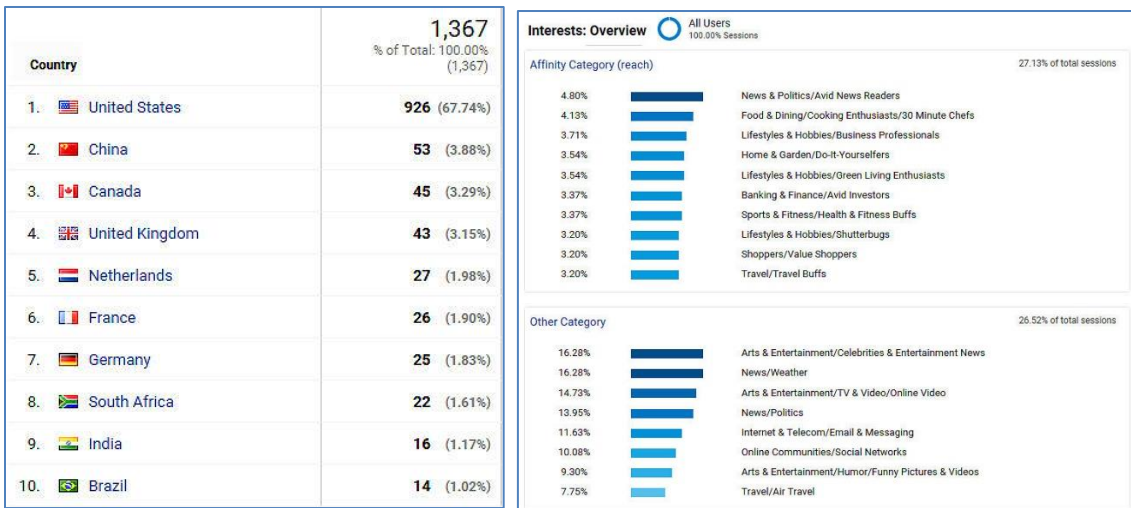
Chrome continues to be the most popular browser used (45%) followed by the Mac Safari (24%).



What countries do our visitors come from? What are their interests (what other kinds of web sites do they visit?)

The United States continues to be the location of the vast majority of visitors (67%) with China, Canada, United Kingdom coming in next.

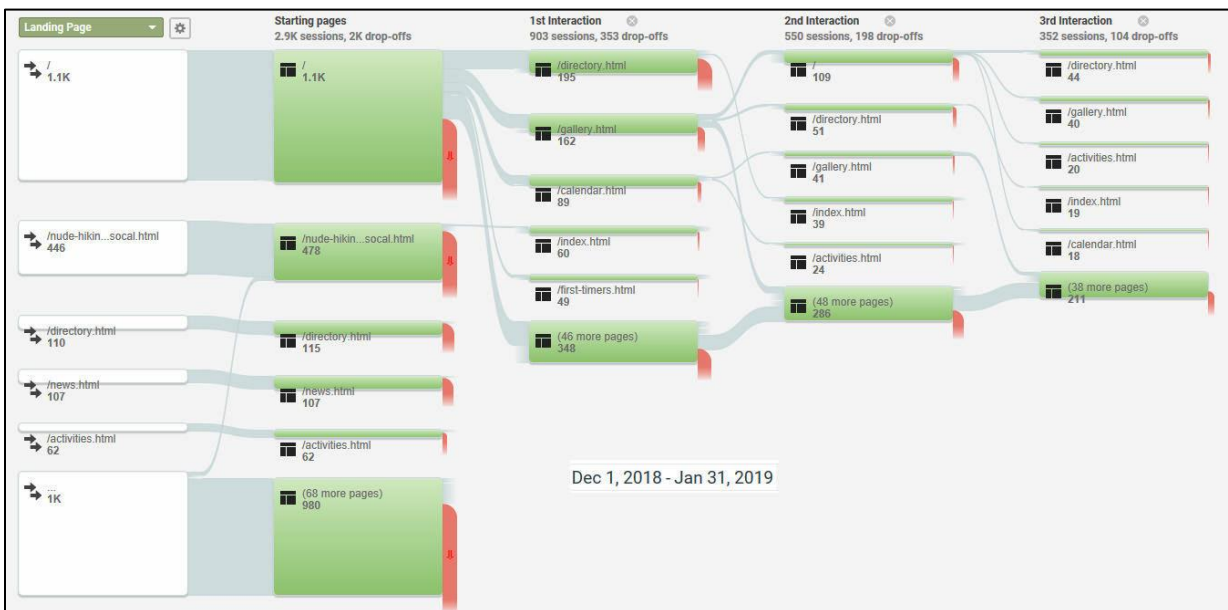
The Analytics program also examined the “cookies” of the visitors to determine what other web sites they look at. The chart below reveals these preferences, which are scattered among many categories.



What pages are visitors looking at first?

Well over half of our visitors come in through the Home page, while the Club Directory and the Photo Gallery come in second and third. Interestingly, the article on nude hiking is in fourth place so people must be coming here through a search engine query. Activities is in fifth place.

However, about 60% of our visitors look at more than one web page so an analysis of the viewing flow chart reveals more about user preferences:



Those who come in through the Home Page next go to the Directory, Photo Gallery, and Calendar about equally, The First Timers menu comes on fourth place at about 10% of all viewers.

Also looked at are the Government Affairs page, Youth, and sports, which is where we hoped they would go. So it seems we are organizing our work well and we are providing useful information our visitors want to read.

Director's Report for Spring Board Meeting, Lupin Lodge March 2019 Membership Marketing

A lot has been accomplished in the last few months. Give-a ways have been ordered and received, shows have been or are being set up, and looking forward to Convention!

Spiffs: We have received all of the Give-A-Way items, or spiffs, that were ordered, which include emery boards, beach balls, flashlights, lip balm and pens. We deal with AnyPromo for these items, as their prices are very competitive, and the service/delivery time is exceptional. They are a very professional business to deal with, and are local to the West. We will have samples at the Board Meeting for your perusal.

If need be, we will order more items as they are needed, but we anticipate that the quantities ordered will last through the season/year. We will also keep an eye on which items are the most popular, and adjust as needed. Additionally, if you have an idea for a Give-A-Way, please let me know, and I can look into it for future reference.

Upcoming Shows: We are set up, and are setting up, to participate at the following tradeshows/exhibitions; L. A. Travel Show in February, CPRS in Sacramento in March, and Earth Day in San Diego in April. We are pretty well set up as far as manpower and materials, and have very competent people leading the charge at each venue. We have done very well in the past at these shows, and look forward to making a great showing again this year. If you are interested in helping out at the various venues (Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego) contact us and we will forward your interest to the appropriate person in charge of the particular show.

We do need to update a couple of the portable backdrops we use at the shows, as some information has been adjusted, or because of use/damage to what we are now using, and that should occur as of the submission of this report or thereabout. We are also looking into making a duplicate set of backdrops as a cost-saving measure to avoid shipping the one set all over the place. Life expectancy on this item is usually 4-7 years, depending on use and the need to upgrade any information. We get the best price through Vista Print on this item.

Passport Program: The Nudist Passport Program is in full swing! The Program has been presented to the Clubs, and the response so far has been terrific. So far, 81 Passports have been distributed at various events around the region. We are waiting to hear from the large landed clubs-they have been contacted. Most of the action has been from either individuals or travel clubs. AANR Head Office has expressed interest in this program, and we'll see where that goes. We are making this program available to the other regions as our program progresses, so it should be interesting.

In order to facilitate broader participation within the region, a PayPal account has been set through the new and improved Website (detailed elsewhere). This should make it easier for those who may not have direct access to the Passport Program to obtain it for their use and enjoyment.

We are also offering the Clubs the option to have us provide a unique Passport stamp for the Club's use, at cost, (about \$12-15.00) to make participation easier.

Respectfully submitted,
Ricc Bieber, Director

WINR COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair – Claudia Kellersch

Committee Members- Treena Saavedra, Rolf Holbach, Danielle Smith

February 2019

SPA Events

I invited people to my "birthday in your birthday suit" celebration at a local Korean day spa called Aqua Day Spa for Thursday, January 24th, after work 5 pm or 6 pm until closing around 10:30 pm to relax. A talk about ladies issues on the Ladies side of the spa was scheduled for 7 pm. Even though I had extended about 15 individual invitations to ladies local to San Diego, they dropped like flies on the actual day of the event even after having a Yes RSVP on Meetup and with me on WhatsApp, where I had invited several newcomers. Having a cold, pneumonia (1 lady!) or being exhausted were the most common excuses. I tried to explain that time spent in a steam room and inside a Red Clay Himalayan salt room would actually help all these conditions, but only one lady showed up. I did however manage to chat up a Russian lady and a Ukrainian lady who had lots of questions for me. I had AANR West brochures with me, and wore my director badge name tag, when not in the wet areas.

Even though only one lady actually showed up, I plan to ask my committee members if they agree with me to raise attendance by making it an AANR West membership benefit coming from the WINR budget. I am thinking of covering the \$ 20 all day pass fee for any AANR members or those who fill in the AANR membership brochure (I have paper versions with me). I would like to make this a recurring monthly event that can attract new members.

I plan to organize several more Ladies Spa events in the OC and other locations, including Albuquerque, if I can arrange it with Treena's help.

Unfortunately, the coed SCNA spa event 2 days after my birthday was sold out before I got to the RSVP list, as it is quite a small facility, so I was unable to catch up with Ricc and Rolf, as I had planned to. My son Alexander (12) had very much hoped to go as well to see his young naturist friends. I will RSVP sooner, and search for the events more carefully in advance.

I still think that unisex Spa Events can generate new lady members, as the ladies are already naked at the spas, and I need to only tell them about AANR and more opportunities outside spas to also go to clubs. I always have brochures with me, and hope to receive my AANR West cards soon.

While attending a photo event with Jack Gescheidt of TreeSpirit near the Clothing Optional Bed and Breakfast run by Rolf and Cynthia, I talked to several ladies with leads on spa locations in the OC and LA.

MYSTERY: One day in January 2019, I opened my e-mail and found that a person with my name had invited ladies to a Feb. 9th event in Pasadena (too far for me to travel, unless I spend an overnight at Zorthian Ranch once a year) and written a short text discouraging men from joining NitOC's ladies only group threatening them with expulsion from the regular inclusive Meetup groups if they tried. The ghost writer never contacted me prior to using Meetup to pose as me, and making me the host for some unspecified event at a date that was not in my calendar. After thinking about this for a while, I decided to let it be, meaning not deleting what someone else had writing posing as me, and allowing them to use me to attract new ladies to the NitOC ladies group. However, if this happens again in the future, I reserve the right to alter the event that "I am hosting" for clarifying that I am NOT hosting an event in Pasadena. I had no plan to spend three hours each way to travel to Pasadena from San Diego to go to what turns out to be a meal at a restaurant later specified by the ghost writer. I prefer

to organize, announce and execute my own events in cooperation with other groups/myself. So far, only a few days prior, a single lady has sent in an RSVP. Since I am not driving up to Pasadena, the regular SCNA host for the Dragonfly Ladies, I believe Cynthia, Rolf's wife, who was added as a co-host later, and will be there, will host. I assume that Ron Mercer from NitOC ghost wrote me, but I have not yet had a chance to verify. Meetup allows organizers (group owners) to freely choose group members and turn them into hosts for events.

Sadly, I have been unable to engage in much conversation with my committee members since my last report submitted for the November 2018 meeting, and I am still hoping to receive feedback to the questions I put into my last report. Please e-mail me with your responses. Best to our new WINR@aanrwest.org address, if not to claudiakellersch@gmail.com, if that is in your address book, or my vintage nudewedding2002@sunlink.net address.

BROCHURE

I am carrying AANR photo releases with me to the various nudist/naturist events, which I attend at a regular basis, so when the opportunity arises to take new and fresh photos with a more diverse group of ladies, I shall be ready with the forms and a pen for their signature for publication. I hope to get photos at one of my next regularly scheduled hikes to Deep Creek hot springs and future spa events. Unfortunately, the signed photo release requirement does not make it easy to find ladies willing to participate in this project. I will also see if I can chat up some of my friends on Blacks Beach, and on Blind Creek Beach in Florida in February, as clubs also do not permit photography on their premises without prior authorization of their managements. (I signed a photo release for fellow board member Andy Walden for our photos taken on the black sand nude beach of Kehena, while I was on the Big Island of Hawaii for two nights in December 2018). I might be able to use a photo taken with a lady friend naked in her garden in Christchurch, New Zealand, in early January 2019, but I did not have the AANR photo release with me for her to sign, and she is not an AANR member.

I have quite a few body paint pictures from my trip to the 4th annual Festival Nudista Zipolite in Oaxaca, Mexico, from which I have just returned (Jan. 31 to Feb. 3, 2019). They have potential, but I do not have signed releases for every single lady. I will show pictures during our March 2019 board meeting, if there is time and interest, as body paint events also get ladies out of their clothes and at least topfree, which is a good start. This Mexican nudist event allowed ladies in body paint to participate topfree in the Calenda (parade) through the village streets on the first day of the three-day festival packed with events such as a nude Spartan race, naked bike ride, volleyball tournament, etc., but I digress...

BODY PAINT EVENT

I see some good potential here.

OUTREACH EVENTS

As I mentioned before, AANR West president Gary and Les from the Camping Bares are co-organizing a joint AANR West-Camping Bares of San Diego booth at the annual EARTH Day in San Diego on April 28th, 2019, and I am committed to being there staffing the booth along with members of both organizations, which I will help finding. Again, not an easy task. Meanwhile, my family goes off to Olive Dell Ranch to participate in the Nude 5K race there always scheduled for the same date. I continue to look for affinity events in my city, San Diego, and southern California.

I look forward to discussing all this and so much more in person at the March board meeting. Respectfully submitted along with a request for feedback please,

Claudia Kellersch
04 February 2019



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR NUDE RECREATION,
WESTERN REGION, INC.

Motion Number _____ Date _____

Let it be resolved that:

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the AANR-West Board of Directors to follow its Bylaws and to ensure Directors are elected accordingly, and

Whereas, Mountain Aire Ranch is a 100% AANR membership club and pays its members AANR dues from the membership fee collected from its members, and

Whereas, Ernie Wiese has been a continuous dues paying member of Mountain Aire Ranch since prior to 2014, and

Whereas, Ernie Wiese was elected to the AANR-West Board of Directors for a two-year term by the AANR-West Regional Assembly on July 29, 2017, and

Whereas, Ernie Wiese's election was done in good faith that he was a current member of AANR due to his membership in Mountain Aire Ranch, a 100% AANR club, and

Whereas, Ernie Wiese's AANR membership lapsed due to a self-admitted clerical error of Mountain Aire Ranch to pay Ernie Wiese's annual AANR dues, and

Whereas, Mountain Aire Ranch's clerical error and Ernie Wiese's lapsed AANR membership was not discovered until after the Fall, 2018 meeting of the AANR-West Board of Directors, and

Whereas, Ernie Wiese's current and back AANR dues have been paid in full to AANR, and

Whereas, Ernie Wiese had putative status as an AANR-West Director until the lapse of his AANR membership was discovered after the Fall 2018 Board of Directors meeting.

Therefore, be it resolved that Ernie Wiese is a duly elected Director of AANR-West and the actions he has taken as a Director of AANR-West is affirmed by the Board of Directors of AANR-West, specifically:

- Motion #5 (amends Procedure Manual Section 7.02.00 regarding reimbursement for lodging by board members attending board meetings or conventions), and
- Acceptance of Lupin Lodge as the site for the March 2, 2019 Board meeting and acceptance of Shangri-La Ranch as the site for the November 2, 2019 Board Meeting, and

Motion #6 (acceptance of the 2019 AANR-West Budget).

Rationale:

Prior to this meeting our attorney sent us a legal opinion that we do not have to remove Ernie Wiese from our AANR-West Board even though technically he was not an AANR member since 2014 when everyone thought he was a member paid through his AANR club, Mountain Air Ranch, which requires 100% of its members to be ANNR members also. Our attorney cited case law that:

- Defined Mr. Wiese as having “**putative status**” which means because all parties acted in good faith, all he must do is pay his current dues (back dues are optional but recommended) and he can remain on the board.
- All Board motions and resolutions made last November should be reaffirmed with a simple blanket resolution at the March 2019 Board meeting. The budget, which was approved at that November meeting can remain in force and a special Board meeting to re-pass the budget is therefore not *necessary because of this “putative” legal status.*
- This resolution describes what happened, how it was solved, and asks the board to reaffirm its support for Ernie Wiese as a member of the AANR-West Board, and specifically for his votes on:
 - Motion #5 (amends Procedure Manual Section 7.02.00 regarding reimbursement for lodging by board members attending board meetings or conventions), and
 - Acceptance of Lupin Lodge as the site for the March 2, 2019 Board meeting, acceptance of Shangri-La Ranch as the site for the November 2, 2019 Board Meeting, and
 - Motion #6 (acceptance of the 2019 AANR-West Budget).

The above actions previously taken by the AANR-West Board are the only ones affected by Ernie Wiese being a member of the board since his election 7/29/2017.

Fiscal Impact: None if passed otherwise the listed actions from the Fall 2018 BOD meeting must be revisited by the board.

Maker:
 Signature _____
 Print Name _____

Second:
 Signature _____
 Print Name _____

FOR:	AGAINST:	ABSTENTIONS:

RESULTS: (Circle one)

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR NUDE RECREATION,
WESTERN REGION, INC.

Motion Number _____ Date _____

I move that the application by Roadrunner Naturists for all funds currently held by AANR-W under Section 12.01.00 et al of the Procedure Manual be approved and the total funds of \$x,xxx.xx be transferred to Roadrunner Naturists.

Rationale: Roadrunner Naturists has presented a valid request for all funds held under Section 12.00.01 et al of the Procedure Manual. The application is accompanied by a letter of support from Marion and Rae Marie Stelts, the sole original grantors of the funds able to be located. Both the Stelts and Roadrunner Naturists realize the funds are insufficient to kickstart the creation of a landed nudist club in New Mexico and would like the funds returned to a local club for the furtherance of nudist activities in New Mexico. Inasmuch as an original grantor of the funds has requested their return to Roadrunner Naturists and AANR-W or its officers has no written record of the original grant and its conditions, ANNR-W should transfer the funds timely and with no restrictions on their usage.

Fiscal Impact: None. AANR-W has been holding these funds over 30 years pending application from a New Mexico club for their release.

Maker:
Signature _____
Print Name _____

Second:
Signature _____
Print Name _____

FOR:	AGAINST:	ABSTENTIONS:
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RESULTS: (Circle one)

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Conventions and Facilities

Jeff Tendick

Spring 2019

Mountain Air Ranch is extremely excited to be hosting the convention at the end of July. I have talked to Chris, MAR Manager, and Ellen, convention chair. At this point, Ernie would like to host a "smoked ribs" small party at his place on Thursday for the board members. Otherwise, they are busy planning events for the weekend. One idea was to use "pool noodles" as spears for a throwing contest. Sounds interesting. This is a great opportunity for members to travel, see other clubs, and get a stamp in their regional passport. I will continue to work with MAR closely as they have not hosted a convention in quite a while; I am sure that they will not disappoint. More information to come at the meeting in March, including an outline of events for the weekend.

With all of the evacuation, due to flood concern, at Glen Eden, I have not been able to touch base with someone in regard to summer festival but hope to have a more detailed update in March at the meeting.

Fall festival at Shangri La Ranch will be October 11-13 with a Wild Wild West Theme.

WESTERN NUDIST RESEARCH LIBRARY REPORT

February 4, 2019

From: Rolf Holbach

The minutes to the January 12, 2019 WNRL Board meeting are attached below.

The next meeting will take place on February 9, and I will verbally report on any new developments.

Based on a discussion and recommendations from Erich Schuttauf, a draft of a charter for creation of a consortium of the four nudist libraries has been circulated and each library is currently reviewing it.

A consortium was recommended to protect each library from any copyright laws and to standardize file sharing and procedures between the member libraries. Once the "Consortium and Best Practices Sharing Agreement" has been finalized, a Procedure Manual will be written.

Testing of the G-suite filing sharing program is largely completed but there are still some bugs regarding "read only" files which are still being worked out.

BOARD MEETINGS MINUTES WESTERN NUDIST RESEARCH LIBRARY

January 12, 2019

Officers Present: Rich Hirst, President Doug Swanson, Vice President Jeanetta Thomas, Secretary

Members Present: Bill Coles, Samantha Sileski, John Sileski, Hermon Drier, John Cordone

Proceedings: Meeting called to order at January 12, 2019 at 11:05, John Sileski, Director.

Minutes: The President called for the approval of the November 11, 2018. Minutes were seconded and approved.

Old business:

1. Member contact rooster sheet is needed and the Secretary will make that an attachment to the minutes.
2. Call for volunteers to set up committees for inventory, committee member is as follows: Rich Hirst, Samantha and John, John Cordone, and Herman.
3. Call for volunteers to set up committee for Marketing, Jeanetta to head up that committee.

New business:

1. Roll call was sent around by the Secretary.
2. Rich asks for additional volunteers' for weekend staffing. John and Samantha, 1/20/19; no one for 1/27, 2/3, Doug 2/16/19, 10am to noon. Thank you for all that has stepped up to assist on weekends. There is a signup sheet on the cork board.
3. The library is in need of technical help in training in the G-Suite 2000; Samantha and John Sileski have agreed to do that.
4. Physical Inventory of the library needs to be the goal of the members; Rich Hirst would like to see the members do the magazines first. R. Hirst suggested a committee. John Sileski suggested having a meeting tomorrow, Sunday, at between 10 and noon to get a better understanding on what is needed.
5. Marketing ideas was discussed, Jeanetta suggested sidelights in sidelights. John suggested that the library updated their flyer and gives them out on the welcome tour. Bill suggested video loop. Doug suggests putting a video loop on a T.V. and put it pointing out the window. John suggests that we do a "Library Gives Back Day;" and have an open house give out cold beer.

Secretary's Report: Will get out report the first week after meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Rich Hirst gives the report as follows:

Cash 107.00

U.S. Bank \$7568.80

Building \$1240.00

Check \$25.00

PayPal \$320.88

Next meeting 2-9-19 @11:30

Sports
Jeff Tendick
Spring 2019

Sports prizes are being looked at as our shirt supply from 2 years has started to run low. We may do another run of shirts next year, as they are extremely popular, contrary to us not wearing them when we are at clubs. They are a great marketing tool when going outside the gates of a club. We are looking into water bottles and possibly little coolers. We try to make the sports prizes a little more substantial as they last longer, and the players "earn" them rather than them just being give away items at a trade show or booth.

The 5k runs this year are all on track for great success; they seem to operate independently from each other. I will be reaching out to all the host clubs within the next month to see if they need support for their runs or other upcoming events. I would like to collect some photos from sports to show that we are an active group of people and be able to promote this side of nude recreation. Anyone that has hiking photos or sports photos, with releases please contact me directly.

Liaison Committee Report
Andy Walden o Ernie Wiese
AANR-West Regional Board of Directors Meeting
Lupin Lodge o Los Gatos CA • Saturday 2nd March, 2019

REPORTING

Now that we, as a board, have had a few months to establish a relationship with our respective clubs, regions and affiliated businesses, the expectation for more comprehensive reports has been raised. The success of our connection to the members of AANR Western Region is saddled in open communication. We not only need to represent our associates, we need them to know they are represented.



The push this session is for each director to make a concerted effort to visit their respective groups at least once between meetings. A budget line item has been set aside to allow travel compensation to offset the cost of one visit each and it is hoped that this allowance will be utilised responsibly. Granted, our region is vast and the resorts are far apart. The assignments were granted based on the ZIP CODE of each affiliated group and the directors' as well as established memberships or relations of the directors and clubs, albeit sometimes the assignments looked a little *gerrymandered* (sorry Ricc).

In November 2018 when the schedule was introduced, there was also some *good ol' horse-trading* which made the assignments easier for the parties involved. It is in this spirit of cooperation that the Board ought to expect excellent reporting. Let's assure every voice has the opportunity to be heard.

aanr west liaison schedule 2018-2019					
Andy Walden	AANR Florida	Ernie Wiese	AANR East	Ricc Bieber	Bay Area Naturists
	AANR West Canada		Front Range Naturists		Beachfront USA
	Hangin' Loose		Mountain Air Ranch		Bonny Doon Beach
	Living Waters Spa		Wasatch Naturists		Las Vegas Bares
	Naturists in the OC		Arizona Wildflowers		Las Vegas Naturists
Claudia Kellersch	Swim Free Hawai'i	Jeff Tendick	Buff-A-Teers	Rolf Holbach	Lupin Lodge
	AANR Northwest		Canyon State Naturists		The Sequoians
	Blacks Beach Bares		Mira Vista Resort		Whales Cave Conservancy
	Camping Bares		Mojave SUN Club		Arroyo del Sol % B&B
	de Anza Springs Resort		Shangri La Ranch		Canyon Sun Club
	Friends of Blacks Beach		ClothesFree.com		Casa Cahava % B&B
	Friends of San Onofre		Harbin Hot Springs		Casa Jardín Paraiso % B&B
Le Club	Laguna del Sol	% Home Network			
Don Giles	Olympian Club	Mike Glenzak	Nº California Exposure	Friends of Bates Beach	
	AANR Midwest		Olive Dell Ranch	Glen Eden Sun Club	
	Roadrunner Naturists		River Dippers	Pacificans	
Treena Saavedra	AANR Southwest	Mike Glenzak	South Valley Travel Club	Sº Calif. Naturist Ass'n	
	Suntree Travel Club		Tahoe Area Naturists	Western Nudist Library	

Youth/Young Adult
Cyndi Faber
Spring 2019

We are still not planning on running a specific camp but more looking to provide support for clubs that are hosting kids' events/weeks/weekends. I have been in close communication with a member at GE who is spear heading their kid's week this year; they are doing a day camp format. If any other clubs are hosting weeks or weekends, please contact me so I can compile a list of them and we can send information out to inquiring parties.

When you are talking to clubs as a liaison please ask them if they offer a young adult or student rate, and if so, what is it? I would like to compile a list and write a couple of articles for our newsletter, and possibly for some outside publications for the summer.

Scholarship Committee
Ernie Wiese - Committee Chairman

First, and most importantly, special thanks to Cyndi Faber for her work on revamping the scholarship application forms. Thank you Cyndi!

I enlisted in the military and used the system to get a basic education in what was to become my life-time trade. I did not do a single day of a college or university. Therefore, I had no specific reference on how the registration process worked, let alone how to streamline it in our case. Cyndi understood the specifics and adapted our new program accordingly.

We can rest assured that AANR West is well positioned to grow our new scholarship program from this point forward.

The two primary changes are:

- 1) Streamline the application process by providing the application process can be completed online.
- 2) Allowing for AANR West to cover those who want to attend a college or a vocational or technical training school, at any age. Therefore, active members may also take advantage of this program, as well as their families and children.

Granted that the parents are often the primary source of paying for a college level education, and AANR West fund certainly help, but we as an organization recognize that not every member may be financially responsible for a child in college. We are addressing the possible need for an adult member to request assistance also for additional educational or vocational training.

Expenses for growing this program are negligible. But the potential for us to give back to the clubs who fund us through their membership requirements, could be huge through the vocational option. It is a direct win-win situation.

We would suggest the Board consider expanding the funding of the program at the next annual BOD budget meeting to address the continuing education program. At this point we offer the program on our WEB site, but there is no specific dollar amount available.

The next report to the Board will have specific results available since we have just begun as of January 1, 2019, so we will have actual applications to report for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted;

Ernie Wiese
Chairman

Government Affairs Report – February 2019

By Gary Mussell and Ron Weimer, GAT co-chairs

California Parks and Recreation Show (CPRS)

AANR-West has a booth at this annual trade show. This year it is in Sacramento, March 20-21. It attracts employees and supervisors from the various parks each year, plus an occasional legislative staff member. It gives us an opportunity to discuss social nudity in general but also to advocate for designated places within the park system to be set aside for clothing-optional use.

We have updated and are reprinting the two Government Affairs brochures for this show.

U.S. Public Lands Deregulation

Several bills were introduced in the U.S. Senate this year affecting recreational areas in California and Utah where nudists like to hike and camp. They deal primarily with land transfers between Federal agencies and redefining the boundaries of existing Federal wilderness areas so that more of these protected lands can be used for oil drilling mining, cattle grazing and other farm or agricultural use.

- Senate Bill S2809 (Hatch-Utah) affects over 500,000 acres in Utah are designated as national wilderness areas, including Candland Mountain, Crack Canyon, Desolation Canyon, Devil's Canyon, Horseshoe Canyon (North), Mexican Mountain, Muddy Creek, Nelson Mountain, San Rafael Reef, and Sid's Mountain.
- Senate Bill S140 (Flake -Arizona) amends the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010.
- House Bill HR 857 (Cook-CA) This bill amends the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 to reduce its size and to allow off-road vehicles (ORV) in previously protected areas.

None were heard by Congress committees before it adjourned, but the Trump Administration went ahead and designated many of these proposals via revised regulation and executive order.

During the past year, the Trump Administration has reduced the size and number of many designated wilderness areas via revised regulation and executive order.

Because we lack the financial ability to retain a lobbyist or make the necessary political contributions, AANR is basically powerless to stop or amend any of these proposals. We will continue to monitor these proposals and regulations and report back on any future changes.

NPS - Saline Valley

The National Park Service completed and released its long-anticipated report recommending changes to the Death Valley National Park and adjacent areas under its jurisdiction, including the traditionally clothing-optional Saline Valley Hot Springs.

To our relief, there were very few changes recommended to this remote and under-developed Springs except to officially approve the makeshift airstrip called the "Chicken Strip," basically a strip of flat dirt used by people to access the Springs who do not want to drive the bone-crushing four-hour drive on a 50-mile long rutted dirt road to get there.

After first advocating its removal, NPS has now agreed the "Chicken Strip" will stay and be improved, thanks to the efforts of the local Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF) whose volunteer members will become responsible for its upkeep.

AANR member Peter Connolly visited the area in October and he said all the clothing-optional hot tubs, built there over the years, will remain as will some of the non-indigenous plants such as the Palm trees once threatened with removal. The park superintendent has adopted a live-and-let-live attitude toward the traditional nudity there.

Both the difficult access and the lack of improvements means the place will never become a major tourist destination - so much the better for both the handful of residents and nudist visitors!

WNBR-Los Angeles

The annual bike ride through downtown Los Angeles is slated for Saturday June 22. The organizing

committee consists of representatives from the two local clubs plus AANR-West and The Nativist Society, and this year the group is incorporating so they can obtain a parade permit from the city. The reason is the ride regularly attracts 3650-400 riders and this is too many for the regular bike lanes. We need a formal organization to request a staging area in a public park (as is done in Portland) and to have deputies block traffic at intersections. All sponsors get information tables in the staging area and we always hand out literature and some spiffs to those interested.

WNBR - Cathedral City, CA

On December 16, the newly elected mayor of this small town located near Palm Springs in the Coachella Valley proposed the city sponsor a World Naked Bike Ride there in April or May of 2020. The local Desert Sun newspaper article said the City Events Manager, Chris Parman, favored the idea but said a special use permit will have to be issued by the city and routine coordination with local law enforcement would be necessary. Parman added that, if approved, the ordinance of public nudity for the bike ride will be waived for that day. Mayor Greg Pettis, the city's first openly gay mayor, got the local Rotary Club to commit to co-hosting the event and public hearings were scheduled for after the first of the year.

Unfortunately, on January 16, the mayor suddenly died from complications related to gastric bypass surgery. We don't know where that leaves the proposal. After an appropriate mourning time, both AANR-West and NAC plan to approach the new mayor to see if the idea is still alive.

California's Sexual Harassment Law Strengthened

For many years, the relevant provisions of California's Fair Employment and Housing Act ("FEHA"), sections 12950 and 12950.1 of the California Government Code, require employers with 50 or more employees to provide sexual harassment training for all supervisory employees. As of January 1, 2019, the law requires employers of **five or more** employees—including seasonal and temporary employees—to provide sexual harassment training for both supervisory and non-supervisory employees.

AANR-West will send emails to all landed club managers in the state to make sure they are aware of this change and make sure their club complies.

Utah Theater Owner Wins Lawsuit

Lawmakers and the governor in the conservative, predominantly Mormon state had backed a law that is largely aimed at strip clubs but also prohibited serving booze during films with simulated sex or full-frontal nudity.

Until now.

A movie theater sued in 2016 after Utah regulators threatened to fine it up to \$25,000. The state defended the measure in court, calling liquor and sex an "explosive combination"

In September 2018, after a lengthy trial, a Federal judge struck down the law last year as a violation of First Amendment rights, ruling the theater is not an adult-oriented establishment, and *Deadpool* is a mainstream, R-rated movie. The judge ordered the state to pay more than \$475,000 in legal fees after it lost a court fight over a law that banned serving alcohol during the racy, foul-mouthed superhero film *Deadpool*.

Liquor authorities were concerned about a suggestive scene in the film's credits involving a cartoon unicorn, among other things. The theater's attorney and former Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson argued that the law was so vague it would apply to Michelangelo's "David."

His office was awarded attorneys' fees and an additional \$3,800 in other legal costs. *Deadpool* star Ryan Reynolds held a fundraiser that raised \$22,000 for the plaintiffs, and this was deducted from the final financial award.

Idaho lawmakers repealed a similar law last year when a theater sued after its liquor license was threatened for showing *Fifty Shades of Grey* while serving alcohol.

Hawaii Bill Would Extend Penalties for Drone Photos of Nude Persons

Just introduced 01/16/19 - HI 2019 HB 13 This legislation seeks to increase the penalty for “violation of privacy” from its present status as a misdemeanor - to a class C felony, if:

- a. The person intentionally or knowingly installs or uses, or both, in any private place, without consent of the person or persons entitled to privacy therein, any device, including an unmanned aircraft system, for observing, recording, amplifying, or broadcasting another person in a stage of undress or sexual activity in that place; or
- b. The person knowingly discloses or threatens to disclose an image or video of another identifiable person either in the nude, or engaging in sexual conduct, without the consent of the depicted person.
- c. This paragraph shall not apply to images or videos of the depicted person made when the person was voluntarily nude in public or voluntarily engaging in sexual conduct in public.

Analysis: If the bill becomes law, it might allow prosecution of a drone-flying voyeur who hovers his device over a backyard skinny dipper or nude sunbather, or if a drone camera looks in a window of a residence. But the bill does nothing for a publicly nude person on a public clothing-optional beach. The annoying drones on a public beach will still be legal. It is too early to decide whether naturists should support this bill or oppose it, as similar bills in the past have rarely made it out of committee. We are watching it.

HOW DID THE 2018 MIDTERM ELECTIONS AFFECT NATURISTS?

The Government Affairs Team (GAT) is still assessing the effects of all the various state changes that occurred as a result of the November 6 midterm elections.

Some interesting factoids from this year’s election:

- With Idaho and Utah voting yes, it is finally the law in every state that mothers can legally breastfeed in public.
- With the defeat of Gov. Scott Walker in Wisconsin, local nudists have emailed me they are hopeful the new Democrat administration will be more open to the restoration of the clothing-optional area at Mazo Beach, which Walker closed several years ago.
- “Trifecta states” (where one party controls the governorship and both houses of the state legislature) saw a net gain of six states for the Democrats. The current count is Republicans have 22 trifectas and Democrats hold 14. This means essentially “one party rule” in those 38 states.
- The only state left with a divided legislature is Minnesota. The remaining 49 state legislatures are all controlled by one political party or the other. Of those states, Democrats control 18 legislatures while Republicans control 31.

Some of the new legislative sessions will begin in December and others in January or even later. We will be watching for bills that affect nudists, and we will report these to you in future newsletters. Here is more election information about our region’s individual states:

CALIFORNIA

This state remains the “bluest” of the “blue” states, with Democrats holding all statewide elected offices, and holding a 2/3 majority in both the State Assembly and State Senate. New bills can be introduced starting December 1.

Fifty-three members of Congress come from California. The election flipped four of these seats from Republican to Democrat, so the count is now 40 Democrats, 13 Republicans, depending on if there will be any recounts.

U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein (D) easily won reelection to her sixth (and probably her last) term. At

age 85 she is the oldest and the longest current serving member of the Senate.

The CA legislature came back into session at the start of the new year with hundreds of bills already introduced. Nothing looks like it affects nude recreation for now.

ARIZONA

Arizona remains a Republican “trifecta” at the state level. Republicans control the state Senate with 16 seats to Democrats' 13 seats. Republicans control the state House with 28 seats to Democrats' 26 seats with two not yet decided.

Republican Rep Martha McSally was defeated by Dem Kyrsten Sinema for the U.S. Senate seat previously held by GOP Sen. Jeff Flake. In mid-December, the other US Senator from Arizona, Jon Kyl, decided to resign. He was appointed to fill the seat held by John McCain until his death this past August 25. The governor decided to appoint McSally to the seat, so both Senate candidates now represent Arizona. McSally must stand for re-election in 2020.

The state's nine U.S. House seats remain split between five Democrats and four Republicans, a net gain of one for the Democrats.

COLORADO

The Democrats kept the Governorship in their column, and they also picked up a Congressional seat making that count now four Dems and three Republicans, with one not yet decided as of this writing. Congressman Jared Polis will be the country's first openly gay man to serve as governor.

Colorado's State Senate flipped with 18 Dems and 17 Republicans, while the state House now has a Democratic majority 37-23, a net gain of four for the Democrats.

HAWAII

Hawaii has been a Democratic trifecta for many years, controlling all state elected offices, and both state houses by wide margins. The party won the single US Congressional seat by a 50% vote margin, and Sen. Mazie Hirono was re-elected to the US Senate by a 71% margin over her Republican opponent.

Note: The closest AANR came to problem legislation this year was in Hawaii with HI 130, which asked for an investigation of all nude beaches. The bill died in committee without a hearing for the second year in a row. We will be watching to see if the same legislator tries for a third time in 2019.

NEW MEXICO

The Governor's office flipped to the Democrats this year, and all the other statewide elected officials are also now Democrats. Democrats control the state Senate with 26 seats to Republicans' 16 seats. Democrats regained control of the State House in November 2016 and increased their six-seat margin to 22 with two still undecided.

The U.S. Senate seat remained in Democrat hands by a 54% to 30% margin. New Mexico has three U.S. Congressional seats, and the Democrats now hold all three after flipping the last one.

NEVADA

The Democratic "blue wave" hit was never more evident than in Nevada this year, with Democrats taking the Governorship for the first time in two decades and toppling the incumbent Republican U.S. senator.

However – only in Nevada! - a brothel owner and reality TV star, Dennis Hof, who died a month before the election, still won his race for Nevada's 36th Assembly District. Hof, who ran as a Republican and calling himself “The Trump of Pahrump” defeated Democratic challenger Lesia Romanov by more than 7,000 votes, proving the old cliché that some people would rather vote for a dead man than for someone from the opposition party. According to state law, county officials will

appoint a replacement, but as of this writing, this has not yet happened.

In other Nevada news, the **Burning Man Festival**, held August 26 – September 3. Nevada courts have maintained that simple public nudity in Nevada, outside specific types of businesses set aside for it, may be charged with both indecent exposure and open/gross lewd behavior for the same offense. Despite this, deputies did not cite any Festival participants for nudity, despite there being many hundred people there who were openly nude. Arrests were made for drug use, however.

UTAH

Utah remains a Republican trifecta, controlling the governorship as well as a majority in both the state Senate and state House (58-17 seats) although the Democrats had a net gain of two seats in the lower house. Former Republican Presidential nominee Mitt Romney won election to the U.S. Senate with 62% of the vote.

WYOMING

Wyoming is also a Republican trifecta, with that party holding the governorship and a wide majority in both the state Senate and state House. The Republican U.S. Senator was re-elected easily, as was the state's sole member of Congress, Liz Cheney, daughter of the former U.S. Vice President. The state's legislative session starts February 12.

Liaison Reports

Friends of Bates Beach

After 28 years on the Carpinteria City Council, its longest serving incumbent, Brad Stein, lost his bid for re-election on November 8 by 301 votes. He will be replaced by newcomer Roy Lee at the end of the year. Two incumbents (Gregg A. Carty and Al Clark) were reelected.

Stein was a supporter of our clothing-optional section at Bates Beach. Lee, 37, is co-owner of the popular Uncle Chen restaurant in town. I spoke to him about the beach at a candidate's forum in October, and he was open to hearing more about it. The fifth candidate for city council, Dar Ringling, head of the local Republican Party, came in dead last in the voting. At the same Candidate's Forum, he told me a flat "No" when asked if he was open to our use of the beach.

A meeting with the Mr. Lee is pending.

Mayor Fred Shaw, a friend of the nude beach, rotated out of office and was replaced by Councilmember Wade Namura, who is far less friendly. We don't know what this means for stricter law enforcement on the beach, but I am in the process of arranging a meeting with him in another month or so to hear if the verbal agreement with the city has changed.

Meanwhile, a new round of Beach Ambassador training is scheduled for mid-April. Books have been printed, and classes will be promoted in the local newspaper in March. Monthly Meetup dinners for local residents of Santa Barbara County will resume in Carpinteria in April.

Olympian Club

This club, founded in 1952, was on the brink of going out of business last Fall as its membership had dropped from 250 a few years ago to just under 30 today. What is left of the membership lives in Orange County near Tustin and in Riverside County just to the north. The average age is over 80. A meeting was called in November to decide its future.

SCNA Board member Robert Young, who lives in the south Orange County area attended the meeting and invited the Olympian members to several of the nudist events being held by NitOC and SCNA, the two nearby nudist clubs. Apparently, the members were not aware of activities outside their own occasional pot luck dinners despite having this information sent to their club president every month. They were quite interested! At the meeting, the members rallied and decided to give the Olympians another chance. Young has joined their Board and will be attending their meetings to be sure these outside opportunities are communicated.

Southern California Naturist Association (SCNA) Liaison Report

February 4, 2019

Submitted by Rolf Holbach: SCNA President

The SCNA is still the largest non-landed naturist club in California with 140 paid members plus a mailing list of approx. 450. It is affiliated with both The Naturist Society and AANR, but dues for these two national organizations are voluntary. Currently 31 members also belong to AANR and about 30 also belong to TNS, with perhaps a dozen people overlapping and belonging to both. SCNA annual dues remain at \$90/individual or \$115/couple.

All members and event guests undergo a background check before admittance to events or before being accepted as participating members of this non-profit California Corporation.

The SCNA slowed down for the holidays with our traditional **Pre-Thanksgiving Party** in November, and for the third year in a row photographer, Jack Gescheidt, came to our Arroyo Del Sol B&B to take

TreeSpirit Photos up the Gabrielino Trail in the Angeles National Forest with any nudists who wanted to participate. His photo from the 2017 session at Arroyo Del Sol made the cover of the Summer 2018 (#37.4) "N" magazine and can be seen on his website at treespiritproject.com.

Our only clothed party of the year, was our **Holiday Party and Awards Banquet** in December. We normally use these months to survey our membership getting their feedback on what they like and don't like about the club and the events we host. It gives our Board of Directors a good direction in how to plan for the following year. We have found that the majority enjoy us offering a variety of new and traditional activities to our members, inviting and including members of other local affiliated non-landed clubs which continues to attract new naturists to the SCNA. The result is that our paid membership has remained at a solid 140, due to some membership churn related to some aging members. We have increased followers on our Meetup.com page to 2081, and have 11,800 followers on Twitter, and 592 Facebook members.

We started 2019 off with two great events. On January 12, the SCNA returned to the fabulous Getty Museum in West LA where we held our **Nude Scavenger Hunt** where contestants roamed through the pavilions answering questions about the nude artwork and sculpture. This year the Getty featured a great exhibit on "Renaissance Nudes" which brought out many new people to our event. On January 26, almost 50 SCNA and NitOC members met at a Korean-style spa in Torrance for a **Nude Spa Evening** to enjoy the various pools, saunas, massages, and body scrubs. Normally the spa is limited to Men Only, but as the owner is an SCNA member, he closed it and allowed both men and women, to enjoy the facilities.

February began with our traditional **Super Bowl Chili & Soup Cook-Off Party** at a member's fabulous football party house in Victorville. February 9th will see our first **Women's Only Event** of the year by the SCNA ladies who've dubbed themselves the "Dragonfly Ladies". 2019's first show of the body positive productions at the Two Roads Theater in Studio City sponsored by AANR, the SCNA, and the Clothing Optional Home Network will take place later that same evening. This show is a well-attended **Nude Stand-up Comedy Show**. As with all the shows presented by the **NudeComedyLA** group at the theatre, these are all inclusive naturist experiences where the audience as well as the performers are all required to be nude. At each show, this is the **first** social nude experience for many attendees! The following weekend of Feb. 16-17, several members of local clubs and resorts will head to the annual **Travel and Adventure Show**, held at the LA Convention Center, to help staff the AANR-West booth there. The SCNA has added two new events this month. The first is a "**Pinball Wizard**" **Nude Retro Arcade Event** where we've rented out a video game arcade on Feb. 23. The next evening we'll have a **Nude Academy Award Viewing Party** where prizes will be given to the person who guesses the most winners correctly.

Spring will arrive for the SCNA on Saturday, March 16, for our **St. Patrick's Day "Think Green" Party** theme at a member's home in which a Best Salad contest is held. Sunday, March 24th will see us hosting our first **Nude Bowling Party** of the year, a multi-club event which is so popular it draws naturists from all over Southern California, even as far as from San Diego.

On Saturday, April 6th, we'll have a "**Nothing But Net**" **Nude Game Party** at a member's home. The following weekend we'll join up with members of NitOC and the Camping Bares for a hike down to **Deep Creek Hot Springs**. Various members will participate in, or spectate at, Olive Dell's increasingly popular **Bare Burro 5K Run** on Sunday, April 28, and participate in their **Naked Beer Mile** race the day before.

Instead of our traditional **Cinco De Mayo Party** in West LA we're switching it up to a **May the 4th Be With You Party** on May 4th. The SCNA will return to the popular T Health Spa in Torrance for another **Nude Spa Evening** inviting members of other local clubs on May 18th. A few members will

travel up to San Francisco that same weekend to participate with the nude contingent in the **Bay to Breakers** 12K on Sunday, May 19. We'll close out the month by returning to Olive Dell Ranch for their **Rockin' the Ranch Music Festival** on Memorial Day Weekend.

Some of the SCNA's Dragonfly Ladies will hold another **Women's Only Event** on June 1st. A number of other members will head over to Glen Eden for **AANR-West's Summer Festival** as well as their **Nude 5K** that weekend. The following weekend we'll join up with members of NitOC and the Camping Bares for a hike down to **Deep Creek Hot Springs**. Saturday, June 15, we'll have our first "**Black Gold Party**" out at a member's home in Bakersfield. So that we're not competing with LA's Pride Parade again, we scheduled 2018's **World Naked Bike Ride** on Saturday, June 22. Our sister group, Friends of Bates Beach, will once again enter a car in the Carpinteria **Fourth of July parade** for the seventh year in a row on Saturday, June 29. Our first **Bates Beach Party** of the year will take place the following day on Sunday, June 30.

The club's **Election/Members Appreciation Party** will be held in Altadena on July 13. Some members will head up to Lupin Lodge for the **Naturist Society's Western Gathering** from July 18-21, while others will head out to Mountain Air Ranch for the AANR-West Convention, July 25-28. We'll host another **Bates Beach Party** on Saturday, July 27.

On August 10th we will return to Olive Dell to host our annual **Nude Summer Games**, and we invite **all** clubs, landed or non-landed, to send participants to represent their club, or just come out and have fun! Some will head up to Sun Meadows Resort for the **AANR National Conventions** from August 12-19. Our **Bates Beach Party** this month will be on August 24.

Paralleling these events will be our monthly **Men's Only Nude Yoga** classes in Canoga Park as well as **Co-Ed Nude Yoga** classes that take place in Altadena. More shows with the **NudeComedyLA** group will be scheduled throughout the year also. We continue to host monthly **Meetup dinners** in Van Nuys, Pasadena, and Torrance. In April we will resume our Meetup dinners in Ventura and Carpinteria.

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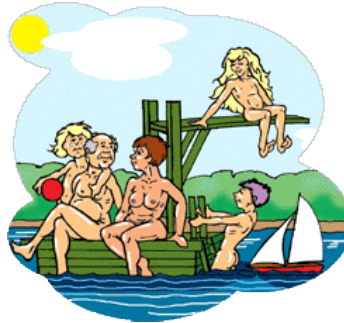
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AANR-West Regional Board of Directors Meeting

Lupin Lodge o Los Gatos CA • Saturday 2nd March, 2019

AANR — FLORIDA REGION

Jeff Baldasarre has introduced a revamped FACEBOOK page with an impressive Economic Impact Report on the state's and recreation highlighted. "Florida has a competitive over all national and international destinations to be the mecca for nude recreation which in turn creates excellent for broad-based economic growth." With thirty-four clothing-resorts and a yearly average of 2,2 million nudist visitors, enjoys approximately \$7,4 billion in annual total economic the other forty-nine states taking note?



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AANR — WESTERN CANADIAN REGION



Six landed and five travel clubs between British Columbia and Manitoba are represented in this region. With Canadian winter settling into the region, our Northern cousins find ways to *bare* temperatures so low, there is little difference from Celsius and Fahrenheit! "Winter Supper & Swim" at GREEN HAVEN SUN CLUB is held the third Saturday each month at a local pizza parlor and then a nearby swim centre. The SUNNY CHINOOKS also has a scheduled pool gatherings and après-swim get-togethers throughout the season. No reply for current information was received by report deadline.

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HANGIN' LOOSE CLOTHING OPTIONAL RETREAT & BOTANICAL GARDENS

Michael and Jan Smith have recovered nicely from the May-August 2018 Leilani Estate eruption of Kīlauea. The event adversely affected their summer reservations as the Island also saw an estimated 50% reduction of visitor arrivals. The Ironman Triathlon in October brought number of European regulars who enjoy the competition and the relaxing atmosphere. The *snowbirds* are arriving with good bookings for the winter months. A follow-up article about HANGIN' LOOSE and other clothing-optional venues around the Island of Hawai'i is forthcoming in **THE BULLETIN**.

Just a half-hour's drive down Kea'au-Kalapana Road from HANGIN' LOOSE is the black sand beach of Kehena where an eclectic collection of island visitors, local *granola* and the simply curious — all in various stages of undress — enjoy the sun, sand, surf and occasional *honu* in true harmony. Be prepared to hike a short but quite vertical path and heed the advice about the usually rough waters. The good news is that most Puna District roads are open again, including Route 130 between Pāhoa and Kalapana.

hanginloose.com

LIVING WATERS SPA

The old "Kismet Lodge" is enjoying the winter months with many snowbirds flocking to the warmer climate of the Coachella Valley. Jeff



and Judy

Bowman celebrated their 15th Anniversary in November. They've also placed LIVING WATERS SPA on the market with the hopes that a buyer will be found who will keep it as a clothing-optional retreat. The unique, **QUIET** European-style getaway in the town of Desert Hot Springs has its own hot water spring which heats the Jacuzzi; the water then flows down to the pool before being gently returned to its source.

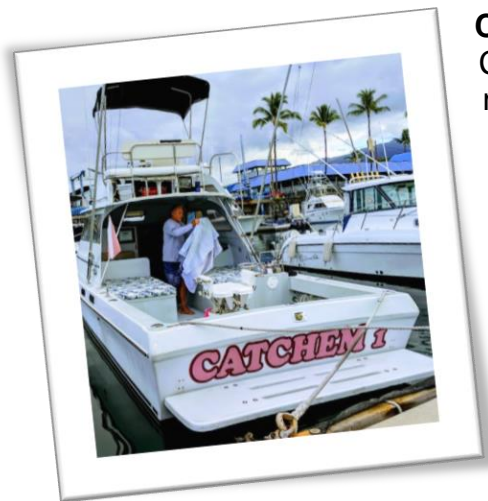
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NATURISTS IN THE O C

This non-affiliated travel club based in Orange County has several **AANR-WEST** members amongst its ranks. They host monthly pizza nights, trips to Southern California clubs, hikes to Deep Creek as well as a number of activities with **SCNA**. No reply for current information was received by report deadline.

nitoc.weebly.com

SWIM FREE HAWAII!



Capt. Chuck Hauptert was back in the swing of things with a busy Christmas / New Year holidays and the high season for visitors. His new business partner, **Gloria**, offer clothing-optional cruises are a sideline to his fishing charters. Bookings continue to be received from **THE BULLETIN** and the good captain has extended his advertising with **AANR** for another year!

This director had the opportunity to join **Capt. Chuck**, **1st Mate Gloria** and four other guests on a four-hour nude whale watching and snorkelling tour. None of these passengers were familiar with the **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR NUDE RECREATION** yet were enthusiastic about clothes-free living; what the ... !

swimfreehawaii.com