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AANR-WEST SUPPORTS TOP FREEDOM RALLY IN DENVER

By Jeff Tendick

AANR-West exhibited at the annual “Denver Go Topless Day” held at Skyline Park in downtown Denver Colorado. The event happens every year on the Sunday closest to Women’s Equality Day (Aug 26), which was the day after the event.

AANR-West VP Cyndi Faber, Board members Jeff Tendick and Ernie Wiese, as well as new AANR President Kathy Watzel and her husband Bob occupied one of only seven booths available to display and promote AANR and AANR Western Region.

The booth was set up with 3 backdrops, literature and club information along with freebies such as pens, note pads, lip balm, emery boards, “Nudist and I Vote” buttons, temporary tattoos and AANR bumper stickers. One attendee was very proud of his bike helmet and immediately placed the round sticker along with many others on his “personal billboard helmet”.

The AANR West Beach balls were blown up and distributed for playful activities in the open grassy area of the park. Additionally, t-shirts and cool-neck sport towels were offered as bonus incentives for attendees to **join AANR on the spot**. A laptop (with internet access) displayed the *AANR.COM* website. We had five people join during our time there! We also offered club brochures and Mountain Air Ranch, the nearest club, offered free day passes.

At one of the other booths we saw body painters busily decorating people’s bodies with messages.

At 3:00 pm, several hundred top free women and men paraded down Denver’s central mall and rallied at the capitol building with speeches and placards (see photo below). We saw several bystanders spontaneously joined in.

The organizers said they had an easier time this year, since the state supreme court had recently ruling that women could be top free anywhere an man could be top free. With greater acceptance, we were told there was less far fewer gawkers and paparazzi than in previous years.

A Denver Parks and Recreation ranger patrolling on bicycle told us there were no arrests made or citations issued.

Will we do it again next year? Absolutely!



Convention News



AANR CONVENTION BRINGS TOGETHER CLUB LEADERS FROM ACROSS N. AMERICA

By Gary Mussell

Immediately following the AANR-West convention, the AANR International convention rolled into town at De Anza Springs. Delegates and others from around North America came together to discuss AANR policy and direction, witness the installation of the new officers and several new trustees, take care of ceremonial activities, and participate in informational workshops.

As AANR-West Regional President I attended the AANR convention at De Anza. Aside from the ceremonial changing of the guard, very little business of substance was decided during our six days of meetings and workshops, although there was progress made on several fronts. There was an emotional tribute to AANR Trustee and longtime head of the current Finance Committee Bob Campbell who passed away in April in a car accident.

Kathy Watzel of Colorado's Mountain Air Ranch was sworn in as president but made few immediate changes in policy or committee chairs from the previous administration.

Erich Schuttauf, the interim Executive Director, was asked to stay on while the Trustees begin the search for his successor. The Exec Dir supervises the day to day operations of the staff at the main office in Kissimmee, Florida. AANR's member software is about 30 years old and in desperate need of replacement. Everyone agrees but what the new database program will be remains undecided as the committee assigned to review different client management packages has not yet completed its task. So, no recommendation could be voted on. They expect that decision in the next few months with as much as a year more for full implementation. The cost is expected to be in the \$100k range.

Part of the new system will be the ability to automatically renew one's membership without filling out a form and sending in a check each year and allowing club members to renew online (currently they must renew at their clubs.)

One highlight of each convention is the Annual Report from the seven AANR Regional Presidents, who meet separately and recommend to the Trustees changes they

feel are important. This year, the recommendations included requiring all clubs to conduct background checks on all their members and guests (not all do it) and for AANR to do the same for all who sign up on their website at the main office. This topic was last debated in 2005. The Presidents also asked for some guidance how to enforce the AANR non-discrimination policy, as some clubs still bar singles, children, same sex couples, tattoos, body jewelry, etc. The Trustees took the recommendations under advisement.

AANR loves to give out awards! About a dozen awards were announced, including one to Mountain Air Ranch in Colorado for the highest membership gain during 2017. Southern California Naturist Association won for Best Newsletter (small club size) and Best Web Site (done by a non-professional).

The AANR convention in 2019 will be held at Sun Meadows Resort in Idaho, August 7-10. The 2020 convention was awarded to Star Ranch near San Antonio, Texas.



SCNA President Rolf Holbach and Gary Mussell receive Best Newsletter Award from AANR Vice President Sharon McLeod.



Gary Mussell awards AANR Hall of Fame plaque to Florida's Ralph Collinson.



AANR VP Sharon McLeod presents Highest Membership Gain award to Colorado's Mountain Air Ranch's Kathy Watzel and Oliver Ellsworth.



DEANZA SPRINGS PREPARES FOR BARE BOOTY 5K RUN

By Graham Stewart

Come on out to beautiful De Anza Springs Resort in Southern California (about 70 miles east of San Diego) and run in the De Anza Bare Booty 5K Fun Run!

We are expecting a great crowd of runners and walkers from across Southern California and beyond!

The 3.1-mile course, includes a scenic desert trail, bordering the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

The first 50 finishers will receive a custom medal. In addition, awards will be given to first 3 overall female, male, and under 18 finishers. Raffles will be drawn after the awards conclude. All participants will be given a raffle entry.

All participants will receive a commemorative race T-shirt. DeAnza Springs Resort has a full-service restaurant/bar and grill, and the pool is warm, so plan to spend the whole day with us. REGISTER at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/JacumbaHotSprings/BareBooty5kFunRun>

Discounts are available for couples, families, and groups (3 or more) so join with your significant other, family or friends for this event run/walk. Please see runsignup website.

ERRATA...NAKED MAN FESTIVAL

Some information about the Naked Man Festival posted in the August Western Sun was incorrect. The size of the crowd, for example, was about 2,000 people, not 3,500 and we misspelled the name of the writer. Oops! We apologize and the corrections have been mad and reposted to the August 2018 issue, available at the www.aanrwest/News web site.

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

GLEN EDEN CLUB "100% BACK" AFTER FOREST FIRE

The Glen Eden Sun Club in Corona CA is back to normal operations two weeks after a devastating forest fire burned right up to the back of its Sky View homes area.

Cheryl Leutbacher, the club's marketing manager, reports some 20 residents and staff stayed behind during the 5-day evacuation to water down homes and other buildings as the flames approached. Tanker aircraft dropped orange Foscheck retardant while water-dropping helicopters dropped their loads for several days to protect the park. After the danger passed, she said, these volunteers cleaned up much of the ash from roads, patios and roofs so the place was livable once the evacuation order was lifted.

A "Thank You" lunch celebration was held for all the residents on August 25. A slide show at Piper Hall showed how closed the park had come to disaster and how the local firefighters saved the day. Many residents shared stories of staying at nearby hotels while waiting to learn the fate of the park.

Leutbacher wants to thank the nudist community who followed frequent reports from the park on Facebook and Twitter and gave GE their thoughts and prayers during the ordeal. "We are back in business 100%," she said. "come on back and enjoy the park!"

NEW MEXICO'S ROADRUNNERS HOST SANDIA MOUNTAIN PARTY

By Don Giles

The Roadrunner Naturists Club had a very appropriate event on August 18. It has been unusually hot in New Mexico this summer and our hosts, Doug & Rona decided to move the time of their event to the evening, so we could escape some of the mid-day temperatures. Their home and property is located on the Eastern Slope of the Sandia Mountains and is at about 7,000' altitude so it is usually about 7-10 degrees cooler than the river valley on the other side of the ridge.

About 25 Roadrunners attended and welcomed the comfortable surroundings of Doug & Rona's place. The hot tub was a big draw as was the greenhouse. Their patio provided a shaded place for conversations and just relaxation. As always, the Roadrunners provided lots of varied dishes for the pot-luck meal and we made short work of them.

We look forward to the annual Halloween Party at Doug & Rona's. It has become a regular event on our calendar for the last few years and is anticipated by many of our members.

The Roadrunner Nudist Club is a non-landed club and we welcome anyone who is interested in nudism and the nudist way of life. www.roadrunnernaturists.com



Noodle "Javelin" Toss for Accuracy brings out club rivalry

OLIVE DELL RETAINS SUMMER GAMES CLUB TROPHY

By Rolf Holbach

The team from Olive Dell again reigned supreme and retained the first-place trophy in a hard-fought and close competition at the annual Nude Summer Games. We had 81 people from six different nudist clubs who participated in one or more of the eight games, which were played in and around the Olive Dell pool and in the bowl below the clubhouse. There were probably another 60 or so people who watched and cheered their teams on.

The games began with the ODR Team bringing the cup back to the stage in a proud procession to the tune of Queens "We Are the Champions"! Some of the games, such as the Water Cup Relay, Hula Hoop Pass, and Noodle Race, were old favorites. Another popular event at the pool is the Water Bottle Dive, where teams had to retrieve plastic bottles full of water from the bottom of the pool in one breath. We brought back two favorite games from last year, the Pool Noodle Javelin Toss, and the Inner Tube Pool Relay. Before we moved down to the bowl for the popular Water Balloon Toss, and the only individual game, the Frisbee Toss, we stopped at the volleyball court for a few rounds of a demonstration sport, Water Balloon Volleyball. The last event was the traditional Pudding Toss where many kids of all ages let out their frustrations on each other with a choice of chocolate or vanilla in a friendly exchange of gooey delight.

At the awards ceremony Rolf presented individual medals and the team trophy. The first place Individual Winner was Trace Register of Olive Dell with 19 points. Second Place went to Brian M. of SCNA, and third place was awarded to David Bruce of the NitOC club. Brian and David had tied for second place with 15 points each but Brian edged out David in a tie-breaking shoot-out with beach balls tossed through the javelin targets in the pool. The Winners Club Trophy went to Olive Dell Ranch.

Each club had their own scorekeeper to double check each other. Olive Dell Ranch scored 153 points, NitOC

scored 141 points, and SCNA scored 132 points; it was that close! SCNA had a much better showing this year and we thank and congratulate those who played the games. With one or two more participants we might take the trophy back next year!

Brian, who is also a relatively new SCNA member had this to say about the Games:

"This was my first Nude Summer Games and I had a blast! It was very well run with lots of very friendly people. The facilities were clean and well kept. The crowd was inclusive of all age groups and abilities. The games were just challenging enough so that you had fun trying, but silly enough that if you were not athletically gifted you still contributed and had a laugh.

As a new member I was not sure what to expect, was this going to be a cut throat afternoon with people being excluded and others going home upset, or a fun afternoon in the sun? I was very pleased to find that everyone was included who wanted to play, and good sportsmanship was the culture of the day.

The team competitions were thankfully organized so that you were placed with members of other clubs and you had a stress-free way to meet new people and experience the best that all of the clubs had to offer."

After the awards ceremony, Bobby Kilborn served up a delicious dinner of BBQ-style pork strips, corn on the cob, roasted red potatoes, salad, dinner roll, and a homemade strawberry-filled cupcake.

Thanks to all of the SCNA and other club members who participated in the organization and execution of the Nude Summer Games. Thanks to Ed Sandon for supplying the sound system and tunes. A big hand goes out to both Mark Walters and Robert Young who put in many hours, miles, blood (literally), and sweat while organizing these games and keeping them running smoothly. This was truly a team effort that makes me proud to lead such a group of dedicated individuals! Very special thanks go to Olive Dell Ranch for hosting this annual event. We look forward to an even greater success next year.



Clubs compete in the Innertube Relay Race



Twins David and Ryan Smith enjoy their inflatable boat at Shangri-La.

SHANGRI-LA REOPENS POOL WITH AN “OBNOXIOUS INFLATABLE FLOAT” PARTY

By Cyndi Faber

After several weeks of pools being closed for much needed repairs and renovations, both pools at Shangri-La ranch have opened much to the delight of both ranch members and guests. The new pebble-tech surface was a definite hit!

To celebrate, we decided to host a pool party to show off the upgrades, but isn't every event at a nudist resort like a giant pool party? Absolutely! So, to put a twist on the everyday occurrence, Shangri-La gave the event a theme of an “obnoxious pool float” party and we scheduled it for August 18.

Participants were invited to find pool floats that were unlike the traditional loungers. We had about 60-75 people show up and they brought a giant peacock, giant unicorn, and a mermaid tail among other inflatables.



We also had a huge bull (see photo) whose slippery surface proved to be a major challenge to stay on, more so than a real bull we think. Everyone agreed we may want to host a water bull riding competition next summer.

Please come and visit our renovated pool when in the Phoenix area.

WOMEN (AND MEN) IN NATURISM MEETING SEPT 13 TO BE HELD IN SAN FRAN

By Claudia Kellersch,

Hello to all club members and AANR Associates in the greater San Francisco Bay area. I have been appointed the new coordinator for Women in Nude Recreation (WINR) for the AANR Western Region and I want to launch a series of get-togethers and workshops, in order to hear ideas from all interested women (and men) on how to make the naturist experience better for newcomers (and especially women) at nudist clubs, beaches, and other gatherings.

Our first meeting will be at the Archimedes Banya on Thursday, September 13, 2018 noon – 3 pm. Archimedes Banya is a clothing-optional spa complex featuring detox services, massage, steam room, cold pool, etc. located at 748 Innes Ave, San Francisco. A government-issued photo ID is required for entry.

Archimedes requires a \$42 fee to use their facilities, but our workshop was granted a discount to only \$35 for the three hours (you can of course pay the difference and enjoy all their other services yourself). Please RSVP to me at nudewedding2002@sunlink.net to receive directions where our meeting will be held within the Archimedes complex. This event is clothing-optional. If you cannot attend, drop me any thought on the subject to WINR@aanrwest.org



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There's Always Something Happening Around the Region!

Below is a list of major club activities for the next several weeks from around the region. This is only a partial list. Visit the aanrwest.org web site for a more complete list. Click on the club link at right to view some details about the event at the club's web site.

Calendar of Major Events at the Clubs September 1-30

Date	Event Description	Host Club	Club Link
9/1/2018	Labor Day Weekend Dance	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
9/1/2018	Labor Day Weekend Dance	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
09/1/18	Labor Day Weekend Dance & Other Events	Shangri-La Ranch, AZ	joinus@shangrilaranch.com
9/1/2018	Gravestone...A Wild West Murder Mystery	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
9/2/2018	Talent Show	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
9/2/2018	Pool Party	Roadrunner Naturists	http://www.roadrunnernaturists.com/
9/6/2018	Beer Lover's Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
9/8/2018	Pool Party	Olympian Club	olympianclub@aol.com
9/8/2018	Zorthian Ranch Party	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
9/15/2018	Bare Booty 5k Fun Run	De Anza Springs	deanzaspringsrunning@gmail.com
9/15/2018	Nudestock Music Festival	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
9/15/2018	Annual California Beach Cleanup/Beach Party	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
9/15/2018	End of Summer Hot Springs Soaking	SunTree Travel Club	information@suntree.net
9/20/2018	Autumnal Equinox Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
9/21/2018	Faywood Weekend	Roadrunner Naturists	http://www.roadrunnernaturists.com/
9/25/2018	Full Moon Social	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
9/27/2018	Fall Volunteer Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
9/29/2018	Ice Cream Social & Pool Party	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org

Calendar of Major Events at the Clubs October 1-31

Date	Event Description	Host Club	Club Link
10/4/2018	Columbus Day Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
10/5/2018	Carpinteria Avocado Festival	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
10/5/2018	AANR-West Fall Festival	Shangri-La Ranch	joinus@shangrilaranch.com
10/6/2018	Highway Cleanup Day	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
10/6/2018	Oktoberfest	Olympian Club	olympianclub@aol.com
10/06/2018	2nd Annual Desert Buns Run 5K	Shangri-La Ranch, AZ	joinus@shangrilaranch.com
10/11/2018	I Love Lucy Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
10/13/2018	Fall Festival & Old Timer's Reunion Celebration	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
10/13/2018	Home & RV Tour/Oktoberfest	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
10/13/2018	Oktoberfest Party	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
10/14/2018	Bosque Farms Party	Roadrunner Naturists	roadrunnernaturists.com/
10/18/2018	Superman Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
10/21/2018	Nude Bowling	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
10/24/2018	Full Moon Social	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
10/25/2018	Halloween Weekend Events	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
10/26/2018	Halloween Theme Dance	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
10/27/2018	Halloween Bash & Costume Contest	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
10/27/2018	Prepare to be Scared Halloween Dance Party	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
10/27/2018	Halloween Ball	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
10/27/2018	Halloween Party	Mojave Sun Club	mohavesunclub@gmail.com
10/27/2018	Halloween Dance	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
10/27/2018	Halloween Party	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
10/27/2018	Halloween Party	Roadrunner Naturists	http://www.roadrunnernaturists.com
10/27/2018	Halloween Party	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
10/27/2018	Halloween	Mira Vista Resort	relax@miravistaresort.com

AANR West clubs welcome all people willing to conform to its principles and standards, regardless of age, gender, marital status, religious beliefs, ethnic origin or sexual orientation.