

Regional News

AANR West Summer Festival Event Is Cancelled

Glen Eden and the AANR-West Board have agreed to cancel the annual Summer Festival for this year due to the continued need to prevent large crowds in the pool, sports courts, and restaurant at this time.

The event was scheduled for June 5-7 at GE. With California still on lockdown with only a gradual reopening of businesses on the horizon, holding such a large event seemed an unreasonable risk for all concerned.

GE anticipates opening its doors more slowly by letting small group activities resume, such as allowing four people to play pool, tennis, or pickleball activities. But that process is still a long way off, according to a spokesperson for the park.

We apologize to anyone who has already made reservation for the event. Please call the Glen Eden office for a refund.

AANR-West Kids' Camp Still On for June 21-25

The team in charge of this year's Kids' Camp remain hopeful everything will be better by the end of June, so the June 21-25 event at De Anza is still on the schedule.

Claudia Kellersch, the committee chair, wants to hear from anyone still interested in attending. Please contact her directly at claudiakellersch@gmail.com and tell her your thoughts.

Live Burning Man Festival Cancelled, Will Be Held Online

Due to the coronavirus crisis, the annual Burning Man live event in Nevada has been cancelled, but organizers are bringing Black Rock City to them online.

On April 10, the Burning Man Project website published the following:

"Given the painful reality of COVID-19, one of the greatest global challenges of our lifetimes, we believe [cancelling the event] this is the right thing to do...The public health and the well-being of our participants, staff, and neighbors in Nevada are our highest priorities.



"Black Rock City, including event production and participant activity, represents an annual injection of \$75 million into the Northern Nevada economy. There is no doubt [this cancellation] will have a significant impact on Reno, Empire, Gerlach, and other Northern Nevada communities.

"We are, however, going to build **Black Rock City in The Multiverse**. In this Multiverse, Black Rock City will be online, and everyone will be welcome to join in. On a virtual playa, there is no limit to who can participate. Our goal is to have 100,000 participants sharing our passions together.

"Also, we are working to create some kind of "ticket" and a credit/refund process for those who already paid for 2020.

"We are optimistic about Burning Man's future. Please watch our website at <https://journal.burningman.org/2020/> for updates." - Larry, Burning Man Project Manager

However...

Laguna del Sol Naked Man Still On

Laguna del Sol's Naked Man scheduled for July 31-Aug 2 is still on the calendar. They anticipate a much larger turnout this year since the Burning Man Festival will not happen. Early reservations are recommended before they sell out: office@lagunadelosol.com.

Scholarship Application Period Extended to June 1

Last reminder: The deadline to submit applications for the AANR-West Scholarship Program is June 1 for those applying for a two year or four-year college. Application forms may be found on our website at: www.aanrwest.org/scholarship.html.

As of May 1, we have received a few applications, thank you.

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

Both scholarship programs are **open to all ages**.

Financial Support for Clubs

A Reminder About Possible Club Benefits Under The C-A-R-E-S Act

AANR's Glen Miller Fund

A reminder that AANR has its Glen Miller Fund, available to all clubs, should you prefer to borrow no interest loans from our national organization. Call (800) 879-6833 for more information.

AANR West Facility Improvement Loan

Our AANR-West Board of Directors may award a loan to an AANR West club not to exceed \$5,000 for the purpose of improving a club's facilities. The loan is interest-free and is to be repaid at a rate of at least \$1000 per year. Interested clubs should contact us at information@aanrwest.org.

Federal Relief for Small Business

In the previous newsletter we posted links to information about qualifying and applying for benefits available to small businesses under the recently passed federal C-A-R-E-S Act.

As you have no doubt read in the news, some funds for such programs as low interest forgivable loans for payroll and portions of mortgages have been exhausted for now. However, you may wish to discuss these programs with your banker or financial advisor to apply for future funds as they become available.

Meanwhile, some programs remain in place including the availability of payroll tax credits that may be available to offset the expense of employees who must stay home per closure orders. AANR is itself utilizing savings from this program.

A link to this information appears here:

https://www.ustravel.org/sites/default/files/media_root/document/Payroll-Tax-Relief.pdf

You may review information about other programs under the C-A-R-E-S Act, keeping in mind that eligibility and availability changes, on a near-daily basis in some cases.

https://www.ustravel.org/sites/default/files/media_root/document/CARE-Act-Eligibility.pdf

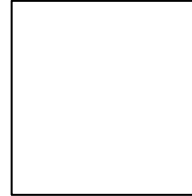
Region News

How Some Members Are Supporting Their Clubs

Remember to **support your favorite park or club**, if possible.



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



How Some Clubs Are Serving Their Members

During the past month, several clubs have held on-line meetings, parties, and game nights. Read later in this newsletter what individual clubs are doing. Meanwhile, consider some of these online activities. Contact us if you need help setting them up:

Online Classes and Workshops:

- Cooking Class from a member's kitchen
- Figure Drawing Class
- Makeup and Body Care Workshop
- Nude Gardening Tips
- Exercise Classes (name your pain)
- Yoga (different levels)
- Various Arts & Crafts Workshops
- Weekly Book Club Get Together
- Movie/TV Show Review Club
- Standup Comedy Class

Games:

- Online Poker Tournament
- Online Backgammon
- Online Bingo
- Online Cribbage
- Online Monopoly
- Online Scrabble Tournament
- Wii Bowling Tournament
- Wii Tennis Tournament
- Wii Volleyball

Should Clubs Should Take This Down Time to Make a Promotional Video?

Here is a great idea! We have always wanted to build a library of videos that show off all the features of our various clubs. Why not take this opportunity to take a video camera out into your park and film a **Virtual Tour** all of its amenities? We can post it onto the region's web site, or perhaps a special section on YouTube or Vimeo.

Our regional travel clubs can do this also! AANR-West is willing to share production expenses with the clubs since this will benefit all of us attract new visitors and potential members. Contact us if interested.



Glen Eden Replasters its Main Pool and Jacuzzi, Sews Masks for Members

Taking advantage of the down time caused by the COVID-19 virus, Glen Eden Sun Club is having a crew replaster its large main pool and Jacuzzi.

Meanwhile, the club's monthly newsletter reports that members of **The Naked Needle Gang** have collected materials and sewing machines and are making masks for the members at no cost.

AANR welcomes all people willing to conform to its principles and standards, regardless of age, gender, marital status, religious beliefs, ethnic origin or sexual orientation. If you have questions, please contact AANR-West at information@aanrwest.org



What Did You Do for World Naked Gardening Day?

SCNA is soliciting stories about what our members did to celebrate World Naked Gardening Day on May 2.

WNGD is celebrated the first Saturday in May each year and 2020 marks the fifteenth annual year when people across the globe are encouraged to tend their gardens, flower boxes and backyards clothed only as nature intended.

Since we are all sequestered at home, why not start your own garden to reduce the number of trips to the store and to insure you will have fresh vegetables to eat?

If you don't have the means to plant a backyard garden, you can make an effort to pull weeds, grow simple vegetables or herbs in a patio flower box with nothing between you and the sunshine but a bit of sunscreen.

Most important, you must tell someone about your experience. It really does not matter who you tell but tell someone. Post that you did it on social media, then send us a copy of your text also. Tell us what you did, where you did it, and how it went. We will publish your stories here in a future newsletter.

And of course, feel free to make World Naked Gardening Day an everyday event.

How About a World Naked Gardening Day Photo Contest?

Send a photo of your World Naked Gardening Day experience to information@aanrwest.org! We will publish them in a future newsletter issue.

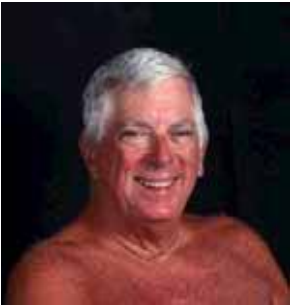
Deadline **May 25**. Prizes for the best ones. Let's see some originality!

IN MEMORIAM

Rich Pasco, 1950-2020

By Gary Mussell

I am incredibly sad to report that my dear friend and naturist giant Rich Pasco, 69, died on April 2 while out for his morning walk through the neighborhood. He died of a heart attack and could not be revived. Rich had suffered a hemorrhagic stroke in early December and spent time in a San Jose hospital as a result regaining his balance and some memory loss. He thought he was on his way to a full recovery.



Rich was the coordinator for the Bay Area Naturist club, published their monthly newsletter for over 25 years, and organized the city's periodic Nude Bike Ride and the annual Beach Cleanup at Bonny Doon State Beach near Santa Cruz, among other things.

He was an active member of The Naturist Society and a member of Lupin Lodge. On weekends at the Lodge one could frequently find him playing water volleyball.

Professionally, Rich was a retired computer engineer. He earned his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University and was a member of the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center (PARC) group at the time they invented the mouse-driven screen technology that later became the Macintosh OS and Microsoft Windows. He holds several U.S. patents.

Over the years, we saw him often at the annual Western Gatherings. He was a mentor to the SCNA club during its early formation and was always available for advice when it was needed. Also, he was an "intern" with the Human Awareness Institute (HAI) and assist with the production of their series of weekend workshops about Love, Intimacy, and Sexuality. A serious photographer, many of his images were published by the National Geographic Society.



Happy 80th Birthday, Oliver Ellsworth



Former AANR-West Board member Oliver Ellsworth celebrated his 80th birthday on April 22 and Mountain Air Ranch and AANR West conspired the occasion with a card shower.

Oliver served for over 20 years as the region's legislation and by-laws chair, among many other duties. He was totally surprised by the gesture and thanks all who sent their greetings. He looks forward soon to when he can thank all in person!

Get Well, Ricc Bieber (an update)



AANR-West Director Ricc Bieber remains in a nursing facility for a few more weeks as his infection has not yet completely cleared. He was hospitalized with cellulitis on March 7 and difficulty breathing.

After 6 days in the hospital he was transferred to where he is now. Then the COVID-19 crisis hit, and he was placed into isolation for his own protection.

Cellulitis occurs when bacteria, most commonly streptococcus and staphylococcus, enter through a crack or break in the skin. If not treated in time, it can spread to the bloodstream and deeper tissues, rapidly becoming life-threatening.

Ricc, who may celebrate his 68th birthday on May 13 in isolation, says he has his ukulele and his laptop to keep him company. He adds he will have some interesting stories to share once he is released back into the world.



Tell Us Your Sequester Story!

If you have any special stories about your experiences about your time sheltered in place you would like to share, please send them to

information@aanrwest.org.

We may publish your text or photo(s) in a future newsletter.

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Polls Open for AANR Biennial Elections

The online and mail-in balloting period has opened for all AANR members to vote in the biennial elections.

Every two years, members of AANR get the opportunity to elect its officers and trustees. That election will take place **May 1 through June 20**. By now, all AANR members should have received an email containing their unique ID code to use while voting. Those without emails received this information by regular mail.

The May issue of *The Bulletin* contains a summary of all the candidates, their campaign statements, as well as a review of the six ballot propositions that modify some of the language in our ruling By-Laws.

For those who did not receive *The Bulletin* we will provide a summary of that information here. You can also read more on the AANR website.

Bylaw Changes Proposed:

There will also be several changes proposed for the AANR By-Laws on the ballot which require members' approval. There are Pro and Con arguments for Propositions 2, 4, and 5 only. Refer to *The Bulletin* or the AANR web site for details.

Proposition #1

This updates the 40-yr old AANR mission statement to read as follows:

"AANR exists to protect, promote, provide and preserve nude recreation by:

- *Protecting nudists and naturists from policies at the local, state and federal levels that interfere with the right to enjoy clothing-free recreation in appropriate settings.*
- *Promoting nude recreation by educating government leaders, employers and the public.*
- *Providing support services and community to our members.*
- *Preserving the financial viability, integrity and strength of the AANR organization."*

Proposition #2

This brings the AANR non-discrimination policy about family members serving on the Board of Directors into compliance with Canada, since our Canadian clubs were in violation of their national law with our current rules.

Proposition #3

This defines the different kinds of AANR memberships (Basic, Associate, Young Adult, Student) and eliminates Couple memberships.

Proposition #4

This eliminates the Student Membership category and folds them into the Young Adult category.

Proposition #5

This removed the fixed date for the annual AANR convention each year and makes it more flexible for the Trustees to make a change if necessary to avoid scheduling conflicts.

Proposition #6

This extends the due date of the annual audit of the AANR books from February 15 to May 31, as proponents say the current date is almost impossible to hit every year.

For AANR President:

Below are the biographies and campaign statements of Watzel and Wayrus.



Kathy Watzel

Kathy has been a nudist all her life and a member of AANR since 1991. For 23 years Kathy has supported her home club, Mountain Air Ranch, in Colorado by serving as a member of the Board of Directors. She has assisted in writing and presenting proposals for MAR to state and county government agencies to assure the clubs future. During her years as a member of MAR, Kathy planned and organized hundreds of activities which included planning dances, sporting events, a kid's camp, writing articles, interviewing and hiring club managers, and working on yearly budgets.

Serving on the AANR board for the past eight years, Kathy has served as Planning Chair, Strategic Planning Chair, a member of the Budget Committee and is the current AANR President. Through Kathy's direction the Planning Committee has tackled tough issues. The committee has discussed and worked on developing a better process for helping clubs that have dropped below minimum membership levels and discussed increasing reimbursement for Trustee expenses. As Strategic Planning Chair, Kathy conducted a study to determine if AANR should sell the office property or continue to own the building. Through her leadership it was decided to maintain ownership which led to the remodel the AANR building.

She was awarded the President's Meritorious Service Award in 2016 for her ability to complete projects she was assigned.

The issues Kathy wants to focus on during this term as President are:

- Committed to protect nudist freedoms for the future
- Continuing to promote and defend the nudist lifestyle
- Complete the Membership Management system
- Improving membership retention
- Work with Lawmakers supporting nudists rights
- Continue to increase public acceptance
- Promote Woman in Nude Recreation (WINR)



Gloria Wayrus

Club: Whispering Pines, NC

Credentials: Director AANR-East, 6 years

Chaired Public Relations AANR-East for 6 years

Strategic Planning Chair for AANR

AANR-East Editor of *East Newsletter*

Served on the AANR-East Legislative Committee

President AANR-East 4 years

Local Boy Scouts of America, secretary, president

Owned a small business for 12 years learning:

- Financial management
- Marketing, sales and customer service
- Communication
- Leadership
- Problem solving

Education and Career:

- BA/Med. Special Education for Behaviorally Challenged
- High School students
- Med./Phd.in Counseling Psychology
- 30 years as a special education teacher
- 10 years as an Associate Professor in Special Education

Miscellaneous:

- Lifetime member of AANR

Candidate Statement:

As President I would make our members a top priority. That is extremely important to me because you are our organization. My “door” will always be open. My dream is to support our young people of all ages. They are our future! Why not invest our energies as members into our youth. We have so many members with so much talent. Imagine giving an hour each week to a young person.

To our members, whoever you are, thank you. If you are always trying to be normal you will never know how amazing you can be. Maya Angelou

**30 Days Has September,
June and November
All the rest have 31... except March
and April 2020, which had 8000.**

For Western Regional Trustee:

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

Below are the biographies and campaign statements of Mullins and Price:



Tim Mullins

Credentials:

- AANR Life Member
- 2017 received Jim Cossins Service to AANR Award
- AANR-West Member Trustee - 6 years
- AANR-West Director - 4 years
- AANR-West GAT Chair - 3 years
- AANR Government Affairs Chair - 10 years
- Member, Laguna del Sol
- Member, Northern California Exposure Club
- Local Club Treasurer, Secretary, and President.
- Community Awareness Team member
- Treasurer of a professional association with annual budget of more than \$100,000 - 6 years
- Regional President, and International Trustee for the Region.
- BA and graduate work from California State University, Northridge
- Numerous Information Technology courses

Candidate Statement:

I think I know most of you already but let me take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I am Tim Mullins, the AANR Government Affairs Chair since 2011.

There is a need for new ideas in AANR and better cooperation among the Trustees as we face the challenges of the next decade. My past 6 years' experience representing the region gives me an understanding of your club needs and ideas for rebuilding our membership.

My long involvement as AANR Government Affairs Chair, protecting your rights and raising AANR's credibility as the voice of nude recreation will serve our Western Region well. I have the skill and experience to make it happen. Visit AANRforward.com for more information.

tim@aanrforward.com



Beverly Price

Please vote for Bev to provide an AANR leader whose core beliefs include Honesty, Transparency and Good Two-way Communication.

I am an Experienced Leader:

- Club Trustee AANR 2018 - current
- President AANR 2014 - 2018
- President AANR Education Foundation, 2008 – 2012
- President WSA (AANR West) 1985 – 1987
- Many WSA/AANR West board positions, 1983 - 2014
- AANR Legislation Chair 2000 – 2014, 2018-current

I am a Dedicated Advocate:

- Registered Lobbyist for AANR in Arizona 1994 – current
- Founder and CFO of the Nude Defense Fund of AZ 1994 – current
- Expert witness for several nudists at successful court trials

I was a Professional Educator:

- Taught High School as a known nudist 1983 – 1997
- Taught many Community College classes on nudism 1989 – current

I am a Skilled Parliamentarian:

- Member, National Association of Parliamentarians 1996 – current
- Appointed official Parliamentarian by several AANR Presidents

I am a Life-long Nudist:

- First AANR club experience 1966 at Mountain Air Ranch in Colorado
- AANR member continuously since 1971

I am an Active Promoter of Nude Recreation:

- Owner/Operator of Arizona Wildflowers Nudist Club 1980 – current
- Planned and Led Nude whitewater raft trips through Cataract Canyon and Grand Canyon, 1988 – current
- Planned and Led Nude Houseboat Trips on Lake Powell, 1983 – 2000
- Planned Hundreds of Nude Events (Pool Parties, Camping Trips, 4x4 Trips, Hikes) 1980 – current



Nominations Being Accepted for AANR-West Board of Directors

If you read this newsletter frequently, you know we have a highly active 9-person board of directors in the Western Region. The board sets priorities and manages different programs of benefit to all 7000+ members in the 8 western states and western Mexico.

Among these are our Scholarship program, a Kids' Camp, the popular Passport program, inter-club sports tournaments and 5K Runs. We have a busy website brimming with information about the clubs and social nudism in general, and we publish a monthly newsletter focused on the activities of our clubs and members.

To manage this successfully requires a little volunteer time. The job requires a couple of hours per month on average, depending on the committee, plus the monthly video conference call we do on the first or second Thursday of each month (6 pm Pacific time) where we all check in on the progress of our various tasks.

You are required to attend three in-person meetings each year: one Saturday in the spring around the first weekend in March, one Saturday in the fall around the first weekend in November, and the 4-day summer convention about the last weekend in July. These dates vary slightly each year, but they are selected a year in advance, so you have plenty of time to set aside those dates on your calendar. Most of the travel expenses except food are reimbursable, as the Treasurer can explain to you separately.

A new Director sits on 2-3 committees for their first year, depending on their skill set and interests. Not all committees meet during the month, but some do, mostly via email or video conferencing, depending on the need and urgency.

If you are interested, the next step for you is to email us at information@aanrwest.org. The election will be held at the Summer Convention in July. We will be electing six director positions. Please let us know by July 1.

Passport Deadline July 1

If you wish to participate in our annual raffle, those of you with stamped passports must mail them to us no later than July 1. Mail to: AANR West, 23679 Calabasas Rd #966, Calabasas, CA 91302.

More details about this in the next newsletter.

Social Nudity in the Age of Isolation

By Dan Carlson, reprinted with author's permission.

April 5, 2020 - We did it! We had our first naturist cocktail party on the Internet last night. Met up – *online* – with good friends that we typically get together with several times a year for naturist-at-home evenings. We've probably all been naked together well over 100 times. But naked together on the internet? Is that the same thing? Isn't that simply being voyeuristic?

As the web has grown up over the years, live nudity on the net has always been tricky to navigate. As far back as the late 90s, when computer-based video conferencing was still in its infancy, I have vivid memories of a single naked guy popping onto my screen, uninvited and announced, literally scaring the hell out of me! I'm not offended by nudity. I'm not offended by guys. But dude... you were not invited into my living room, naked or otherwise.

Then there are groups like **TrueNudists** that have muddied the waters even more. It was quite a long time ago, but as I recall, my only attempt to join this organization was as a provisional member. To become a "verified member," you were required to post a picture of yourself (along with your partner if joining as a couple), naked and holding a sign with your name on it. Supposedly, this was intended to tease out the nefarious perverts, while creating a meet-up place for people who are, well... true nudists! I can only go by hearsay, but rumor has it that once admitted to this verified kingdom of genuine naturists, you're more likely to meet a lonely guy or get hit up by an "adventurous couple" than find other people who are simply seeking naturist friends. I just checked their current splash page today, where their poster child is a young woman identified as "**Wonderhussy**." Thinking this, along with the button

below that says, "I want to view nudist photos," is not so helpful in diverting the perverts and adventurous couples.

But alas, I digress! We didn't go looking for random strangers on the internet for our naturist soiree. We were connecting through a private channel with specific friends. Luckily, I've become quite the **ZOOM** expert in recent weeks as my day job has transitioned to a fully virtual environment where all daily transactions beyond the three people I live with, is conducted in virtual reality.

But this was the first time on **ZOOM** for our naturist friends. They were certainly familiar with Facetime and Skype, but as first time **ZOOMers**, they were still finding their way around the mute button and virtual backgrounds. We actually started our Happy Hour in our hot tub, then later moved inside near the wood-burning stove so that we could link up to the TV where our friends became almost bigger than life in front of a wonky background of crashing waves and wind-blown palm trees. Success!

As is the case in the workplace, it occurs to me that the "sheltering at home" thing is likely to change the way we live our lives long *after* COVID-19 is contained and eradicated. (Please tell me that day is coming soon!) Even though the internet can be glitchy, we found our **Cyber Happy-Hour** to be a lot of fun, and nobody had to assume the role of designated driver. And, in fact, I think it occurred to all of us that perhaps we've been missing out on an opportunity to connect with other naturist friends from the far-flung corners of the planet, of which we've made quite a few during our visits to naturist resorts in Europe, Africa, and Asia. Suddenly, the possibilities seem limitless.

We even imagined a party with a dozen naturist friends where we could have breakout rooms: a breakout room near the bar and another one in the hot tub! Suddenly feeling bored? Pop yourself out of the breakout room and blame it on an internet glitch!

In the meantime, there are others out there who are hard at work trying to address the addiction to social naturism in a meaningful way before the days grow long and warm and those of us diehards grow increasingly impatient with the afflictions of clothing. Naturist leaders are reinventing some of the more traditional portals of information in an effort to create virtual communities for avid naturists.

British Naturism, for example, has been particularly proactive with their constituency (which I joined today, by the way), offering nude yoga sessions, discussion groups (presumably on a platform similar to ZOOM), and even Easter Tea. What could be more celebratory on Easter Sunday than high tea with your new British Naturist friends? Sounds intriguing, right?

Turns out that **Clothes Free Life** is offering similar sessions for their members, though I could not discern if that is simply a chat room, some sort of video platform, or simply an interactive message board of some sort. Turns out that it didn't matter, since their meeting was scheduled to take place at 3:00 pm today, but the moderator didn't happen to mention the time zone where

the meeting was taking place. California? London? Sydney? Details matter. (Figured out at 5:00 pm today that it was at 3:00 pm EDT. Oh well!)

Leading naturist advocate Greggers has been hard at work creating regular ZOOM meetings for the members of the **Naturist Association of Thailand**, but I think you have to be a paid member to participate there as well, and for many of us, the nine to twelve-hour time difference may simply be a deal breaker. But regardless of all that, how does that work out in reality? Do you show up naked to the meet-up? Is it a *clothed* discussion about naturism? Suddenly you have a whole new set of norms consisting of where and when to get naked—none of which provide much of a safeguard against the naked dude that popped into my living room twenty years ago!



In any event, I thought I would offer a few pointers for those of you who have been thinking about hosting or attending a naturist Happy Hour but have not quite summoned up the courage.

- Starting in the hot tub turned out to be a great idea. That took the guesswork out of the equation as to when to get naked. Of course, that *does* require that you *have* a hot tub.
- If you are meeting inside, think ahead and make sure the space is warm and comfortable for nudity. Seems like a no-brainer, but again, you must plan ahead.
- We used my MacBook, then simply flipped over to Apple TV so the screen and the sound was coming through our 46" monitor. But you have to be creative about where you place the actual computer, as that's where the camera is, and it's a bit disconcerting when you feel people are not actually talking to you, but to someone over your shoulder. I suppose that could be ameliorated if you had an external camera mounted to the top of your TV.
- If you are using ZOOM, read up a bit on privacy settings to keep from getting ZOOM bombed. (As I understand it, this is like that situation I had years ago when the dude patched into what I thought was a

private conversation.) We went to the extra trouble of setting a password, easily done, simply adding one more layer of security.

- Make sure the record function is off. ZOOM has the capacity to record either to your own computer or to the Cloud. Since I use my account primarily for business meetings, I am not fond of the idea of stumbling into my link of naked happy hour while in a meeting with colleagues next week.
- While the virtual backgrounds are fun, know that they tend to distort, if not simply absorb the images of the humans in the meeting, depending in part on your *real* background. The more your backdrop is similar to a green screen, the more success you'll have with clear images that don't result in cropping off your ears and appendages.
- And finally....Do not lurk in the shadows. If you have a bright light source behind you (say, a window perhaps) and not much light in front of you, your image will simply be a dark silhouette and your facial features and expressions will be all but indiscernible. We had to move away from the window, then reposition a lamp to cast natural light before our friends felt they could tell who we were. You do not want to look like you're in the Witness Protection Program.

In the end, is it as good as actually being there? Well, close. I think (especially the no designated driver part!) But I am eager to keep experimenting with this format to see if we can get a few more of our naturist friends together. Maybe I'll even try one of these online focus groups, knowing that if the party feels creepy when I "walk in," it's not that difficult to simply *blip* my way right back out.

And who knows? We have spent a lot of time and money over the years making our house and backyard naturist friendly. Hanging out on our back deck with our naturist friends this summer may turn out to be about as good as it gets this year. Better to hope for the best, while planning for the worst. If the worst is a virtual naturist resort on my back porch, that might not be so bad!

Reminder: AANR Can Feature Your Travel Club in the Monthly Bulletin

The *Bulletin* runs a monthly article highlighting AANR's travel clubs. To get your club and activities featured, contact Donna Mollan at donnamollan@gmail.com with information about events, your location, and other promotions.

Current Activity Reports from Our Destination Parks and Clubs

As of May 1, these are summaries of the emails we have received from the clubs in our region, listed by state. Note: These activities and dates are subject to change. Check the club's website for updates:

ARIZONA

- **Mira Vista**

There are no upcoming events currently. All pools and pool bathrooms are closed until further notice. Call us at (520) 744-2355 for current information. The front office hours will now be 9 to 4 to answer calls and emails.

- **Shangri-La**

We request people visit our website at www.shangrilaranch.com for the most up-to-date information.

- **Mohave Sub Club (Lake Havasu)**

Mohave SUN Club has cancelled its scheduled Summer Pool and Game Party scheduled in Lake Havasu City on June 6. It will be rescheduled for when it is safe to do so. I have asked if anyone is interested in online games or setting a time for an online party and will see if there is interest or not. Email mohavesunclub@gmail.com for more info.

- **Canyon States Naturists (Phoenix)**

We have nothing planned at this point due to the Corona virus. We don't have any virtual events scheduled either. When the stay-at-home restrictions are relaxed, we'll get some things scheduled

- **Buff-a-teers (Tucson)**

- We have scheduled Buff members Dan and Kat on hosting at their place on Sunday, June 14th and it will be our first potluck. I personally am hopeful for no face masks.

CALIFORNIA

- **De Anza Springs (Jacumba)**

The good news here is that we have not had a single case of the virus as of 4/12. With most of our staff still onboard we have been using the time wisely to get ready for the return to normalcy. Though all the facilities are still closed, we are keeping everything clean and sanitized. A lot of spring cleaning has also been getting completed throughout. With spring arriving and all the rain that we have had everything is growing very fast. Due to this growth and the effects it has on the fire risk here at the resort, we have had the opportunity to clear away, clean up and minimize that risk.

Though the grounds are an ongoing project, we have had a great head start. A good deal of maintenance in areas of high traffic during normal operations is also getting completed, such as floor repairs in the clubhouse, upgrade to our direct TV satellite equipment and so much more. Again, maintenance is an ongoing task here at the resort, but we are happy that a lot of back burner items have been completed. We have not only been working on the current but also the future.

We have spent a lot of time planning future events (more to come soon) and updating our online presence with an all new website, better content on social media and so much more. We are looking forward to the day that we may reopen the gates for our members and guests to pay a visit and enjoy some friendly, fun nude recreation. Please stay safe.

The **4th Annual Bare Booty 5K run** will be held on Sunday, September 20, 2020. The run will begin at 9 AM with check-in starting at 7:30 AM. The course is comprised of some paved streets and some hiking trails. This year we will be adding the electronic tracking bracelets to track run times and to speed up the process of tallying the final results. Registration will begin Memorial Day weekend

Online Games: Water Volleyball Highlights

We scheduled our first online water volleyball a few weekends ago and we had a great turnout, 10 on 10 (plus or minus). The play was the usual boisterous session we have grown to expect. But it just isn't the same though without being there to see you all in person. We know that sometime this will end, and we will be together again.

Social Nudity in The Age Of Isolation: Naked On ZOOM!

The park held its first naturist cocktail party on ZOOM last night. Met up – online – with good friends that we typically get together with several times a year for naturist-at-home evenings. We've probably all been naked together well over 100 times. But naked together on the internet? Is that the same thing? Isn't that simply being voyeuristic?

- **Glen Eden (Corona/Temecula Valley)**

Non-resident members are being asked to stay away from the club until conditions improve. Staff is taking this opportunity to perform maintenance on many of the facilities around the park.

Glen Eden has canceled activities through May 31, and the Board of Directors will decide on June activities at the May 10 Board Meeting.

Members have organized a Book Club via Zoom The group meets online Tuesday nights. Email GlenEdenEditor@gmail.com for details.

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

- **Laguna del Sol (Sacramento)**

The May 6 Toga Party is canceled unfortunately. We are hoping that Memorial Weekend will still happen but aren't sure what that looks like at this moment. We will likely be open for business but there will also be restrictions in place. We are taking this week by week as we must be careful on how we handle things from here, for the safety of our residents, members, and employees.

We did have a virtual dance party on Facebook live in one of our private groups. People had a blast. We set up several cameras around our DJ playing live and went live in the Facebook group!

- **Lupin Lodge (Santa Cruz)**

After 7 weeks we are open for guests who, I think are smiling under their masks at the thought of lying naked in the sun after being sheltered in place for so long. The pool area, sans hot tub, sauna and pool, saw members enjoying the sun. They have been walking the trails as well.

In order to comply with Social Distancing requirements, we are interacting with guests through the office window, wearing face masks in the office and restaurant, and have postponed all indoor activities

While the pool, hot tub & sauna are temporarily closed, the deck is still open for sunbathing. Enjoy watching the sunrise and sunset from the lookout point on our hiking trails. Practice yoga, tai chi or take time to reflect in our Meditation Garden near the fountain. Enjoy a picnic on the lawn with carryout lunch or dinner from the Nourish Restaurant. Yoga and meditation will be held outside in order to keep required Social Distancing. The Hike to the Labyrinth will also continue.

Lupin's maintenance crew is busy doing essentials like fixing broken stairs, decks and getting ready for fire inspections. We who are here at Lupin are doing all we can do to observe 6 feet of distance, masks and gloves, sanitizing surfaces and doorknobs, and everything required to keep us healthy and safe. We have also added extra porta pottys and sanitizing stations.

- **Northern CA Exposure / River Dippers (Sacramento)**

All events through May have been cancelled. We are rescheduling these following events to later in the year: Derby Day on May 2 at Murphy's and Movie Night on May 9 at the Tiki House

Once we have a firm date when social activities are again the norm, we will let you know when we will hold these events.

- **Olive Dell Ranch (Colton)**

Visit the Olive Dell Ranch Facebook page for the most recent club information. There are no organized events until Memorial Weekend, when they still hope to enjoy the annual 3-day Music Festival. They have postponed the annual Comedy Show until July 11.

The park has postponed its Bare Burro 5K Trail Run. until October 25. You can still register at: <http://www.olivedellranch.com/bburro/>.

- **Sequoians**

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

- **SCNA (Los Angeles)**

The club is going to have an Online Game Party on May 9 from noon until 3-4 PM. It also hosts a couple of on-line Meetup meetings for the newcomers and curious about social nudity living in the greater Los Angeles area. The April online events were well-attended and successful.

SCNA also launched a new on-line email service, **Staying In Touch**, where anyone can sign up to exchange any non-political thoughts, share jokes and memes, etc. During the first week several dozen signed up and now it is up to over 40. The service is keeping members and friends connected and is proving to be of great added value.

COLORADO

- **Mountain Air Ranch (Denver)**

Glenda West, who lives in the guest apartment above the gate house, just sent me an e-mail to say that General Manager Chris May and three people who live in the Lodge at MAR have tested positive for COVID-19. Chris says she is on the mend. We hope to have better news soon.

The park has cancelled all social events on the property for the time being and we continue to ask all members to only visit the property if it's absolutely necessary. We will continue to disinfect the common areas..."

Meanwhile, the park has set up a schedule of **On-Line Happy Hours** via **Zoom** (bring your own appetizers and drinks, obviously). "Be prepared to share your best dirty joke or sing us a song." Members should check the web site to RSVP and for instructions how to login. You will need the Meeting ID and Password to join in on the fun.

HAWAII

All businesses and residents in Hawaii are under a "shelter in place" order until at least June.

- **Swim Free Hawaii**

"All commercial permits were suspended so we cannot charter any boat trips. Hopefully, it'll all be back to normal soon. Rock On!!" - Chuck

- **Hangin' Loose**

"It's really hard being shut down. We have all our ads on hold. We hope to be able to reopen in the fall but if that is questionable, we may have to sell."

NEVADA

- **Las Vegas Bares**

All events through May have been cancelled.

- **Las Vegas Naturists**

We are not open, but we were looking for a mid-May opening. We have started to video communicate with our club members using Zoom.

NEW MEXICO

- **Roadrunner Naturist Club (Albuquerque)**

Most of our club is older so we have suspended all activity for the time being.

UTAH

- **Wasatch Naturists (Salt Lake City)**

No activities planned for May. "As the state of Utah starts opening businesses and easing restrictions on public gatherings, we will consider resuming our monthly swims. We also have a couple of campouts planned for summer that we are looking forward to. But we will continue to follow guidance from health and government officials as we consider resuming our normal club activities." We are talking about doing another online meeting sometime in May, but we haven't scheduled it yet.

- **SUNS (St. George)**

"We canceled the SUNS outing in April due to pandemic; we are hopeful we can get back to normal soon. That said, some of us visited Arlene & Mills a week ago and had an impromptu dinner and a lovely dip in the pool - 88 degrees - delightful. They would like to extend an invite to all the SUNS for the "Inaugural Pool Party of 2020 - Ain't No Virus Ever Gonna Keep US Down" party on May 9 in St George. Members should RSVP at (435) 414-8056 for directions. We will have a short SUNS meeting during the event."

Western Mexico (part of AANR-West)

There were only 2 reported cases in Mexico by the end of February, but on March 31, after its number of cases surged past 1,000 and the death toll rose sharply, the Mexican government declared a health emergency and issued stricter rules aimed at containing the fast-spreading coronavirus

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