

# The Western Sun



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

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We publish this newsletter every month for our independent members and clubs. We appreciate it being forwarded to club members and other AANR guests as you feel appropriate. Communication is the key to everyone understanding all the things that AANR and AANR-West does for the social nudist movement.

## AANR News

### Associates can now renew their memberships online

AANR International announced this month that both Associate and Premier members can now automatically renew their memberships online at the [www.aanr.com](http://www.aanr.com) web site.

You already know how auto-renewal helps you when you forget about renewing. Well, now you can auto-renew your AANR membership for either one or two years. You will see the new check box on the membership renewal page.

Another recent online change is that when you go to the Members Log-in section of the AANR website, you will now be asked to provide your **P-number**. This change was necessary to increase data security and to make AANR's data retrieval more accurate. Remember, your P-number is located on the front of your membership card. It is your unique identifier and every AANR member has one. Simply input the "P" and the numbers that come after it (see picture). As usual, you will also have to input your email address and password. And if you run into any problems, you can call the AANR office (1-800-TRY - NUDE) and we will be glad to help.

#### Club Member Renewals

"What if I got my AANR membership through my club," you ask? We don't have an auto-renewal for Club members yet, so just do what you always do through your club. Down the road, we're looking at ways to make auto-renewal possible for you, too. All of this is meant to make things easier for you, the AANR member.



Sample AANR Member Card with P number highlighted.

### AANR Trustees to Meet in Florida

The annual Mid-Winter meeting of the AANR Board of Trustees is scheduled for February 16-17. The event will be held at the Cypress Cove Resort, just south of Kissimmee.

On the agenda are many new marketing and membership ideas, an updating of the on-line membership computer system, and a discussion about the use of photo for the Bulletin, Facebook and Twitter.

Tim Mullins of the Northern Exposure club, who is our elected Trustee, will be representing the Western Region. Also present from our area will be Gary Mussell, AANR-West President, and Patty Faber of Shangri-La Ranch, who also serves on the AANR Trustee Board.

A summary of the meeting will be in the March issue of this newsletter.

### Hall of Fame Nominees Wanted

The AANR Hall of Fame award is the most prestigious award AANR bestows on its own. It is given only for contributions made by an individual for actions or services to family social nudism that are of considerable magnitude and truly of national importance."

If you wish to nominate someone, there is a form that must be completed. Email me directly at [garym@vcnet.com](mailto:garym@vcnet.com) and I will mail it to you. All names must be submitted by May 1 and all forms must be completed and returned by May 31.

### A Reminder on Scholarships

AANR West has established this scholarship program for students whose parents or grandparents have been, members of AANR West for at least three years at the date of application. Two \$2000 scholarships are awarded each year. Applicants must be seniors in high school or currently enrolled in an accredited post-secondary school with a 2.5 GPA or higher.

Go to <http://www.aanrwest.org/scholarship.html>. Click on Scholarship Application Form. All forms must be submitted (postmarked) no later than April 1. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by June 1.

## AANR- West Club News



### Welcome back, Lupin Lodge

Lupin Lodge, a beautiful clothing-optional resort nestled in a pine valley between Santa Cruz and San Jose, CA, has rejoined AANR-West as an affiliated club.

Established in 1936. Lupin features a majestic view of coastal redwoods in the Santa Cruz Mountains. It boasts a refreshing waterfall, delicious dining, sun deck, pool, jacuzzi, and charming accommodations including yurt cabins, RV hookups, and dry camping. Activities include nature hikes over its 110 wooded acres, periodic volleyball tournaments, tennis courts, therapeutic massage, weekend dances, concerts and other entertainment. The green lawns contain many sculptures and art objects around their periphery. There is also an art gallery.

**E-mail:** [relax@lupinlodge.org](mailto:relax@lupinlodge.org)

**Phone:** (408) 353-9200

**Web:** [www.lupinlodge.com](http://www.lupinlodge.com)



### Welcome to Swim Free Hawaii

Swim Free Hawaii, a clothing-optional and naturist boat charter service, has joined AANR-West. Located in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, they offer a unique, safe, quality experience to couples or small groups who want to soak up the beauty of Hawaii unhindered. The captain is licensed, insured, and has over 30 years' experience on the open ocean. Swim Free Hawaii can be reached at:

[info@swimfreehawaii.com](mailto:info@swimfreehawaii.com)

<https://www.swimfreehawaii.com>

### Sunshine Café at GE Reopens

The Glen Eden Sun Club in Corona, CA announced on Twitter that its Sunshine Cafe is re-opened after a winter renovation. The club celebrated with a wine and cheese event in Piper Hall on Jan 26.

### The Sequoians Have New Court

The Sequoians, in Castro Valley, CA, has a new bocce ball court, and members have taken to it like immediately. The club also tell us their billiards table has been newly refurbished, and tournaments will be announced soon.

## Government Affairs

Many legislatures are back in session, but only a few bills have peaked our interest to date:

In **Hawaii**, SB 691 wants to define nude sunbathing as lewd behavior in the state. We are prepared to oppose it, obviously, when and if the bill ever gets a committee hearing. A similar bill was introduced last year but failed.

Also, in **Hawaii**, HB 1792 would forbid unmanned aerial hobby aircraft (i.e. "drones") from taking photos of people from the air without their permission. This matches GAT's position exactly.

In **Utah**, HB 196 allows pubic breastfeeding whether or not the woman's breast is covered. But they are not as behind as Idaho. In **Idaho**, a bill was introduced last month finally to allow mothers to breastfeed in public. Idaho is the last state with no legal protection for breastfeeding mothers. The last attempt was in 2003, but the bill died in committee.

In **Arizona**, a couple saw its conviction reversed by the Court of Appeal that saw their kids taken away after WalMart refused to process some nude photos taken by the



the parents of their 3 girls (ages 5, 4, and 1½) in the bath. Instead, WalMart called Social Services, who took their kids away. The case has taken ten years. The couple is now suing the state.

Outside our region there were two setbacks for the nudist community:

In **Calgary, Canada**, the Calgary Nude Recreation (CNR) club had a nude swim party planned at a local water park. Some opponents found the promotion online and immediately bombarded the water park's Facebook page and the city council with hysterical complaints and threats to bring baseball bats to the park and knives to slash tires. The city rescinded its permit, citing the probability of violence and their understaffed law enforcement being unable to stop it, if it occurred. AANR members wrote letters supporting the club but there were too few letters compared to the opponents.

Meanwhile in **Jensen Beach, Florida**, the Treasure Coast Naturists had their Nude Bowling Night cancelled by the owners of the bowling alley for essentially the same reason as what happened in Canada; Loud complaints from a small but vocal group of locals opposed to the event.

Our Government Affairs Team (GAT) asks all local nudists to **stand up to our opponents** where ever and whenever we can. As long as the world thinks there are only a few of us, and that we don't really care about our rights, we will run the risk of a small band of vocal opponents getting their way.

## Trade Shows



Photo by Patty Faber

## Report from Quartzite RV Show

Quartzite is a small Arizona town about a half hour drive east of the California boarder off Interstate 10. It comes to life once a year each January, as the host of what they call “the largest RV Travel show in the world,” with an estimated 90,000 attending this year. This year’s event was held January 20-28.

AANR-West hosted an information booth, as we do every year, and the response was very positive according to our staff from Shangri-La who ran it for all 9 nine days of the show. Emery Board, Lip Gloss and Jar Grips were the most popular spiffs given away.

Only one negative moment: a woman would not let her husband take a complimentary lip gloss until he peeled off the AANR logo! Oh, the shame of it!

Literature from many of the clubs on the West Coast was distributed as well as general AANR and AANR-West membership information.

Much thanks to Patty, Cyndi, Jeff, Anita, Joe and the others who staffed the event for us.

## Next Up: The L.A. Travel and Adventure Show

The next show we will be attending is the LA Travel and Adventure Show on February 24-25 at the LA Convention Center. The show has hundreds of booths representing foreign lands and domestic destinations such as cities, parks, or resorts. The show draws about 40,000 visitors each day, so the booth gets real busy!

The SCNA club is in charge of staffing the booth this year, but they are accepting volunteers from other clubs as well.

We will have a prize wheel and handing pens, notepads, beach balls, mood cups, and flashlight key rings. There will also be a raffle for overnight stays at a clothing-optional bed & breakfast. Come visit us at **Booth #646**.

## Future Shows and 5K Runs:

We will have information booth at all these events. More are being planned around the region. Please stop by!

### The California Parks and Recreation Department Conference & Expo

March 13-16, 2018, **Booth # 355**

Location: Long Beach Convention Center.

### San Diego Earth Fair

Sunday, Apr 22, 2018, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA

This one-day Fair is billed as the largest free annual environmental fair in the world. Each year, the Earth Fair draws around 60,000 visitors.

### Olive Dell Bare Burro Run

Also Sunday April 22, 2018, Colton, CA

### Glen Eden 5K Run

Sunday, June 3, 2018, Corona, CA

### World Naked Bike Ride – Los Angeles

Saturday, June 23, 11am-5pm.

### Run to the Border 5K

September 13, De Anza Springs Resort, Jacumba

### Desert Bun Runs 5K

Oct 7, 2018. Shangri-La, AZ

## The Last Word



## The Deadline to Submit Your Events to Club Happenings is 20<sup>th</sup> of Month

The AANR Bulletin has a page in the back where clubs can promote the name of an upcoming event and the date. Deadline is the 20th of every month for the month 6 weeks away (example: the deadline for April issue is February 20.)

The only club in the Western Region to do this for the February issue was SCNA.

## AANR West Membership Totals for 2017 Show Growth

As we were going to press we learned the end-of-year membership numbers for AANR were being released. Overall, AANR International (all 270 clubs and unaffiliated Associate members) remained steady at 30,639 members.

In our Western Region, we grew to 7,364 members. The region’s club with the highest numeric gain was **Mountain Air Ranch** with a net gain of 40 new members for 2017. The club with the highest percentage gain was **Hangin’ Loose** in Hawaii (50% increase) followed by **Las Vegas Naturists** (12% growth).

Congratulations to all for making the Western Region the fastest growing region in the country!



## There's Always Something Happening Around AANR-West!

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](http://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 February 1 – February 28

Date	Event Description	Host Club	Club Link
2/1/2018	Valentine Dinner	Buff-a-Teers	tucsonbuffateers@gmail.com
2/2/2018	Groundhog Day Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
2/2/2018	Wear Red Community Dance *	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
2/2/2018	Super Bowl Tailgate Weekend	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
2/3/2018	Mardi Gras Party	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
2/4/2018	Super Bowl Party	Canyon State Naturists	Canyonstateraturists.net/request-
2/4/2018	Super Bowl Tailgate Party	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
2/4/2018	Super Bowl Party	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
2/4/2018	Super Bowl party	Lupin Lodge	relax@lupinlodge.org
2/4/2018	Super Bowl party	Mojave Sun Club	mohavesunclub@gmail.com
2/4/2018	Super Bowl Party	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
2/4/2018	Super Bowl Party, Corona	Olympian Club	olympianclub@aol.com
2/4/2018	Super Bowl Party	Roadrunner Naturists	www.roadrunnernaturists.com/
2/4/2018	Super Bowl/Chili Cookoff	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
2/4/2018	Super Bowl Sunday (members only)	Sequoians	sequoians@gmail.com
2/9/2018	Valentine's Day Piano Bar Weekend	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
2/10/2018	Sweetheart Dinner & Ball	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
2/10/2018	Valentines Sweetheart Dinner & Dance Party	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
2/10/2018	Valentine and Birthday Dance	Lupin Lodge	relax@lupinlodge.org
2/10/2018	Valentine's Day Dance	Mira Vista	relax@miravistaresort.com
2/10/2018	Valentine's Dinner/Dance	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
2/10/2018	Valentine's Day Dance	Shangri-La Ranch	joinus@shangrilaranch.com
2/11/2018	Buff Outing - Valentine Dinner	Buff-a-Teers	tucsonbuffateers@gmail.com
2/11/2018	Valentines Dinner	Buff-a-Teers	tucsonbuffateers@gmail.com
2/11/2018	Mardi Gras Party	Canyon State Naturists	Canyonstateraturists.net/request-
2/15/2018	President's Day Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
2/16/2018	Mardi Gras Carnival Weekend	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
2/16/2018	Wear your beads NAKED Dance Party!	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
2/17/2018	Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
2/17/2018	St. Patrick's Green Dance Party	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
2/17/2018	Valentines Theme Dance	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
2/17/2018	Valentines on the Love Boat Dance	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
2/17/2018	Chinese New Year celebration	Sequoians	sequoians@gmail.com
2/20/2018	Potluck Dinner Dance	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
2/20/2018	Rio Rancho Party	Roadrunner Naturists	www.roadrunnernaturists.com/
2/22/2018	National Margarita Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
2/23/2018	Chinese New Year of the Dog Weekend	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
2/23/2018	Reggae Karaoke & Open Mic Night Dance	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
2/24/2018	Spring Festival Dance	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
2/24/2018	Rocky Horror Picture Show Theme Dance	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
2/24/2018	Glowing Light DJ Dance	Lupin Lodge	relax@lupinlodge.org
2/24/2018	Baseball Spring Training Party	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
2/24/2018	Karaoke	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
<b>2/24/2018</b>	<b>AANR West booth LA Adventure Travel Show</b>	<b>LA Convention Center</b>	<b>Many Clubs!</b>
2/25/2018	SOL Sisters Tea and Talk	Lupin Lodge	relax@lupinlodge.org

## Calendar of Major Events at the Clubs March 1-31

Date	Event Description	Host Club	Club Link
3/1/2018	Read Across America Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
03/03/18	Pickleball Tournament	Shangri-La Ranch, AZ	joinus@shangrilaranch.com
3/3/2018	Lakeside Inn... Italian Night	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelSol.com
<b>3/3/2018</b>	<b>AANR West Board Meeting</b>	<b>Laguna del Sol</b>	<b>office@lagunadelSol.com</b>
3/4/2018	Oscar (Academy Awards) Party	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
3/8/2018	Back to the 70's Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
3/10/2018	Texas Hold'em Championship	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
3/11/2018	Cupcake Wars	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
3/11/2018	20th Annual Buff-n-Shine Car Show	Shangri-La Ranch	joinus@shangrilaranch.com
3/15/2018	St. Patrick's Day Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
3/17/2018	St. Patrick's Theme Dance	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelSol.com
3/17/2018	St Patrick's Party & Irish meal	Mojave Sun Club	mohavesunclub@gmail.com
3/17/2018	St. Patrick's Dance	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
3/17/2018	St. Patrick's Party	Olympian Club	olympianclub@aol.com
3/17/2018	Spring Hiking/Camping	Roadrunner Naturists	/www.roadrunnernaturists.com/
3/17/2018	St. Patrick's Day "Think Green" Party	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
3/17/2018	St. Patrick's Day celebration	Sequoians	sequoians@gmail.com
3/17/2018	St. Patrick's event at Mira Vista	SunTree Travel Club	information@suntree.net
3/18/2018	Putt-Putt Golf Tournament	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
3/24/2018	Guided Hike De Anza Borrego State Park	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
3/24/2018	Karaoke	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
3/25/2018	EGGstraordinary Potluck & Karaoke	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
3/25/2018	Brunch Party	Roadrunner Naturists	www.roadrunnernaturists.com/
3/29/2018	Easter Weekend Services and Celebration	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
3/30/2018	Good Friday / Easter Weekend Dance	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
3/31/2018	Easter Egg Decorating	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
3/31/2018	Bring a Snack Game Night	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
3/31/2018	Nude Bowling	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org

**Clubs: Please keep us up to date on any changes or additions you have to your 2018 planned activities, so we can share it with those who may be interested in the region.**



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