

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.

News from Around the Region

All Clubs: send us a paragraph about your upcoming activities (4-6 weeks in the future) so we can promote them here in our newsletter.) Also, send us stories about your St Patrick Day parties (and send photos!) so we can tell the world about your success!

Olive Dell to Kicks Off 5K Run Season April 22

Olive Dell Nudist Park in Colton, CA is hosting its 9th annual Nude 5K "Burro Run" on Sunday April 22, open to all who wish to participate. An estimated 350 people are expected to participate this year, running (or walking) the developed course through the back hills of the resort.



Gates open at 8:00 AM for registration, with the race beginning about 10:30 AM.

Dress code for the race: The actual race is to be run nude except for socks and running shoes. Women may wear a sports bra. Be sure to bring a towel in case you want to wipe off or sit down.

As happens each year, many of the runners have never run nude before or even set foot in a nudist park so this event is always a special Bucket List treat for them.

Spouses and partners may watch and won't be required to get nude to do so (unless they decide to stay the rest of the day after the race).

Register on line at: <https://www.active.com/colton-ca/running/trail-run/bare-burro-nude-5k-trail-run-weekend-2018>

- Register now through midnight on 3/31: \$35
- From April 1 until midnight on 4/21: \$40
- On the day of the event: \$45
- 17 years and younger - registration is: \$10

"Grand Tour" 5K Nude Run Calendar for 2018

Date(s)	Location
Apr 22, 2018	Olive Dell Ranch
Jun 4, 2018	Glen Eden
Sept 13, 2018	De Anza Springs
Oct 7, 2018	Shangri-La, AZ

Lupin Lodge Arranging Bus Rides to San Fran for Bare2Breakers Run

Because the bus fills up early, we are printing this notice a month in advance. Each year, Lupin Lodge provides a bus from its nudist resort in Las Gatos to San Francisco for this annual clothing optional run across the City by the Bay on Sunday, May 20. About 80,000 people regularly attend with several thousand enjoying the run while nude or top free.

The "Bare to Breakers" is the nudist contingent in San Francisco's yearly foot race the "Bay to Breakers".

Sign up to run in at race at <http://www.baretobreakers.com/> to receive a bib number so you won't be seen as an intruder and asked to leave the race.

Call **Lupin at 408-353-9200** to sign up. The 90-min bus ride from Lupin costs \$40 round trip. The transportation is basically non-profit since the money is used to rent the van, pay the driver, and buy the gas.

The bus leaves Lupin at 6:00 a.m. to arrive comfortably before the 8:00 am starting time. Discount pricing is available for overnight and weekend stays at Lupin.



Mira Vista to Host Hot Wheels Car Show, and Car & Bike Rally March 31

Show off what you got! bring your car to Mira Vista. It can be vintage, new or a hot rod. We will also have a car and motorcycle rally during the morning hours through the monument and over gates pass. **If you plan to be in the Car Show Please email us at** relax@miravistaresort.com so that we can plan for enough space to **accommodate your beauties!** MV Jammers performing 4-6pm, Hot Wheels Dance @8pm. Music by DJ BNT.

Sequoians and Mountain Air Open Gates to Guests March 31

Effective Sat March 31, both **Mountain Air Ranch** in Colorado and **The Sequoians Club** in Castro Valley, CA, have reopened to non-member visitors with a full schedule of seasonal activities.



Do You Know About the Western Nudist Research Library?

Many AANR members and other nudists are not aware that our 80+ year heritage is being preserved in a little building on the grounds of the Glen Eden Sun Club.

The Western Nudist Research Library opened its doors on May 26, 2007 and has serviced the needs of academic researchers and curious nudists ever since.

This was the first library of its kind on a regional level, supplementing the work being done at the American Nudist Research Library at Cypress Cove in Florida. The facility's purpose is to serve as a centralized location for collecting, preserving, and displaying materials related to the origin and development of the nudist movement on the West Coast. It contains the historical archives of all nudist club history in the region back to 1932, including the donations from many clubs no longer in existence such as Swallows, Elysium Fields, and McConville.

There has been no shortage of interest where inventory is concerned. Materials have been donated over the years from a variety of sources, including clubs and individuals who wish their important papers to be preserved. A core group of volunteers spend countless reviewing and cataloging this material, so it is easily accessible to the visitor.

Non-nudists may also use the Library for research study. These visitors are required to present proper identification upon first-time arrival at the Glen Eden gate during library hours.

As a nonprofit 501(c)3 corporation, the Library relies solely on financial donations from its supporters. Your contributions are gratefully accepted.

For more information contact the library at 406-318-9675 or see their web site at: <https://nudistresearchlibrary.com/>.



Two Kids Summer Camps Announced

By Cyndi Faber, AANR-West Vice President

I am happy to report that dates have been confirmed for two youth summer camps this year; June 21 - 24, 2018 in Southern California and June 28 - July 1, 2018 in Colorado. The exact locations and prices will be disclosed to those interested when they contact me below. Deadline for signups will be mid-June.

I will have an article in the April edition of the Bulletin with more information. These mini camps are designed for kids/young adults 11-17. If you know any one that is interested, please forward them to me at cyndif392@gmail.com.

Deadline Nears for Scholarship Applications

As we reported last month, 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. This program will be based on the student's academic records, leadership, and potential for growth. No preference will be given for financial need, gender, race, creed or religion.

Applicants must be seniors in high school or currently enrolled in an accredited post-secondary school. They must be less than 27 years of age and have at least a 2.5 GPA (grade point average). Part-time students will be considered. No student may win the award more than twice unless there are no competing candidates.

HOW TO APPLY

Go to <http://www.aanrwest.org/scholarship.html>. Click on **Scholarship Application Form**. You can fill it out on-line, but at this time you must print it out and mail it to us.

There are two additional forms the applicant must download: The **Club Verification** form (to verify the applicant's parents or grandparents are club members) and the **Academic Recommendation** (this is mailed to the student's school counselor to verify the student is of good standing and would be a suitable candidate for the scholarship).

The applicant must also contact either the High School or College Records Office and request an official transcript [not a photocopy] be sent to us.

The applicant should submit all these documents to:

AANR West Scholarship Committee
23679 Calabasas Road, Suite 966
Calabasas, Ca 91302

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 Trade Show Update



AANR-West Booth at LA Travel Show Draws Enthusiastic Crowd

The Western Region of the American Association for Nude Recreation (AANR-West) once again sponsored a booth at the show to talk to those attendees interested in exploring the places and opportunities for nude recreation around the western USA. We saw much bigger crowds at the booth than last year (when it rained). The show promoters say the Travel Show usually draws about 40,000 visitors each of the two days and from our observations of the crowded aisles, the number of visitors was probably higher than that.

As in years past we had a variety of clubs represented in our booth. One of the teens ran the prize wheel on Saturday and showcased the family-friendly image of social naturism, that it was not just for adults. The result was a line of smiling faces waiting to spin the wheel to win a prize!

We gave out several hundred brochures and handouts from virtually all the clubs and resorts in the west. The most popular prize wheel giveaways were the keyring flashlights and the lip balm. Most popular with the kids were the beach balls. We also gave away “Nudist and I Vote” buttons but only to people who promised to wear them the rest of the day around the exhibit hall.

We collected 145 names and emails from people who signed up for the raffle prizes provided by the Clothing-Optional Home Network. They gave away 2-night stays at three of their B&B’s, Arroyo Del Sol in Altadena, Lagoon Del Sol in Phoenix, and Alpenglow in Oregon. Since it was made clear this was a clothing-optional prize, those who signed up are obvious candidates for further contact.

The Travel Show was held at the LA Convention Center. There were just over 500 booths and workshops featuring different travel destinations from around our beautiful nation and the world, plus various travel products. Some of the adventures that were featured included camel rides and a Scuba diving pool. Our booth was strategically located on the intersection of two main aisles, so we got maximum foot traffic exposure

California Parks and Recreation Department Conference & Expo

Next up: the trade show in Long Beach March 13-16, sponsored by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. This is the largest regional park and recreation expo show in the nation with about 20,000 people expected. The Expo is billed as an opportunity for park rangers, area supervisors, legislators, and local law enforcement leaders to learn the latest trends in park management, guest services, and legislative issues. We intend to be there to push the legalization of nude beaches and hiking trails across the state. If you are in town, come by and visit us at **booth #355**.



San Diego Earth Fair

Sunday, Apr 22, 2018

Location: 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 for the one day.

More than 300 exhibitors will be featured, with special theme areas, a Food Pavilion, four entertainment venues, the Children’s Earth Parade, and an arts and crafts show.

Exhibitors represent every type of environmental organization, governmental program and commercial enterprise. The show’s managers are very supportive of nude recreation. Volunteers are still needed so contact us at information@aanrwest.org if you can help.

Government Affairs Update

One of the major reasons to be an AANR member is our continued vigilance protecting your nudist rights against potentially harmful legislation, regulations, or irate opponents.

Calgary Swims Will Resume

Bob Campbell, the AANR Trustee for Western Canada reports that the monthly nude swim at the Southland Leisure Centre in Calgary, Alberta, have resumed effective in March after the city and the local nudist group reached a new agreement.

The local newspaper reports the 26-year old woman who threatened slashed tires and property damage from her baseball bat if the swim was not cancelled has been arrested for “making serious threats against private property and against the city.”

Arizona Tonto Recreation Area

Early in March we learned the state park superintendent in charge of the Tonto Recreation Area in Arizona has renewed nude use inside that park for another four years. Nude recreation is only allowed in the undeveloped areas away from the major camping and boating areas around the lakes.

If you plan to be nude here please confirm the area you want to use is approved for nude use.

Winter is for Leadership Meetings



Left: AANR President Bev Price addresses the Trustees. Right: Trustee T. Price discusses changes in the web site membership renewal system.

AANR International Mid-Winter Trustee Meeting

By Gary Mussell,
President, AANR-Western Region

The governing Board of Trustees for the American Association for Nude Recreation (AANR) got together February 16-17 to discuss the business of running the largest nude organization in the country. This year they met at Cypress Cove Nudist Resort in Kissimmee, Florida, about an hour's drive south of Orlando. There are 14 Trustees representing the 30,000+ members, plus four officers. Also present were the seven Regional Presidents from across North America, which is how I happened to be there.

The most important news to come out of the meeting was the **resignation of AANR Executive Director, Dan Whicker**, after just two years in the job. His resignation came after a 6-hour marathon closed session by the Trustees on Saturday morning. No reason was given. He is the third Executive Director to resign in the past 5 years.

Other highlights of the 2-day meeting included

- Everyone in the room got to comment and offer advice about the format and content of the monthly AANR Bulletin and the demand that the photos used should better reflect the way the members look. This means include some older, heavier nudists, and photos representing members of different colors and ethnicity.
- Of major concern is the disfunction of the current membership database being used by the main office. The decision was not to fix it but to scrap it in favor of a modern Member Management System connected to the Cloud. It will take a couple more years to get any new system installed and operational, but when it is done the hope is that members can renew their club membership online or have an automatic renewal option and a permanent plastic card. These ideas were met with approval from those in attendance, but they will take a couple of years to implement.
- The Women in Nude Recreation Committee is working to get the clubs to hold workshops to reduce potential harassment and discrimination situations at some of the clubs. Ancillary to this was a discussion about the discrimination felt by singles, especially men, when it is

behavior that should be looked at and not the gender of the member.

- There was a discussion about using the name AANR International instead of just AANR as it better reflects the organizations work not just in North America, but also in the Far East and Europe. Some liked it, and some did not. The discussions will continue.
- The Regional Presidents got together for a separate meeting, discussion issues of mutual concern for about 90 minutes. Among the things we talked about were about how to create more inter-club sports competition, and holding more informational workshops at our regional conventions to get away from it just being mostly meetings.

In conclusion, I was very glad that I attended, so I could watch the AANR Board in action. It was a valuable time to make new friends from across the country and discuss common concerns. Oh, and temperatures averaged 85 degrees each day, so nobody wanted to return home!



The AANR-West Board of Directors March 3 at Laguna del Sol

AANR-West Board of Directors Meet at Laguna del Sol

On March 3, the nine directors and 4 officers from ANR-West met for their tri-annual planning meeting. The weather at Laguna del Sol was not friendly to getting undressed as it was rainy and cold most of the weekend with temperatures hovering near 45 degrees during the day.

The discussions focused on ways to better communicate between the Associate (non-affiliated) members and nearby clubs, this newsletter being one such tool. It was reported that the statistics from the new aanrwest.org web site showed a marked increase in readers there over the past several months with many of the new viewers coming from the region's Twitter site, where our web link is included in every post. Web viewers are spending time looking at the Directory and Calendar pages, implying they are looking for interesting activities to attend. The Sports, Women's area, and Youth Adult sections are also getting focused attention.

The Board reviewed the positive responses we received at the first several trade shows and they were glad to see the public giving social nudism such a positive response. The list of this year's giveaway items was also reviewed, and we decided we would probably have to reorder by summer as popularity of the keychain flashlights, lip balm, drinking cups, and emery boards was exceeding our initial projections.

AANR-West Board Meeting Summary

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The board also is considering creating a Passport book that members can use to get stamped as they visit many of the 27 clubs in the region. The logistics of printing and distribution have yet to be worked out, but we expect to introduce the book at the summer convention.

There was also a serious discussion about revising the Youth Scholarship program to include adults returning to technical school and needing a little extra for books or class tuition. The Committee will present their changes at the summer convention.

The Board is also hearing from some women nudists who want the region to sponsor a workshop on bullying and harassment. While this is not very common at the parks, any lessons learned can also be applied to non-nudist and work situations. We will see if we can get such a workshop ready by summertime that the clubs can present to their members.

Club Liaisons – the Board members were all assigned to the different clubs and told to make contact and visit, if possible, to listen to their concerns and to let them know of the various benefit programs available to them from the region and from AANR. All clubs can expect to hear from their assigned contact in coming weeks.

The inter-club Sports competitions for the coming year were announced by Cyndi Faber, Regional VP. There will be a series of Nude 5K Runs open to everyone with

prizes for the winners (see page 1 of this newsletter). Both the Summer (June) and Fall (October) Festivals will have tennis and volleyball tournaments.

She also announced the dates and locations of the Youth Summer Camps and she is working hard to let the clubs know so they can get their member's kids signed up early.

Government Affairs – this committee reported that it has been fairly quiet in the legislatures and in the counties and cities so far this year, with few if any bills introduced in the various legislatures that we need to worry about. The exceptions are Hawaii and Colorado, but the team is on top of those bills and we do not expect them to get out of committee (see the February newsletter issue for more details).

Last, there was some discussion about the region modernizing its logo from the traditional “circle” used for the past 25 years to one more easily read. Other regions are also doing the same. Everyone seems to have their own favorite designs, so the Marketing Committee will review all the suggestions and make a recommendation at the summer convention. Any new logo will have to be trademarked, or at least registered, to protect the organization and our attorney promised to follow through on this as soon as a new design, if any, is decided.

Our next meeting will be at De Anza Springs during the annual summer convention. We hope everyone makes plans to attend the 4-day event.

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 March 1-31, 2018

These are major events only as each club holds weekly volleyball games and other parties besides those listed. Click the link to find out more information about the event.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Host Club</u>	<u>Club Link</u>
3/1/2018	Read Across America Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
3/3/2018	Lakeside Inn... Italian Night	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
3/3/2018	AANR West Board Meeting	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
3/3/2018	AANR-West Board Meeting, Laguna Del Sol	SCNA	scna@socalnaturalist.org
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 Holdem 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	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.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	http://www.roadrunnernaturists.com/
3/17/2018	St. Patrick's Day "Think Green" Party	SCNA	scna@socalnaturalist.org
3/17/2018	St. Patrick's Day celebration	Sequoians	

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
3/20/2018	Potluck	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
3/22/2018	Hike Anza Borrego Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
3/24/2018	Guided Hike DeAnza Barrego 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	Roadrunner Naturists	http://www.roadrunnernaturists.com/
3/29/2018	Easter Weekend	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

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Host Club</u>	<u>Club Link</u>
4/1/2018	Easter Egg Hunt	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
4/1/2018	Easter Sunrise Service	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
4/1/2018	Easter Egg Hunt	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
4/5/2018	Spring Volunteer Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
4/7/2018	The Black & White Ball	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelso.com
4/12/2018	Tax Day Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
4/14/2018	Tax Day Parade	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
4/14/2018	Toga Party	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelso.com
4/14/2018	General Membership Meeting	Olympian Club	olympianclub@aol.com
4/14/2018	Deep Creek Hike	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
4/17/2018	Potluck	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
4/17/2018	Pool Party	Roadrunner Naturists	http://www.roadrunnernaturists.com/
4/19/2018	Yard Sale Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
4/20/2018	Earth Day Volunteer Appreciation Weekend	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
4/21/2018	Rhythm & Blues Earth Day Dance Party!	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
4/21/2018	Kite Day	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelso.com
4/21/2018	Spring Dance	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
4/21/2018	Naked Beer Mile Run (3pm)	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
4/21/2018	Toga Dance	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
4/21/2018	Camping at Faywood Hot Springs	SunTree Travel Club	information@suntree.net
4/22/2018	Bare Burro 5K Run	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
4/22/2018	Olive Dell 5K Nude "Burro Run	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
4/26/2018	Arbor Day Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
4/28/2018	Plant-A-Tree Event	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
4/29/2018	Women's Gathering (Dragonfly Ladies)	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org

Clubs: Please continue to send us information about your 2018 activities so we can update the web and keep it as complete as possible.



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