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AANR NEWS



AANR Gets An Interim Executive Director

Erich Schuttauf, AANR's legal counsel, has been appointed Interim Executive Director by President Beverly Price.

The ED position has been vacant since early February.

when Dan Whicker resigned and became Marketing Director for Cypress Cove Nudist Resort in Florida

The announcement was made May 11 in an email to all the AANR clubs. Schuttauf served a term as Executive Director of AANR once before, about 10 years ago. Price said he will continue to act as General Counsel and as Government Affairs Coordinator, through the annual AANR convention in August. At that time, the newly elected AANR President will decide whether to retain or replace him.

"I am delighted with the opportunity to again work closely with our clubs, officials, and members," Schuttauf was quoted as saying in the announcement. He can be contacted directly at schuttauf@aanr.com.

Bob Campbell, AANR Trustee

On Friday, April 27, AANR Western Canada Member Trustee and Finance Chair Bob Campbell was involved in a late evening automobile accident. It was a collision of two autos with only the drivers aboard and neither survived.



Bob was a Lifetime member of AANR. He was the AANR-Western Canada Trustee for the past four years and served as AANR Finance Committee Chair for the past six years.

It goes without saying that most of those who knew him are in shock and dealing with immense personal sorrow.

AANR Elections Close on June 20

The bi-annual AANR elections are now taking place through June 20. Members will vote by mail, email, or online to choose a new President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and all 14 members of the Board of Trustees. All AANR members are encouraged to vote!

On May 1, all AANR members received an email from **Vote-Now with directions how to vote**. If you have lost this email, or discarded it thinking it was spam, please call 1-800-TRY-NUDE to talk to the office so you can receive your ballot before the deadline.

A **Voter's Guide** to all the candidates and propositions is on our AANR West website at:

www.aanrwest.org/pdfs/voter-guide.pdf

The election for President between Trustees Tim Mullins and Kathy Watzel is expected to be close, so research each candidate's positions and make an informed choice.

Government Affairs

One of the primary reasons to belong to AANR (besides having fun) is to support our work that protects our right to be nude through legislation and the courts and, where possible, to expand social nude recreation opportunities. Here is a summary of recent activity:

Pirates Cove Nude Beach near San Luis Obispo, California

The Whales Cave Conservancy (WCC) nude beach advocacy group attended a public workshop on April 25 with San Luis Obispo County Parks "to protect the public access to the beach, cave, trails, coastal views, and night star viewing." Meaning they wanted to reduce the number of parking spaces available to nudists and also narrow the legal hours for parking there.

WCC spoke against these changes and again asked that the Parks Department not restrict access to the legal clothing-optional status of Pirates Cove beach. They also urged more frequent trash pickups than the current twice a month schedule (a tactic to make the nude beach unappealing to visitors). WCC stress the area be kept a "natural and undeveloped area rather than as a traditional county park." About 20 people attended the meeting and no one spoke against the nude beach.

No decisions were reached at the meeting. Parks said their recommendations will be made public "in a few months." We will stay on top of this.

Danita Rodriguez, California State Parks Area Superintendent

On May 3, AANR-West President Gary Mussell met with Danita Rodriguez, the new Central Coast Superintendent for the California State Park system.

Her predecessor, Richard Rozelle, decided to close Gaviota State Beach in Santa Barbara County to nude use after the state's Cahill Policy was rescinded in 2009. Rozelle recently retired so we thought this a good time to introduce ourselves and discuss nude use of the local state parks.

While the meeting was cordial, she said she could not refuse to give tickets at Gaviota, or simply issue warnings, because the state parks director has not rescinded the directive to prohibit nudity in the state park system.

Gary asked her for an update list of citations issued at all the state parks for 2016-2017, as Rozelle used to do, and she said she would do that. The number of tickets will tell us how vigorously they are enforcing the nudity ban on their beaches. We agreed to meet periodically.

Saline Valley Near Death Valley

The National Park Service is soliciting comments on an updated management plan for the Saline Valley Hot Springs area within Death Valley National Park in California and Nevada.

This has been a popular spot for nudists to enjoy the local hot springs for several decades. The park rangers do not enforce the state's nudity laws, although the sign on the gate announcing the area is "clothing optional" was removed several years ago.

AANR and the Nativist Society are working together to have input into the planning process.

Tennessee HB 1140

A bill to protect minors from sexting was amended at the last minute to remove simple nudity among its definitions of things that are illegal. The bill states that people "have a reasonable expectation of privacy, whether clothed or unclothed," and this means photos whose main focus are genitals or breasts, and "that might embarrass the individual" now are a misdemeanor. Our concern was the bill now could make it illegal to take photos of family members or friends skinny dipping in a backyard pool. Luckily that clause was removed, and the bill was passed and became state law this past month.

Missouri Law Defines Pornography as Health Hazard

The Republican National Committee has had its party's leaders in several Midwest states introduce legislation stating, "pornography is a health hazard." The exact bill language is being used in every state. The reason is to use it as a campaign issue in the fall against their opponents.

The fear is they will include simple nudity as pornography and link the two in future bills after the election. The bill has already passed in Missouri. We are watching these bills carefully.

Regional News



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 will be disclosed to those interested.

These mini camps are designed for kids/young adults 11 to 17. The **cost of the camp is \$50 per attendee**; other contributions and donations are gratefully accepted! These camps are full of workshops about self-esteem, leadership, and principles for being a good community citizen. All camp staff have received background checks and are experienced at running youth activities.

Deadline for signups will be June 20. If you know any one that is interested, please forward them to us at information@aanrwest.org

A graphic advertisement for Kids' Week. It features a border of colorful handprints in various colors (purple, green, orange, blue, red, yellow, pink, etc.) surrounding the text. The text reads: "We need volunteers for Kids' Week! June 18-24, 2018. If you enjoy working with kids, you could help. We need volunteers to do activities with the kids. It doesn't have to be grandiose, just a little activity, either in the morning or afternoon. If you can help, please contact us at recreation@gleneden.com".

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Annual AANR-West Summer Festival Scheduled June 1-3

Location: Glen Eden Sun Club, Corona

AANR Members Gate Fee: \$25.00 per day (show your card at the gate), All others- \$30 per day

Several unique events are being planned for the weekend including a poolside DJ all weekend and a live-band dance on Friday & Saturday evening. Enjoy water volleyball, tennis, pickleball, or just relax in the pool and jacuzzi (see schedule below). Prizes for the winners.

On Sunday, June 3, enjoy the third annual **5K Run** around the park.

AANR-West will host an information booth on Saturday and Sunday. Call the GE office for more info: (909) 277-4650 and overnight availability.



Olive Dell's Bare Burro Race Brings Record Number of Runners

April 22, 2018 - Nearly 350 runners and walkers started the 9th Annual Bare Burro 5K today at Olive Dell, a record number of participants. Another 150 came out to spectate and cheer on the contestants on this beautiful sunny, spring day that was not too hot and not too chilly.

AANR-West hosted an information booth and handed out lip balm, writing pens, and beach balls. We also gave out brochures about nearby clubs and flyers about upcoming regional activities. Many people expressed excitement over the upcoming World Naked Bike Ride in LA on June 23. Next to the nude 5K runs, the 3-hour bike ride through downtown Los Angeles probably is the most popular event every year, especially for those who don't consider themselves nudists.

For the record, the first-place overall winner this year was Zach E. who came in at 21 minutes 08 seconds, and the fastest female was Valerie C. who came in at 29:07. The top three finishers in each age category received medals as well as prizes from the sponsors. They also received a nice cooling neck wrap from AANR-West.

Naked Beer Mile Run

The day before the Burro Run, Olive Dell hosted their 2nd annual **Naked Beer Mile Run**, more than doubling the number of participants (72) from the year before. The way it works is runners have to stope every quarter mile of the race to drink a can of beer before continuing. Total length of the race is only a mile, but it takes a while to get to the finish line! The non-beer drinkers may have had more fun watching (with fewer after-effects).

Reminder to Runners! "Grand Tour" 5K Nude Run 2018 Calendar

June 3 will see the next 5K at Glen Eden during AANR-West's Summer Festival. On Saturday, September 15, De Anza Springs Resort, east of San Diego, will host their 5K "Run To The Border" race. The final 5K in the series, "The Desert Buns Run," will be held at Shangri-La Ranch, north of Phoenix, AZ, on October 7.

Date(s)	Location
Jun 3, 2018	Glen Eden
Sept 15, 2018	De Anza Springs
Oct 7, 2018	Shangri-La, AZ

AANR West Summer Festival Tournament Schedule

Friday, June 1

10am Sunbird Tennis (Sign up 9:30-9:45am at Court #1)

Saturday, June 2

9am Tennis-Men's & Women's Doubles (Sign ups 8-8:30am at Court #1)

10am Water Volleyball (Sign up 9-9:30am at Indoor Pool)

10am Volleyball-Coed A and B (Minimum 2 women per team) (Sign up at 9am at Volleyball Court)

10:45am Cribbage (Sign up at 10:30am on Piper Hall Patio)

12:30pm 8-Ball Tournament (Sign up at 12pm in Piper Hall)

1:30pm Ping Pong (Sign up at 1pm in Piper Hall)

Sunday, June 3

9am 4th Annual Nude 5K-Entrance fee required (Pre-register online at runsignup.com/Race/CA/Corona/GENude5K or on-site the day of the race at 7am)

9am Tennis-Mixed Doubles (Sign up 8-8:30am at Court #1)

10am Volleyball-Men's A and B, and Women's (Sign up at 9am at Volleyball Court)

12:30pm 8-Ball Tournament (Sign up at 12pm in Piper Hall)

1pm Poker (Sign up at 12:30pm in Piper Hall)

Hawaiian Volcano Not a Problem for Hangin' Loose Resort

Last month we featured Hangin' Loose in this newsletter, only to see the Big Island's Kilauea volcano erupt. Jan and Michael report the resort is safely about 20 miles away from the danger zone, as the eruption direction is to the southwest, away from the resort and nearby Hilo, with the smoke and ash blowing the other direction. They remain open for business with "no worries." All airports on the island also remain open.



Memorial Weekend Events Scheduled

Several clubs are planning special activities over Memorial Weekend, from Music Festivals, to sports tournaments to special services honoring veterans.

Olive Dell Ranch is hosting a 3-day Music Festival with over a dozen local bands invited to participate. Sunday there will be a "Laser tag" event at a nearby range and everyone is invited to take a break from the music to attend.

Mira Vista in Tucson will also host a live band featuring some of its members on Friday through Sunday evenings. Saturday will feature a "poolside BBQ with ribs, chicken & lots of fixins!"

Monday will highlight Mira Vista's third annual Memorial Day Parade where people will decorate their vehicles and themselves. Parades are also scheduled at **Glen Eden, Shangri-La, and Laguna del Sol** parks.

The **Sequoians** are hosting a Hot Wheels mini-car race on Saturday to honor the Indy 500 race being run this weekend.

Lupin Lodge has a nature hike and a billiards tournament planned for Saturday and a "BARE B Que" on the restaurant patio all three weekend days.

AANR WEST TRADE SHOW UPDATE

AANR-West's Earth Faire Booth Receives Positive Responses

Kim, Darryl and Claudia staffed the booth this year at Balboa Park in San Diego. This is the largest Earth Day Faire in the country, attracting an estimated 80,000 during the 8 hours it was open.

Claudia had been visiting some new nudist clubs in western Mexico and flew back a day early to help out. Thanks, Claudia!!

Claudia said she talked to hundreds of people who were curious about social nudity but who had not yet tried it. She handed out brochures for nearby De Anza Springs Resort, Mira Vista and Shangri-La in Arizona, and also Black's Beach.

The response was also great for the giveaway items such as the lip balm, emery boards, and beach balls.

During the afternoon, she was interviewed by a reporter from Mesa College for the college's newspaper and also by a video journalist from Brazil.

In her opinion it was well worth the effort to be at the Fair as AANR-West was able to present a positive body message to all. "We really got a huge bang for our bucks!"

Delegate Credentials Packets Being Sent to All Clubs

AANR-West will be sending out a packet in the mail to all club presidents by the end of May concerning your participation in the summer convention, August 2-5.

All clubs and Associate (members not affiliated with a club) are eligible to participate and vote at this annual meeting where your ideas and suggestions for improving our service and operations get discussed and voted on. Each Associate in attendance gets one vote representing up to 25 associates not in attendance, and clubs get delegates based on a formula of one vote per 25 members.

Clubs need to mail back a signed form listing the names of who their delegates and alternates to the convention will be. Also included in the packet will be nomination forms should anyone wish to run for a seat on the Board of Directors for AANR-West. There are four open seats this year. Please consider giving some us some volunteer time this next year!

Also in the packet will be forms to nominate any worthy Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, and Family of the Year. We prefer these awards be given to the unsung heroes in the clubs who work very hard and deserve some recognition.

The packets should arrive the first week in June. Please return them to the address indicated by the end of the month.

THIS MONTH'S SPOTLIGHT



(L-R) Gary Mussell, Nick and Lins, and Rolf Holbach

Naked Wanderers Visit Western Region Clubs and Beaches

By Gary Mussell

The www.nakedwanderings.com blog of Nick De Corte and Lins Van Wambke, a Belgian couple in their mid-30's, has been attracting a lot of social media attention these past six months as they record their adventures travelling around the world to nudist destinations.

Besides their European home base, they have visited Croatia, Turkey, Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia before coming to the United States. Descriptions of their travels are posted on their web site.

During May, the couple is visiting several nudist clubs, hot springs, and beaches in California. I got to spend an hour with them at Arroyo del Sol in Altadena, the clothing-optional B&B home of Rolf Holbach, president of the SCNA club.

Why do it? We love to travel, and this kind of blog seems to be needed. We want to put the fun back into nude travelling as many existing web sites promoting clubs seems very staid and joyless.

“One of the main reasons why we started this project,” they said, “was to show the world that naturists are not some strange dark commune but that actually everyone could become a nudist if they just took that first step.”

Nick said the trip has been “great” so far. “We have met the most interesting people wherever we visit.”

They said they were especially impressed with the clubs in Thailand, as they have made great progress getting social nudity accepted in a place that a decade ago was very repressive to the idea.

They said they are disappointed in the puritanical attitude toward nudity in the US compared to Europe. But they also said they were hopeful seeing the next generation of nudist leaders here as they try to reinvent the movement to attract new and younger participants.

So far, their web site contains blog entries about their visits to Deep Creek Hot Springs, Black's Beach, and De Anza Springs. Next on their schedule are Terra Cotta and Living Waters in Palm Springs, a quick trip to Arizona to hike the Grand Canyon nude, followed by the Bare to Breakers 12K Run in San Francisco. They also have been invited to visit Guadalajara, Mexico if they can fit it in.

“If there is time we would also like to see Yosemite National Park, but that depends on if there is any free time left at the end of our trip. We would certainly like to find some place where we can camp nude for a couple of weeks but that may have to wait for a few years until we come back.”

When they run out of money, they said they will return home to Belgium, go back to work and save up for another trip. In the non-nudist world, Nick is an IT systems engineer and Lins is a Human Resources recruiter.

“We worked for five years saving for this trip. We will do it again and then find some other part of the world to visit.”

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 May 15-31, 2018

Date	Event Description	Host Club	Club Link
5/17/2018	Armed Forces Day Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
5/18/2018	Camping at Wildwood Hot Springs & Retreat	SunTree Travel Club	information@suntree.net
5/19/2018	Operation Paperbacks	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
5/19/2018	Movie Night	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
5/19/2018	Korean Spa Evening	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
5/24/2018	Memorial Day Weekend Dance & Other Events	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
05/26/18	Memorial Weekend Dance & Other Events	Shangri-La Ranch, AZ	joinus@shangrilaranch.com
5/25/2018	Music Festival Weekend (3 day of live bands!)	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
5/26/2018	Golf Cart Jousting	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
5/26/2018	Memorial Day 3-Day Weekend Dance	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
5/26/2018	Memorial Day Weekend Dance	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com

5/26/2018	Red White & Blue Dance	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
5/26/2018	Arts & Crafts Show	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
5/26/2018	Annual Rockin' the Ranch Music Festival	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
5/26/2018	Pool Party	Roadrunner Naturists	http://www.roadrunnernaturists.com/
5/27/2018	Memorial Day Parade	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com

Calendar of Major Events at the Clubs June 1-30, 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Host Club</u>	<u>Club Link</u>
6/1/2018	AANR West Greek Summer Festival	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
6/2/2018	Annual GE 5K Run	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
6/2/2018	AANR Doubles Tennis Tournament	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
6/2/2018	Chili Cook Off	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
6/3/2018	Back to the 80's Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
6/3/2018	AANR Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
6/3/2018	Glen Eden 5K Nude Run	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
6/7/2018	Gypsy Fest Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
6/9/2018	Motorcycle Poker Run	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelso.com
6/9/2018	Texas Hold'em Championship	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
6/9/2018	Pool Party	Olympian Club	olympianclub@aol.com
6/10/2018	Pool Party/ Members Appreciation Day	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
6/12/2018	BBQ	Roadrunner Naturists	http://www.roadrunnernaturists.com/
6/14/2018	Father's Day Weekend Dance	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
6/16/2018	Father's Day Country Western Dance	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
6/16/2018	Super Hero Night	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelso.com
6/16/2018	Family Day (Bug Hunt)	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
6/16/2018	Bates Beach Party	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
6/17/2018	Father's Day Brunch	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
6/17/2018	Happy Father's Day Dance	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelso.com
6/17/2018	Father's Day Brunch	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
6/18/2018	Pool Party and potluck	SunTree Travel Club	information@suntree.net
6/20/2018	Kids Weird Science Week	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
6/21/2018	Jamaican Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
6/23/2018	World Naked Bike Ride LA	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
6/23/2018	WNBR: Nude Bike Ride – Los Angeles	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
6/24/2018	Backyard Party	Roadrunner Naturists	http://www.roadrunnernaturists.com/
6/28/2018	Full Moon Social	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
6/28/2018	Fourth of July Weekend Festival	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
6/29/2018	Pool Party Dance	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
6/30/2018	Boat Regatta	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
6/30/2018	Red, White & Blue Live Music Dance	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
6/30/2018	Dance Party!	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
6/30/2018	4th of July Weekend Dance	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelso.com
6/30/2018	Red, White & Blue Dance	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
6/30/2018	Independence Day Parade float, Carpinteria	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org

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