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Club News



The view of the mud and debris along Low Road near Indian Creek.

GLEN EDEN REOPENS AFTER FLOOD OF MUD CLEANUP

By Gary Mussell

December 11, 2018 - As you may have heard, the Glen Eden Sun Club experienced major flooding, mud, and debris flows following heavy rains that dropped several inches of rain within a few hours on the area. Flooding closed most major streets for several days along the I-15 Freeway between Corona and Lake Elsinore.

Many of the GE sites and two of the six tennis courts were out of commission with mud and debris although none suffered any major damage. No one was injured and none of the core area buildings, the library, or the pool area were damaged at all, although the Connett Bridge over Indian Creek was destroyed, but it will be rebuilt.



After an email was sent out to all the local clubs seeking volunteers to help with the cleanup, we heard several AANR-West members participated. Thank you!

All scheduled activities have now resumed as preparations are being made to protect the park from future winter storms. We understand they had a very successful holiday party and as we went to press, the club was planning for a large turnout at its annual New Year's Eve event.

The flooding and mud were the result of the Holy Fire last August, which burned all the hillsides behind the park right up to its rear mobile units.

OLIVE DELL CELEBRATES NEW YEAR WITH ANNUAL POLAR BEAR PLUNGE, BRRR!

Each New Year's day, the owners of Olive Dell Ranch in Colton, CA, Bobby and Becki Kilborn, sponsor Polar Bare pool plunge into a deliberately unheated pool. And each year, a group of hearty (perhaps a little crazy?) nudists take the challenge and dive in despite the cold weather and water.

This year, they had 10 polar bears gather on the deep end of the pool promptly at the 1pm start time. The thermometer on the wall showed 49F degrees with a chilly wind blowing. Bobby said the pool's water temperature was 51F degrees but Dennis Crane, one of the participants said "it sure felt colder than that!"

At 1pm, hearing the encouraging applause of several onlookers, they dove in and swam the length of the pool. After posing for a few photos, everyone quickly headed to the Jacuzzi and Sauna to warm up.



UTAH'S WASATCH NATURISTS CERTIFIED AS AANR CHARTER CLUB



*Wasatch's President Mike
Thiriot meets with AANR-West
President Gary Mussell*

A big congratulations to Wasatch Naturists in Salt Lake City Utah. Since they first became a provisional club in 2016, they have worked hard to increase their membership.

In November, the AANR main office declared they had met their quota within two year of 15 or more.

members to receive a full AANR charter. Great job!

We will be featuring this club in a future issue. Meanwhile, to learn more about the Wasatch Naturists, email: wasatchnaturists@gmail.com or visit their web site at www.wasatchnaturists.com

MOUNTAIN AIR GET ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

By Chris May (excerpted from their January newsletter).

Mountain Air Ranch is making improvements to Mica Mine Gulch Road. We have already smoothed out the bumps and added four inches of recycled asphalt. We still need to add a culvert to divert runoff under the road. These improvements will make it easier to plow snow and make MAR more accessible in the winter months. Also, it will be much safer for our members and guests to enter and exit in compact cars, RVs, and motorcycles. Reminder: it is very important that we adhere to the 15 mile an hour speed limit.

Coming Attractions at Mountain Air Ranch include:

Canvas and Cocktails

Sunday January 27 at 1:00 pm in the Clubhouse upstairs lounge, join the other talented (or not so talented) artists of MAR to create your very unique painting of Sunset Pines. Canvas, paint, brushes etc., are all included in the \$55.00 fee along with Beer, Wine and Soda. Please call the office by Wednesday, Jan 23 to reserve your spot.

Women of MAR Weekend

We are planning a weekend in Downtown Denver Friday & Saturday, March 1-2, 2019, just for the women of MAR. The plans are a bit loose right now, but the main idea is to book a block of hotel rooms in town, have a Friday Night Happy Hour in one of the rooms or the Hotel Bar. Saturday day, ladies can do whatever rocks their socks. Shopping, dining, sleeping, going to the spa, etc. Saturday night we will all get together for a play at the Performing Arts Center or at a Speakeasy or maybe a Comedy Club. RSVP now so we can get a head count.

LAGUNA DEL SOL RAISES \$16K FOR FIRE RELIEF

12/7/18 - "We are overwhelmed with the amount of support that poured out of our little community this past weekend. In an effort to help so many in need right now, we were able to raise over \$16,000! As of Saturday afternoon, we had raised just over \$11,000 between the basket raffle and the 2020 Reservation Auction. The following day, another anonymous donor stepped up and added another \$4,500! The money was divided between the local community kids in need during the holidays and to the children directly affected by the Camp Fire in Paradise. The \$9,000 raised from the 2020 reservation auction was directly donated to the Red Cross to benefit the Camp Fire refugees. Thank you Laguna Members! You are Amazing!" – Suzanne Schell (published on Twitter).



BUFF-A-TEERS WILL CAMP AT QUARTZITE MAGIC CIRCLE

Tucson's Buff-a-Teer club will travel to Quartzite, AZ and camp at the clothing-optional Magic Circle campgrounds from January 10 through Jan 30. RV and "dry camping" is allowed, but there are no "hookups," so all campers and trailers must be self-contained. The Circle sits on 320 acres of public BLM land, in the La Posa South LTVA.

Due to the Government shutdown, the local ranger station is closed, so no one is collecting camping fees. Should the shutdown end, the camping fee is \$40 for 14 days. There are no day fees to visit the Magic Circle and attend Magic Circle events if one does not spend the night.

This camping trip occurs at nearly the same time as the annual Sports, Vacation and RV Show (Jan 19-27) about 10 miles away. Over 100,000 RVers gather for one of the largest trade shows in the country. AANR-West is not participating in the show this year, but there will be plenty of "snowbird" nudists who drop by the Magic Circle from all over the U.S. during the week.

People dance around the campfire, share potluck, and swap stories into the wee hours, and it is always a lot of fun. For more information contact: tucsonbuffateers@googlegroups.com.

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

Region News

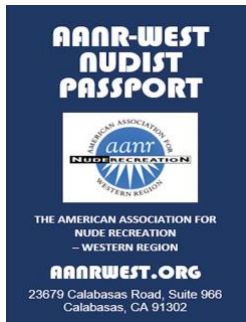
NUDIST PASSPORT PROGRAM LAUNCHED JAN 1

Several months ago, we announced we were working to create a Regional Passport program, but we decided to postpone its start until we made some suggested improvements.

We are happy to say it is now ready to go!

AANR members are encouraged to visit as many clubs as possible and become eligible for a raffle drawing where some nice prizes will be awarded. Clubs can sell the books (recommended price \$5), or it can be purchased online at our website.

How the Passport Program Works



The Nudist Passport is designed to encourage visits to multiple nudist parks and non-landed clubs throughout AANR-West. You can obtain your passport from any participating club.

Bring your passport with you when checking in for your visit**.

The club will stamp/mark your passport in 2 locations: the **front** which you keep and the **back tear-out pages**. Make sure the clubs mark both locations so you can send the tear away pages back to us before the **July 1, 2020**, deadline.

Mail the pages to us to be entered into the **drawing** at the 2020 Regional Convention (prizes include merchandise & stays at various locations). The more locations you visit the more chances you have to win.

Hope you enjoy your adventure around the region.

** Note: *Some clubs may require advanced notice of your visit or conduct a pre-interview or a background check. Call ahead of your visit so you are prepared.*



AANR-WEST REVISES 2019 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

By Cyndi Faber

For the past decade or more, the programs focused on college bound high school graduates and college undergraduates under age 25.

The entire scholarship program has been revamped for 2019.

The program is now expanded to cover those who want to attend a college or a vocational or technical training school of any age who are not seeking a degree, as well as college bound applicants who are.

College-bound applicants need to submit their application to AANR-West by the April 30 deadline, for the two \$2,000 scholarships. These are awarded every June (we formally announce the winners at the annual summer convention).

Second, since vocational schools, run courses year-round, we have set aside money for these courses. However, when this money runs out no more funds will be available the rest of that calendar year. These applications can be submitted at any time until the funds have been exhausted.

Third, the application forms have been greatly simplified and are available now on our website at: www.aanrwest.org/scholarship.html.

Please submit your forms electronically to information@aanr-west.org or else mail them to:

AANR-West
23679 Calabasas Rd Suite 966
Calabasas, CA 91201

AANR-WEST TWITTER ACCOUNT IS BACK ONLINE



Last month, we wrote that AANR-West's acknowledged the death of actor Burt Reynolds on September 6 by posting his iconic centerfold from the April 1972 issue of *Cosmopolitan Magazine*. The response from both Facebook and Twitter was immediate: "the post goes against our standards for nudity or sexual activity" wrote Facebook as it took down the AANR-West FB site for 30 days. Twitter did the same a few hours later.

Andy Walden, our Social Media coordinator, got Twitter to reconsider a few days later, but Facebook took a few days more to apologize and to restore nearly 100 web sites, including ours, who had been put into "Facebook Jail" because of the photo.

Unfortunately, a month later, our AANR-West Twitter page suddenly disappeared. Trying to find out why, Andy's repeated attempts to contact the Twitter administrators were ignored.

Finally, at the end of December, Andy gave up and started a brand-new AANR-West Twitter page. If you have "followed" us there in the past, please do so again at: <https://twitter.com/aanrWESTorg>.



HAPPY NEW YEAR, WALT!

The construction of Rotary International's float in this year's Rose Parade was again supervised by Walt Stephens, who represents AANR-West on the AANR Board of Trustees. This is the 12th year Walt has served on the Rotary float committee.

Government Affairs



PARK SERVICE APPROVES SALINE VALLEY AIR STRIP

The National Park Service completed and released its long-anticipated report recommending changes to the Death Valley National Park and adjacent areas under its jurisdiction, including the traditionally clothing-optional Saline Valley Hot Springs.

To our relief, there were very few changes recommended to this remote and under-developed Springs except to officially approve the makeshift airstrip called the "Chicken Strip," basically a strip of flat dirt used by people to access the Springs who do not want to drive the bone-crushing four-hour drive on a 50-mile long rutted dirt road to get there.

Both the difficult access and the lack of improvements means the place will never become a major tourist destination - so much the better for both the handful of residents and nudist visitors!

Other Nudist News

TUMBLR SOCIAL PLATFORM BANS ALL ADULT CONTENT, INCLUDING ARTISTIC NUILITY

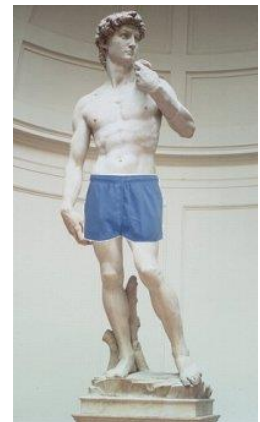
As of December 17, 2018, the popular blogging platform Tumblr has permanently banned all nude images, including artistic nude photos published by professional photographers.

The move is seemingly in response to Tumblr's official app being banned from Apple's iOS App Store in November after child pornography was discovered on the social network. But Tumblr's new policy is much more wide-reaching.

Here's Tumblr's new definition of the "adult content" that will no longer be allowed:

"Adult content primarily includes photos, videos, or GIFs that show real-life human genitals or female-presenting nipples, and any content—including photos, videos, GIFs and illustrations—that depicts sex acts."

This definition seems to have spared boudoir photography and other suggestive photos if there's no explicit nudity such as exposed nipples or genitals. However, Tumblr uses the same automated algorithm tools used by Facebook and Instagram to identify offensive images, so famous paintings and statues are being banned same as they are on the other two social platforms, despite protests the identification process is too strict.



"Posts that contain adult content will no longer be allowed on Tumblr, and we've updated our Community Guidelines to reflect this policy change," writes Tumblr CEO Jeff D'Onofrio. "We will focus our efforts on creating the most welcoming environment possible for our community."

If a blogger believes their image was incorrectly flagged as violating the new policy, D'Onofrio says the site owner can appeal the decision, but in the few weeks the new policy has been in effect few appeals have been successful.

Since the web site now lumps nude pictures and videos into the same category as pornography, reaction was swift and negative among online nudists

Many posts on Tumblr, Facebook and Twitter during December indicate nudists are migrating their nudist content over to the Twitter, Mastodon, and MeToo social networks. True Nudist has also made a heavy pitch to receive any Tumblr refugees. Others have decided to open their own blogs using WordPress.

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 January 1-31, 2019

Date	Event Description	Host Club	Club Link
01/01/19	Polar Bare Plunge	Olive Dell Ranch	bnude@earthlink.net
01/01/19	New Year's "Start Your Year" Hike	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
01/04/19	Fri Dance Party (Oasis Lounge)	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
01/05/19	Karaoke Night	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
01/05/19	Rockin' Bathrobe Dance	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
01/06/19	Baked Potato Party	Roadrunner Naturists	RoadrunnerNaturists@hotmail.com
01/11/19	Happy Hour Open Mic - Bingo - Dance	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
01/12/19	Nudes at the Getty Scavenger Hunt	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
01/12/19	Karaoke Night	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
01/13/19	Indoor swim	RiverDippers	info@norcalcxposure.com
01/17/19	Wii Bowling	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
01/18/19	Bingo, Dance Party (Oasis Lounge)	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
01/19/19	Karaoke Night	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
01/19/19	Women's Appreciation Weekend	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
01/20/19	Full Moon Social	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
01/21/19	ML King Day Holiday Water Volleyball	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
01/24/19	Wii Bowling	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
01/25/19	Bingo, Dance Party	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
01/26/19	Korean Spa Night	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
01/26/19	Air Gun Lessons (Shooting Range)	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
01/26/19	Karaoke Night	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com

Calendar of Major Events at the Clubs February 1 – February 28

02/01/19	Country & Western Weekend/Dance	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/02/19	Photography Club, Karaoke Night	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/03/19	Super Bowl Party	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/03/19	Super Bowl Party	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
02/03/19	Super Bowl Party/Soup & Chile Cook-Off	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
02/07/19	Wii Bowling	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/08/19	Naughty or Nice Dance Party	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/09/19	Karaoke Night	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/09/19	N Y Deli Party	Roadrunner Naturists	RoadrunnerNaturists@hotmail.com
02/09/19	Dragonfly Ladies Gathering	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
02/10/19	Water Volleyball (Indoor Pool)	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/13/19	Potluck Social (Dining Room)	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/14/19	Valentine's Day Dinner	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/15/19	Couples Dance Party	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/16/19	Karaoke Night	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/16/19	Valentine's Day Party	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
02/16/19-02/17	L.A. Travel & Adventure Show booth	(multi-club)	
02/19/19	Full Moon Social	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/22/19	Karaoke, Mobsters & Dames Dance	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
02/23/19	Pinball Wizard Arcade Event	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
02/24/19	Oscar Night "Black Tie Only" Party	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org

Note: These activities and dates are subject to change.



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