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## FALL FESTIVAL AT SHANGRI LA RANCH: A HAWAIIAN ISLAND ESCAPE IN THE DESERT

By Cyndi Faber

The weather is always wonderful at Shangri La Ranch in the month of October; this included the weekend of October 5-7 for the AANR-West Fall Festival. Friday afternoon guests enjoyed plenty of sunshine, music around the pool, water volleyball practice, and billiards. The evening continued with karaoke, a weekly event at the ranch. Saturday morning started off early with the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Bare Buns Desert 5k run.

Runners ranged from seasoned trail runners to first time walkers. The top male runner finished with a spectacular time of 20:22; an amazing feat for the 2-lap mountain trail. Top female runner, a first-time nudist finished with a time of 23:05. There were top male and female prize winners for the following categories; 21-35, 36-50, 51-64, and 65+. The majority of participants had their first social nudist experience that day and enjoyed their run as well as the rest of the day. There were a total of 52 runners/walkers.

The water volleyball tournament had teams representing SLR, Mira Vista, Glen Eden, and DeAnza; with Glen Eden taking home the Fall Festival Championship title. Winners were awarded AANR-West cool neck sports towels. Music around the pool was provided by Broadway Joe and Anita for a great afternoon.

The clubhouse was transformed into a Hawaiian escape for Saturday night. An authentic dance group came in and did an amazing performance that had everyone mesmerized. AANR West Vice President, Cyndi Faber and Jeff Tendick, AANR West director even learned a few new dance moves. After the performance Joe and Anita continued the celebration into the night with great music for everyone to dancing enjoyment.

A good time was had by all and we can't wait until we have another opportunity to get together again here or at another great AANR-West club.

### 5K Desert Buns Race

The 5k race on Saturday morning drew about 60 runners, the majority of which had never been to Shangri-La or to any kind of social nudist activity before.

Most of the runners did stay for the day and enjoyed the great weather. There was a water volleyball tournament with teams representing SLR, Mira Vista, Glen Eden, and De Anza.

Saturday night there was a wonderful Hawaiian luau performance followed by a DJ dance with Broadway Joe and Anita. Everyone had a wonderful time and cannot wait until they have another opportunity to get together.



Dennis Crane poses at De Anza's Start/Finish line

## DE ANZA SPRINGS BARE BOOTY 5K: MY FIRST TIME RUNNING NUDE!

By Graham Stewart

As a runner and a nudist living in San Diego during to 90s and 00s I was forced to pursue these two activities in two separate compartments. To me there appeared nothing more natural than naked running, but no local opportunities existed until the last few years. This was the inspiration behind the Bare Booty 5k run held at DeAnza Springs Resort. This time I stood behind the table handing out, rather than collecting, the pre-race T-Shirt. This time I stood with a stopwatch to the side of the finish line, rather than running across it. This was my first experience organizing a 5k run.

DeAnza Springs Resort borders the Anza Borrego Desert State Park. Trails run along the ridges to the North of the resort, exposing hikers to the wilderness. I knew these trails would form the great basis for a 5k run. September weather is predictable in this region, with near certain blue skies, and temperatures in the 70s at the race start time.

As this was some runners' first nude activity, I did not want them to be cold, and wish they had hung on to their clothes.

A team of volunteers, mainly residents of De Anza Springs Resort, worked so well together on the day.

For all of us this was our first event, so inevitably there was some learning as we went, but overall things went well. No one took a wrong turn, no one was injured, and no one was lost in the desert.

In all 63 participants registered for the run. Ultimately it was the spirit of the runners impressed me most. Some were nudists out to experience a 5k run, and some were runners trying a nudist activity for the first time. For one brave sole it was both. She arrived clothed to cheer for her boyfriend and ended becoming a participant in the nude run. She had a great time. Stepping out of your comfort zone leads to new experiences. Based on feedback these experiences were very much positive.

The runners made this experience a success. I would like to thank all who took part. Before the run I was unsure whether I would repeat this effort, but because of the response I will organize an event run again next year (Sunday, Sept 22, 2019). See you all there!

## Club News



*After the Beach Cleanup, a few of the volunteers enjoyed a clothing-optional picnic at Bates Beach, Santa Barbara County.*

## ANNUAL COASTAL CLEANUP RECEIVES PRAISE IN CALIF

Saturday, September 15, 2018 – Volunteers from local nudist clubs participated in the annual National Coastal Cleanup Day in Saturday, September 15, along the California coastline.

Some of the beaches cleaned by our clubs included Black's Beach in San Diego, San Onofre Beach near Oceanside, Bates Beach near Santa Barbara, Pirate's Cove Beach near San Luis Obispo, and Bonny Doon Beach above Santa Cruz. Several of the clubs received praise in their local newspapers.

Statewide, over 57,000 volunteers collected over 376 tons of trash.

## CLUBS PREPARE FOR ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTIES

Saturday, October 27 will be celebrated in most of the clubs in the Western Region with the same theme: Halloween.

Here is a rundown of some of the parties being planned. Please refer to the club's website for additional details.

**Laguna del Sol** – Fri 10/26 is a dance with a Monster Mash theme. Sat night is the Halloween Ball with a DJ.

**Sequoians** - \$10 gets you in to the Halloween potluck dinner at 7pm. There will also be a Favorite Costume Contest and music by the Marshall Law Band, a local favorite.

**SCNA** – Always one of their biggest parties of the year at a large private home in Camarillo with an indoor pool. Costume contests and Best Potluck Dish.

**Olive Dell Ranch** – 8pm dance in the clubhouse and costume contest.

**Glen Eden** – 3-day Halloween Weekend includes Fri night DJ dance in Piper Hall, Sat band dance featuring Ragtime, costume contest, Sunday is a community yard sale.

**De Anza Springs** – Karaoke Friday and band dance Sat with costume contest.

**Shangri-La Ranch** – DJ dance Sat with costume contest.

**Mira Vista (Tucson)** – Fri Karaoke, Sat costume contest and DJ party. Special Halloween buffet at Desert Café restaurant.

**Lupin Lodge** - 8:00 -11:00 PM, Halloween Dance with DJs Tangerine and Moonbeam and Costume Contest (“Come dressed to kill!”)

**Mountain Air Ranch** – Dance and costume contest.

## NUDE COMEDY SHOW IN LOS ANGELES HAS SCARY THEME

For the past several years, AANR, AANR-West, and the SCNA club have underwritten this monthly activity at the Two Roads Theater in Studio City, CA, where an evening of comics do their routines onstage completely nude, facing an audience which is also completely nude. It is often the first time many in the audience have ever been socially nude and it never fails to be a fun evening for all.

On Saturday October 27 besides the regular comedy show hosted by Cassie Shultz, the evening will have a Halloween theme with an open microphone available for anyone in the audience who wants to tell a scary story or two. The comics also promise to tell funny “ghost stories” as part of their routines.

Tickets are \$45 at the door but are a little cheaper if purchased ahead of time at [www.NudeComedyLA.com](http://www.NudeComedyLA.com).

## JAMAICA DAY WAS "JAMMIN" AT SEQUOIANS

By Lance Borde, VP Sequoians

September 22 - Jamaica Day at Sequoians was jammin', mon! Jamaica Day is one of the Sequoians' better attended events and this year was no exception with nearly one hundred in attendance. Sequoians enjoyed a fun-filled Jamaica-themed day. Included were the famous Dirty Banana cocktails that is always a favorite. Plus, there were wonderful sliders provided for lunch. DJ Jim put on music to suit the theme -- many danced. A momentary break in theme music brought on a bit of country music to celebrate Paul and Cheryl, the couple who chaired the event:

In the evening, the Sequoians gathered for the potluck in the rec hall. As always, the food was great, and the company gathered even better! After the warm glow of full tummies, the Sequoians continued to dance to further DJ's music into the evening.

As is always important in a membership co-op, members helped with the chores throughout the event and also helped in clean up after the event



## BUFF-A-TEERS CLUB VISITS BIOSPHERE II

By Leonard Summers, Buff-a-teers Club President

Eight members of Tucson's Buff-A-Teers club visited the Biosphere II near Oracle, Arizona on September 20. They received a 90-minute tour of the structure that includes a miniature tropical rainforest, savanna, desert, and "ocean" enclosed in the 3-acre edifice.

Although not currently a sealed environment, it continues to provide information that informs about the importance of maintaining the ecosystem and health of our planet. It is currently being managed by the University of Arizona.

After the tour, lunch was enjoyed at a local restaurant.



## CARPINTERIA AVOCADO FESTIVAL DRAWS 120,000 VISITORS

Friday through Sunday October 5-7, 2018 - This was the big event of the year for Friends of Bates Beach, hosting a booth at the annual Carpinteria Avocado Festival where 120,000 came over three days to eat every kind of food imaginable using avocados as one of the ingredients, and to visit the 400 booths that lines the main street of the city.

The booth used two of the AANR-West trade show banners, among others, and we distributed over 3000 AANR-West giveaway items (via a promotional spinning wheel) with the AANR-West logo and web site on each one (there was a spike in web site visitors after the Festival) as well as literature on many of the local AANR clubs.

## FLOOD EVAC ORDER AT GLEN EDEN IS FALSE ALARM

On October 2, residents of Glen Eden Sun Club were informed they were under a voluntary evacuation order by the county's Emergency Management Department as a heavy rainstorm was predicted for the following few days.

K-rails and other water-deflection measures were put into place at the park. We heard few people left, preferring to wait and see.

Fortunately, the rain totals were far less than forecast. Nonetheless the park will maintain its vigil through the upcoming winter months as they wait for the hillside vegetation above and behind the park to return.

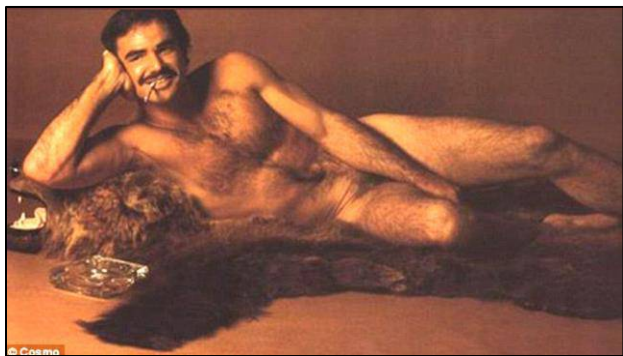
Meanwhile, Glen Eden went ahead with plans for an Old Timers Reunion bash on October 12-14 for those who have been GE members for 20 years or more.

The club will also host a block party on October 20 in the Skyview section of the park. The park will honor the Holy Fire volunteers who saved the Skyview area specifically and Glen Eden overall from the flames.

**Have a club event happening? We want to know about it! Send your email or text to us at [information@aanrwest.org](mailto:information@aanrwest.org).**

## BURT REYNOLDS PHOTO PUTS AANR-WEST INTO “FACEBOOK JAIL”

AANR-West 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 were immediate: “the post goes against our standards on 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.



## ORIENT BEACH MANAGER DECIDES TO CLOSE RESORT

Stephen Payne, Director of Club Orient on St Martin island in the Caribbean, has sent to letters to its customers stating that because of a continued delay in receiving funding so the resort can be rebuilt, the management company (OBC), who employs the staff and operates the resort, must close its operation. Even if the money is received by next month (November), the place could not reopen until next summer at the earliest. “We just don’t have the money to keep paying staff and other expenses until then.”

“OBC expects to be legally closing its doors over the next thirty days with the assistance of a government liquidator.”

The letter ended on a hopeful note: “This does this mean Club Orient is finished...It merely means the management company OBC...is closing.”

Once the [land owner] receives its funds and the re-building commences, a new management company would have to emerge to operate Club Orient.”

“So, this is a very sad time for all of us...Our website and Facebook page will remain up for at least the next few months...Thanks to all of you for your support over the years...Au Revoir.”

## UTAH ORDERED TO PAY UP AFTER LOSING 'DEADPOOL' THEATER CASE

Lawmakers and the governor in the conservative, predominantly Mormon state had backed a law that is largely aimed at strip clubs but also prohibited serving booze during films with simulated sex or full-frontal nudity.

Until now.

A movie theater sued in 2016 after Utah regulators threatened to fine it up to \$25,000. The state defended the measure in court, calling liquor and sex an “explosive combination”

In September, after a lengthy trial, a Federal judge struck down the law last year as a violation of First Amendment rights, ruling the theater is not an adult-oriented establishment and *Deadpool* is a mainstream, R-rated movie. The judge ordered the state to pay more than \$475,000 in legal fees after it lost a court fight over a law that banned serving alcohol during the racy, foul-mouthed superhero film *Deadpool*.

Liquor authorities were concerned about a suggestive scene in the film's credits involving a cartoon unicorn, among other things. The theater's attorney and former Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson argued that the law was so vague it would apply to Michelangelo's "David."

His office was awarded attorneys' fees and an additional \$3,800 in other legal costs. *Deadpool* star Ryan Reynolds held a fundraiser that raised \$22,000 for the plaintiffs and this was deducted from the final financial award.

Idaho lawmakers repealed a similar law last year when a theater sued after its liquor license was threatened for showing *Fifty Shades of Grey* while serving alcohol.

## SEXUAL HARASSMENT LAW STRENGTHENED IN CA

### IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL LANDED CLUBS IN CALIFORNIA WITH 5 OR MORE EMPLOYEES:

Currently, the relevant provisions of California’s Fair Employment and Housing Act (“FEHA”), sections 12950 and 12950.1 of the California Government Code, require employers with 50 or more employees to provide sexual harassment training for all supervisory employees.

SB 1343 amended these provisions, instead requiring employers of five or more employees—including **seasonal and temporary employees**—to provide sexual harassment training for both supervisory and non-supervisory employees by January 1, 2020.

## 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](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 October 13-31

Date	Event Description	Host Club	Club Link
10/13/2018	Fall Festival & Old Timer's Reunion Celebration	Glen Eden	<a href="mailto:info@gleneden.com">info@gleneden.com</a>
10/13/2018	Home & RV Tour/Oktoberfest	Laguna del Sol	<a href="mailto:office@lagunadelsol.com">office@lagunadelsol.com</a>
10/13/2018	Oktoberfest Party	SCNA	<a href="mailto:scna@socalnaturist.org">scna@socalnaturist.org</a>
10/14/2018	Bosque Farms Party	Roadrunner Naturists	<a href="http://roadrunnernaturists.com/">roadrunnernaturists.com/</a>
10/18/2018	Superman Weekend	De Anza Springs	<a href="mailto:stay@deanzasprings.com">stay@deanzasprings.com</a>
10/21/2018	Nude Bowling	SCNA	<a href="mailto:scna@socalnaturist.org">scna@socalnaturist.org</a>
10/24/2018	Full Moon Social	De Anza Springs	<a href="mailto:stay@deanzasprings.com">stay@deanzasprings.com</a>
10/25/2018	Halloween Weekend Events	De Anza Springs	<a href="mailto:stay@deanzasprings.com">stay@deanzasprings.com</a>
10/26/2018	Halloween Theme Dance	Laguna del Sol	<a href="mailto:office@lagunadelsol.com">office@lagunadelsol.com</a>
10/27/2018	Halloween Bash & Costume Contest	De Anza Springs	<a href="mailto:stay@deanzasprings.com">stay@deanzasprings.com</a>
10/27/2018	Prepare to be Scared Halloween Dance Party	Glen Eden	<a href="mailto:info@gleneden.com">info@gleneden.com</a>
10/27/2018	Halloween Ball	Laguna del Sol	<a href="mailto:office@lagunadelsol.com">office@lagunadelsol.com</a>
10/27/2018	Halloween Party	Mojave Sun Club	<a href="mailto:mohavesunclub@gmail.com">mohavesunclub@gmail.com</a>
10/27/2018	Halloween Dance	Mountain Air Ranch	<a href="mailto:marinfo@trynude.com">marinfo@trynude.com</a>
10/27/2018	Halloween Party	Olive Dell Ranch	<a href="mailto:olivedell1952@gmail.com">olivedell1952@gmail.com</a>
10/27/2018	Halloween Party	Roadrunner Naturists	<a href="http://www.roadrunnernaturists.com">http://www.roadrunnernaturists.com</a>
10/27/2018	Halloween Party	SCNA	<a href="mailto:scna@socalnaturist.org">scna@socalnaturist.org</a>
10/27/2018	Halloween	Mira Vista Resort	<a href="mailto:relax@miravistaresort.com">relax@miravistaresort.com</a>

### Calendar of Major Events at the Clubs November 1-30

Date	Event Description	Host Club	Club Link
11/1/2018	Candy Lover's Weekend	De Anza Springs	<a href="mailto:stay@deanzasprings.com">stay@deanzasprings.com</a>
11/3/2018	AANR-West Fall Board Meeting	Mira Vista, Tucson	
11/8/2018	Veteran's Day Weekend	De Anza Springs	<a href="mailto:stay@deanzasprings.com">stay@deanzasprings.com</a>
11/10/2018	Veteran's Day Weekend Stars & Stripes Dance	Glen Eden	<a href="mailto:info@gleneden.com">info@gleneden.com</a>
11/10/2018	Sock (Only) Hop	Laguna del Sol	<a href="mailto:office@lagunadelsol.com">office@lagunadelsol.com</a>
11/10/2018	60's Dance	Olive Dell Ranch	<a href="mailto:olivedell1952@gmail.com">olivedell1952@gmail.com</a>
11/10/2018	Member Meeting & Elections	Olympian Club	<a href="mailto:olympianclub@aol.com">olympianclub@aol.com</a>
11/10/2018	Thanksgiving Party	SCNA	<a href="mailto:scna@socalnaturist.org">scna@socalnaturist.org</a>
11/11/2018	Happy Veterans Day Dance!	Laguna del Sol	<a href="mailto:office@lagunadelsol.com">office@lagunadelsol.com</a>
11/13/2018	Souper/Planning	Roadrunner Naturists	<a href="http://www.roadrunnernaturists.com">http://www.roadrunnernaturists.com</a>
11/15/2018	National Take-A-Hike Weekend	De Anza Springs	<a href="mailto:stay@deanzasprings.com">stay@deanzasprings.com</a>
11/17/2018	Pajama Party	Laguna del Sol	<a href="mailto:office@lagunadelsol.com">office@lagunadelsol.com</a>
11/17/2018	Thanksgiving Dance	Mountain Air Ranch	<a href="mailto:marinfo@trynude.com">marinfo@trynude.com</a>
11/17/2018	Thanksgiving Dinner	Olive Dell Ranch	<a href="mailto:olivedell1952@gmail.com">olivedell1952@gmail.com</a>
11/17/2018	Pre-Thanksgiving potluck and jacuzzi party	SunTree Travel Club	<a href="mailto:information@suntree.net">information@suntree.net</a>
11/22/2018	Thanksgiving Weekend	De Anza Springs	<a href="mailto:stay@deanzasprings.com">stay@deanzasprings.com</a>
11/22/2018	Thanksgiving Community Dance	Glen Eden	<a href="mailto:info@gleneden.com">info@gleneden.com</a>
11/22/2018	Happy Thanksgiving!	Laguna del Sol	<a href="mailto:office@lagunadelsol.com">office@lagunadelsol.com</a>
11/22/2018	Thanksgiving Day Potluck	Olive Dell Ranch	<a href="mailto:olivedell1952@gmail.com">olivedell1952@gmail.com</a>
11/23/2018	Full Moon Social	De Anza Springs	<a href="mailto:stay@deanzasprings.com">stay@deanzasprings.com</a>
11/24/2018	Black & White Dinner & Dance	De Anza Springs	<a href="mailto:stay@deanzasprings.com">stay@deanzasprings.com</a>
11/29/2018	National Pie Weekend	De Anza Springs	<a href="mailto:stay@deanzasprings.com">stay@deanzasprings.com</a>

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