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Breaking News



GLEN EDEN CLUB EVAUATED FROM NEARBY FOREST FIRE

The Glen Eden Sun Club in Corona CA was evacuated on Thursday 8/10/18 as the nudist park was directly in the path of a fast-moving forest fire named the Holy Fire. The fire began several days earlier but raced up the canyons behind the park until it crested on the ridge above the rear mobile home area. All activities were cancelled as of Wednesday and evacuations were recommended Thursday morning for all residents. That order was quickly elevated to “mandatory” as the fire perimeter reached the hill right behind the park and took aim at the resident’s area. Despite the order, we were told a few stayed behind with garden hoses. Television news reports say no structures were destroyed but we have not yet received any direct reports about what structures may have been damaged.

The Glen Eden web site reported that a group of three helicopters dropped water along the club perimeter for over two hours in 2-minute intervals. Evacuees were given free utility hookups at nearby Lake Skinner. The Terra Cotta Resort and Spa in Palm Springs was offering accommodations at half price.

The Western Nudist Research Library was unharmed.

As of our print deadline for this newsletter, the mandatory evacuation had been lifted but only staff and site holders were being allowed back in. A hot spot on a hill overlooking the park had flared up the night before but was now under control. No doubt there will a heavy layer of ash everywhere – including the roads, the outdoor pool,

and the sports court areas so will take several days to get things open for visitors.

As of August 15, the fire had burned over 30,000 acres and was 30% contained, moving south toward Lake Elsinore.

For more information, go to the Glen Eden web site at www.gleneden.com or follow their accounts on Facebook and Twitter.



Photos from Glen Eden website

Convention News



All convention photo taken by Tim Doggett of the SCNA club.

AANR-WEST CONVENTION ELECTS THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

By Gary Mussell

Over 50 delegates and club members gathered at De Anza Springs from August 2-5 to attend the annual AANR-West convention this year. They re-elected two members of the 9-person Board of Directors, elected three new members to the Board, and voted on some important issues affecting the scholarship Program and member dues.

Elections

Elected to the Board for the first time were Don Giles and Trenea Saavedra from the Roadrunners club in New Mexico and Claudia Kellersch from De Anza Springs. Re-elected were Ricc Bieber and Rolf Holbach, both from Southern California Naturist Association (SCNA). They join Directors Andy Walden from Hangin' Loose (Hawaii), Mike Glinzak (Olive Dell Ranch), Jeff Tendick (Shangri-La), and Ernie Wiese (Mountain Air Ranch) who are in the middle of their two-year terms. The four officers (President Gary Mussell, Vice President Cyndi Faber, Secretary Danielle Smith, and Treasurer Russell Lucia were not up for election as they also are in the middle of their two-year terms. Russell announced he will not be seeking re-election next year so the region is on notice to find a new treasurer who will begin a 2 year term in 2019.

Directors Tony Wilkinson (representing Glen Eden), and Kim Wolfe (from De Anza Springs) were not eligible for re-election as they had served the maximum two two-year terms. The region thanks them for their service.

Votes at these conventions are allocated to the various clubs based upon their membership, with one vote for every 25 AANR members. The lively discussions in every case this year led to almost unanimous votes both for and against so there was a real feeling of consensus to the proceedings.

Legislation

The convention decided unanimously to allow changes to proposed by-laws at the convention. Up to now, the

convention was committed to accept the exact wording of every proposal as written without changes. This will allow greater flexibility at the meetings during the discussions. Also passed was an expansion of the scholarship program to include not only college-bound students but also adults who need financial assistance to take technical training courses in order to re-enter the workforce or get a better job in a different field. The region has the ability to give cash awards to people who write essays about nudism in future writing contests.

The convention rejected two motions to raise member dues by \$2 and also to raise the region's allocation from the dues paid by Associates members directly to AANR (these people do not belong to any club but purchase their memberships on-line through the AANR web site). The feeling was the region has enough cash available in its reserves to cover any potential budget deficit and could postpone the increase for at least a year. (Dues have not been raised in the western region for over 20 years.)

Passport Program



An enthusiastic announcement coming out of the convention was the new regional Passport program. There was general approval of the booklet that allows members to pick up passports at their local club and travel to other clubs, having the book stamped at each club visited.

Once you have at least six stamps you may mail the book back to the region who will host a drawing each year at the convention for prizes and also overnight stays at some participating clubs.

The club representatives at the convention made some suggested changes to the Passport booklet. Therefore, the launch of the program is delayed a few weeks, so those changes can be made, and the books reprinted. Delegates at the meeting were given sample copies to take back to their clubs to show what the books will look like. Ask to see this at your next club meeting or party.



Workshops

Besides the regional assembly meeting, the convention had three very interesting workshops.

Claudia Kellersch discussed her work in Mexico this past year helping to organize the new Mexican Nudist Federation there. The convention viewed a 7-minute video prepared by Hector Martinez, age 27, the youngest national nudist association president in the world. Based

in Guadalajara, Mexico, Hector is bringing all of the existing small town clubs together into a coordinated association while sharing resources and promoting nudism throughout the country.

Another workshop explored Social Media and how nudists can use it more effectively. Domains such as Facebook, Twitter, Vimeo, and Instagram were of particular interest to the group. Secretary Danielle Smith has a background in this and can offer advice or any mentorship to any clubs that would like it.



Above: newly elected members of the Board of Directors are sworn in.

A third workshop looked at the challenge of getting clubs to align with the AANR policy of no discrimination against persons based on gender, race, sexual orientation, or marital/relationship status. The consensus reached was that inappropriate behavior needed to be the basis for exclusion or removal instead of excluding a potential guest based upon gender. The right of members to be safe in their own personal space from boorish behavior was also discussed. The workshop was extended by 30 minutes due to the interest. We decided to run the same workshop at next year's convention to continue the conversation due to its cultural relevance

New Ideas

On Sunday, the new Board sat down to set priorities for the coming year. The new web site (aanrwest.org) and the monthly newsletter were enthusiastically endorsed to continue, and greater emphasis will be placed on having information booths at trade shows as this is a positive way to introduce the truth about nudism to the general public.

Clubs were encouraged to try new party and event themes to attract new guests, especially those of interest to people under age 35. A goal this year is to create some AANR brochures in Spanish that can be used south of the border and in targeted markets in the southwest, as this is an untapped potential market. Events specifically designed for women only will also be tried. Members reading this are encouraged to send us their own ideas that the region

can use to improve the nudist experience for members and potential members.

Administratively, the legal team will look into trademarking more of our logos and signage, and continuing the effort to build a network of attorneys who can help members if they get tickets for nudity on hiking trails, beaches, or hot springs.

We left the meeting feeling really enthused about the coming year. Next year the convention will be hosted by Mountain Air Ranch in the hills above Denver, July 25-28, 2019.

Regional News

ANNUAL NAKED MAN FESTIVAL CELEBRATED AT LAGUNA DEL SOL

By Suzanne Schell

What happens when Laguna del Sol members go to Burning Man 3 times and come home so excited and inspired after 2010 that they want to figure out how to do something similar at Lds? Mike and Renee pitched their idea to friends and club management and also agreed to be the volunteer event organizers for the first Naked Man in August, 2012. It is now one of the 2 biggest weeks of the year, neck-and-neck with Nudestock in September.

Since Burning Man started in San Francisco before moving to the Black Rock Desert in N Nevada, it has always attracted a large percentage of Northern Californians. Many Laguna del Sol members and guests have attended Burning Man one or more times and many have been part of theme "camps". They eagerly signed up to host Naked Man camps and help with parades, entertainment and decorations. 2012 was a huge success, with many attendees being inspired to participate more in 2013, much like Mike and Renee had been after Burning Man.

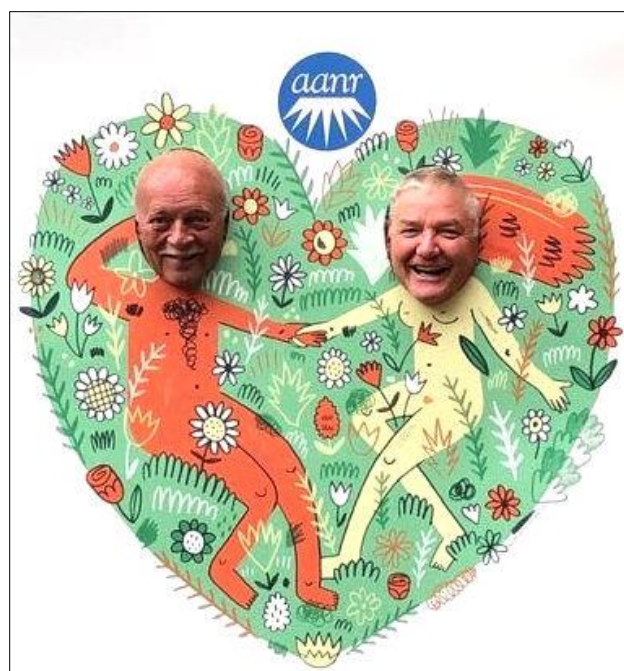


The last 2 Naked Man events have had a theme, due to many requests for an idea to base costumes and camps on. Though certainly not required, people have had fun with the themes of Mad Max in 2017 and this year's Carnival. There have now been 3 event organizers for the 7 events – Mike & Renee for the first 2, Chris for the next 4 and now Michael for 2018, with a promise to continue in 2019. The previous organizers are still very involved. Renee has

led the Tutu Parade at 2:22 every year, with about 250 tutu-clad men, women, children & dogs dancing their way from the outdoor stage to the main pool area, zig-zagging their way to the top gate to the delight of hundreds of cheering spectators in the pools and deck chairs. Mike and Renee have also hosted the outdoor Jamaica Me dance party for 2 years now on Wed night to really kick off the festivities.

The grounds of Laguna del Sol are perfect for Naked Man, as the different camps and events are spread out around the property so that it doesn't seem too crowded. Hundreds of members participated in the creation of the events and camps that around 2000 people enjoyed. The gatehouse was transformed into a candy-striped ticket booth, giving everyone a taste of what was to come as they passed through the gates. Theme-decorated golf carts included a gypsy fortune teller caravan and a clown with a big red hat on the roof. There were so many great camps and also a (real) nude wedding on the island, Thurs night lighted bicycle parade camp crawl, Fri night decorated golf cart parade, and the Sat night "Spectacle" show at the volleyball courts – featuring 3 glowing, living butterflies, created by member George, the aerialists and fire dancers of Sacramento Cirque, and the famous Naked Man & Naked Woman. She lit up and spun as he shot flames from his hands as his crazy hose "hair" sprayed fountains of water in all directions. These incredible pieces of metal art sculpture are exciting to see each year as they come to life!

While LdS does have lots of space for first-come, first-served dry camping, they did sell out a few weeks in advance this year. Naked Man and Nudestock are the only weekends of the year that require advanced reservations for all camping, even for club members. Plan now to attend Naked Man 2019, the weekend of Aug 1-4.



“STANDEE” PHOTO BOOTH AVAILABLE TO CLUBS

At the AANR-West convention we were introduced to new public-relations tool for attracting non-nudists to a trade show booth or to allow nudists at one of our parks to safely take a photo to share on Facebook or their personal website.

Introducing the “Naked Standee” which is a drawing with two face cutout openings on a large cardboard sheet. The image is of a life-sized naked couple with flowers strategically placed to cover nipples and crotch all within a heart-shaped outline.

This whimsical device allows people to take a nudist-like selfie and post it to friends and family.

The standee was successfully tested at the recent National Council of State Legislatures conference in Los Angeles, where we pleasantly surprised to see politicians and their assistants lining up to have their photo taken.

Of course, the minute or so spend getting the photo taken gave AANR show staff to pitch them about the joy of nude recreation.

AANR wants to make this available to clubs who need a place for their members to take selfies without disturbing other park members (the suggestion is to put this in the check-in office away from pools and lawns) so guests can then be informed of the club's no camera policy anywhere else.

Suggested cost to clubs is \$75 (includes shipping). For further information contact the AANR main office at 800.879.6833 (toll free)

WOMEN (AND MEN) IN NATURISM MEETING SEPT 13 ANNOUNCED FOR SAN FRANCISCO

By Claudia Kellersch,
Member, AANR-West Board of Directors

Hello to all club members and AANR Associates in the greater San Francisco Bay area. I have been appointed the new coordinator for Women in Nude Recreation (WINR) for the AANR Western Region and I want to launch a series of get-togethers and workshops, in order to hear ideas from all interested women (and men) on how to make the naturist experience better for newcomers (and especially women) at nudist clubs, beaches, and other gatherings.

Our first meeting will be at the Archimedes Banya on Thursday, September 13, 2018 noon – 3 pm. Archimedes Banya is a clothing-optional spa complex featuring detox services, massage, steam room, cold pool, etc. located at 748 Innes Ave, San Francisco. A government-issued photo ID is required for entry.

Archimedes requires a \$42 fee to use their facilities but our workshop was granted a discount to only \$35 for the three hours (you can of course pay the difference and enjoy all their other services yourself). Please RSVP to me at nudewedding2002@sunlink.net to receive directions where our meeting will be held within the Archimedes complex. This event is clothing-optional. If you cannot attend, drop me any thought on the subject t WINR@aanrwest.org

OLIVE DELL RANCH HOSTS “ART-RAGEOUS” FESTIVAL

Olive Dell Nudist Ranch in Colton, CA hosted its second annual Art-rageous Festival over the weekend of July 20-21 with a very enthusiastic body of would-be artists and body canvass volunteers sharing the fun.

Modeled after a similar festival in San Diego, the goal of the Art-rageous Festival is to help people to discover their inner artist! “Everyone can be an artist and discover the fun and creativity of art,” says the poster outside the clubhouse door.

An estimated 50 participants enjoyed a wide variety of hands-on artistic “funshops” that focused on clay throwing and sculpture, tote bag painting, wire and bead crafting, making tie dye T-shirts and skirts, and painting on canvass and poster board. There was also a body-painting area.

Contests and prizes were awarded throughout the weekend.

The onsite cafe offered a nice menu variety and a special BBQ meal on Saturday night.



Body painting at Olive Dell during Art-Rageous festival

LUPIN LODGE TO CELEBRATE ITS 83RD ANNIVERSARY ON AUG 25

Lupin Lodge in Los Gatos, the oldest nudist club in the western United States, will celebrate its 83rd Anniversary on Saturday August 25 with a day full of hiking, craft, and game activities.



At 8pm the day ends with a Balloon and Costume Dance.

People get very creative decorating themselves with body paint and attaching balloons to themselves. Prizes for the most creative use of materials. The dance will be hosted by popular DJs Tangerine Dream and Moonbeam.

Call ahead for lodging and camping availability. Gate admission: \$40 for the day but AANR members pay only \$25.

CLUB ORIENT CANCELS ALL FALL RESERVATIONS

Stephen Payne, Director of Club Orient on St Martin island in the Caribbean, has sent to letters to its customers stating that the resort’s insurance company has delayed payment of the funds necessary to complete their rebuilding in time for the peak Fall season.

As a result, the grand reopening has been delayed and people who made reservations will have their deposits refunded.

“If you are frustrated by the delays, you can imagine how we feel,” writes Payne. “We’re sorry for the bad news but [we] are doing everything we can to try and move forward and not let the seemingly endless obstructions deter us from our goal of getting Club Orient back to the paradise we all remember.

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

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 August 15-31

Date	Event Description	Host Club	Club Link
8/16/2018	Nudestock Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
8/18/2018	Denim & Diamonds Western Weekend Dance	Glen Eden	info@gleneden.com
8/18/2018	Pool Party	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
8/18/2018	Body Painting	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
8/18/2018	Glow Dance	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
8/18/2018	SCNA Summer Games	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
8/18/2018	Glow (Black Light & Body Paint) Party	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
8/18/2018	Green House Party	Roadrunner Naturists	http://www.roadrunnernaturists.com/
8/18/2018	Annual Naked Summer Games Day	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
8/18/2018	Pool Party and potluck	SunTree Travel Club	information@suntree.net
8/21/2018	Tailgate Party	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
8/23/2018	National Whiskey Sour Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
8/25/2018	Bates Beach Party	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
8/26/2018	Full Moon Social	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
8/28/2018	End of Summer Dance	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
8/30/2018	Labor Day Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
8/31/2018	Wild West Days! / Western Games	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com

Calendar of Major Events at the Clubs September 1-30

Date	Event Description	Host Club	Club Link
9/1/2018	Labor Day Weekend Dance	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
9/1/2018	Labor Day Weekend Dance	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
09/1/18	Labor Day Weekend Dance & Other Events	Shangri-La Ranch, AZ	joinus@shangrilaranch.com
9/1/2018	Gravestone...A Wild West Murder Mystery	Olive Dell Ranch	olivedell1952@gmail.com
9/2/2018	Talent Show	Mountain Air Ranch	marinfo@trynude.com
9/2/2018	Pool Party	Roadrunner Naturists	http://www.roadrunnernaturists.com/
9/6/2018	Beer Lover's Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
9/8/2018	Pool Party	Olympian Club	olympianclub@aol.com
9/8/2018	Zorthian Ranch Party	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
9/15/2018	Bare Booty 5k Fun Run	De Anza Springs	deanzaspringsrunning@gmail.com
9/15/2018	Nudestock Music Festival	Laguna del Sol	office@lagunadelsol.com
9/15/2018	Annual California Beach Cleanup/Beach Party	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org
9/15/2018	End of Summer Hot Springs Soaking	SunTree Travel Club	information@suntree.net
9/20/2018	Autumnal Equinox Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
9/21/2018	Faywood Weekend	Roadrunner Naturists	http://www.roadrunnernaturists.com/
9/25/2018	Full Moon Social	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
9/27/2018	Fall Volunteer Weekend	De Anza Springs	stay@deanzasprings.com
9/29/2018	Ice Cream Social & Pool Party	SCNA	scna@socalnaturist.org



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