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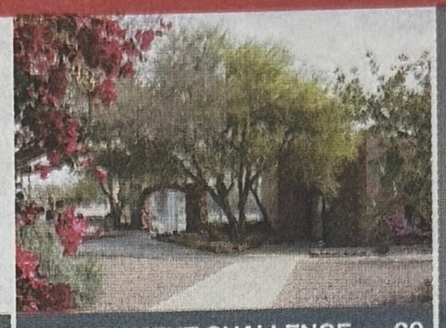

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The Night Before Christmas

(Nudist Style)

By Wanita Floyd

'Twas the night before Christmas and
all through the camp
not a nudist was stirring for the
evenings were damp.
The stockings were hung outside
trailers with care
in hopes that Saint Nicholas soon
would be there.

The children were nestled so snug in
their beds
while visions of Sun Fun danced in
their heads.
Mama in her hair curlers and I in my tan
were just settling in for the cool
winter's span.

Then out on the Baregrounds there rose
such a clatter
we leaped from our beds to see what
was the matter.
Out the house trailer door I flew with
a leap
tripped over the barbecue and fell in a
heap.

See "Christmas" on Page 3.



Photo by the Lupin Camera Club.

Happy Holidays from Lupin Lodge in California.

President's Podium



John Kinman
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Once again, the December issue of *The Bulletin* will review highlights of past issues of 2006. I hope you will enjoy looking back for a few moments to appreciate what has been accomplished this year.

Some of the articles will review the new process for the election of trustees and officers. For the first time in our organization's history, each member had the opportunity to cast a ballot directly for the candidates, rather than being represented by a delegate at the annual convention. You have elected a Board of Trustees representing all geographic areas of our Association and all sizes of clubs. I think that the new board will serve you well.

By the time this article is printed, the new Board of Trustees will have met and adopted a budget for 2007 and an outline of what needs to be done in 2008 in order to meet the long-term objectives of our strategic plan. One of the primary objectives is to grow membership significantly. A lot of research has been done in the past two years to identify the areas of growth and decline and to track attrition caused by members who leave the organization. In 2007, we will be developing specific programs to bring in new members and reduce turnover.

While December may be a month when we look back at the past year, it is also a month when we look to the future. Think for a moment. What more could AANR do to advance nude recreation if we were as large as AARP or the NRA? AANR has accomplished a great deal with its current resources. A number of examples are mentioned in reprinted articles in this issue. It's almost unbelievable to me that we have been able to become recognized as a mainstream organization with our current income and a membership of less than 50,000. But, what if AANR had 500,000 or five million members? Would we have even more impact?

Is this so hard to believe? Perhaps not. A recent Roper Poll conducted by the Naturist Education Foundation asked the question: "Have you, personally, ever gone skinny-dipping or nude sunbathing in a mixed group of men and women at a beach, at a pool, or somewhere else?" Twenty-five percent of respondents answered "yes." That represents over 55 million Americans. Is it reasonable to expect that AANR could achieve a membership level of something more than one tenth of one percent of people who have already had experiences of nudity in mixed company? Not all skinny-dippers will become members of AANR, just as not all hunters and gun collectors will join the NRA. However, the poll tells us that we have an opportunity for significant growth.

Your newly-elected Board of Trustees will be developing strategies to bring a growth in AANR membership, but there are ways that each of us can assist in this endeavor. We can reach out to friends and relatives who have shared a nude hot tub with us or joined us at a nude beach and tell them of the benefits of belonging to AANR. We can also, as we do our own tax planning for the year, consider a contribution to the AANR Education Foundation, which is tax deductible. Individually, we elected the officers and trustees to manage our organization and, individually, we can assist in promoting the right of citizens to experience nude recreation in appropriate settings.

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Christmas

Continued from Cover.

The moonlight on the crest of the sundeck ahead
gave the luster of midday to an object of red.
'Twas the camp owner's pickup with a great Christmas tree
He was planning a treat for the whole camp to see.

Then what to my wondering mind did appear
but a marvelous idea, and I said to the wife, "Dear. . .
let's find us a sled, let's move lively and quick,
we'll help with the Camp Christmas . . . I'll be St. Nick!"

More rapid than eagles our steps they did speed,
we agreed on the golf cart and tied horns to our steed.
We draped it in tinsel and ribbons and a bell
and a great bag of gifts . . . it was all going well.

I named my steed Dance (my wife was the Vixen!)
and we both laughed gaily at the trick we were fixin'.
We sped 'cross the sundeck and past the high wall,
top heavy with presents and goodies for all.

Past the camps and trailers our courser it flew
with a cartful of toys and me, Nude Nicholas, too.
Four times 'round the camp with my bell and my horn
and out came all the nudists like the day they were born.

They laughed and they giggled, but I knew how they felt,
I sure looked silly in just a cap, boots and belt.
All the eyes how they twinkled, the crowd was so merry,
as they watched their Camp Santa, all goose bumps and hairy.

December is chilly if you wear naught but a cap
but then, heck, no one else stopped to put on a wrap.
I stood there a'grinning, my pipe clenched in my teeth
warming with friendship and the hide shivering beneath.

What a sight I presented with my big round bare belly
shaking with laughter like a bowl full of jelly.
I was loaded with gifts just like Santa himself
What sport! Great fun! Both for them and myself!

Then with a wink of my eye and a twist of my head,
I passed out the presents and thank yous were said.
There were toys for the kiddies, and sun lotion for dad,
and supersize beach towels, the best to be had.

Then laying a finger aside of his nose,
one nudist observed, "Santa's more fun
without clothes!"

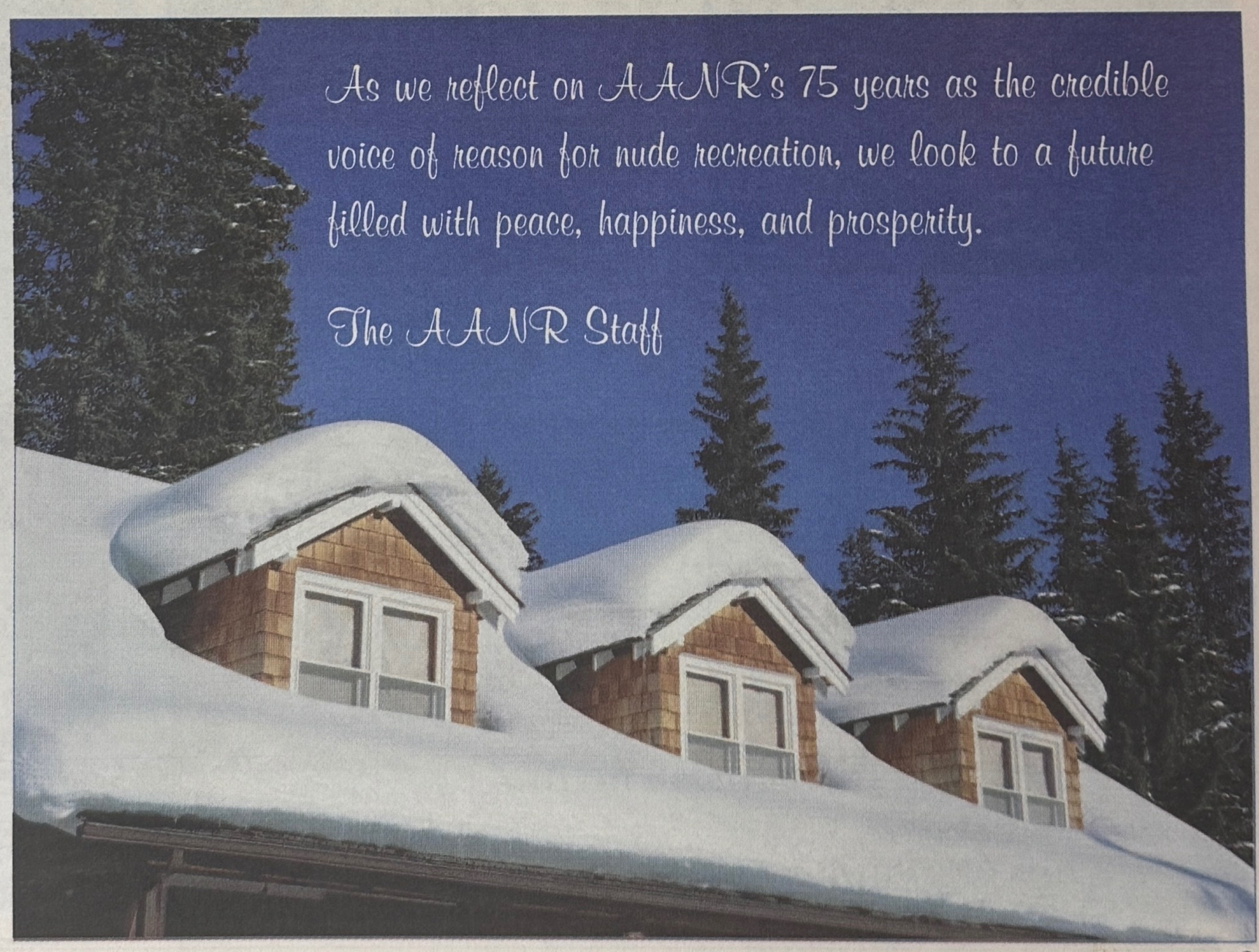
I sprang to my golf cart, to the wife gave a whistle,
and away we both flew like the down on a thistle.

We heard them exclaim as we drove out of sight, "What a fine nudist family! Merry Christmas, Nude Night!"

This poem originally appeared in the December 1969 issue of The Bulletin.



"Step on it, Honey. We're getting low on gifts and they're gaining on us."





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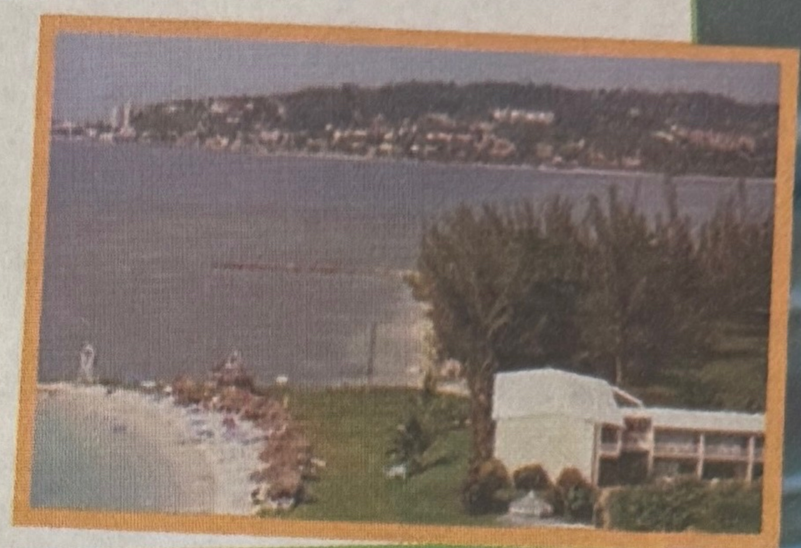

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Jim Corsentino (left) and Peter Yesawich chat after the keynote speech at the ARVC Convention.



Wayne Roberts presents Erich Schuttauf with a "confiscated" NCSL promotional banner.



Take Pride spokesperson Clint Eastwood with Executive Director Marti Allbright and Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton join the Take Pride Crew of Carmel River School in a wetland restoration project.



Members of Cedar Creek Park maintain a three-mile stretch of highway.



AANR West makes a generous donation to the AANR Bob Page Legal Defense Fund.



Kathy Pearson (right) is excited to talk with Michelle Cangelosi, Executive Director of Take Pride in America.



Volunteers at Earth Day 2006 Assateague Beach Cleanup sport their new yellow shirts.



The group for Assateague met to prepare handwritten notes to Delegate Mathias.



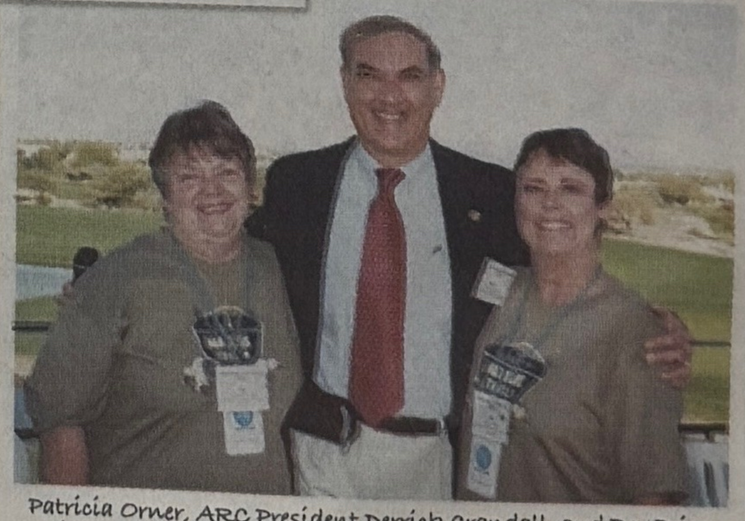
AANR Northwest members support the beach cleanup in Oregon.



The AANR GAT Team.



Erich Schuttauf and Steve Hubbard pose with Senator Bill Nelson (center).



Patricia Orner, ARC President Derrick Crandall, and Bev Price enjoyed a skybox at the TCP Scottsdale Stadium Golf Course.

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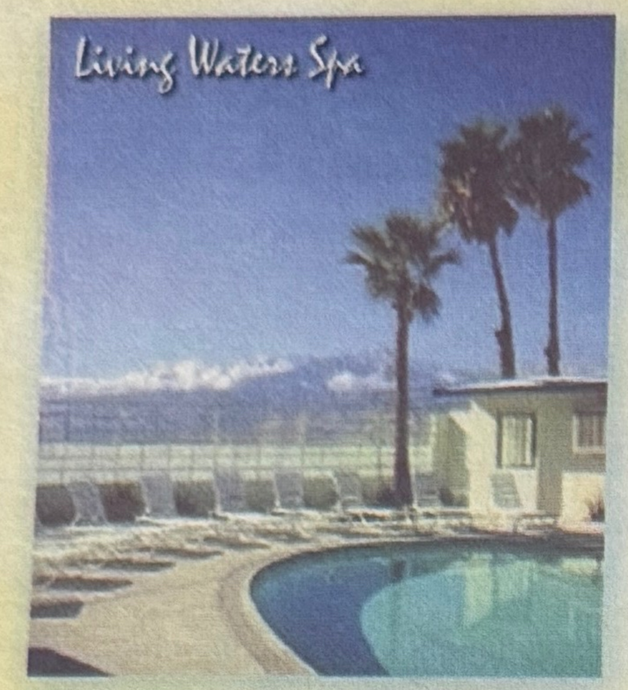







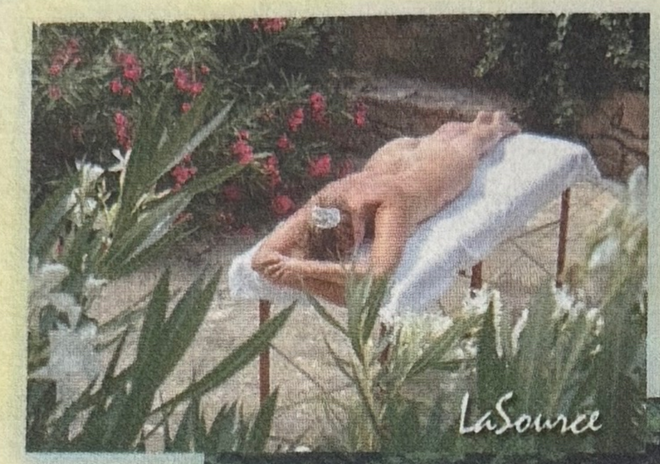







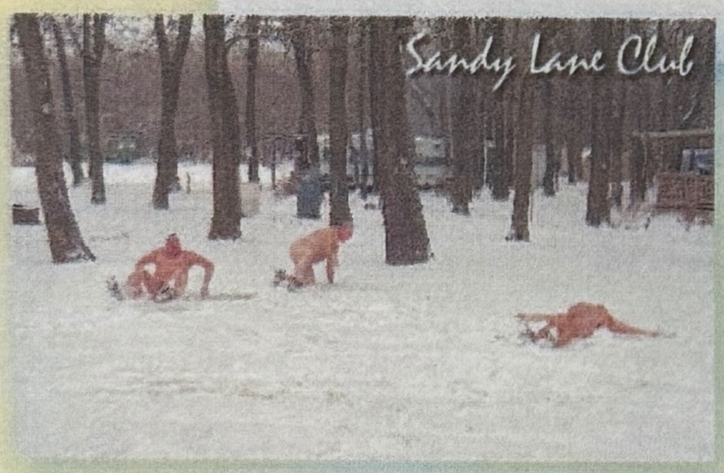



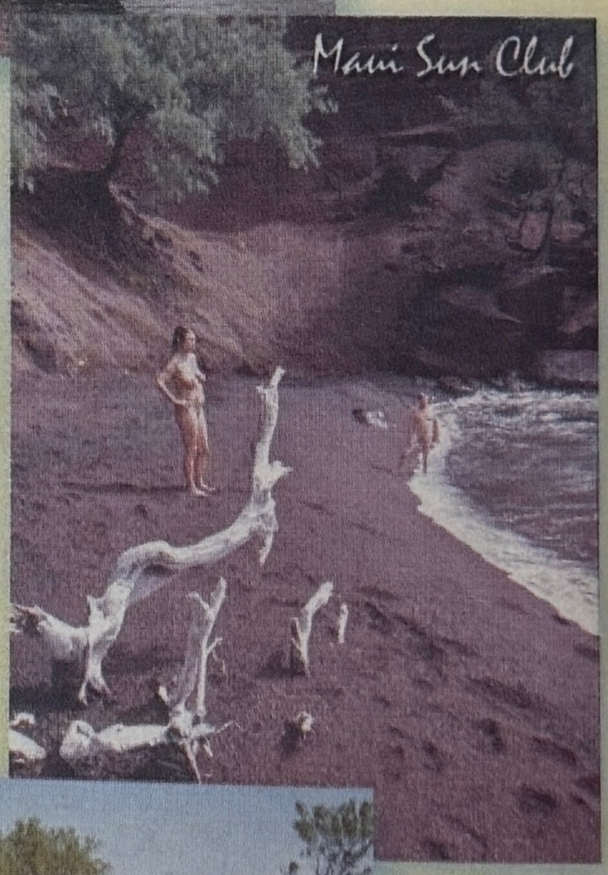





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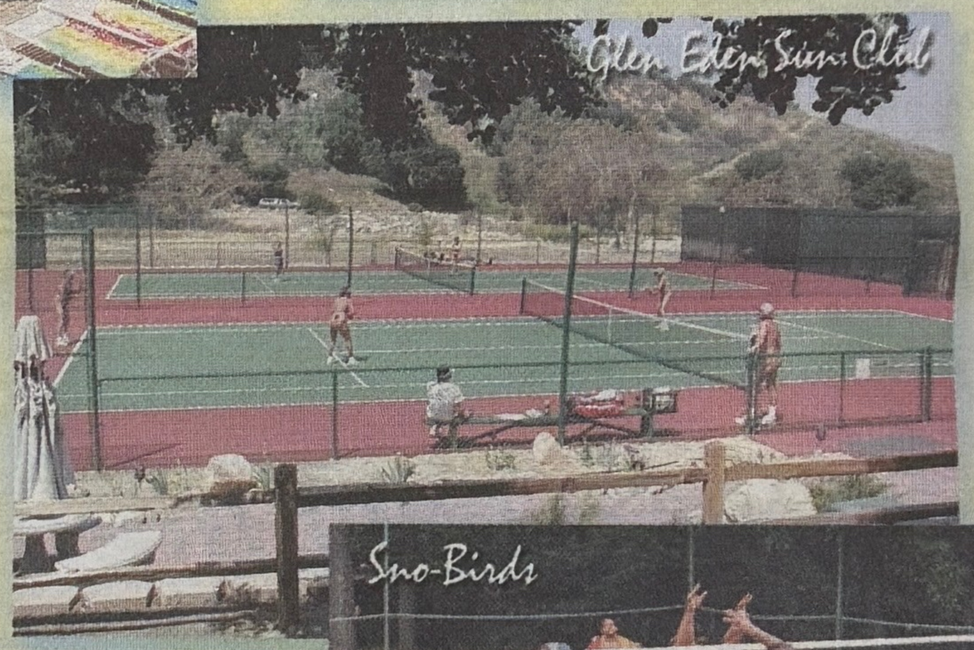








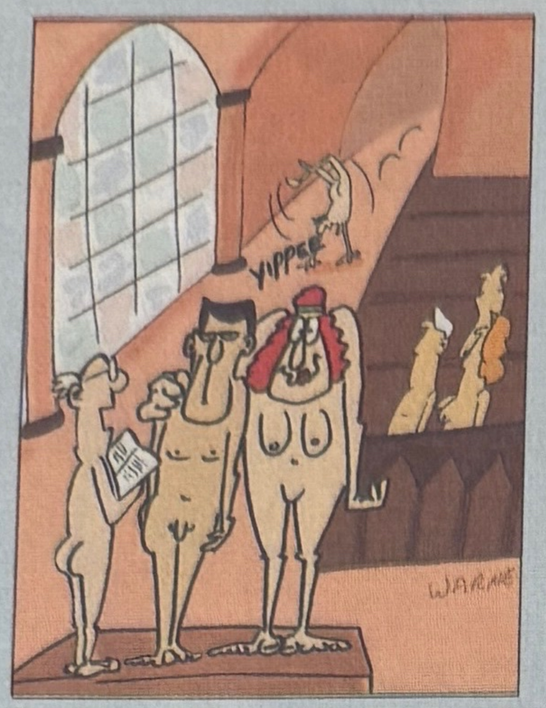








Welcome new members.



"Does anyone here have any just reason why these two can't be . . . um, I take it that's the father of the bride?"



"Abort climb. I repeat, abort climb. Old Smokey is stirring."



"Sarge, you ever heard of a natural fiber suit?"

A look back at the humor



"Move over, Roger. I had a rough day too."



"C'mon in, Mister. We just warmed up the water for you."



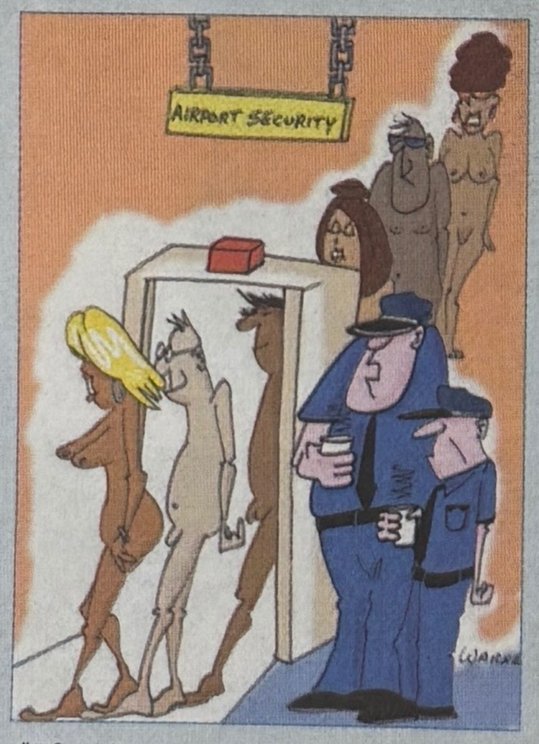
"Ahem! 'Scuse me ladies, did you happen to notice my disproportionately large biceps?"



"And that, everyone, is a Southwestern American Nudist in its natural habitat."



"You must be Wilson from accounting. I heard something interesting about you . . . now what was it?



"If nudists ever take over the world, I figure we're out of a job."



"I tried jogging once but it made the ice jump right out of my Tom Collins."



"Yo Queeny Baby, I guess the Colonies have changed a little since your last visit."

Cartoons by Ron Warne.

2006 Nudist Profiles



Summer Johns and her two children, Tristin and Griffin, are free to enjoy nude recreation once again.

Chrissy Nixon enjoys her time in the desert at DeAnza Springs.



Morty and Norma Jean Klugerman.



Andrea Hutchinson enjoys traveling the world with family and friends.



Susan Lane and Rocco enjoy the good life at Forest Hills.



Irv Mesher shed his uniform to enjoy the good life at Sunny Rest.

Len Stuart displays his art.



FAMILY OF THE YEAR: Judy and Glyn Grisham



MAN OF THE YEAR:
Bob Roche

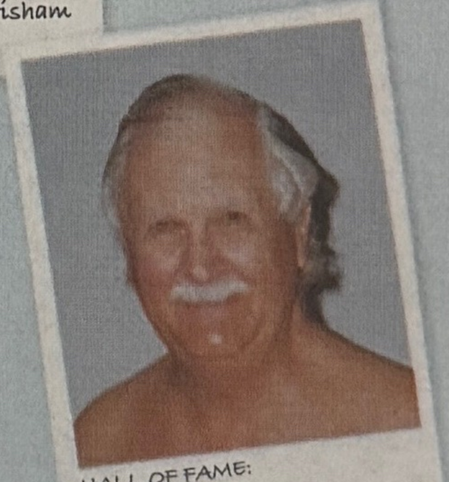
Shannon Parkow enjoys the nudist lifestyle at Paradise Lakes.



WOMAN OF THE YEAR:
Patty Faber



JIM COSSINS AWARD:
Bob Erlenmeyer



HALL OF FAME:
Turner Stokes

General News

A new year, a new look.

AANR West and AANR Northwest donate funds for the new marketing consultant program.





Bob Erlenmeyer shares a laugh with Sharon McLeod as he prepares to give her the oath of office as AANR Secretary/Treasurer.



"Tooshies" by Alix and Maddie Schuttauf.



Desert Shadows Donates to Government Affairs

"Members' Voices" a new addition to the topics for The Bulletin.



Pat Brown holds her Lame Duck.

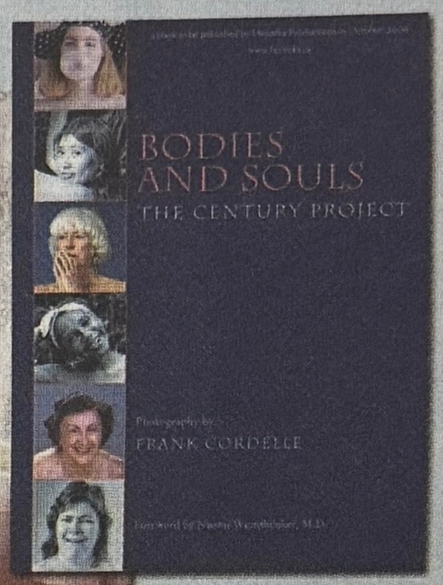
Below, AANR East Trustee Bill Williamson and FANR Trustee Don Sloan present donations to Pat Brown for the marketing consultant program.





Campers at the Quartzsite show.





Bodies and Souls: The Century Project book.

Faith, 81.



In the August issue of Latina magazine, writer Nuria Net discovers she's much more comfortable with being nude.



Dear Abby:

My husband and I are in our late 30s, healthy and in good shape. Our love life is good, and we get along better now than we ever have.

Before we get any older, my husband has asked me to visit a nudist beach or resort with him. He also says he would like to spice up our sex life by making love in the forest beside a mountain stream, or even in the back seat of our car in a secluded place.

Coming from a religious background, I am not totally comfortable with the idea of going nude at a beach in front of a lot of other people, or the thought of being caught having sex in the woods. My husband says that visiting a nudist beach or resort is not about exhibitionism or immorality. He says it is about enjoying nature and feeling the sensation of being free outdoors.

These are things I might like to try, but I am just not sure. I'm concerned about what others would think if they found out. My husband says what we do is our own business, and the only way anyone we know would find out is if we told them.

Would it be wrong for us to go to a nude beach or resort?

Wondering Wife in Pennsylvania

Dear Wondering:

I recommend you consider your husband's suggestions one at a time, and see how comfortable you are with each one.

There is nothing sinful about going to a nude beach with one's husband. When you do, you will see entire families and people of every age enjoying themselves—all looking remarkably similar, and none of them leering at anyone else. Should you run into people you know, I can't imagine anyone gossiping about it, since they would have to explain how they happened to see you.

As to spicing up your sex life by making love in public places: I don't recommend it because it leaves couples vulnerable to being exploited by anyone who happens by, or being cited for violating local ordinances against indecent exposure.

Dear Abby recommends visit to nudist beach or resort.

Members' Voices

This month's topic: Attracting Younger Members

In April, we posed the question "What can AANR do to encourage younger people to join?" Here's what some of our members had to say:

Create Youth-Oriented Environment

In response to the request in the April 2006 issue of *The Bulletin*, I believe there are plenty of steps AANR could take to bring in a younger crowd. My wife and I have been members of Glen Eden Sun Club in Corona, California, for almost four years now. As Glen Eden's youngest members, we are often asked what AANR or Glen Eden can do to appeal to a younger crowd. My wife and I are both 28 years old, and we have been members since age 24. Below are some of the reasons we believe young people stay away from the nudist lifestyle, and suggestions on how to fix it.

Why are there so few young people at nudist resorts? Simply put, because there are so few young people at nudist resorts. When my wife and I first took the tour at Glen Eden we were relatively comfortable with being nude. I must admit, we felt really out of place being one of the older adults. Glen Eden has a little less than 2,000 members. Less than 20 of these members are under the age of thirty. It was sheer coincidence that we happened to take the tour on a day when a couple of the young



some appropriate setting for kids. Kids should be welcome in the swimming pools. There should also be more activities and games for kids to play.

Now here is our final suggestion: advertise. I wasn't prepared to understand the legal or political ramifications for advertising nudist clubs. I don't think that people are necessarily against visiting a nudist club. I don't think people know they exist, or what they're all about. There are many ways to advertise your clubs. Set up a booth at a university campus. At the very least, hang up fliers at colleges and universities. I'm a student at California State University, in Fullerton, and I could help arrange that.

Why are there no advertisements in magazines, newspapers, or even local television stations? Time inc. The majority of Americans go months, even years without so much as hearing the term "nudist colony." And when they do, they giggle for about a second and a half, and then continue in their conversation. This country doesn't know how many people actually enjoy our lifestyle. On top of that, they don't know how many places they would have to choose from if they decided to give it a try.

I hope these ideas offer some help. Please know that we, along with all of our young nudist friends, are willing to help in any way that we can.

Joe and Shannon Baker

Interest But Lack of Time, Money

As to young people, the very fact of being young and married or busy establishing

by making community gardens and building structures from natural materials. They build saunas out of cob, and generate non-destructive meditation. This is just what the original naturists were doing 100 years ago! So nudists already have much in common historically with younger people.

I'm sure that to many older nudists, the image of young people like those conjures up images of the 1960s and rock music in Woodstock. While there are some similarities, this image is just as out of date as the image of nudist "colonies" consisting of a few years

Don't Prejudge

The best way is to accept the younger people, without our preconceived ideas of what "kids" are. I work in a high school, and I realize on a daily basis how easy it is to prejudge our children. Our members need to embrace the "youngers," and keep encouraging our folks to raise their children in the nudist environment. This may or may not answer your question. We need to reach out and embrace them.

Grace McCoy

It's Time To Vote

Congratulations! As an AANR voting member, you now have the personal privilege of choosing the people you want to lead your association. Included with this issue of *The Bulletin* is your ballot or ballots, if there are two of you on the membership, and your voter's guide. Exception: If you are a non-voting member (e.g. a national member) you will not receive a ballot. The voter's guide has profiles for all the candidates who are running for office and may help you make a decision about voting.

Smart Ballots

Some of the candidates will not be on your ballot. That is OK since ballots will be customized for each region. You will have the Member Trustee Candidates from your region on your ballot. Every voting member, however, will have the opportunity to vote for all seven Club Trustees. It will be clearly marked on your ballot just how many votes you may cast.

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You have the choice of voting by mail or submitting an electronic ballot. Please follow the instructions on your ballot. VR Elections Systems, the company that is handling the voting, is independent from AANR and has a very prestigious background in electronic balloting, so you can rest assured that your vote will be confidential. Survey questions are also included on your ballot. We hope that you'll choose to answer them so that AANR can best serve its memebers. All answers will be confidential.

Take Time to Vote

Every vote is important—none more so than yours. If AANR is to remain a member organization that is the credible voice of reason for nude recreation, it is dependent upon wise folks like you taking the necessary steps to elect exceptional leaders. It is time for you to take your place in AANR history and vote for the candidates of your choice.

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For the first time in the Association's history, it was one member, one vote.

The word was out to get members to vote.

The Results Are In

For the first time in AANR's history, members have voted directly for the officers and trustees of the Association. The last votes were cast on June 20, either on the Internet or by postmarked mail. On July 5, 2006, the winners were announced.

Congratulations to the new AANR Board:

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Patty Faber
Group 1 & 2:
(Clubs with more than 1,183 members)
Dean Hadley and Toni Niles

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AANR West: Walt Stephens
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WCANR: Bob Dixon

The analysis, received from VR Elections, states that 7.85 percent of eligible members voted in the election. Surprisingly, the majority of votes were cast by mail rather than on the Internet.

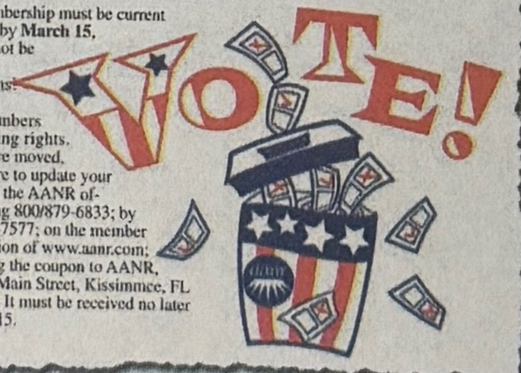
AANR Executive Director Erich Schuttauf said, "AANR deeply appreciates the help, interest, hard work, and commitment of all who ran for Officer and Trustee positions during the 2006 election. We also wish to thank the thousands of members who cast ballots. You have helped make history with selecting your leadership on a one member, one vote basis."

Be sure to welcome the new board members when they take office at the AANR 75th Anniversary Convention at DeAnza Springs Resort this month.

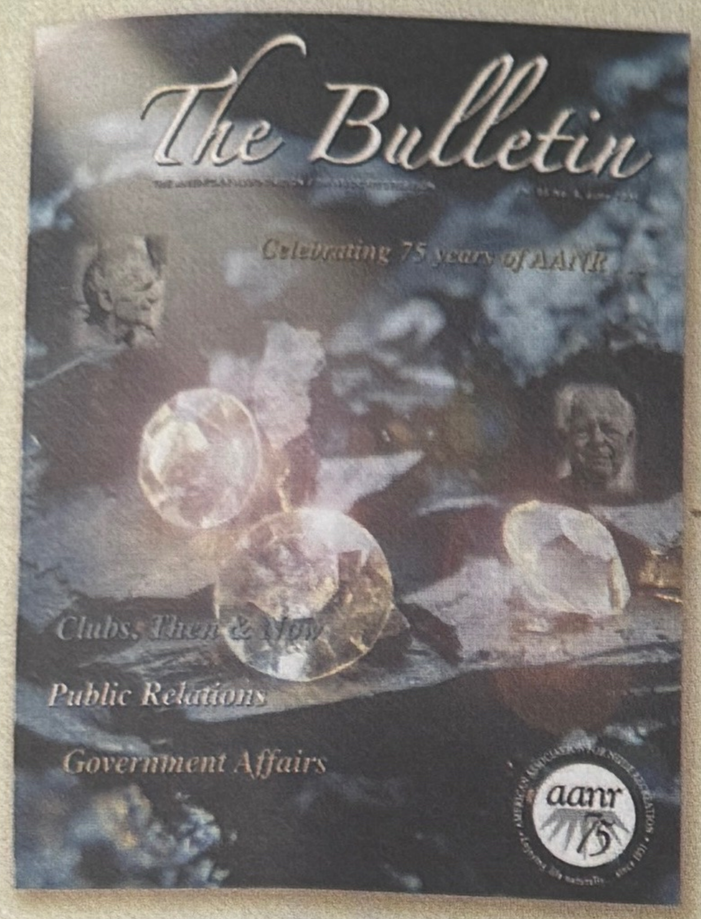
Protect Your Rights

Your membership must be current with AANR by **March 15**, or you will not be able to vote. No exceptions! Internet and National members have no voting rights.

If you have moved, please be sure to update your address with the AANR office by calling 800/879-6833; by fax 407/933-7577; on the member benefits section of www.aanr.com; or by mailing the coupon to AANR, 1703 North Main Street, Kissimmee, FL 34744-3396. It must be received no later than March 15.



75 Years of AANR History



The 1930s: Getting Organized



Reverend Ilsley "Uncle Danny" Boone.



ASA headquaters at Mays Landing, New Jersey.

The original American Sunbathing Association logo.

The 1940s: The Lean Years



Alois Knapp crowns the King and Queen.

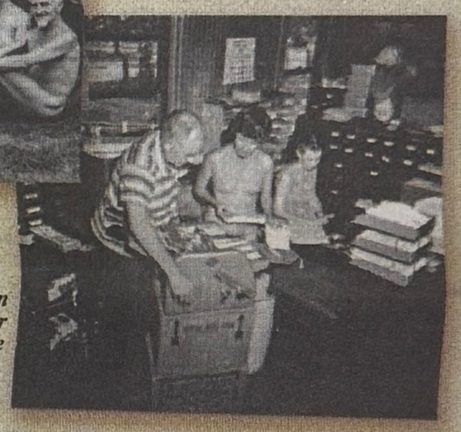


Volleyball is a favorite sport.

The 1950s: Growing Pains

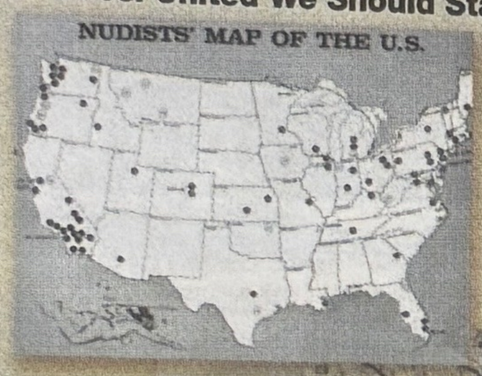


The 1952 INF World Congress.



The ASA office in Mays Landing near Sunshine Park in the early 1950s.

The 1960s: United We Should Stand



Nudist camps populated the country.



Black and white photographs began appearing on the cover of The Bulletin *in 1960.*

The 1970s: Trying To Look Forward

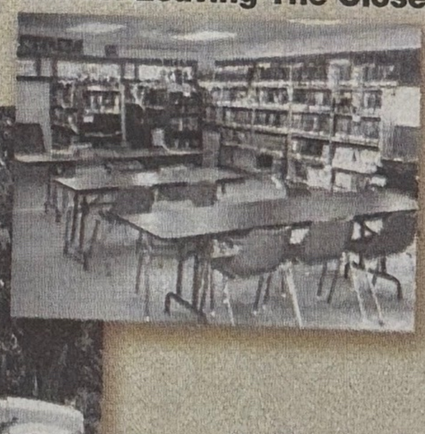


The Royal Family at the 1977 WSA Convention at Treehouse in California.



Cot of Como accepts the plaque for first club to have 3,000 members.

The 1990s: Leaving The Closet



The American Nudist Research Library gets a larger permanent home at Cypress Cove in Kissimmee, Florida.

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AANR President Pat Brown and the 2005-2006 Board of Trustees at Caliente in Florida.

The 1980s: Taking A Bold Step



Visitors marvel at the wealth of information in the American Nudist Research Library.



Discussing issues at the board of trustees meeting.

The 2000s: Moving Into The Mainstream



Nude 5K runs began to draw media attention.

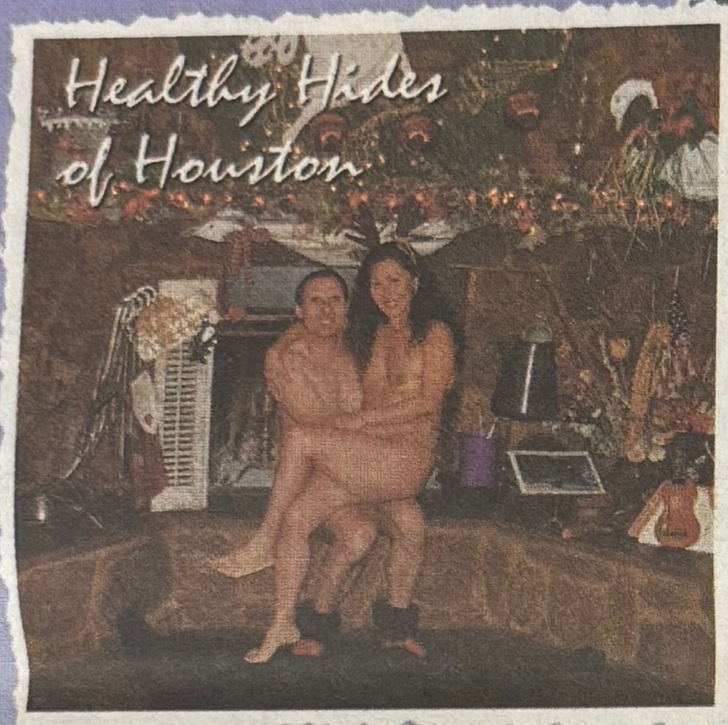
Season Greetings



White Tail Park



Deer Park Nudist Resort



Healthy Hides of Houston

from the AANR Clubs.



Emerald Lake Resort



Cedar Trails Retreat



Travelites

Memories from the AANR Convention



Incoming AANR President John Kinman presents outgoing AANR President Pat Brown with a commemorative gavel.



Rep. Curt Dougherty (center) accepts the Paradise Lakes Government Affairs Award from Alonzo Stevens and Erich Schuttauf.



Everyone enjoyed the Skinny Dip beer—a proud sponsor of the AANR Convention.



The youth thank DeAnza Springs for a great convention.



The group gets ready to witness history.

The time capsule contents were donated by clubs and members.



Carolyn Hawkins introduces keynote speaker Story Musgrave.



Those attending the awards ceremony came dressed as their favorite decade.



Some people will do anything to raise money for government affairs.

2006 Regional Conventions

FANR



The new FANR Board.



Sally DePree promotes her book, Women in Nude Recreation.



Scholarship winner Jessica Harpin.



Scholarship winner Rebecca Amdor.

AANR East



The Great Pretender Show.



The welcome reception.



Swami George Morrison.



The convention was fun for all ages.

AANR Northwest



Sharon McLeod and Steve Hubbard dress the part for the Fourth of July celebration.



SLUGS was the winner of the largest membership increase percentage award.



Incoming AANR NW President Mike Parker accepts the gavel from Wayne Roberts.



Pat Brown swears in the board members.

AANR Southwest



Outgoing AANR Southwest President Kevin Owens and incoming President Lucy Hide.



The entire Wooten family enjoys the convention.



Youth President and Young Man of the Year Trey Bishop.



AANR Club Trustee Brenda Spangler swears in the new board.

AANR Midwest



Presenting the AANR Midwest Board.





Mark Hammond presents Bonnie Johnson with the Woman of the Year award.

The Buzz Express heads on down the line.



John Kinman is roasted by Walt Stephens.





Glen Eden's own gypsy dancers.





Jim Zack accepts a generous donation for the Western Nudist Research Library from Horst Kraus.

AANR West Scholarship winners Kelly Feeser (left), and Maren Skulborstad.

AANR West

AANR Youth



Kyle Pennington, AANR Youth Man of the Year.



There's plenty of room at camp for you.



AANR Trustee Patty Faber (center) presents the AANR West Junior Woman of the Year award to Cyndi Faber and AANR West Young Man of the Year award to Kevin Hill.



Aaron Bollinger soaks up the sun in Miami.



Berkshire Vista Resort's 2005 Annual Labor Day Spaghetto Event. Top row parents Christina and Steven, bottom row Jamie (20), Justina (16), and Joseph (18).



Alyssa Smith and her dad.

There are fun activities for all ages at Oaklake Trails.





Campers and volunteers gather for a group shot.

Regional Review



Wind and rain welcomed AANR Northwest participants as they gathered for the polar bare dip.



Northcoast Naturists relax after a hike.



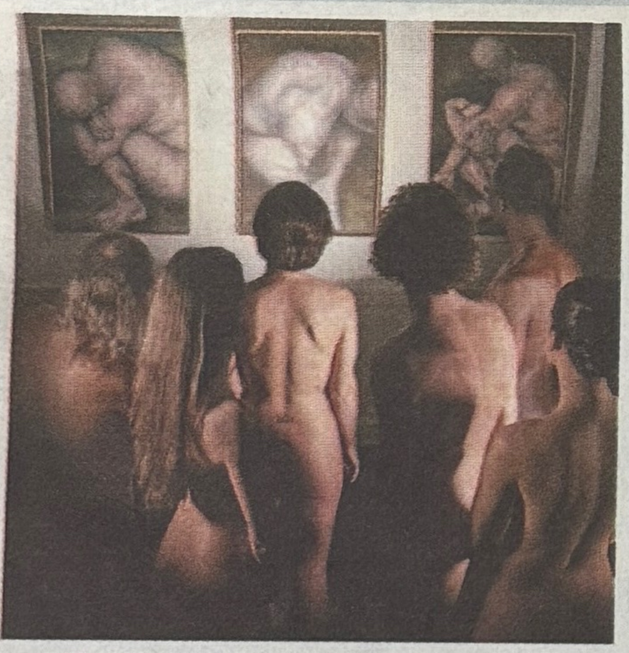
Canadian clubs join together for nude swims.



Bobbi Janson (left) and Luana Rohrer (right) look on as Sally DePree signs copies of her WINR book.



Mira Vista Resort owners (from left to right) Joe and Becky Lettelleir, Wayne and Suzanne Schell, and Helen and Dave Landman.



This is the photo that appeared on the cover of the Weekender section of the Lexington Herald Leader, January 13, 2006.



Rocco Terrizzi and Carolyn Hawkins on Haulover Beach.



Patty Faber, Margot and Chuck Unger, and Bev Price were delighted to talk to visitors at the AANR West display booth.



The Assateaque cleanup was a success despite the weather.



Ilsley, the traveling trophy, joined Santa and his nudist elves for holiday merriment at Serendipity Park in Cleveland, Georgia.

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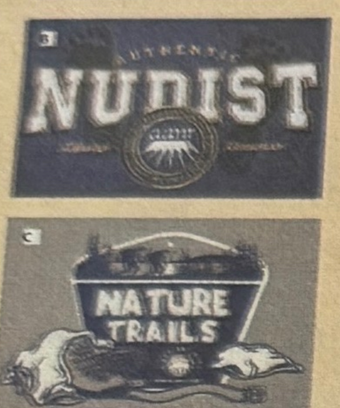

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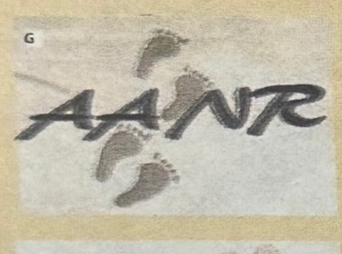

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Club Happenings

The Club Happenings section of *The Bulletin* consists of information that has been submitted by individual clubs. All AANR clubs are listed on the Web site at www.aanr.com. A printed list of clubs can also be obtained by writing the AANR office, 1703 North Main Street, Kissimmee, FL 34744-3396, or by calling 800/TRY-NUDE.

ARIZONA

✦ What do **ARIZONA WILDFLOWERS** do when the weather turns "chilly"? They put on a T-shirt—usually one with a nudist theme—and have a "chili tasting party." Everyone brings their own version of homemade chili, and all contributions are marked with a label from "wimpy" to "excruciating." Each person gets as many small bowls as it takes to taste them all. No cookoff, no prizes, no costumes, but the chili makes a wonderful cool-weather treat. Any visitors who wish to enjoy a cool-weather treat with the Wildflowers are welcome. Write POB 26465, Phoenix, AZ 85068 for an invitation.



ARIZONA—Wildflower Bill Bartels can't contain his pleasure at tasting six of the fine chili concoctions at a recent event.

✦ Members of the **BUFF-A-TEERS** of Tucson wish everyone season's greetings. The biweekly gatherings in local restaurants continue with new faces, laughter, and conversations. Wesworld's October overnight lasted two days. Costumed guests from other Arizona clubs attended, adding to the fun of the barbecue, evening songs around the campfire, and Sunday breakfast. November's Thanksgiving dinner proved the Buffs have exceptional cooks. Delicious food was combined with great fellowship in a home setting. The Christmas party potluck will be one to remember with beautiful decorations, music, and gaiety. All nudists are welcome at the club's activities. Contact buffateers@yahoo.com for directions.

CALIFORNIA

✦ While **THE SEQUOIANS, A CLOTHES-FREE CLUB** is closed to visitors until April 1, members and guests continue to enjoy the club facilities and the special events. Thanksgiving dinner overflowed with great food as well as collected donations for the local food bank. The Winter Holiday Party on December 16 with the gift exchange and collection of presents for Toys for Tots is a club favorite. The New Year's Eve Nudist Formal will be a night to remember. Bay Area AANR members who want to finagle an invitation to this elegant party should e-mail steffiezoo2@yahoo.com. The traditional New Year's Day plunge in the cold pool is optional.

✦ **SINGLENUDIST.COM** has recently upgraded the service with a new chat room. Join the fun meeting other single nudists from all over. There are scheduled chat nights on Mondays and Thursdays, picture profiles, and discussion forums. Singlenudist.com is the best place on the Internet to meet other single nudists!

✦ A Merry Christmas to all from **GLEN EDEN SUN CLUB**, the club for all seasons. The weather is sunny, and many fun events are planned for people of all ages. A new event has been added to the 2007 calendar. It is called Fun Night and will consist of anything from games to campfires to CD dance parties. There are 11 Fun Nights planned in addition to all the other great activities. Don't miss the Polar Bare Swim on January 1. For more information, write 25999 Glen Eden Road, Corona, CA 92883-5223; call 951/277-4650 or toll free 800/843-6833; or visit the Web site at www.gleneden.com.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: Karaoke.

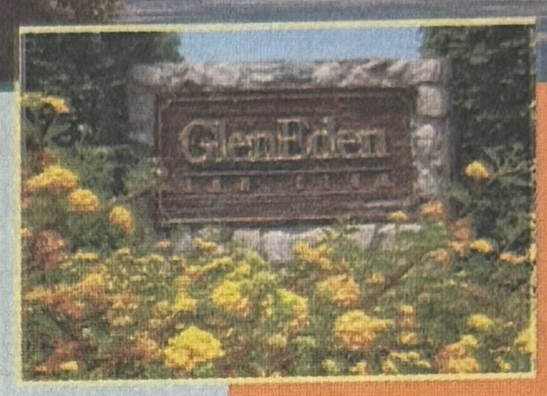
COMING EVENTS: January 6 Fun Night; **January 13** DJ Dance; **January 20** Fun Night; **January 27** Karaoke Showcase, DJ Dance.



CALIFORNIA—Vice President Bill Hendricks and President Beverly Axelrad of The Sequoians paint the lines on the club's sports courts.

Glen Eden Sun Club





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CALIFORNIA

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✦ The **OLYMPIAN CLUB** invites nudists in Southern California to join the travel club for fun-filled activities including theme parties, pool and spa parties, picnics, costume parades, potlucks, and board games usually held at members' homes or local nudist resorts. December 2 will feature a brunch and board meeting. The Christmas party and gift exchange is scheduled for December 16. Everyone welcomes in the new year at a party on December 31. Enhance a landed club membership with an Olympian Club membership. Visit the Web site at www.olympianclub.com for information or e-mail olympianclub@aol.com to attend as a guest or a prospective member.

COMING EVENTS: January 13 Knife & Fork Dinner.

✦ Members of **LAGUNA DEL SOL** wish everyone a happy holiday season. Holiday shopping starts on December 2 at the holiday craft fair. The Community Awareness Team will make their annual report to the membership. Directly following the presentation is the signup for the New Year's Eve bash. The day will be capped off with a holiday party with sweet treats, holiday music, and a visit from Santa. A hayride and caroling are planned for December 9. Carolers will judge homes that are decorated for the holiday, and prizes will be awarded over hot chocolate. Many outstanding events await guests in 2007. Call 916/687-6550 for reservations.

✦ The owners, management, and members of **DEER PARK NUDIST RESORT** invite all members of AANR to join them in their fun-packed activities. There have been many new upgrades. Enjoy the large open and airy pavilion with new snack bar by the swimming pool. Shoot pool in the pool room. Enjoy the recently remodeled steam room; indoor spa with waterfall; and new Western-themed clubhouse, restaurant, and snack bar. For activity information, call 888/993-NUDE (6833); visit www.dpnr.com; or write 1924 Glen Helen Road, Devore, CA 92407-1500.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Sunday: Ladies Free Gate Fees. Volleyball, Water Volleyball, Tennis, and Bocce Ball Tournaments. **Friday:** Taco Dinner. **Saturday:** Dinner and Party. The restaurant is open various hours during the weekend.

COLORADO

✦ **MOUNTAIN AIR RANCH**, open year-round, is a natural hideaway on 150 acres in the foothills southwest of Denver. Despite the cold temperatures, there is nothing more satisfying than soaking in the hot tub, and enjoying the stars overhead on a cold winter night. Members get together frequently for football games and holiday parties. Everyone is looking forward to the New Year's Eve dance that includes a dinner with party favors and a live band. Overnight lodging, RV hookups, beautiful scenery, and some of the most accepting people one will find are available. For information, call 877/TRY-NUDE; visit www.trynude.com; or write POB 855, Indian Hills, CO 80454.

CONNECTICUT

✦ **SOLAIR RECREATION LEAGUE**, in "the quiet corner" of Woodstock, is proud to be entertaining members and associates this year with another wonderful New Year's Eve gala. The new sauna, along with the indoor hot tub, provides warm winter enjoyment. Members enjoy winter activities such as snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and, ice conditions permitting, an ice skating adventure complete with bonfire on the beach. The new year will bring many activities for the upcoming season. Visit the Web site at www.solairrl.com or call 860/928-9174 for details. Check out the Solair DVD available for purchase on the Web site. Solair reopens to guests on April 1.

FLORIDA

✦ Ho-Ho-Ho and season's greetings from **CALIENTE**, the place to share great holiday cheer and spirits. Join in on December 8 at a meet and greet with a tree trimming party. On December 20, enjoy Christmas cookies and caroling with Tom Baptist at the piano bar. Santa himself hosts the meet and greet on December 22, followed by a Christmas show in the Fiesta nightclub, where Santa will sing and hand out Christmas goodies. Stay for the Babes in Toyland costume contest with a chance to win Christmas cash. Visit www.calienteresort.com for details and information.

✦ December is packed with activities at **CYPRESS COVE NUDIST RESORT & SPA**. The month starts off with Singles Weekend, December 1-3. A craft show and sale is planned for December 2. On December 16, members and guests will enjoy a Christmas parade and Sadie Hawkins dance. The month ends with Nude Year's Eve Weekend, December 29-31, with plenty of activities to bring in the new year. Ongoing daily activities include yoga, Chinese wand exercises, dance classes, and games. For information, visit the Web site at *www.cypresscoveresort.com*.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Monday: Music Monday. **Tuesday:** Taco Night. **Wednesday:** Pizza Party.

COMING EVENTS: January 10-14 Cypress Cove Charity Tennis Tournament.

✦ Golf cart decorating followed by a parade happens at **SUNNY SANDS RESORT** on December 2. Afterwards, everyone will join in for the tree trimming party and cookie exchange. The Christmas dinner and gift exchange are planned for December 9. There will be Bingo in the clubhouse on December 17. Bring in the new year with a big celebration. Those planning to attend should get their tickets early. Parties and events are held in Leg's Bar unless otherwise noted. For information on accommodations, write 502 Central Blvd., Pierson, FL 32180; call 386/749-2233; visit the Web site at www.Sunnysands.com; or e-mail sunnysands@worldnet.att.net.

COMING EVENTS: January 1 Golf Tournament; **January 7** Bingo; **January 20** Snow Daze Party; **January 27** Chinese Auction; **January 28** Bingo.



COLORADO—Visitors from England enjoy a soak in the hot tub at Mountain Air Ranch.

✦ **SUNNIER PALMS** members had a fun-filled November with a cookout pool party, a Veteran's Day celebration combined with Sunnier's birthday party and DJ dance, and a Thanksgiving feast. December will bring the winter solstice celebration with campfire and stone soup. There is a continental breakfast and afternoon potluck on Christmas Day. The new year will be brought in with a DJ dance on December 31. For complete details about activities, visit the Web site at www.sunnier.com; write 8800 Okeechobee Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34945; or call 772/468-8512.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Sunday: Morning Music by the B-Naturals, Potluck Luncheon, Pétanque, Evening Movie and Popcorn.

COMING EVENTS: January 20 Membership Meeting and Appreciation Potluck Dinner, DJ Dance.

Reminder . . .

The deadline for the February issue is December 20.

✦ **BECKY'S BED & BREAKFAST** is a home away from home. Stay for a relaxing getaway or longer in a peaceful and relaxing atmosphere. The snowbirds have started to arrive, and it is wonderful to see them in a home-like setting enjoying themselves. There are many activities planned for December. A chili cookoff followed by a gift exchange party is planned for December 23. During the entire month of December, Santa (or his elves) will be leaving a surprise for guests while they are sleeping. Wake up each morning to see what Santa has left. Call 863/452-0003 or visit the Web site at www.BeckysBandB.com for information or reservations.

✦ Members of **EDUN LAKE** would like to extend an invitation to visit them in warm, sunny southwest Florida. With the beginning of the season, the club will be having several monthly potlucks, parties, and activities to enjoy. Visit the Web site for a list of activities and the newsletter at www.edunlake.com; write POB 110172, Naples, FL 34120; or call 239/354-6717.

✦ December is a happy month at **GULF COAST RESORT**, located 30 minutes from Tampa. The holiday party/dinner and Chinese gift exchange is planned for December 2. A holiday dance will be held on December 16. On Christmas Day, enjoy a pancake breakfast. Don't miss the New Year's dance on December 31. Check the online newsletter for other events and happenings. Mention this ad and get a discount off the AANR rates. Show a current military or college ID to get in free for the day, floating and/or soaking up the rays or playing tennis, volleyball, pétanque, shuffleboard, horseshoes, darts, or pool. Call 727/868-1061; e-mail gulfcoastresort@aol.com; or visit www.gulfcoastresort.com.

✦ **LAKE COMO FAMILY NUDIST RESORT** has planned many wonderful new activities. The monthly float-in movies are a big hit. With a heated pool and special café food pricing, this month's movie is a good old-fashioned Christmas film. December begins with a decorating party on December 2. The Lake Como/Paradise Lakes Golf Cart Parade is planned for December 10. Other events include the Black Tie/Cordial Night on December 15 and a Christmas party with live entertainment on December 17. Don't miss the New Year's Eve dinner/party on December 31 or the Lee Bass Memorial Dinner on January 1. Look for details on the Web site at www.lakecomoresort.com or call 877/TRY-LAKE.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Tennis, Horseshoes, Chinese Wand Exercises, Water Aerobics, Shuffleboard, Darts, Volleyball, Pool, Bingo, Karaoke, Saturday Night DJ Dance, Sunday Inspirational Service.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES: Jam Sessions in the Butt Hutt, Friday Night Float-In Movies.

GEORGIA

✦ Members of **SERENDIPITY PARK** are enjoying the sunshine with plenty of fun events. On December 2-3, the kids have a movie matinee and Baggo tournament, while the grownups compete in the darts tournament and game night. Christmas festivities happen on December 9 with a variety of activities. The kids enjoy arts and crafts on December 16, while the grownups have a Baggo tournament, spaghetti cookoff, "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire?" tournament, and hot cocoa. December 30 begins the New Year's Eve party weekend with a kids' dance contest, and the adults compete in an indoor golf putting challenge plus music, dancing, and drinks. The complete events calendar is posted at www.serendipity-park.com.

COMING EVENTS: January 6 Kids' Movie, Gaming Night, Music, Dancing; **January 12** Wine and Cheese Party; **January 13** Baggo Tournament, Karaoke Contest, Potluck Dinner, Dance Party, Best Drink Contest; **January 20** Kids' Pizza Party, Hearts Tournament, Pajama Party, Fishbowl Drinks, Best Bedtime Story Contest; **January 27** Kids and Adults 8-Ball Tournaments, Dance Party.

✦ Fall has been marvelous in North Georgia, with warm temperatures extending into November. **BARE BUDDIES** members got in a few extra trips to their favorite landed clubs north of Atlanta. The Thanksgiving dinner and party saw an above average turnout. After feasting on turkey with all the trimmings, club members reflected on the good times had and the friendships made while enjoying the freedom of participating in nude recreation. Bare Buddies continues to offer a wide variety of monthly activities including hiking, boating, house parties, and group trips to landed clubs and resorts. For more information, call 404/264-6255; e-mail barebuddies@hotmail.com; or visit www.barebuddies.org.

COMING EVENTS: January 20 Hot Tub Party.

✦ **PARADISE VALLEY'S** general manager has the Valley hoppin'! Weekends are filled with fun, great events, and lively dances. He has taken over the restaurant and is building a reputation for his outstanding buffet dinners. New events, such as the Graffiti Party, Prom Night, and Deal or No Deal brought out many folks. The indoor pool has been enlarged to offer more seating and entertaining space for year-round enjoyment. Don't forget the beautiful new condos which are available to rent. The second phase is ready to break ground and will offer 24 more units for sale in a beautiful wooded setting. For more information, visit www.paradiseclubs.com or call 706/265-6110.

COMING EVENTS: January 13 PJ Party; **January 20** Polar Bear Party; **January 27** Naked Twister Party.

ILLINOIS

✦ Although **BLUE LAKE** is officially closed for the season, the winter parties in October and November have been well attended. The next party is scheduled for December 9. The meat will be provided, and those attending should bring a side dish and canned goods for the Erie Food Pantry, as well as a gift for the gift exchange. It will be a very fun and enjoyable time. There will be no party in January. Everyone is wished a very Merry Christmas and happy and safe new year. For information, visit www.bluelakeresort.org.

INDIANA

✦ **LAKE O'THE WOODS CLUB** is closed for visitation and will reopen May 14, 2007. For questions on visiting, phone 219/241-0739; e-mail www.lowc53@hotmail.com; write POB 53, Valparaiso, IN 46384. For a complete list of events, visit the Web site at www.lowc.org. Celebrate over 70 years in nudism.

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INDIANA—Drakes Ridge ended the season with a golf tournament.

INDIANA

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✦ **DRAKES RIDGE RUSTIC NUDIST RETREAT** ended the season with a Labor Day Golf Tournament and a Talent/Untalent Show. Special activities before the winter overcame us included the Halloween party, a baby shower, cabin and RV roof/deck construction, and Thanksgiving dinner. The grounds will be bedded down for winter, but it won't be long until everyone starts thinking spring by holding house parties until it's warm enough to get outdoors again. For information, visit the Web site at www.drakesridge.com.

KANSAS

✦ *Brrrr, it is cold at* **PRAIRIE HAVEN** *in* December. The north wind blows hard from the North Pole, straight across the prairies. By the time it gets to Prairie Haven it would frostbite any exposed skin, so the only nudists that are seen at Prairie Haven are bundled up like polar explorers. It has been a dry year, and members are wondering if they'll have a white Christmas. Most weekends find a few diehards in camp gathered around a campfire but most gatherings are by Internet or in members' homes. For more about Prairie Haven, visit the Web site at www.prairiehaven.net.

MARYLAND

✦ The memories of 2006 will remain with the **MARYLAND HEALTH SOCIETY** (MAHESO) members. The holiday party on December 9 is just around the corner followed by the final party of the year, the New Year's Eve party. The club will reopen for visitors in May 2007. Everyone traveling to the Washington, DC/Baltimore area is encouraged to stop by and visit. The activities committee is busily preparing a listing of the 2007 activities that will soon be available on the Web site. To visit, contact the club first for reservations. Visit the Web site at http://www.maheso-naturally.org/; call 410/798-0269; or write to POB 126, Davidsonville, MD 21035.

✦ *If it's December, it must be time for the holiday season at* **PINE TREE ASSOCIATES**. The season starts early this year, with the club's Christmas dance scheduled for December 2. Next is the children's Christmas party on December 9. While many club members will be hosting private parties either at their places at Pine Tree or at their homes, the next holiday event at the club will be the gala New Year's Eve party and dance on December 31. Meanwhile, throughout the season, members will be reminded of the warmer days of summer by taking advantage of the heated indoor pool, the sauna, and the hot tub. For information, visit www.pinetreeclub.org.



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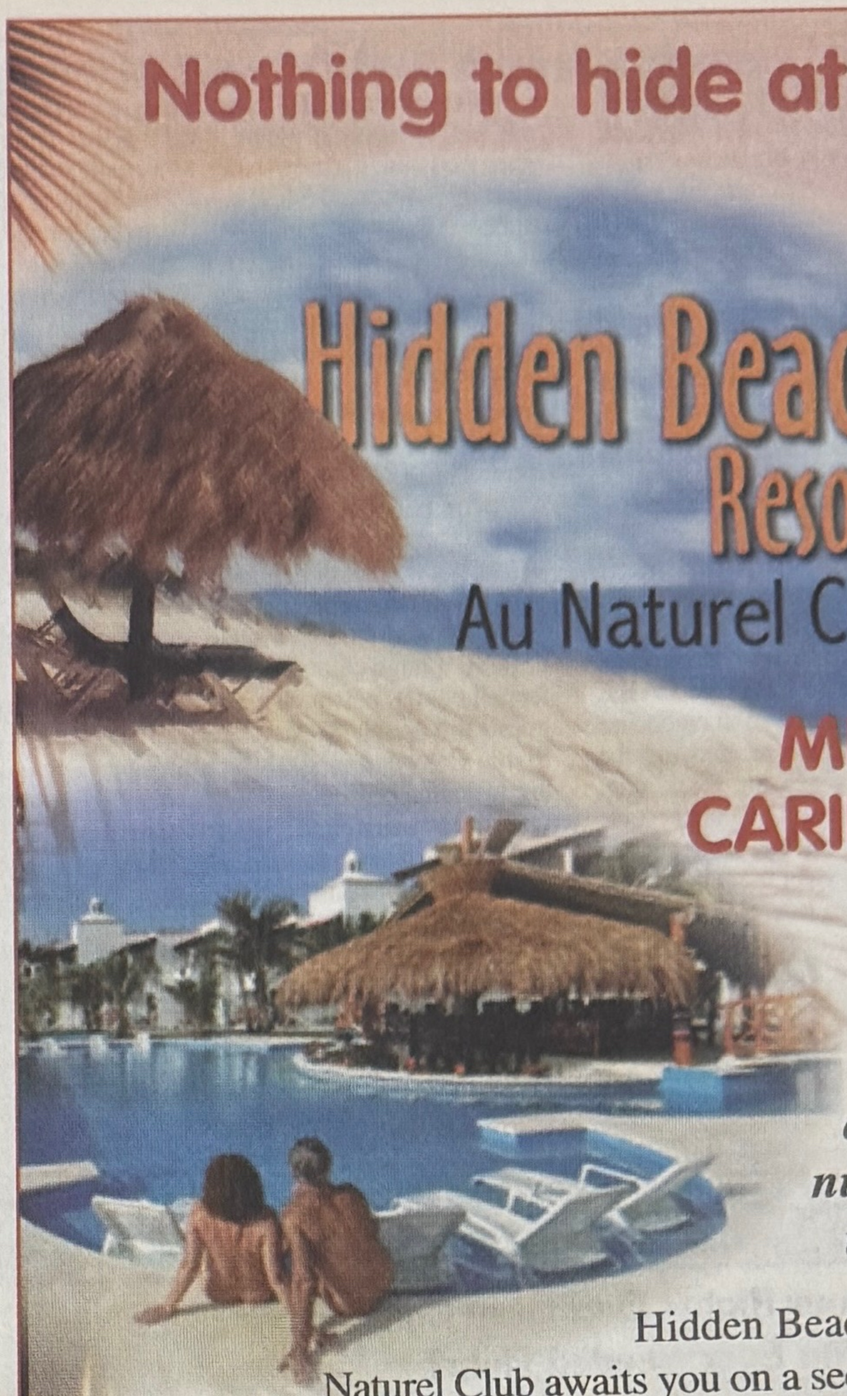

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MASSACHUSETTS

✦ **BERKSHIRE VISTA RESORT**, located at the end of Kittle Road in Hancock, Massachusetts, sits under a blanket of snow, offering winter getaway weekends to groups of members, friends, and travel clubs during ski season. To reserve the farmhouse for a weekend, or book a room for Open House Weekend, call 413/738-5154. All members are invited to the Winter Open House on January 27, 2007. It's a great opportunity to visit with friends from camp and enjoy a complimentary buffet lunch. See the ad on Page 2 of this issue of *The Bulletin*, and make plans to visit in summer.

COMING EVENTS: January 27 Members Only Open House.

MICHIGAN

✦ Visitors don't have to be concerned about cooler weather while at **TURTLE LAKE RESORT** since there is a 10,000-sq.-ft clubhouse and a variety of activities, such as enjoying the indoor pool and hot tub or playing Ping-Pong, billiards, or indoor shuffleboard. December events include a Euchre tournament and Christmas auction on December 2; water volleyball tournament and dance on December 9; sleigh ride, Christmas site decoration contest, potluck, ornament exchange, and dance on December 16; family/game night, clubhouse trivia on December 30; and a New Year's Eve party/dance (reservations required) on December 31. Visit www.turtle-lake.com for upcoming activities or call toll free 866/321-4710.

MINNESOTA

✦ The **SNO-BIRDS'** first cribbage tournament was well attended. It's great to get together again when the sunning season is over. More tournaments are being planned. The first event at the racquetball club will be on December 10. All members and their friends are welcome to join in. It's a wonderful way to introduce friends and family members to the nudist lifestyle. There are always beverages and munchies to go along with an evening of fun. Write POB 32034, Minneapolis, MN 55432 or send an e-mail to snobird1982@aol.com.

✦ The 2006 season at **OAKWOOD CLUB** has been phenomenal, and 2007 will be even better. The calendar of events is on the Web site at www.oakwoodclub.com. It is never too early to make spring plans to visit Oakwood. Forty wooded acres, 78 lots complete with all utilities, a huge clubhouse, in-ground pool, volleyball courts, pétanque courts, and more await guests this spring. Make plans beginning April 1 to join Oakwood in 2007. Non-member visitors are welcome beginning May 1. Members enjoy Oakwood year-round. Winter activities such as hiking, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, sauna, and clubhouse with fireplace are among the winter activities members enjoy.

MISSOURI

✦ **FORTY ACRE CLUB** (FAC) is open year-round and welcomes guests and visitors. When it's cold, members gather around the fire pit or in the clubhouse to play pool, cards, darts, or watch TV. Members and guests will get together for a hot lunch and tree trimming on December 9. The club will celebrate the new year with a Nude Year's Eve dinner and dance on December 30. FAC has a lively Red Hat contingent that gathers once a month, usually on the third weekend. All ladies are welcome. Write 104 Ridge Acres Loop, Box 5A, Lonedell, MO 63060; phone 636/629-0050; e-mail facmous@yahoo.com; or visit the Web site at www.fortyacreclub.com.

NEVADA

✦ Since the grand opening of the new clubhouse at **NEVADA SUN RANCHO** was rained out, members enjoyed a rescheduled opening and Halloween party that was enjoyed by all. The planning committee has finalized 2007 events, and the year promises to be filled with fun activities. The club is open to visitors and AANR members far and near. The weather may be cool, but that doesn't stop members from enjoying parties, dinners, or movie nights. For information, visit www.sunrancho.com/.

COMING EVENTS: January 20 Movie Night, Spaghetti Dinner.

NEW JERSEY

✦ Happy Holidays from **SKY FARM**! The turkey's been eaten, and the holidays have arrived. What better way to work off those extra pounds than to take a stroll on the Farm's trails and experience its winter beauty? Guests may want to start a fire in the clubhouse fireplace and spend some time with fellow farmers sipping a hot toddy, playing a game of pool, watching a movie, or soaking in the sauna. Even in winter, fun at the Farm doesn't end. Sky Farm operates as a private cooperative, and its membership is made up of primarily couples and their families. Visit www.skyfarm.com or phone 908/647-2310.

✦ At **ROCK LODGE CLUB** in northern New Jersey 'tis the season of cold weather and blankets of glistening snow. Skiers enjoy the brisk winter, and some travel farther north for higher mountains and steeper trails. Many in the New York metropolitan area enjoy the cultural opportunities that are especially rich during the holiday season. Other members, sun worshipers whatever the season, go south to winter homes for a life of perpetual summer. All have reason to reflect on the season past and aim to make next season even better, enjoying the lake and wooded grounds with welcoming members and recreational and leisure facilities. For more information, visit www.rocklodge.com.

NEW YORK

✦ The **FULL TAN SUN CLUB** will reopen May 1, 2007. All are welcome to visit and join in the activities. Members wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Think spring! For more information, visit the Web site at wwwfulltansunclubofny.com; e-mail fulltan sunclub@starband.net; phone 518/673-2886; or write POB 360, Warnerville, NY 12187.

NORTH CAROLINA

✦ It's always a great time with **TRIANGLE AREA NATURISTS**, a nonlanded club in central North Carolina. There are plenty of fun activities scheduled including hot tub and swim parties plus visits to landed clubs. Visitors are invited; new friends are always welcome. TAN has recently adopted a gender balance policy. For membership information, visit the Web site at www.trianglenaturists.com or write POB 12011, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

COMING EVENTS: January: Games Night.

OHIO

✦ Visit **PARADISE GARDENS** (PG) in Cincinnati and celebrate the season. December events include a Black Mask Holiday Ball on December 9. Ring in the new year at the New Year's Eve formal fancy-dress ball. The 2007 calendar of events features many new themes and several sports tournaments. Visit the Web site to start making vacation plans. For more information, write PG Manager, 6100 Blue Rock Road, Cincinnati, OH 45247; phone 513/385-4189; or visit the Web site at http://nudelife.com.

✦ It's winter at **GREEN VALLEY** in Bath, Ohio. It may be cold outside but the activities committee is hot. They are working on a schedule that promises the 2007 season at Green Valley will be a season to remember. The committee is planning a dance every month, starting with a Valentine's Day dance in February. Check the Web site at http://www.greenvalleyinc.net/ or sign up for e-mails of events on ValleyNews Online@yahoo.com.

✦ **NORTHCOAST NATURISTS**, a nonlanded club in the Cleveland/Akron area, will be having a Christmas party on December 2 at a member's home. Bring a snack to share and an extra towel for the outside hot tub. On December 3 and 17, there will be bowling. It's the best way to spend a Sunday afternoon. On December 9 and 23, visitors are invited to swim and play walleyball. The swim may also have an activity or topic/theme. A WINR cookie decorating event is planned for December 10. A wine tasting is planned for December 16. Call 216/55NAKED; e-mail club@northcoast-naturists.org; or visit www.northcoast-naturists.org.

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OKLAHOMA

✦ **OAKLAKE TRAILS** (OLT) ends the year with a month-long Christmas celebration. On December 2, *a potluck and sing-along are planned. December 9 will bring Keith McKinney out for a Christmas dance. A* Christmas potluck and gift exchange is slated for December 16. December birthdays will be celebrated on December 30, followed by the Nude Year's Eve blast on December 31. December is also the month for electing a new board that will shape Oaklake Trails for 2007 and beyond. As the state of Oklahoma celebrates 100 years, OLT celebrates 15 years of fun in the sun. Visit www.oaklaketrails.com; call 918/324-5999; or write 24601 Milfay Rd. #1, Depew, OK 74028.

OREGON

✦ On December 16, **THE WILLAMETTANS** host a Christmas potluck dinner in the lodge. Santa (aka Mike Mayfield) will arrive after the potluck to oversee the gift exchange. Bring a generic gift that can be for a male or female. Participants will pick a mystery gift from under the tree, but don't get too attached because after it is opened someone may "steal" the gift. December 31 is the Nude Year's Eve party so make plans now to attend. A live band will be provided. Those attending should make their favorite appetizers to share with friends. Call 541/933-2809 to reserve a rental unit.

✦ Though winter has arrived with its rain and blustery weather, members of **MOUNTAINDALE SUN RESORT** are still having fun. Check out the calendar to see all of the fun happenings. This month, members celebrate the holiday season on December 9 and install new officers for 2007. On December 31, join in for a Casino Night to bring in the new year. Bring a favorite snack, and have a great time. Guests are invited to Mountaindale Sun Resort where the fun never stops. For more information, write POB 248, North Plains, OR 97133; call 800/45-HAVEN; visit http://www.mountaindalesunresort.com; or e-mail office@mountaindalesunresort.com.

COMING EVENTS: January 6 Social Night; **January 20** Stew and Soup Cookoff.

✦ During the winter season, **HIDDEN SPRINGS** will continue its indoor nude recreation nights and bare bowling events. For the indoor nude recreation nights, everyone meets at the same athletic club as last season. Dates for the events are December 3; February 11, 2007; and March 25, 2007. Bare bowling events will this year be at a different location; dates are January 27 and March 10. For both events, the location of the event will be disclosed upon registration. For more information about these events and registration, e-mail hsevents@verizon.net. Write POB 17600, Portland, OR 97217-0600; phone 503/699-5442; e-mail hiddensprings@pobox.com; or visit http://www.hiddenspringsnudist.org/.

COMING EVENTS: January 27 Bare Bowling.

✦ Winter at **SQUAW MOUNTAIN RANCH** in the Cascade foothills outside Estacada, can be a winter wonderland, be it snow or liquid sunshine—quiet and peaceful. The fireplaces keep the buildings warm, and a game of pool, darts, or cards can be enjoyed. A short hike to the wood-burning sauna or a dip in the hot tub is a great way to relax. The Cabin Crawl on December 30 is always a fun event, and guests are welcome. Bring an appetizer and a drink to share afterwards in the lodge. For lodging or information, call 503/630-6136 or visit the Web site at www.squawmt.com.

✦ **THE ROGUE SUNCATCHERS** in Medford, Oregon, will not have an event in January in order to recover from the holiday schedule. There will be a Super Bowl party on February 3. E-mail theroguesuncatchers@yahoo.com for information.

PENNSYLVANIA

✦ The holidays are here, it's time for some fun. **PSHS** is open with something for everyone. Winter activities are still going strong. The Thanksgiving feast was full of great food and friends. The "just because" karaoke dance was fun. Please mark the calendar for the holiday party and dance. Don't miss the New Years Eve party. It is sure to be a night to remember. PSHS would like to wish all a very happy holiday season. Thanks to the wonderful guests that visited this year. For activity dates and times, visit www.pennsylvan.net; phone 717/445-6330; e-mail PSHS@PTDPROLOG.NET; or write 5028 Camp Road, Mohnton, PA 19540.

✦ **WHITE THORN LODGE** visitors and guests are invited to watch the Web site early in April for next season's schedule. Those who wish to have a tour of the grounds can write 383 Stateline Road, Darlington, PA 16115; e-mail wtl@whitethornlodge.org; or check out the Web site at www.whitethornlodge.org.

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Thanks again...we had a truly spectacular time!! The black tie and pearl event was SOOOO much fun and sparked a real "dancing" party spirit.

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PENNSYLVANIA

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✦ **SUNNY REST RESORT & CAMPGROUND** is closed for the season and will reopen on May 1. Fall and winter maintenance projects include re-siding meadow-view rooms 1-8, building a new pool pump room, and various landscaping projects. Reservations are being taken now for the 2007 season. To reserve a room for a special weekend or for the AANR East Convention in July, call 610/377-2911; e-mail sunnyrest@sunnyrest.com; or visit the Web site at www.sunnyrest.com for more information.

✦ Members of **PEN-MAR CLUB** would like to wish their AANR nudist friends a happy holiday and a prosperous new year. The newly-elected club officers are busy making plans for improvements and fun activities for the 2007 season. With Christmas approaching, members recall Pen-Mar's Christmas in July, a popular event, and hope that guests will visit next July. There will be something for all ages to enjoy. Pen-Mar is closed for the season, but visitors to the Web site at www.penmar.com can get an inside look at the club.

SOUTH CAROLINA

✦ **TRAVELITES** members from throughout the Carolinas enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving with the not-so-traditional deep-fried turkey and the lobster bash and oyster roast to which Maine lobsters received one-way tickets. December 9 is the club's winter holiday party and gift exchange. The club wishes everyone a wonderful holiday season and a fantastic 2007. Fall and some winter days in the Carolinas will still be nuding weather, and the club's calendar at www.travelites.info lists super times planned. For more information on great times with good people, write POB 90836, Columbia, SC 29290; e-mail travelites@prodigy.net; or call 803/695-1937. Visit the Web sites at http://pages.prodigy.net/travelites.

COMING EVENTS: January 13 East Coast Nude Chili Cookoff at Cedar Creek Park; **January 27** First Hot Tub Party of the New Year.

✦ The December weather at **CEDAR CREEK PARK** is unpredictable. The nights are cold, but many days are in the 70s. The pool table, hot tub, and fireplace in the clubhouse are busy areas on weekends. December 2 will be the busiest day of the month with a social committee meeting, the Mad Hatter Gift Exchange with hors d'oeuvres, and the monthly birthday celebration. A New Year's Eve party is planned for December 31 with entertainment by the Skin Tones. The park will be closed to day visitors December 15-28. For information, write POB 336 Pelion, SC 29123; phone 803/894-5159; or visit www.cedarcreekpark.com.

COMING EVENTS: January 13 AANR East Coast Nude Chili Cookoff.

✦ December is not a slow month at **CAROLINA FOOTHILLS**, 90 Carolina Foothills Dr., Chesnee, SC 29323; phone 864/461-2731. A spaghetti cookoff will start the month on December 2. After sampling old family recipes, visitors are encouraged to don interesting attire for the Fantasy Costume Dance. The following Saturday will give everyone the opportunity to share their favorite hors d'oeurves, snack, or dessert at the Christmas party. Revelers shall return on December 31 for the annual Nude Year's Eve celebration. Knowing that planning breakfast New Year's morning is futile, a New Year's Day afternoon dinner is planned. Visit www.carolinafoothills.com for additional information.

TENNESSEE

✦ **CHEROKEE LODGE & RESORT** is closed until March 1, 2007 except to members. Members can still enjoy big screen TVs in the clubhouse with a warm fire in the fireplace and use of the indoor shower upstairs. Everyone looks forward to seeing visitors again in the spring. Visit www.cherokee-lodge.com for information.

TEXAS

✦ **HEALTHY HIDES OF HOUSTON** (HHH) members will be celebrating the Christmas holidays on December 9. In staying with club tradition, HHH members will be expecting Santa to drop in and they will also be enjoying the laughter of the White Elephant gift exchange and great holiday food. At the November party, members celebrated Thanksgiving in their usual fashion with great food and socializing, which is what the holidays are all about. Check the Web site for the latest schedule of events at http://www.healthyhides.org. For information, write POB 590640, Houston, TX 77259-0640; or e-mail info@healthyhides.org.

✦ *The Christmas season starts off early in December at* ***WILDWOOD NATURIST'S RESORT*** with the Jingle Bell Party and Dance on December 2. Potluck dinners are held every Saturday night with movie or game nights on most Saturday evenings. The 2006 Pool Tournament of Champions will be held during the day on New Year's Eve. This event is always a thrilling conclusion to the year's pool tournaments. New Year's Eve dinner will be at a fashionable hour. It's black tie, with a party and dance to follow. Call 940/627-2280 or e-mail info@wildwoodnaturist.com for reservations or accommodations.

COMING EVENTS: January 1 New Year's Day Football on the Big Screen; **January 6** Potluck; **January 7** First Pool Tournament of 2007; **January 13** Potluck Dinner, Game Night; **January 20** Pool Tournament, Potluck Dinner, Movie Night; **January 27** Mardi Gras Potluck, Party, Dance.



TEXAS—Wildwood men enjoy pampering of their hands and feet by two of Wildwood's ladies during Men's Pampering Day.



TEXAS—Donna Novak portrays Mrs. Claus at Vista Grande Ranch.

✦ Members and guests of **VISTA GRANDE RANCH** enjoy wrapping gifts for the Christmas party. David Arnold not only shares the holidays but he also keeps the swimming pool and hot tub inviting for all to enjoy. The cooler Texas weather does not stop the good times. The pavilion is warm and cozy for dancing. The new game room is complete with a pool table and air hockey, and satellite TV provides something for everyone. Check out the newly revised Web site for the calendar of events at www.vistagranderanch.net. To join in the fun, call the friendly staff at 817/598-1312 for more information. Vista Grande Ranch is open year-round, and everyone is welcome.

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Saturday: Evening Potluck.

COMING EVENTS: January 7-9 *AANR SW Mid-Winter Board Meeting;* **January 10** Monthly Potluck; **January 13** "Shell-Less" Armadillo Chili Cookoff; **January 20** Hobo Stew Potluck Dinner; **January 26** Poker Night; **January 27-28** Work Weekend.

✦ Everyone at **BB'S HIDEAWAY** sincerely wishes all nudists across America and overseas a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful nude year. It's a great feeling to know one can live their life in a nude atmosphere and know that they are also safe. Visitors are invited to the club when in the east Texas area. Check out the Web site at www.bbshideaway.com; e-mail b.b.s.hideaway@airmail.net; or call 903/873-3311.

✦ Fall is not over yet at **EMERALD LAKE RESORT**. Members are looking forward to a great holiday season. A Christmas decorating party is scheduled prior to, The Christmas party later this month. The New Year's Eve bash will be hosted on December 31 in the clubhouse. In October and November, there were many activities such as birthday parties and roasts, Octoberfest, and a Halloween party. Everyone gathered for a Thanksgiving dinner on November 11. The club furnished the turkey, and an array of side dishes was prepared by members and guests to accompany the meal. For more information, call 281/354-0497; e-mail elnr@evl.net; or visit www.emeraldlakeresort.com for upcoming events.

✦ Members of **THE SUNBIRDS** enjoyed a busy 2006, with pool parties, sailing on a local lake, or club visits every week. Many weeks were jammed with more than one function. Numerous activities are being planned for 2007. The bimonthly luncheons at a local restaurant have become a tradition with a steadfast following. Guests are invited. The Sunbirds is the large travel club in the Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas region that is active year-round, with frequent pool parties all summer long, group trips to Texas resorts, and monthly theme parties in the winter. For information on joining the Sunbirds, visit http://sunbirds.org or e-mail bulletin@sunbirds.org.

✦ The Christmas holidays have arrived, and members of **SANDPIPERS RESORT** are prepared for guests to visit and celebrate this joyous season while experiencing the warm and caring spirit of the resort community. The tree decorating party is a sure sign that the festivities are underway. This event will be followed by a gift exchange and Christmas potluck. Welcome in the new year with friends at the New Year's Eve party and dance. For details and reservations, call 956/383-7589; e-mail info@sandpipersresort.com; or write 9504 Seminary Road, Edinburg, TX 78541.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Sunday: Water Volleyball, Gringo Bingo. **Monday:** Golf, Crafts, Mexican Train Dominoes, Mini-Ten. **Tuesday:** Bike Ride, Weights Exercises, Water Aerobics, Games. **Wednesday:** Line Dancing, Water Volleyball, Games. **Thursday:** Weights Exercise, Water Aerobics, Quilting, Water Volleyball, Mexican Bingo. **Friday:** League Bowling, Scrabble, Advanced Line Dancing, Mini-Ten. **Saturday:** Weights Exercises, Water Aerobics, Water Volleyball.

✦ December is always an exciting month at **NATURAL HORISUN**. The Christmas ham dinner and Chinese gift exchange is scheduled for December 2. The annual Christmas party is planned for December 16. Those attending can look forward to fellowship, food, and games as well as the site decoration judging. December 31 marks the date of the New Year's Eve dance with fireworks at midnight to welcome 2007, and a brunch on January 1 features good luck foods. Visit www.naturalhorisun.com; write POB 809, Needville, TX 77461; or call 979/657-3061 for information.

COMING EVENTS: January 13 AANR SW Midwinter Board Meeting at Bluebonnet; **January 20** Chili Cookoff.

✦ It may be cold outside, but members and visitors are having fun indoors at **LONE STAR RESORT**. The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 9 with a ham potluck, spiced apple cider, and Chinese gift exchange. On December 31, the resort celebrates its members with an appreciation dinner. Members with valid membership cards eat free. There is a low cost for non-members. For more information about this resort 35 minutes northwest of Houston, write 3206 County Road 325, Navasota, TX 77868; phone 936/825-0225; e-mail lonestarresort@ev1.net; or visit the Web site at http://lonestarresort.com.

✦ December is a beautiful time of year at **NATURES RESORT**. The clubhouse is decorated for the Christmas holiday and is full of lights, Christmas trees, and ornaments. The Fun Association has many activities planned for the month including a gift exchange, Christmas dance, and a Christmas Day dinner shared by the Natures Resort family. Natures Resort would like to extend a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all fellow nudists. Call for reservations to visit during this special time of year. For information, call 956/262-4014; write 10201 Monte Cristo Road, Edcouch, TX 78538; e-mail naturesresort@juno.com; or visit www.naturesresort.net.

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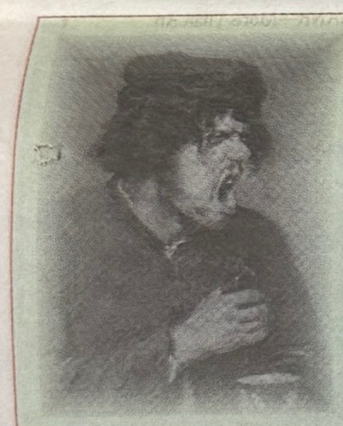
July	5/21/07	7/30-8/26
August	6/20/07	8/27-9/30
September	7/20/07	10/1-10/28

If you have any questions about the Coming Events or Club Happenings, please contact Lynn Von Hagel at clubhappenings@aanr.com or 800/879-6833, ext. 238.





VERMONT

✦ A warm holiday greeting and Happy New Year from **ABBOTT'S GLEN**, open year-round in southern Vermont. Winter at Abbott's Glen offers snowshoeing, sledding, cross-country skiing, and skating on the pond. Guests can warm up in the lounge by the woodstove, take a dip in the hot tub, or visit the wood-fired Finnish sauna. The restaurant will be serving great soups and stews throughout the winter. Plan to visit for New Year's Eve with dinner & dancing. Escape the hustle and bustle, and enjoy the quiet holiday spirit of Abbott's Glen. Visit the Web site at www.abbottsglen.com and view the new events page. Call 802/368-2525 or e-mail aglenvt@earthlink.net for information.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Friday: Fondue.

✦ Time flies when having fun at **MAPLE GLEN**. It seems like it was just yesterday that the club opened for another season, and now they are clothed for the winter. Last year was one of the best years ever as RVers discovered the new pull-through sites, and membership rose dramatically. Maple Glen also became a 100% club this year. Members would like to extend their best wishes to everyone for a happy and safe holiday season. The club Web site, mapleglen.net, is updated regularly, so click on it every once in a while to see what's happening at Vermont's best kept secret.

VIRGINIA

✦ At a Christmas party for Head Start preschoolers and their siblings, Santa will hand out clothes and toys from **WHITE TAIL PARK** members. Each family will receive a complete turkey dinner with all the fixings. Santa visits the kids' Christmas party on December 9 to give out presents. Christmas caroling from the hay wagon that evening will continue each weekend until Christmas. There's still time to buy tickets for the New Year's Eve party and optional brunch the next day. Find information at www.whitetailresort.org along with an events calendar, policies, rates, and directions. E-mail inquiries to office@whitetailresort.org or call toll free 800/WTR-NUDE (800/987-6833).

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Sunday: Multi-Denominational Christian Bible Study and Service. **Monday:** M&M Ladies Day Out, Mexican Express Train Dominoes. **Wednesday:** Water Volleyball. **Friday:** Water Volleyball.

COMING EVENTS: January 6 Chinese Potluck Dinner, Darts League; **January 10-14** AANR East Interim Board Meeting; **January 13** Family DJ Dance; **January 14** PC-NUG Computer Club Meeting; **January 19** Big Screen Movie: **January 20** Adopt-A-Highway Litter Cleanup, Water Volleyball League, Pizza, Family Karaoke Night; **January 26** Family Karaoke Night; **January 27** Darts Tournament, Soup Cookoff, Parlor Volleyball.

✦ Members of the **POTOMAC RAMBLING BARES** don't hibernate when the weather is cold! December events include a holiday party and a Nude Year's Eve Games Party. Members will be making a midwinter ramble to Avalon in Paw Paw, West Virginia for the weekend of January 26-28. Check the Web page for details and updates on all events. For more information, call 703/742-7987; write POB 515, Oakton, VA 22124-0515; visit the Web page at www.prbares.org; or e-mail prbares@prbares.org.

COMING EVENTS: January 26-28 Midwinter Ramble to Avalon.

WASHINGTON

✦ This fall, the **SUN LOVERS UNDER GRAY SKIES** (SLUGS) are busy as always. In addition to monthly swims, sauna nights, and trips to a Russian bath house, many are also attending the monthly NAC Seattle swim. The first of these swims was well attended with over fifty swimmers. A holiday party is also being planned. Member Henry Yuen has donated a wonderful painting of some of the SLUGS' members at a local hot springs that will be auctioned off as a fund-raiser in the upcoming months. Visit the Web site at www.slimetrail.org for more details.

✦ **KANIKSU RANCH** nudists get creative in winter while the park is closed, but there is plenty to do. The Thanksgiving feast was a delicious success, and all enjoyed the warmth of fellow nudists. Kaniksu Winter Days at Sun Meadow continue on December 9 featuring Blackfoot Indian singer/songwriter Jack Gladstone. The holiday party is planned for December 2 beginning with a board meeting, followed by a potluck and music. Kaniksu's mountain setting is blanketed with snow and silence, resting until spring, then awakening to the first nudist tiptoeing through the wildflowers in May. Visit www.kaniksufamily.com for more information.

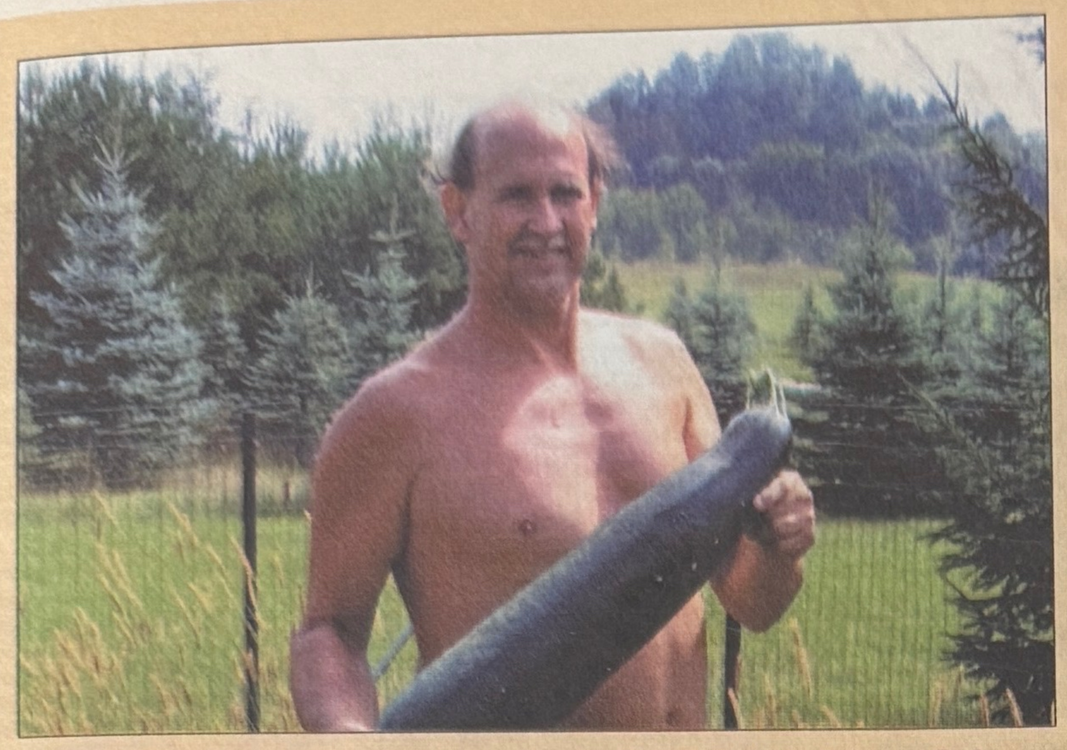
COMING EVENTS: *January 13* *Kaniksu Days at Sun Meadow.*

✦ As **LAKE BRONSON CLUB** wraps up the year, the board of directors would like to thank all members who worked so hard to make 2006 such a success. One phenomenal work party saw about 18 cords of firewood cut, split, hauled, and stacked in just one weekend! Work is underway to complete the new lots that were started a few years ago to have them ready for spring. Members are already starting to reserve the new sites. The Oktoberfest dinner and dance was just wunderbar, as was the Halloween dance. Planning has already happened to make 2007 even better. For more information, visit www.lakebronson.com or e-mail info@lakebronson.com.

COMING EVENTS: January 20 Mardi Gras Potluck Dinner and Black Light Dance.



VIRGINIA—Folks are welcome to take home books from the White Tail Park lending library.



WISCONSIN—Jeff "Sparky" Beauchene shows off produce from his "Little Farm" at Aurora Gardens.

✦ **LAKE ASSOCIATES RECREATION CLUB** (LARC) finished off the summer season with a variety of events in October. The club hosted karaoke, movies, and a fantastic Halloween party. Check the Web site and newsletter regarding LARC's Christmas party and New Year's Eve celebrations. This is a great time of year to visit. Guests may catch the salmon spawning at the lower falls, walk the many lanes and trails, or just sit back in the hot tub (which is open year-round) and remember the great summer of 2006 and anticipate the 2007 season. Visitors are always welcome. Call 360/445-NUDE or visit larcnudists.com.

WEST VIRGINIA

✦ A festive air abounds at **AVALON**. The holiday bazaar on December 2 features vendors, cake walks, fun, and fudge. Fireside evening features a concert by "Side by Side." There are DJ dances each Saturday night and caroling around the Yule log on December 23. Everyone anticipates "undressing up" for the Nude Year's Eve Gala complete with buffet dinner, band, champagne, favors, and breakfast after midnight. Reserve now at 304/947-5600. Visit Avalon anytime throughout the winter season and enjoy cozy fires, indoor pool and spas, fine food, the Nudsino, and friendly folks. Bring a group for special discounts. Visit the Web site at www.avalon-resort.com.

WISCONSIN

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✦ One of the special spots at **AURORA GARDENS** is the vegetable garden near the old barn. Members have planted, tended, and harvested their plots. They will have to work very hard to beat Sparky's "Little Farm," though. This year the weather was very favorable, and there was a cornucopia of vegetables. The vegetables were featured items at the club's food events. Aurora Gardens has been put to bed for its winter sleep. Check out the Web site at http://www.auroragardens.org/ for more information.

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ST. MARTIN

✦ Celebrate Christmas at **CLUB ORIENT**. Listen to the sounds of the waves, feel the warm white sands between one's toes, and refresh in the crystal clear waters while enjoying a little Christmas, and a lot of Caribbean. The Christmas Eve dinner buffet at the Papagayo Restaurant will be held on December 24. On December 31, rock in the New Year. At the stroke of midnight, Club Orient puts on its very own spectacular fireworks display on the beach. Enjoy a lovely dinner with live music at the Papagayo and dance into the New Year. E-mail clubo@cluborient.com to reserve a holiday stay.



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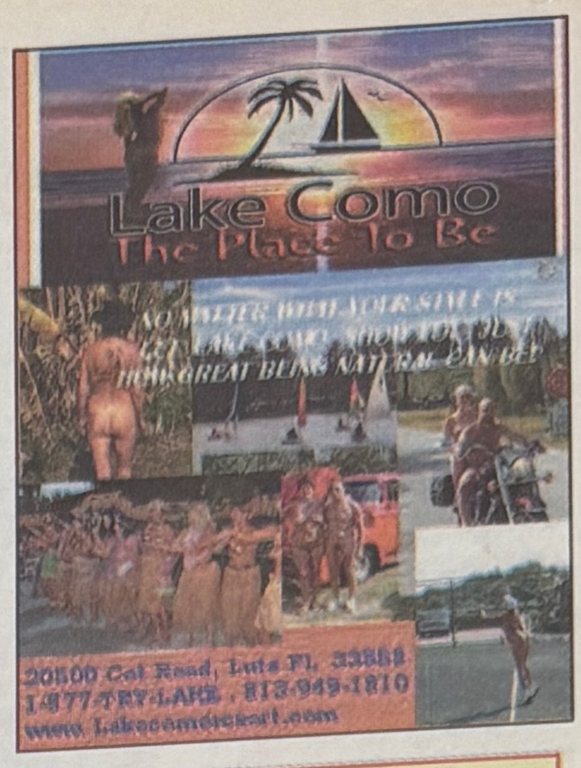

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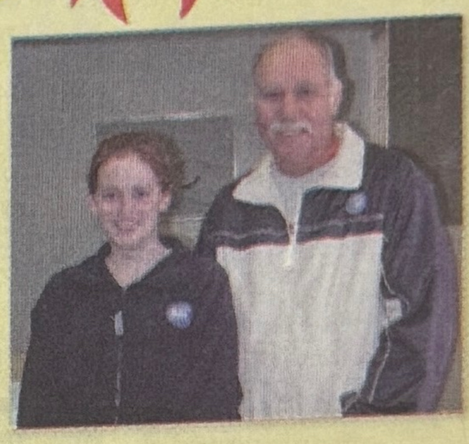



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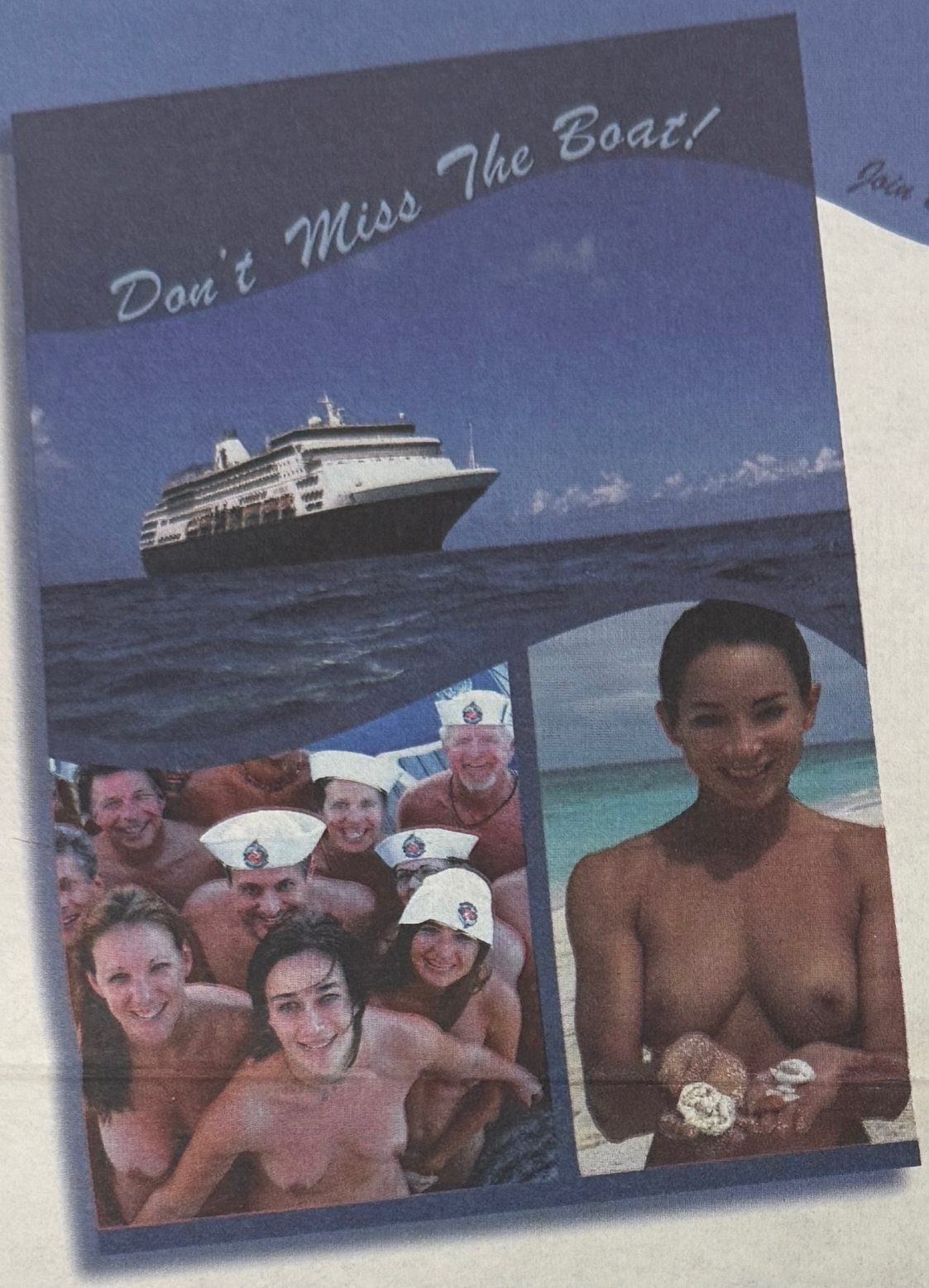

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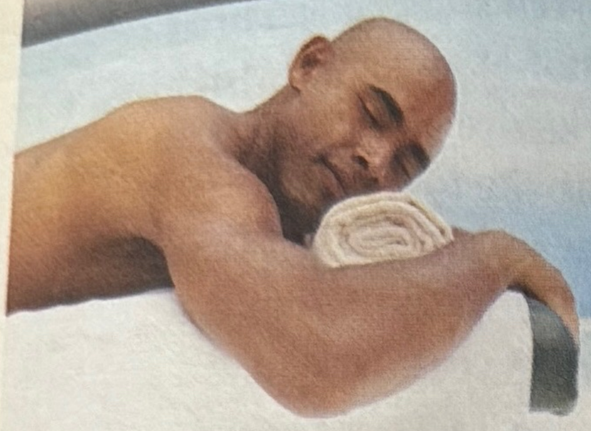

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The Thompsons have 42 years of social nudism between the two of them, 39 of those belonging to ASA/AANR. They are full members of Cypress Cove Nudist Resort & Spa in Kissimmee, Florida, and also live the nudist lifestyle as much as possible in their home in Titusville, Florida.

When interviewed on the phone, the Thompsons said, "We have continually followed the Government Affairs issues and supported them as we could, mostly with contributions.

"We joked about winning the cruise when we bought the tickets and actually were seriously planning on taking the cruise whether we won or not, never thinking we would actually win. It has always been a dream of ours to go to Alaska, and to go there on a nude cruise is definitely a plus.

"Thank you AANR and Bare Necessities for helping make our dreams come true!"

The winning ticket was drawn by AANR/FANR Government Affairs Chair Debra Kay Hedding in the AANR office. The Fire & Ice Government Affairs

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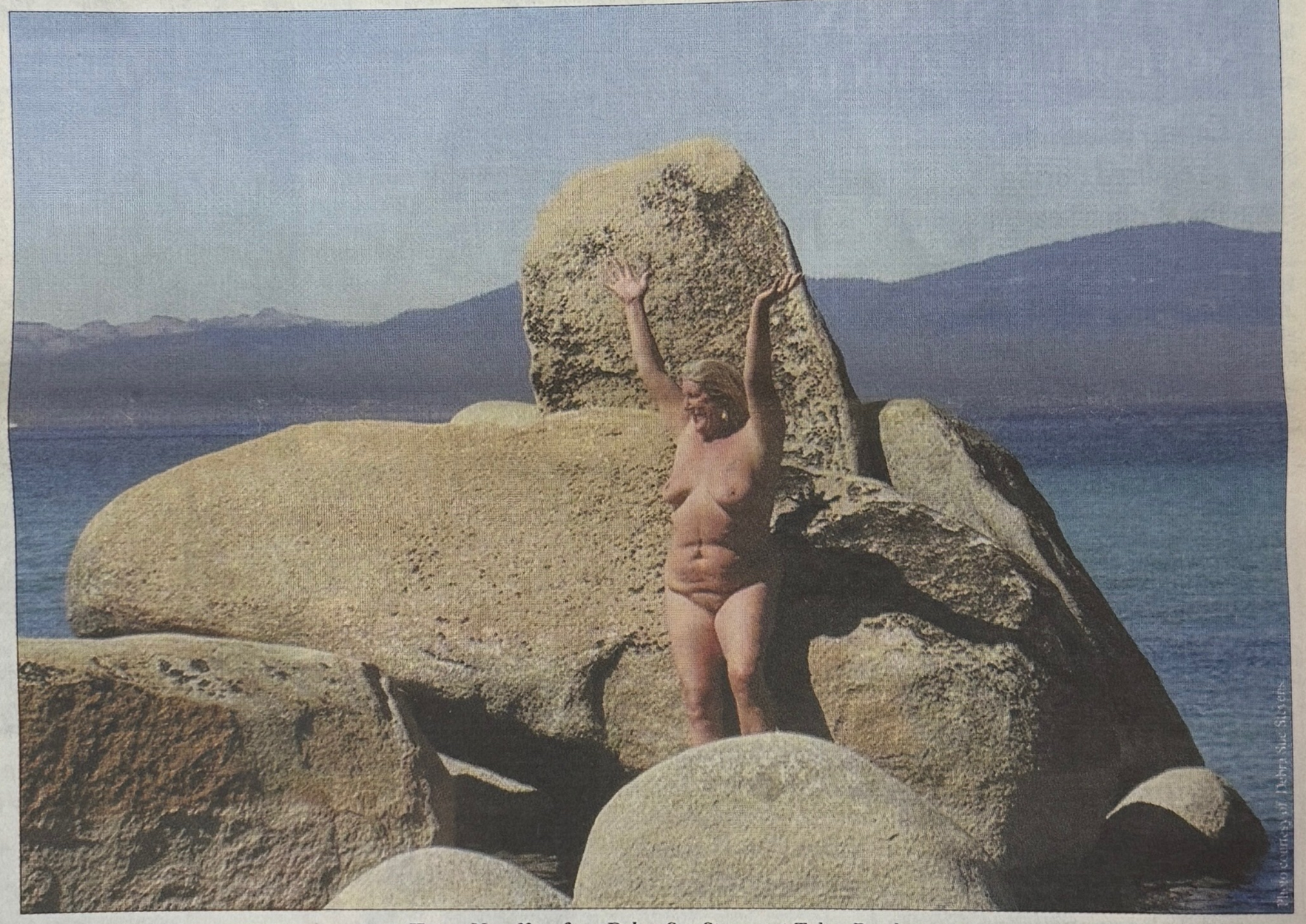

Happy New Year from Debra Sue Stevens at Tahoe Beach.

Will You Be The Final Ultimate Idol?

By Jeanie Hawk

Back in 2005, both The Willamettans and DeAnza Springs applied to host the AANR 75th Anniversary Convention. When it was awarded to DeAnza, owner David Landman promptly used the Willies proposed theme, "Diamonds in the Buff." One of DeAnza's many events was an "Ultimate Idol Contest" judged by AANR dignitaries.

Not to be outdone, the Willies will host a major event at the 2007 AANR Convention to show that the Willies does, in fact, have the most fun. AANR President John Kinman, who is also the Willies president, recently announced that the Willies will stage the "Final Ultimate Idol Competition" with contestants representing each region (maybe even from DeAnza?) plus a member of the AANR staff. Regional winners will be determined at regional karaoke competitions to take place at each 2007 regional convention or other regional gathering. Regional contestants will be decided at competitions held at individual regional clubs. AANR associate members may compete in the competition held in the region where they live.



If you or someone you know has a "killer" karaoke act and would like to take part in these competitions and attend the 2007 AANR Convention upon winning, please contact either your local club or regional president for more information. To make it even more fun, we anticipate that both individual clubs, as well as each region, will provide an award to the winners at each participation level. Details for contests are being worked out. Stay tuned for more information.

Even if you don't participate as one of the eight finalists, plan to attend the 2007 AANR Convention at the Willies and cheer on your favorite contestant.

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President's Podium



By John Kinman
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As members of AANR, we are also members of one of AANR's regions. AANR is divided into seven geographical regions throughout the U.S. and Western Canada. If we joined through a club, we are members of the region in which the club is located. If we joined AANR directly and do not belong to a club, our regional membership is determined by our home address.

Each geographical region is a separate corporation registered in one of the states or provinces it encompasses. Each region has a process for electing its officers and directors and establishing the dues rates for its members. Some regions allow their members to vote individually, others establish delegate voting systems with club representatives, and, in some cases, representatives of the non-club AANR Associate members in their region.

Each region holds an annual convention and one or two interim board meetings. Some regions pay for their officers and directors to attend these meetings, and some do not. Each region, through its board of directors, establishes an annual budget and determines where its members' dues will be spent.

Our seven regions vary greatly in number of members. As of August, the largest region was AANR East with 11,485 members and the smallest was WCANR with 721 members. The other five regions fall somewhere between. The members of each region, regardless of size, elect one representative to the AANR Board of Trustees.

Before I became involved in AANR governance, my background was in a corporation operating across many states. We established regions to be sure that each area's geographic differences were represented at the corporate headquarters. Sometimes product design needed to be customized to appeal to the uniqueness of the region. Most of all, we wanted to be able to make decisions as close to the customer as possible.

> *"The regions are the local delivery vehicle for AANR programs."*

AANR's regions were originally established to allow area clubs to meet and develop programs for their members' benefit. As AANR has developed a more professional approach by engaging outside consultants in the areas of marketing, public relations, government affairs and other areas, we have seen the regions joining forces with AANR programs. Some regions have contributed significant funds to AANR programs. Some of these programs would have been difficult to fund without region assistance.

At each AANR convention and trustees meeting, a "presidents' council" is held, getting together the presidents of each region and the AANR president. It is a time to share the best practices and to allow the regions to learn from each other. Many good ideas come out of these sessions. Every region benefits, as well as AANR.

Despite the long history of the regional system, I was surprised to learn from a member survey a couple of years ago, that a large percentage of AANR members know little about their region. Many did not know to which region they belonged, and some answered that they belong to the (name a state) region or some other organization unaffiliated with AANR.

Every region has some form of communication to its members. Some send newsletters in separate mail and others have inserts in the AANR *Bulletin*. Each region has a convention and board meetings, and some have separate sports festivals which draw even more participation.

The regions are the local delivery vehicle for AANR programs. They can offer AANR programs and customize them to the needs of your area. For those of you who have not been involved in your region I say, "Give it a try." It is an opportunity to have your preferences heard at a local level, and, it may be a good entry into the governance of AANR. Most of your current AANR officers and trustees previously held positions in their regions.

Regional involvement offers opportunities for fun activities, too. At the 2007 AANR Convention at The Willamettans in Oregon, most regions will be sending volleyball teams and karaoke singers to compete at the national level. Check with your region representatives to see how you can get involved.

Vacation Opportunities

January 11-13, 2007
(Travel Days January 10 and 14)
AANR East Interim Board Meeting
White Tail Park
Ivor, Virginia

January 12-13, 2007
AANR Southwest Mid-Winter Board Meeting
Bluebonnet
Alvord, Texas

February 2-4, 2007
FANR Mid-Winter Board Meeting
Gulf Coast Resort
Hudson, Florida

February 15-17, 2007
(Travel days February 14 and 18)
AANR Mid-Winter Board of Trustees Meeting
Lake Como Family Nudist Resort
Lutz, Florida

March 3-4, 2007
AANR West Spring Board Meeting
Desert Shadows Inn
Palm Springs, California

April 27-29, 2007
AANR Midwest Spring Conference
Sunshower Country Club
Centerville, Indiana

June 8-10, 2007
AANR West Summer Festival
Glen Eden Sun Club
Corona, California

June 17-24, 2007
AANR Southwest Convention
Armadillo Resort
Poolville, Texas

June 21–24, 2007
FANR Annual Convention
Location Not Yet Confirmed

June 30-July 8, 2007
AANR Northwest Convention
Sun Meadow
Worley, Idaho

July 10-15, 2007
AANR East Convention and Festival
Sunny Rest Resort and Campground
Palmerton, Pennsylvania

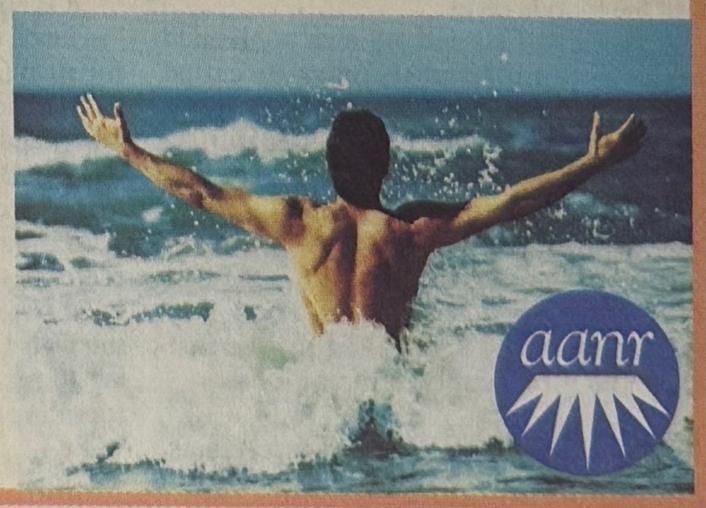
July 15-22, 2007
AANR Midwest Convention
Fern Hills Club
Bloomington, Indiana

August 2-5, 2007
AANR West Convention
Laguna del Sol
Wilton, California

August 5-12, 2007
AANR Convention
The Willamettans
Marcola, Oregon

October 5–7, 2007
AANR West Fall Festival
Shangri La Ranch
New River, Arizona

November 3-4, 2007
AANR West Fall Board Meeting
Mira Vista Resort
Tucson, Arizona



Letters to the Editor

Thank You For Sharing

Dear Editor:

It has been just over a year since I decided to "come out of the closet" and go public as a nudist. I joined AANR, went to Cypress Cove Nudist Resort and Spa, and began reading *The Bulletin* cover to cover. I now have to say thank you to some wonderful people.

Thank you, Pat Brown, for your service to the nudist community. As I wondered what nudists were all about, your column gave me great insight into the quality and integrity of my fellow nudists.

Thank you, Erich Schuttauf, for sharing your beautiful family with us. Reading your material gave me confidence to bring my family into the nudist environment. Seeing your family so happy as nudists was inspiring. Also knowing I can still go to church and be a nudist was an answer to an inner conflict.

Thank you to everyone who served on a Government Affairs Team. Thank you to all who ever fought for our right to be naked in an appropriate setting. I never knew what you did but now benefit from it. As an over-the-road truck driver I have visited a number of resorts. Each club is unique and special, and because of you, I have so enjoyed them.

I believe AANR is a great organization. I applaud you and your efforts to be the credible voice of reason for us. The 75th anniversary issue of *The Bulletin* was enlightening as to our past. I am sure we have a bright future.

Mark Furman

Solution For Singles

Dear Editor:

I read many comments in *The Bulletin* from singles, especially men, who feel unwanted at a lot of nudist clubs around the country.

A great solution to help singles feel accepted in the nudist world that is mostly composed of couples, is for resorts or clubs to start singles groups. I was one of the founders of the Caliente Singles Group three years ago, and it is still going strong.

Cypress Cove and Lake Como also have singles groups where they host dinners and even hold "singles weekends" several times a year. Gulf Coast Resort and The Island Group are also very singles friendly in Pasco County, Florida.

Thanks to FANR Board Member Rocco Terrizzi, FANR now has a singles calendar (www.fanr.org/singles2.htm) which lists events at all the Florida clubs.

A year ago I started my own nonlanded singles group for nudists/naturists called Single Naturists of Tampa Bay (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/singlenaturist-softampabay), and I regularly hold events at the various resorts and clubs in Pasco County. We usually have 30-40 singles attend dinners at the resorts which allows them to get to know us as individuals, know that we have money to spend, and realize that we can be great assets to their clubs.

Luna Adams

Invitation To Visit

Dear Editor:

I just read the letter to the editor written by Ray Montgomery in the October issue of *The Bulletin*. I sure can understand his bitterness of being rejected acceptance in a club. You can imagine what I felt like when my daughter was refused admittance in a prominent club because she was not an ASA member. Please convey our invitation to Ray Montgomery to visit Lakesun Club if he should be traveling north. We are located just an hour's drive from the Thousand Island bridge in New York state into Canada. Also let him know not to forget the fishing rod. Boats are provided free.

Hans Berhmann
Lakesun Club

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Missing Guests

Dear Editor:

During the 2004-2005 seasons, one of my regular guests bought a gift certificate for friends of theirs. Due to business complications and the hurricanes, I was not able to deliver on the commitment of a full day of sailing on my vessel. Most of my records were lost during Hurricane Wilma. I'm hoping you'll print this so the missing guests will get in touch with me. I hope to make good on my certificate. Please contact Captain Ran at Rbaird6113@aol.com.

Captain Ran Baird

Remove The Toxins

Dear Editor:

In the August issue a gentleman inquired about film to block the harmful rays of the sun. I just came across some information that I thought would be of interest to him and many other of you readers.

In her book *Living on Live Food*, Alissa Cohen has a chapter named "Let the Sun Shine In." She gives credit to Loren Lockman's book, *A Handbook for Vibrant Living: Eight Ways to Vibrant Health.* It seems the sun's rays trigger our bodies to speed up the elimination of toxins through the skin. It is these toxins in prolonged contact with the skin that cause the skin damage that leads to skin cancer.

It is also suggested that we need to expose "as much of our bodies as possible" to the sun for 30 to 60 minutes every day.

The trick is to keep the toxins out in the first place, and help our bodies to detox the ones that do get in. For those that have no idea how to start, we can help the detox process along in several ways. A diet of organic foods, fasting, exercise, sweating in a sauna, and drinking a lot of water all help. The idea that lying in the sun with as few clothes on as possible is helping to remove toxins from my body is very appealing to me.

Timm Gould

Nudists In The Know

Dear Editor:

This cartoon appeared in the August 15, 2006, issue of the *Belleville Intelligencer*, our local daily newspaper in Canada. Not long ago I wrote a letter to the editor and he phoned me to confirm that it was me who wrote the letter. The editor's article was about the sun being good for you in moderation. I mentioned that nudists have known about this for many years.

Carl Roy



"...It's an added part of our all new security procedures!...Not to worry, there are some clothes for you to wear; on the plane!..."

Safety Concerns

Dear Editor:

I am writing to tell all fellow naturists about my wonderful experience with Sunsport Gardens in Loxahatchee, Florida, this past summer. When I was vacationing there last year at the end of August, Tropical Storm Katrina was heading our way.

For safety reasons, the resort temporarily closed until the storm passed through. Sunsport was gracious enough to advise me if I was to return next year, they would be happy to arrange a discount for any inconveniences that may have occurred due to the rough weather.

I returned this past summer and was given, as promised, a discount on my stay. I am very grateful, and the staff and management are very courteous. I am already looking forward to my next visit.

Bill Thompsen

Vacation On The Right Beach

Dear Editor:

There are a couple of issues we feel need addressing. In our travels to several all-inclusive resorts with nude beaches, we met several great people who were trying nude recreation for the first time. One lady told us that it was her last day at the resort and she wanted to try the nude beach. Her statement was, "I wasted my whole vacation on the wrong beach." She had only heard bad things about our nude beaches from uninformed friends and critics and later learned the truth. Because of this, we have started advising everyone about AANR. Therefore we would like for all resorts with nude beaches and all travel agents to include the Enjoy Life Naturally brochure and a beach card in the rooms and ticket packets. This way, more people will try the natural side and beach. It could cause a swelling in the membership which would give us more clout with the lawmakers, and quiet some of the uninformed.

Our second issue is that we feel an area of all state and federal parks, if size permits, should be designated for nude recreation. No ifs, ands, or buts.

Craig and Gloria Lortz

Life's Simple Pleasures

Dear Editor:

In September 2006 I made a day visit to Coventry Club in North Carolina. A childhood dream that I've kept tucked away for over 30 years came true.

As far back as elementary school, I wished I could go outside and walk around nude in a gentle rain without getting "in trouble." My family was such that just bringing that up in a conversation could earn me a whipping.

In this part of the country [South Carolina] during the hot months most of the rain we get comes from thunderstorms. During my visit to Coventry, the light rain started and I went outside. Since there was no thunder and lightning, I stayed out for over an hour, even dipping in the pool a while. The rain falling on my skin was an exquisite feeling. The whole experience really made my visit special.

I'm still in my first year of AANR membership; and there's no telling when this kind of rain will coincide with a club visit, but I'll be eagerly awaiting it. Perfect, sunny weather isn't necessary for some of life's simple pleasures.

William Clark

Challenge

Continued from Cover.

Challenge raised nearly $7,000 to benefit the AANR Government Affairs Program which lobbies on behalf of nude recreation and defends it from those looking to pass anti-nudity legislation.

The next Government Affairs Challenge will take two lucky winners to Tucson, Arizona, for a week's stay at Mira Vista Resort. This upscale 30-acre property with an historic past is the latest stop on the AANR list of Challenges. Breathtaking landscapes, inspiring views, and sunsets that light up the Santa Catalina Mountains are just a few reasons that will make this a vacation to remember.

Each entry is $5, and you can enter as many times as you wish. But hurry, entries must be received in the AANR office by March 20, 2007. You can also enter online at www.aanr.com. The drawing will be held on March 27.

AANR's Marketing Consultant Program: A Tale Of Two Clubs



Barry Murphy, AANR Marketing Consultant, discusses Sky Farm's Marketing strategy with Ken Kerrigan and Joe Biondo.

By Sharon McLeod

In February, AANR started a marketing consultant program that places AANR members who have marketing skills with clubs that want to grow. Two clubs—quick to recognize an opportunity—immediately applied for this program. This article follows the experience of Rock Lodge Club and Sky Farm, located in northern New Jersey, with AANR's Marketing Consultant Program.

Taking a chance

Like most clubs, Rock Lodge and Sky Farm heard about the program through the AANR weekly club report and *The Bulletin*. Both clubs examined the program and quickly determined they had nothing to lose, and perhaps much to gain. Each club filled out the short application and forwarded it to the AANR office.

> *"I think that programs like this are a wonderful service."*

Since Barry Murphy was eminently qualified, nearby, and quick to say "yes," he was assigned as the AANR marketing consultant to both clubs. Barry, whose pre-retirement career in healthcare communications included positions in sales, sales management, and publishing management, is "very upbeat and outgoing," says Ken Kerrigan, membership committee chair for Sky Farm, "He's easy to talk to." In short, Barry's enthusiasm is hard to resist.

The AANR staff then prepared training materials in branding, public relations, marketing, and sales; generated a customized Claritas report that analyzes each club's membership; and forwarded the material to the clubs.

Teaching old dogs

As an old dog experienced in the art of catalyzing change, Barry Murphy has learned a trick or two over the years. Once the assignment was official, Barry started gathering the information he'd need to arrange the puzzle pieces into a clear picture.

On his first visit to each club, Barry strolled around the grounds, introducing himself to members and learning what they like about their club. Barry also met with the club's decision makers, quickly determining that the primary goal of each club was to get new members and retain existing members.

Barry's second visit to Sky Farm provided basic training to the club's management team in branding, public relations, marketing, and sales, using the material forwarded from the AANR office. His second visit to Rock Lodge—originally scheduled for the same basic training—quickly focused on analyzing overall club membership, with Barry and the marketing committee discussing and firming up objectives. Barry soon had more gems to suggest.

- **Partnering:** Since Sky Farm and Rock Lodge share proximity and a certain sensibility, why not share selected events and the associated advertising costs? Both clubs embraced sharing a public relations seminar in March and are considering combined advertising for open houses in June. Sky Farm's open house features a celebration of the club's 75th anniversary, making it the oldest AANR club in the United States, and Rock Lodge celebrates the 100th anniversary of its most prominent building, the Stone House.
- **Drive all advertising to the Web site:** A club's Web site features the most extensive and complete information about a club. To reduce advertising costs, buy only short radio spots and newspaper ads, and use them to encourage potential customers to visit the Web site.
- **Brochure exchange:** By exchanging brochures, Sky Farm and Rock Lodge can provide members and guests with information about nudist vacation destinations such as Desert Shadows, Club Orient, Cypress Cove, and the February 2007 nude cruise. These, in turn, encourage their guests to check out Sky Farm (www.skyfarm.com) and Rock Lodge (www.rocklodge.com) when they're in New Jersey.



Barry Murphy's second trip to Rock Lodge focused on analyzing club membership.

Plunging in

Although talking and planning continue in the background, the clubs have already embarked on this season's strategy. Ken Kerrigan notes that, "By working with us, Barry's given us more of a sense of direction of what avenues are possible as far as marketing and advertising, and he helps us utilize them."

Closing thoughts

Ken Kerrigan says, "Barry's phone calls keep me abreast of what he's doing. Each week he calls with something…'got this club to display your brochures…' and so on. He keeps me motivated—there's something going on all the time."

Howard Lentner, who handles advertising and publicity at Rock Lodge, says, "For many years I've been a devotee of AANR because I think that programs like this are a wonderful service. I personally think it's really great, and I am grateful for the support from AANR."

How do I sign up?

Maybe you're a new volunteer with little expertise in membership and marketing. Perhaps you've been at it awhile but your club's numbers are down. Possibly your club is doing well, and you simply want to grow. All these reasons, and more, motivate AANR clubs to sign up for AANR's Marketing Consultant Program.

To find out more about this program, contact the AANR office at 800/TRY-NUDE or pubaffairs@aanr.com.

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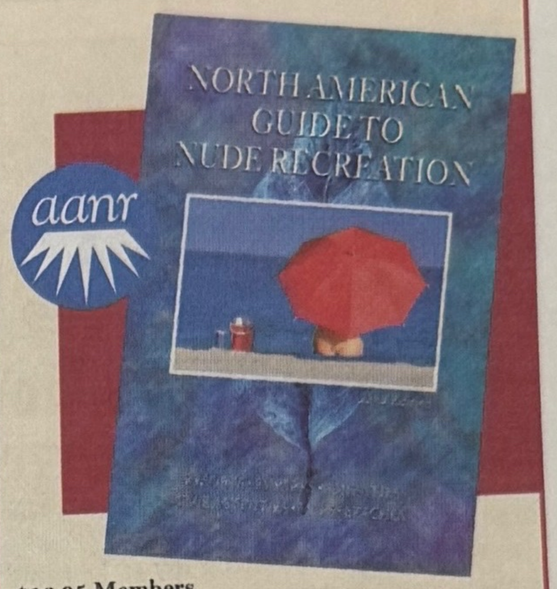

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AANR and AANR Midwest Team Up For Business Seminar

By George Morrison
AANR Vice President

The AANR Board of Trustees and AANR Midwest Region will sponsor a three-day seminar covering how to start a nudist club. This will be done in conjunction with a Small Business Development Center (SBDC) which is part of a community college and is certified by the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

The seminar is designed to help new club owners or new co-ops as well as existing clubs learn the skills needed to create, develop, and strengthen successful business ventures. Unlike other business education programs, the seminar will address the special needs of entrepreneurs by providing a practical, hands-on common-sense approach to developing a small business whether the business is just starting or is ready to grow. It has been proven that the entrepreneur who plans is the one who succeeds. For this reason, participants will develop a comprehensive business plan during the course to act as the road map for future growth. In spite of a common misconception that nudist clubs are not businesses, those that run like one succeed.

Areas to be covered are: business start-ups, business plans, loan sources, management, marketing, accounting/taxes, cash flow, and sources of assistance. Each evening after dinner, a discussion session will be held. On the third day, we'll have a nudist business owner/operator and a nudist club manager discuss how they developed and run a successful club.

The seminar will be held April 17-19, 2007, in Elgin, Illinois, about 25 miles west of O'Hare International Airport (ORD) just off I-90. Chicago Sun Club is planning to provide pick-up and drop-off at either O'Hare or Chicago Midway (MDW) free of charge. Seminar fee, lodging, meals, and travel costs are at the attendees' expense.

> *The seminar will address the special needs of entrepreneurs.*

The seminar cost will be $375 per person which includes two very intense eight-hour days of classroom work, one day of nudist-specific concerns, plus one year of free confidential counseling assistance. Included in the seminar fee is a reference manual, student workbook, and other course handouts.

Contact George Morrison, AANR Vice President, at 630/377-2499 CST or Nanette Wickersham, AANR Club/Member Liaison at 800/879-6833, ext. 239. The AANR office will forward your information to me, and I'll call back as soon as practical. A packet with additional information will be sent after the initial contact.

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AANR GAT Goals For 2007



By Alonzo Stevens
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Your Government Affairs Team (GAT) has done an excellent job preparing for 2007. The fall board meetings are completed, including budgeting for next year. The AANR and regional boards have been renewed with new members and fresh views and ideas. I would like to thank each one of my committee chairs for the hard work and dedication they displayed as we prepare for the year ahead of us.

I am very proud to lead this diverse team of dedicated volunteers; we continue to learn and work together to advocate nudity and nude recreation in appropriate settings, and educate and inform society of the value and enjoyment of such. Each member is crucial in making significant achievements in their respective regions. We have decided to reduce our conference calls to once a month. It is a huge commitment to be on the Government Affairs Team. Even our monthly chats are a challenge when we live all across North America and most of us have full-time jobs. We're GAT volunteers because we are motivated to work together and make a positive change happen.

> *"I challenge you to get involved and help us take the next step forward."*

As AANR moves toward the future, we, as an organization, will continue to diligently look for better ways to accomplish our mission. Though change can be uncomfortable at times, we need to embrace change that will lead our organization to the next level. Our Government Affairs Team has done an excellent job of combating legislation that is negative to nude recreation, with a very small number of government affairs volunteers. Our Government Affairs Team has done an outstanding job proactively educating legislators and government staff about nude recreation. Partnering with our public and legislative officials in Washington, D.C. and within our own states and provinces continues to be a growing strength in our work.

Your Government Affairs Team thanks you, our AANR members, for your ongoing support. We are already planning next year's AANR Convention and the annual silent auction. Many activities like the convention take nearly a year in advance to bring to life. We are looking for clubs who would like to host a government affairs training weekend. These trainings are always evolving and can be customized to your club's specific needs. Please contact us if you are interested.

Once again, our committee plans for next year have also been a major topic for discussion. Government Affairs has a shifting foundation, which needs to be constantly evaluated and refined. In 2007, my personal government affairs goals are to strengthen our regional teams by:

- Revisiting the AANR Government Affairs Strategic Plan
- Making the nude recreation movement known through membership
- Assisting GAT in appointing qualified state chairs
- Developing more targeted GAT/CAT training throughout the regions
- Continuing to work with beaches and other public lands
- Expanding AANR's presence at various tradeshows
- Establishing a comprehensive volunteer program to best utilize our volunteers
- Fine-tuning how we monitor and track federal and state legislation

Every AANR member has a responsibility to ensure that nude recreation is a recreational choice for future generations to enjoy. We will continue to expand our network to include more government affairs representation at the state and county level; and increase our communication network between members and government affairs leaders. Your membership and involvement is essential to our success. I believe that as your AANR Government Affairs Chair that I represent each and every one of you. I work for you and future generations. I encourage you to let me know your thoughts and ideas; and I challenge you to get involved and help us take the next step forward.

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A Day With The Commish



Charlie Bronson chats with Pat Orner in Kissimmee, Florida.

By Patricia Orner
AANR Government Affairs Coordinator

It has been my privilege to know Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Charlie Bronson for many years. Charlie is a fifth-generation Floridian, born in Kissimmee to a ranching family in 1949, but his family agricultural roots date back to 1635.

The revised Florida Constitution provides for a Governor and a "Cabinet composed of an Attorney General, a Commissioner of Agriculture and a State Chief Financial Officer."

According to the state Web site, "the mission of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is to safeguard the public and support Florida's agricultural economy…" and includes "…conserving and protecting the state's agricultural and natural resources by reducing wildfires, promoting environmentally safe agricultural practices, and managing public lands."

Although the prevention of fire is a positive issue for all AANR landed clubs, it is the task of managing public lands that makes this office additionally important to AANR and FANR as we continue to protect existing, and seek additional, designated shorelines for nude recreation. As a certified law enforcement officer, Charlie served as a reserve deputy in both Miami-Dade and Brevard counties, during the days when beaches such as Haulover, Apollo, and Playalinda were much less than nudist friendly.

Charlie was elected to the Florida Senate in 1994, representing a district that encompassed both Brevard and Osceola counties, and reelected in 1998. He served as chair of both counties' legislative delegations, and chair of the Florida Senate's Agriculture and Consumer Services Committee and its Natural Resources Committee. Initially appointed to the position of Commissioner of Agriculture in May 2001 to fill the unexpired term of the outgoing commissioner, Charlie Bronson was elected to the post in a statewide election in November 2002, and reelected in November 2006. It was during his campaign for reelection this year that I was asked to help in his campaign.

You might think that this would be a day of business suit political parties—not the case with Charlie. His big green and white bus rolled into Kissimmee at the courthouse

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where he "stumped" like Abe Lincoln while we waved his signs and encouraged cars to honk their horns. Lunch was at Mrs. Mac's (a favorite downtown eatery of many ranchers and businessfolk alike)—with dessert at the newer Broadway Coffee and Art Café where flan is the house specialty. Charlie knows, just like most everyone else in Osceola County, that I have been a long-time resident at Cypress Cove. At lunch, we chatted with the local Republican party heads about how different life is now in Kissimmee and in Florida. We all agreed on the importance of keeping a voice in the Florida cabinet who values the recreational opportunities upon which Florida's economy so dearly depends.

I have asked Commissioner Bronson to give the AANR/FANR delegation time to meet with him during the Visit Florida Days in Tallahassee next March.

California Beaches

By SCNA President Gary Mussell
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For the last 20 years, the only beaches in Southern California where nudity is tolerated are Black's Beach (actually Torre Pines State Park) outside San Diego; San Onofre beach about 40 miles north of Black's; and Pirate's Cove at Avila Beach outside San Luis Obispo, about 200 miles to the north. A traditional nude beach on Santa Barbara county land near Carpenteria called Bates Beach (actually North Rincon Beach) was closed in 2000 after local homeowners complained to local authorities and funds were allocated to aggressively ticket the nudists there. You may not realize the fragile coalition that exists in California and other Western States between nudists and law enforcement to allow any of our public land venues to exist. Many court cases have been won (and some lost) that give everyone the rules by which we can enjoy our body freedom in places other than behind the walls of gated nudist clubs and resorts.

The Cahill Policy, in California, was named after Russell Cahill, former Director of the State Department of Parks and Recreation Department in 1979. Cahill decreed that nudists could use the state park system unless someone (other than a ranger or law officer) objected. The nudist would have to get dressed, but could return the next day and be nude again unless someone again objected. Several other states have similar policies. The net effect was to allow those beaches, lakes, and hiking trails then used by nudists on state park land to survive in relative peace with the textiled world around them. Unfortunately, the policy went into effect too late to save perhaps a dozen popular nudist beaches along the Southern California coast—specifically in and around Los Angeles—as lawmakers and other opponents aggressively closed many of these venues to nudists during the mid-1970s.

SCNA, based in Los Angeles, and other nonlanded travel clubs throughout the state traditionally host backyard nude swim parties, visit a variety of local nudist parks on selected weekends, and also enjoy a secluded beach or lake when they are available. Our members come from local landed clubs (many hold joint memberships) and the free beaches. That entitles us to a unique perspective that we would like to share with *Bulletin* readers.

There are two important elements to the survival of a nude beach:

- First is to establish a good working relationship between beach advocates and local authorities, be it park rangers, lifeguards, or deputy sheriffs. Many beaches have been lost over the years because the nudists practiced a "don't ask don't tell" policy, afraid to interact with local authorities for fear of being "found out" and losing the beach. Believe me; the local authorities know we are there. Unless there is a local politician trying to make a name, most officials consider us a very low priority unless someone complains or some other illegal activity occurs on the site.
- The second element is "feet on the ground." Without nudists actually using the beach continuously year-round, the location can be quickly lost because outsiders will interpret nudists' lack of participation as abdication. No matter how much work AANR or NAC might devote to obtaining official approval and/or signage for a specific beach, park, or lake, if nudists do not use that location all the time, all seasons and in sizeable numbers, opponents will push back and say the nudists really don't deserve special treatment there. Keeping feet on the ground also requires an action that many anonymity-preferring nudists are hesitant to do: give someone in charge their name, telephone number, and e-mail address so that a list of dedicated users can be collected to be sure the beach stays in use and to rally supporters when a letter-writing effort is needed. It is much easier to organize nudists already using a beach—and who do not want to lose it—than it is to create a new beach in a new location from scratch.

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In October, Avila Beach (aka Pirate's Cove) near San Luis Obispo (SLO) was an example when such mailing lists proved critical when a local beach was threatened. The beach has a 40-year tradition as a privately owned clothing-optional beach, and county park officials have benignly accepted its status for many years. Tickets are only issued there for lewd conduct. However, SLO County last month announced it is working on a deal to purchase the beach along with other undeveloped land along the shoreline and turn it into a county park. The deal could put the nude status of the beach in jeopardy.



Nudists are trying to reestablish a nude beach at Bates Beach.

In response to the probable sale of the land, the *San Luis Obispo Tribune* newspaper ran an online poll a few weeks ago asking its readers to vote, "Should Pirate's Cove remain a nude beach?" In response to that request, SCNA and several other local naturist clubs and organizations sent an e-mail to their members asking those who have visited Pirate's Cove and wish to keep it clothing-optional to go online and vote. The response was overwhelmingly in favor (95% Yes) for keeping the beach nude. That kind of result could not have happened were the naturists not organized throughout Southern California so that a rapid response could be put into operation.

Maintaining a nude area on public land or beach almost always requires there be a small but dedicated group of leaders—often referred to as "mayors"—who visit the beach constantly, distribute leaflets that describe user behavior guidelines, organize periodic cleanups, and work with local authorities when illegal activity takes place on the bluffs above the designated nudist area. Many beach "mayors" hoist yellow flags or banners, or wear specific colored hats to signify who the "go-to" people are in case a beachgoer has a question or problem. Some examples:

This year, a new ranger-in-charge at Black's Beach in San Diego decided to post signs on the beach declaring "Nudity is Illegal." Because of the 10-year relationship between the two "mayors" there, they were able to immediately contact local officials to confirm no policy had changed and to begin negotiations for the sign's removal.

At Bates Beach, outside Carpinteria, California, nudists are attempting something that is rarely achieved: the reestablishment of a nude beach. SCNA members spent this past summer walking the business districts, asking the opinion of shop owners if a nude beach would improve their business. Our unscientific poll shows very little opposition, and that people either think it will help local restaurants and the tourist trade or at the very least won't hurt it. SCNA has formed a sub-group, the Nude Beach Alliance (NBA) of Santa Barbara County with its own Web site to promote the cause: www.ournudebeach.com.

Bay Area Naturists (BAN) Coordinator Rich Pasco has been recruiting volunteers to become involved in preserving Bonny Doon Beach, which is located about 10 miles northwest of Santa Cruz, California. Bonny Doon has been a popular clothing-optional beach for nearly 40 years. This year, as it comes under California State Parks administration, its clothing-optional status may be in jeopardy. Preservation of its status requires a committee of concerned regular users of Bonny Doon willing to meet as required with state park representatives and other officials. For more information, please see http://www.bayareanaturists.org/bonnydoon.html.

BAN has been handing out flyers at Bonny Doon in an effort to educate the beachgoers and recruit volunteers. Rich is adamant about keeping this effort low profile and working closely with regular visitors of Bonny Doon Beach. Rich appreciates the support of AANR.

Bay Area Naturists' first cleanup day, October 1, 1988, was a total success. Thirty-some volunteers removed over a ton of litter from the beach, as reporters took notes. The press coverage got the county's attention.

The consistent, visible participation in the annual adopt-a-beach cleanup for the past 18 years resulted in Santa Cruz County officials recognizing naturists as a legitimate user group along with fishers, hang-gliders, surfers, etc. Bay Area Naturist Harold Short served as the chairman of the North Coast Beaches Advisory Committee, a county-appointed citizen advisory panel, until it disbanded this year, its mission complete.

Santa Cruz County continues to be one of the few jurisdictions in the United States where the county supervisors acknowledge and support nude use of one or more public beaches.



Bonny Doon's clothing-optional status may be in jeopardy.

Lake Tahoe Is North

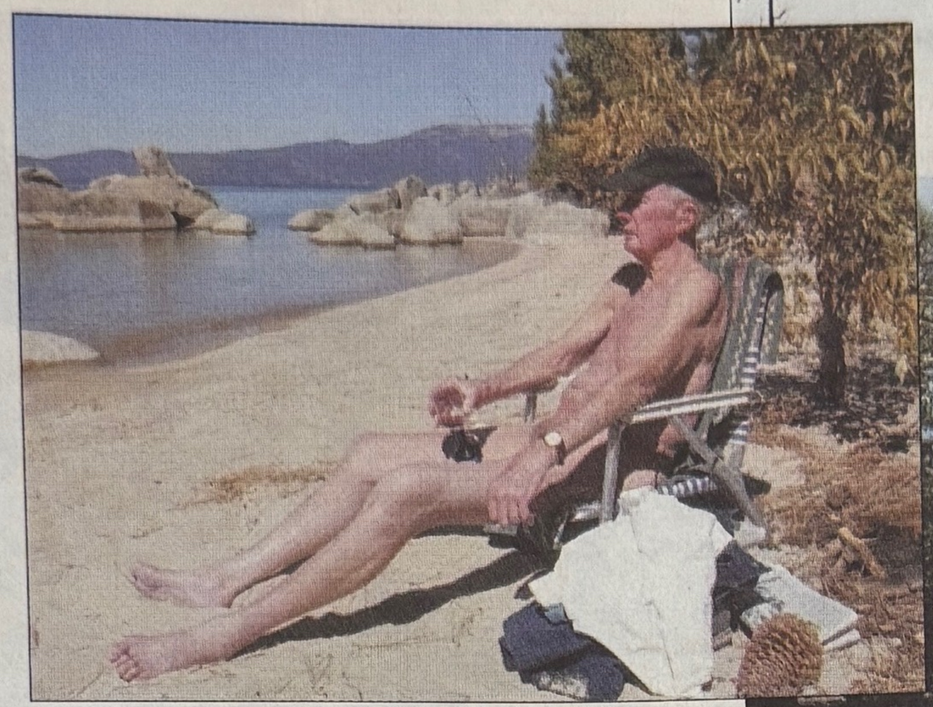
By Debra Sue Stevens
AANR West GAT Chair

During the winter, we often find ourselves hibernating from our nudist friends enjoying only the memories of summer. There are others who enjoy nude recreation in their lives year-round. There are plenty of winter opportunities at local clubs and resorts throughout the colder seasons, and for a little warmth, we can head to Palm Springs, Arizona, or Florida. Other nudists choose to frequent their local skinny-dipping beach, river, lake, or hot spring. I'm a beachgoer and always will be.

The first day of fall I was visiting a clothing-free beach on the shores of Lake Tahoe. This beautiful spot is nurtured by the Tahoe Area Naturists (TAN) on an isolated beach in Secret Harbor. The "mayor" is North Swanson, an 83-year-old gentle-spoken man who has been instrumental for decades in keeping the community relations open between beachgoers and local authorities. As I followed North down the 900-ft. drop in elevation to the beach, he pointed out trails and trees, reciting the history of this amazing slice of the forest that local nudists maintain. It was an amazing day, and one of the most beautiful beaches I have ever seen.

North's attitude is the foundation of a delicate relationship that exists between nudists and local, county, and state officials. North has done everything right. There are many beach movements; public lands are important to preserve for nude recreation. Several groups are using different methods successfully to keep or regain public lands for our recreational choices. On the other end of the spectrum are nudists who choose to remain anonymous and abandon their beach, if the authorities mandate. If a group won't advocate keeping their favorite beach clothes-free, who will establish another location later? Keep nude recreation in your life throughout all the seasons, and visit and fall in love with a slice of your public lands.

Thank you to all the activists that contributed to this month's beach movement theme. Change happens through movement. Movement is a group effort. Support nude recreation on public lands set aside for that purpose.



North Swanson relaxes on the shore of Lake Tahoe.



Photos courtesy of Debra Sue Stevens.



Oregon Beaches





AANR Northwest owes a huge thank you to Mark Buchweitz (pictured above), a "Friend of AANR," who was responsible and instrumental in volunteering time and energy to apply for the Oregon State Parks and SOLV adoption certificates at Collins Beach on Sauvie Island and Rooster Rock State Park nude beach.

At right, Alonzo and Debra Sue Stevens on Sauvie Island.

Nudist Profile

Full Circle

By Pete Williams
AANR Staff Writer

Residents of the Florida retirement community where Shirley Heaton lives often assume the gregarious, 5-foot 3-inch dynamo is younger than they are.

"They'll say, 'Wait until you get to be 65 like me,' " says Heaton, a familiar face in the AANR community. "I tell them, I haven't been 65 in 12 years."

Heaton, who turns 78 this month, received AANR's Presi-dential Honorary Life Membership Award during the AANR convention in August, in part for her tireless efforts to produce the 75th anniversary magazine *And From The Beginning: 75 Years Of AANR History.*



Shirley receives the Presidential Honorary Life Membership Award from AANR Executive Director Erich Schuttauf after the convention.

Heaton spent thousands of hours over a two-year period researching the history of AANR, adding to a jam-packed "retirement" schedule that includes volunteering, writing grants, and serving as a political precinct chairperson. She's also a member of her community's activities group, vice president of a ladies group, co-chairs a breakfast club, and is active in her church choir.

No wonder she was tough to pin down for an interview for this story.

"I'm so busy that I look forward to being alone for the holidays," Heaton said the day before Thanksgiving. "I'm single and live alone and that sounds terrible to people, but when you're as busy as I am, you kind of look forward to curling up in a chair, reading, and just doing things for yourself."

The 75th anniversary AANR magazine brought Heaton's career full circle. Born and raised in Minneapolis, she graduated with a degree in journalism from the University of Minnesota in 1951, back when journalism schools still were uncommon. After graduation, she went to work for the Baltimore *Afro-American Newspaper* as a reporter, staying five years.

"I became disenchanted with the way they manipulated the news," she said. "If they could do that with a tiny story I wrote on the local level, what must it be like at the national level?"

Her interviewing skills, honed as a reporter, transferred well to her next gig. Back then, in the early days of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, urban renewal programs were just being implemented, with Baltimore, Maryland, having the first.

Heaton, then known as Shirley Kyle, would venture into decaying urban areas. There were buildings that seemed to be held together only by television antennas. Heaton interviewed residents in order to create a record of the people that lived there and their economic conditions since they'd inevitably have to be relocated.

Heaton, accustomed to working fast as a journalist under deadline conditions, produced far more reports than her colleagues. In order to avoid making her co-workers look bad, she added additional work to her job description, writing federal loan and grant applications on behalf of communities endeavoring to improve their decaying neighborhoods.

By then, the Civil Rights Movement was well underway, and Heaton's services were in high demand. An advisor to President Lyndon B. Johnson summoned her to Washington to work on a pilot project to provide housing for lower income people.

Since government bureaucrats move at a glacial pace, much of the project was farmed out to the Westinghouse Corporation, and Heaton helped bridge the gap between the public and private sectors.

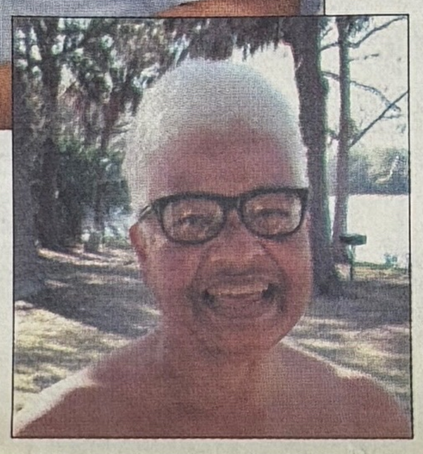
By 1968, she was the only black person living along Washington's Connecticut Avenue, though she didn't realize it until riots ensued after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. Rioters walked from one apartment building to another demanding to see evidence that blacks lived there.

"The managers of my apartment complex sure were glad to see me come home from work that day," Heaton says.

Between her high-pressure job—during the Nixon administration she worked for the Secretary of the Interior—and living in the fast-paced world of the nation's capital, Heaton needed a place to get away from it all. For a while, she'd visit New York City on weekends but eventually discovered Elbow Cay in the Bahamas.

The tiny island served the purpose, but work made it increasingly difficult to get away. Looking for a break after an especially stressful stretch, she signed up for a singles cruise that left New York for Nassau in 1972.

She wasn't looking for a relationship. Nor was Alan Heaton, a widower on the cruise who lived in Montreal, but they hit it off and soon were involved in a long-distance relationship via Eastern Airlines, which offered shuttle flights between Montreal and Washington through New York's LaGuardia Airport.



Alan and Shirley were married in 1973. Eastern dropped the Montreal-to-New York flight shortly thereafter. "It had served its purpose," Shirley says.

Shirley's initial exposure to nudism came the following year while they were vacationing at a Club Med facility in Guadeloupe. They stayed on the non-nude side and spent most of their time playing tennis.

They returned to the Caribbean the following year, staying at another Club Med resort in Martinique. Alan, who had enjoyed nude recreation growing up in Scotland, challenged her to visit the nude beach. Soon Shirley found it was like any other beach, with people engaged in familiar beach activities, only in the nude.

By the late 1970s, the couple was living in Bradenton, Florida, far from the cold Montreal weather. They began visiting Cypress Cove in Kissimmee and by 1987 were living there full time. As Shirley put it, "Alan said this is as close to heaven on earth that we will ever get."

Shirley, who retired from her career when she married Alan, was content to spend her afternoons relaxing by the pool at Cypress Cove. While reading *The Bulletin* one afternoon, she learned of upcoming elections. Having been something of a political junkie during her career in Washington, she wanted to be informed on the issues and candidates of AANR, known at the time as the ASA.

She approached Jim Hadley, the late owner of the Cove, and soon found herself getting involved in the new Florida Association for Nude Recreation (FANR). She was a board member first, and then served three one-year terms as president in the early 1990s.

Heaton played a key role in the start up of AANR's youth camp program, which began in Florida, but after Alan died in 2001, she figured she'd go back to her poolside lounge chair, reading, and volunteer activities.

Not long thereafter, AANR president Pat Brown mentioned the upcoming 75th anniversary of AANR and the need for a definitive history. Heaton thought of herself as a journalist, not a historian; she still cringed at the thought of being forced to memorize names and dates in high school.

But she threw herself into the project, spending countless hours at the American Nudist Research Library on the grounds of Cypress Cove. Like other researchers, she found early nudist leader Ilsley Boone a compelling figure, but a frustrating one to write about since it sometimes was hard to determine fact from fiction.

Heaton's research got a big assist from Cec Cinder, the AANR Hall of Famer who wrote *The Nudist Idea*, the 700-page nudist history. Cinder told her to feel free to reference the book wherever she liked since, after all, it took him 20 years to write.

"I didn't have that kind of time," Heaton said. "I figured I averaged six hours a day on it for two years."

As one of few African-American leaders in nude recreation, a lifestyle that doesn't attract many minorities, Heaton often is called upon for advice.

She likes to tell the story of how corporate America never marketed to blacks until Coca-Cola went out on a limb and began including black people in ads.

"These days you rarely see an ad that doesn't include minorities," Heaton says. "With AANR, the promotional materials now include people of color. You can market effectively to certain groups and I think that's happening. But you can't bring about a transformation overnight."

Heaton recently moved out of Cypress Cove, but lives just eight miles away and remains a Cove member. The biggest adjustment, she says, is remembering to get dressed when she steps outside to get her mail or newspaper. The Cove and nude recreation remain an integral part of her life.

"Just as I had that little island years ago to get away from Washington, now I have The Cove when I need to get away from the textile world," Heaton said. "I can't imagine it not being a part of my life."

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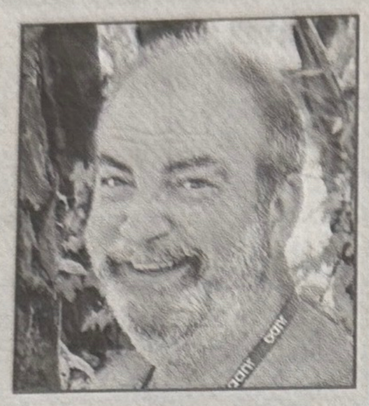

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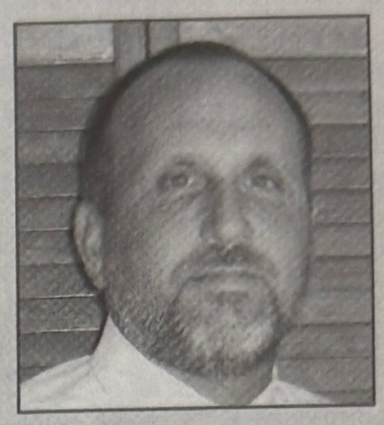

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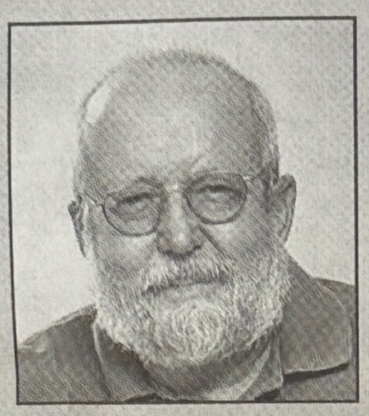

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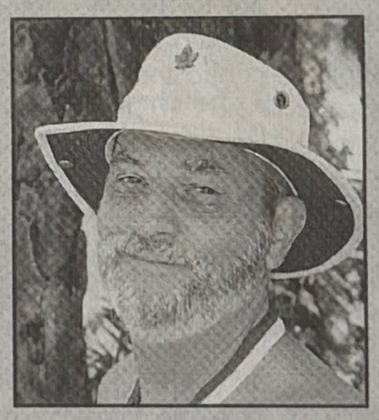

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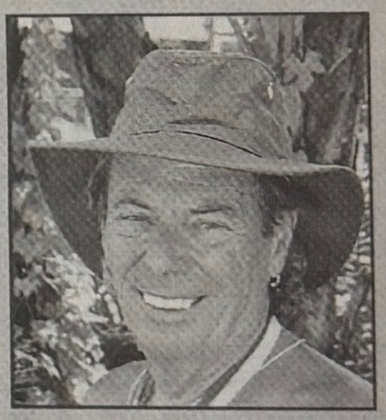

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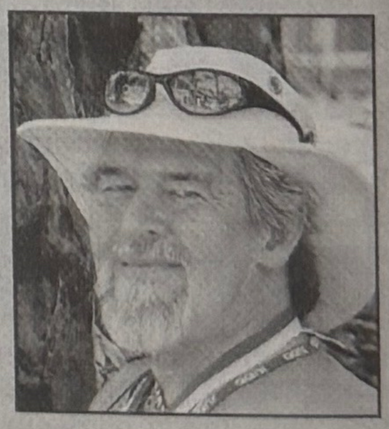


Bill Williamson

AANR Board of Trustees Meet at Cypress Cove

KISSIMMEE, Fla.—The new AANR board gathered at Cypress Cove Nudist Resort & Spa in November for committee reports and presentations and to review the 2007 budget which passed unanimously.



AANR Vice President George Morrison addresses the board.



AANR East President Susan Weaver presents a check to Fred Van Nest for the American Nudist Research Library's digitized archiving project.



Trustee Patty Faber receives her gift towel from BJ Kinman on behalf of DeAnza Springs Resort.



AANR Executive Director Erich Schuttauf gives a presentation on the State of the AANR Office with some support from AANR Secretary/ Treasurer Sharon McLeod.



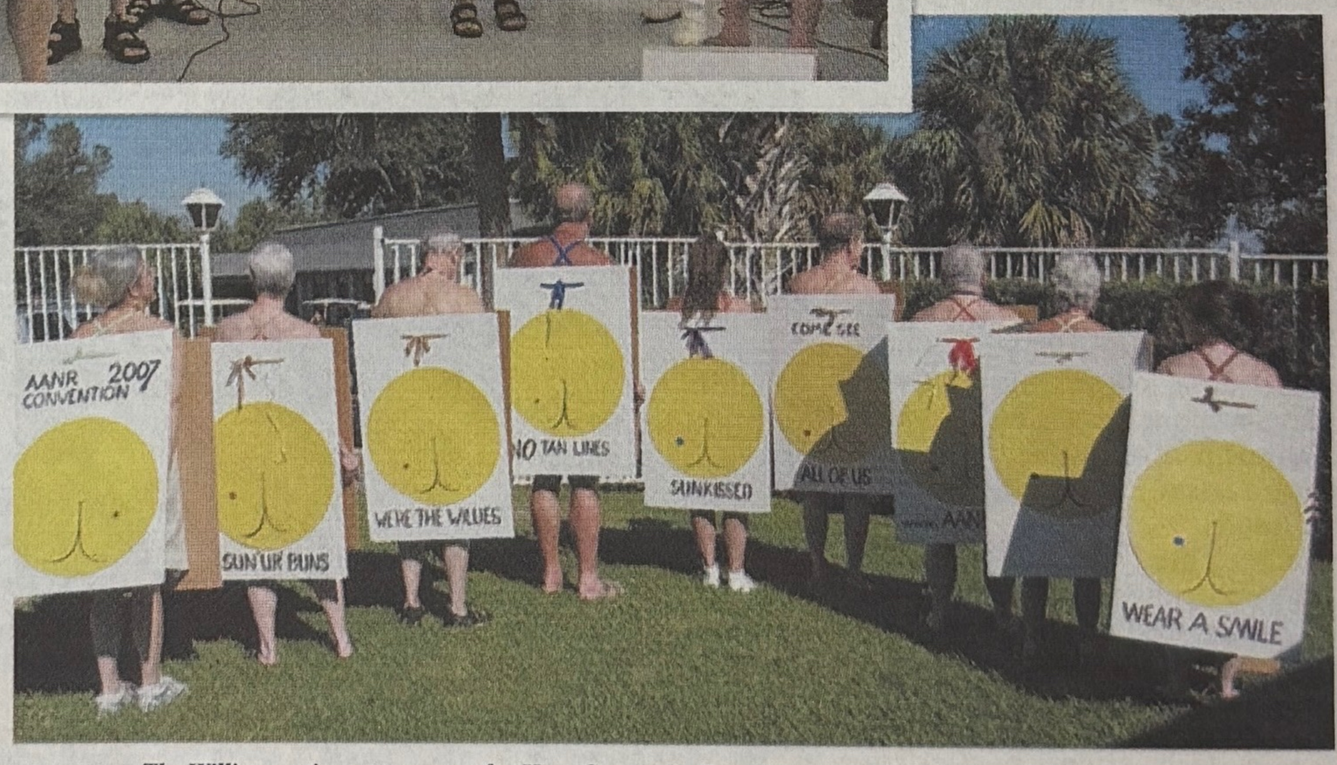
Alonzo Stevens, on behalf of the Government Affairs Team, presented Susan Weaver with a commemorative photo of the 2006 Assateague fall beach cleanup.



Photos by Gary Spangler.



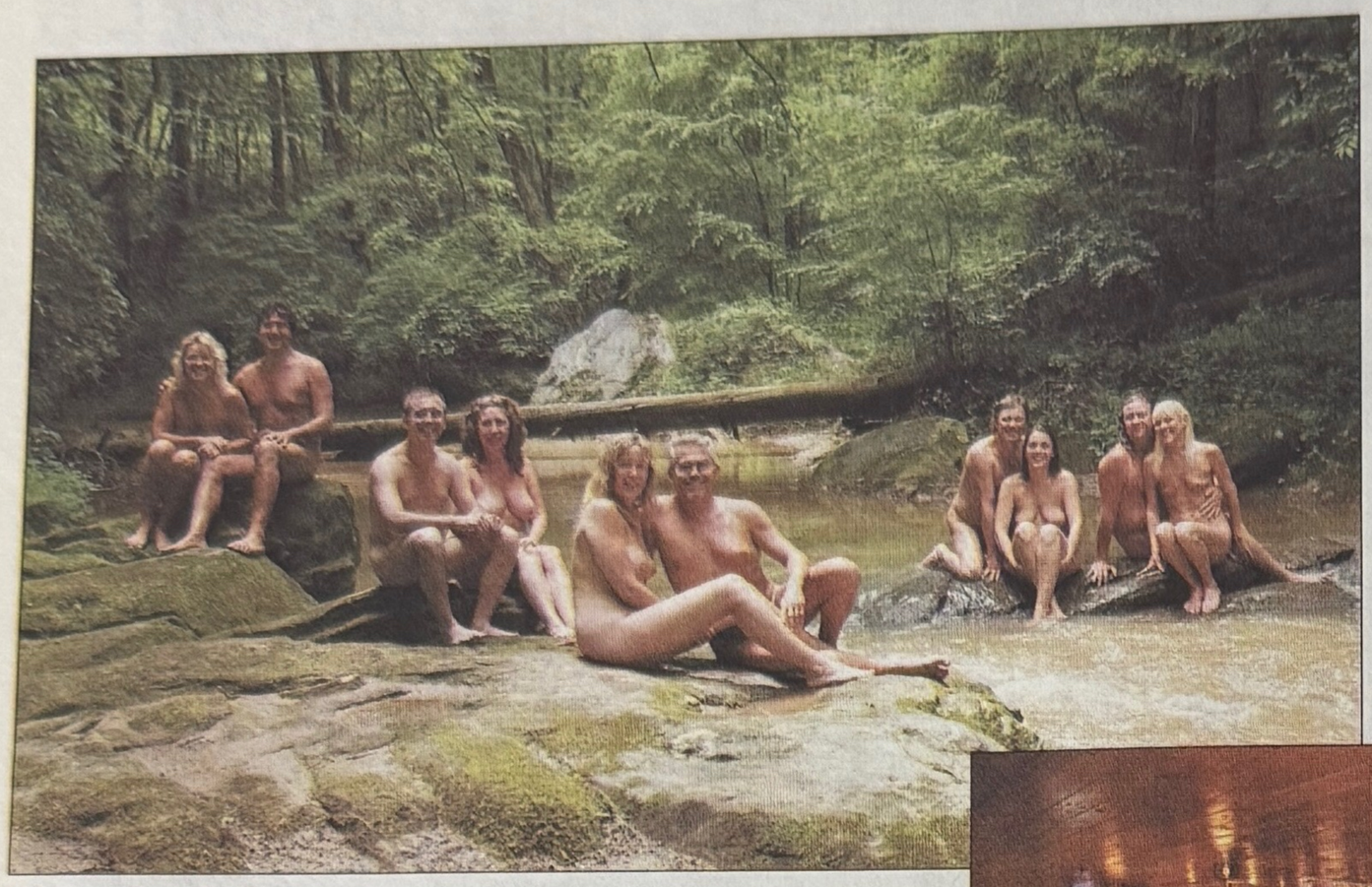
Bev Price and Brenda Spangler promote the AANR Education Foundation.



The Willies contingent gears up for Here Comes the Fun, the theme of the 2007 AANR Convention.

Discover the World of Nude Recreation

Serendipity Park—



Welcome to Serendipity Park.



The dances are well attended.



Food and fun abound at Serendipity.

By Pete Williams

It's tough to find a nudist resort with members that are not proud of their outgoing, friendly reputation. The folks at Serendipity Park, however, have the awards to back up the claim.

Serendipity, located in Cleveland, Georgia, north of Atlanta near the North Carolina border, has won AANR's Erwin T. Koch Visitor Appreciation Award for outstanding friendliness four times, most recently in 2004.

The club, which celebrated its 10th anniversary last July, is nestled on slightly over 42 acres amid pine trees and boasts magnificent year-round beauty, with plenty of cozy accommodations and nudist amenities.

The club is perhaps best known for its gregarious personality, which extends not just to poolside camaraderie but also to its business philosophy. The core of that strategy is the "four Cs:" customer service, cleanliness, consistency, and café. The poolside café—known as Ozzy's Café—offers a full menu, with consistent hours.

"This is the hospitality industry and it's all about customer service," says owner Paul Jones, who established the resort in 1996. "If you don't do that well, you won't get very far. Hospitality is so important and it starts with having a clean, friendly atmosphere."

Serendipity, which has 200 members and 23 full-time households, has embraced Claritas, the marketing and demographic profiling tools that members have helped AANR and its clubs use to great success in recent years. Stuart and Christy Antrim, longtime members who in 2003 became co-managers of "customer satisfaction and park operations," have used the program so extensively they've even taught it to other resorts.

"We've been studying and collecting data and it's very enlightening," says Stuart Antrim, 42. "Our next project is getting a handle on attrition, which seems to be the same rate as that of AANR as a whole."

Stuart and Christy, 37, joined Serendipity in 1997. At the end of 2001, Stuart's job moved to Pittsburgh, but he was not willing to go. Stuart and Christy were still club members when the management positions became available. After 14 months of job-hunting, it was a welcome opportunity.

It's been a lot more work than they expected, of course, though they've proven to be naturals at the role. Not surprisingly, they've had good luck attracting younger members. Part of that is because of their relative youth, but also because of a conscious effort to make the club family friendly, with plenty of kids' activities. Recent kid-oriented events have included a field trip to a bowling alley and skating rink, along with dances and karaoke at the resort. There's an extensive "Kids and Nudism" page on the club's Web site. Having a teenage son also provides the Antrims with insight. The club motto is family, fun, and freedom.



The Kempainen Blind Memorial Pétanque Tournament honors former member Jean Kempainen.



Members gather around the campfire for warmth and camaraderie.

"We schedule our events so that kids always have something to do," Christy Antrim says. "That way they'll want to come back and as long as they want to come back, adults will too. We do surveys to find out what will be most popular among the kids."

Families visiting Serendipity Park no doubt will want to pay a visit to the Babyland General Hospital, home to the world-famous Cabbage Patch Kids. Babyland is just minutes away in Cleveland. Serendipity is only nine miles south of the town of Helen, the Bavarian-style hamlet that seems like a German alpine village.

Of course, there's plenty to do without leaving Serendipity. Members and visitors love hiking along trails that wind along scenic Blue Creek, which provides a view of Yanah Mountain and the resort's unspoiled acreage. Autumn is a popular time to visit because of the kaleidoscope of colors.

The club's in-ground pool is the focal point of the resort and is surrounded by the clubhouse, café, spa, sauna, weight room, and cabins. Flowers and shrubs surround the area. Two of the most popular rental units are at one side of the pool, which is heated through a wood-burning "Heatmor" system that also heats the clubhouse and hot tub.

The club has several signature annual events, including a "haunted trail" Halloween event that's popular with the kids. There's a small "Music Fest" and an annual pétanque tournament that serves as a tribute to a member and a reminder of the saddest day in club history.

On September 10, 2004, popular club resident Jean Kempainen boarded a small stunt aircraft for a brief flight over the park. She won the ride, donated by a pilot with over 7,000 hours of commercial flight experience who lived near the resort, as part

Personality Plus

of a raffle to raise funds for a new playground at Serendipity.

Kempainen, who was blind, had moved to Serendipity just 16 months earlier from Minnesota. Jean and the pilot were killed when the aircraft crashed in nearby woods as about two dozen Serendipity members watched in horror. There were no survivors.

"We were devastated," Jones said. "Even though she was blind, it seemed like she could do anything but drive. We really miss her."

Kempainen was a regular at the club's well-equipped gym, designed by a member who was a competitive bodybuilder in the 1980s. After the crash, the facility was renamed "Jean's Gym."

The annual pétanque tournament is called the "Kempainen Blind Memorial Pétanque Tournament." Players compete blindfolded to honor Jean.

The club's caring nature extends to strangers. Serendipity members frequently send care packages to U.S. soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. The idea came to Jones last year after a friend's son survived an attack because of a bullet-proof vest.

Jones, a Vietnam veteran, established an "Adopt a Soldier" program and soon Serendipity members were sending care packages full of pre-paid calling cards, magazines, wet wipes, powdered drinks, non-perishable food—just about anything other than pork products.

Though the care packages are meant for any soldier, the club has personal connections to the war. The son of one member is a machine gunner on a Humvee in Baghdad.

"I remember getting care packages in Vietnam and how much they meant," Jones said. "We welcome contributions to the program from AANR members. Or if anyone out there has a soldier in mind, give us the information, and we'll get them a package."

The Antrims, since joining the club as employees in 2003, have become jacks-of-all-trades, not only taking care of the facilities but serving on the AANR East marketing board.

"We want to continue to grow membership," Stuart says. "The park can support a membership almost double where we are now. We're always making improvements. There's never a shortage of things that have to get done."

For more information on Serendipity Park, visit www.serendipity-park.com.



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Members' Voices

This month's topic: Visiting An AANR Club

In October, we asked the question, "What would you like to know about AANR clubs and businesses before scheduling a visit?" Here's what some of our members had to say:

Basic Policies

What would I like to know before visiting an AANR participating business or AANR club?

1. What is the policy on body jewelry/piercing/tattoos?
2. What is the policy on curfews for children? Will reliable child care be available if I want to attend a club function such as a dance after the curfew?
3. What is the custom of the club regarding dress at club dances i.e., lingerie?
4. Will I be subjected to advances? How should I handle such an advance if it is made? Should I report it to the management? What will happen then?
5. What is the policy on bringing my own food/drinks to the club common areas?
6. Will my personal information be kept secure and my privacy respected?
7. Does the club truly uphold the Code of Conduct of AANR?

Lucy Hide

Security Issues

What I would like to know about AANR clubs and businesses before scheduling a visit is security. I belong to a family-oriented club that I love. This past summer, I had the unfortunate experience of witnessing a person being thrown out of the club. I want to know what the screening is for visitors and members, how the information is stored and used, and if the information is passed on and used in all AANR clubs. Thank you for your time.

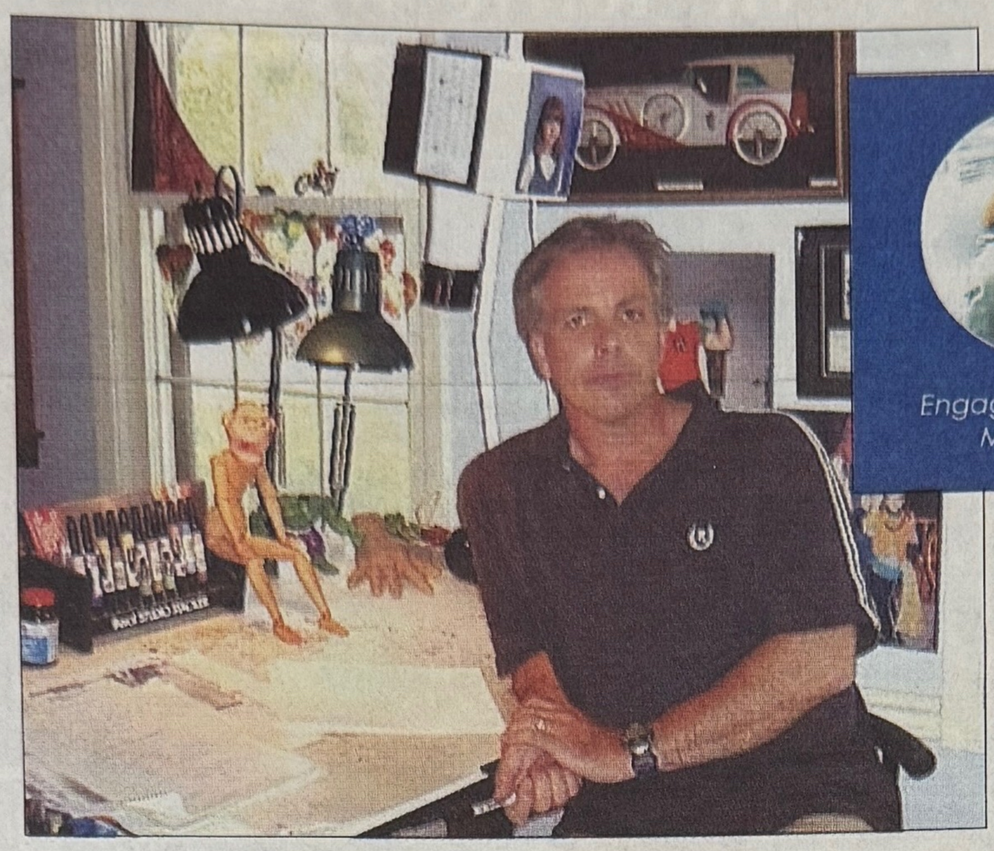
Beth Hoffman

Frequent Questions

While working as the office administrator at The Willamettans, these are some of the questions Cathy Bennett was asked.

1. Does the club allow single males?
2. Does the club allow lesbian couples?
3. Does the club require parental permission for children to be on grounds?
4. What is the club's procedure regarding verification that the visiting child is yours?
5. Does the club allow tattoos and/or body jewelry?

A New Exercise Experience





By Pete Williams

Ron Warne, the fitness columnist and cartoonist for *The Bulletin*, is part of an exciting new venture by a Canadian company that could revolutionize how people exercise and also help fight the worldwide obesity epidemic.

Mytrak training is a new technology created by Reed Hanoun that equips common exercise machines with computerized feedback monitors, enabling users to monitor their goals, exertion levels, progression, and physical performance.

> *"A married father of two, Warne, 50, serves as the director of education for Mytrak."*

The Mytrak Success Monitor motivates exercisers with an interactive display of green, yellow, and red lights. Based on the data entered by the user, it keeps track of performance in real time. The goal is to keep the light on green.

Gyms that use the Mytrak system, such as the popular Curves chain of exercise centers for women, are equipped with kiosks that allow members to input their data. Most fitness buffs already are familiar with "heartrate training zones" and other measurements. At the end of each workout, members receive detailed Mytrak reports. The system uses a 1 to 1,000 "performance index" scale.

The goal, Warne says, is to create a universal fitness feedback system that could be used by trainers, rehabilitation specialists, doctors, insurance companies—even corporate human resources departments.

"We're looking to connect all the dots between the health and fitness industries," Warne says. "Let's say you're a line worker in a plant and you suffer an injury. This system can track and report on your rehabilitation to your employer and insurance company."

For avid workout enthusiasts, the Mytrak (www.mytrakhealth.com) has more fun applications. Spinning class participants, for instance, often wonder how hard they're working out relative to the rest of the class. Mytrak monitors will be attached to each bike, customized to the rider's exercise profile. Though more experienced riders will have more challenging profiles, everyone will be "going for green," trying to ignite the green light on their own monitors.

People accustomed to training on common cable weight machines can use the Mytrak to measure their performance and intensity, thus avoiding the common exercise pitfall of falling into a routine and not challenging the body enough.

A married father of two, Warne, 50, serves as the director of education for Mytrak, but as with any start-up company, he's wearing a number of hats, overseeing the installation of the equipment, attending trade shows, and presenting the technology to executives of fitness chains.

The role is a natural outgrowth of a fitness career that goes back nearly three decades. Warne has taught physiology and sports psychology at colleges in the Toronto area, and taught government training programs for the National Coaching Association and the fitness industry. For the last seven years, he's served as AANR's cartoonist and has written "Boomer Bits" and the "Journey to Health" column, which provides advice and information on health, nutrition, and fitness.

"It's all related," says Warne. "I work on Mytrak during the day, teach part-time, and in between I draw cartoons."

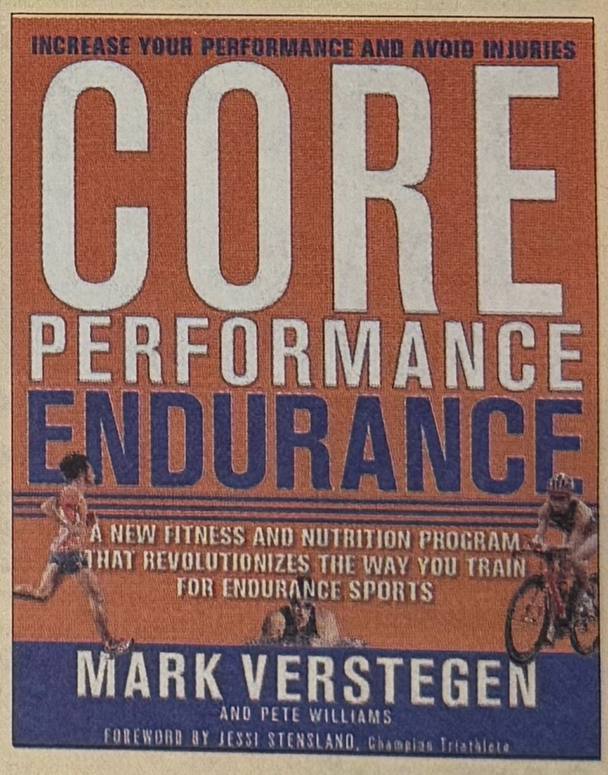
Warne's cartoons have appeared in numerous publications, perhaps none more famous (or infamous) than *Hustler* magazine.

"I like to think I kind of classed-up the magazine; I didn't go into any raunchy stuff," says Warne, whose work no longer appears in *Hustler*. "I much prefer the type of stuff I do for *The Bulletin*."

Warne says he and his Mytrak colleagues have been treated "like rock stars," at fitness trade shows and conventions as companies have embraced the new technology.

"Obviously we hope this catches on and enables people to get more out of their workouts," Warne says. "But the ultimate goal is to lower healthcare costs. If people get in better shape, we can accomplish that goal."

Core Performance Endurance



AANR staff writer Pete Williams has co-authored a third fitness book with Mark Verstegen, a prominent trainer who works with many top professional athletes at his Athletes' Performance Institute in Tempe, Arizona.

Core Performance Endurance is tailored to those involved in running, cycling, and triathlons, but like the other books in the Core series can be used by anyone looking to create a leaner, powerful physique that's resistant to injury and the ravages of age.

Verstegen popularized the concept of "core" training: strengthening the shoulder, hip, and midsection for better overall strength and to help prevent injuries and long-term deterioration. The first two books in the series, *Core Performance* and *Core Performance Essentials* are now available in paperback. All three books are available at all major bookstores and through Amazon.com.

Verstegen and his staff members appear regularly via phone with Williams and co-host Sabrina Vizzari on their "Fitness Buff" radio show, which is broadcast live from the Paradise Lakes Resort on Friday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The show airs on AM 1340 WTAN in Tampa Bay and on the Internet at www.tantalk1340.com.

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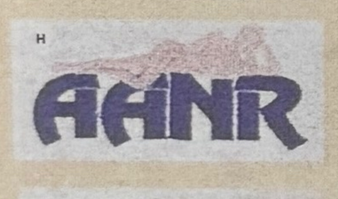





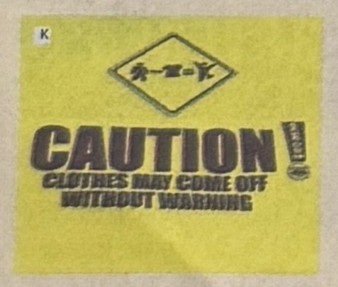

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Journey to Health

Is TV Killing Us?

By Ron Warne
AANR Staff Writer

I'm a boob, you're a boob, we're all boobs. We are the kind of boobs that spend too much time watching TV. In the slang dictionary, boob is defined as a somewhat slow, weak-willed individual (probably male). I'm not entirely sure if that's how TVs got the nickname "boob tube," but it seems to fit here. I find winters particularly difficult. The choices—a warm fireplace and a new episode of "Desperate Housewives" or take the dogs for their nightly walk. That walk by the way is just over three miles. I discovered years ago that I need to walk or run in a relatively straight line for the first 15-20 minutes or so because then I have to repeat that distance (and therefore time) to get back home again. If I do circles around the neighborhood or at the local high school track, it's too easy to pack it in at any point knowing I'm only moments from where I started (home).

Tip #1

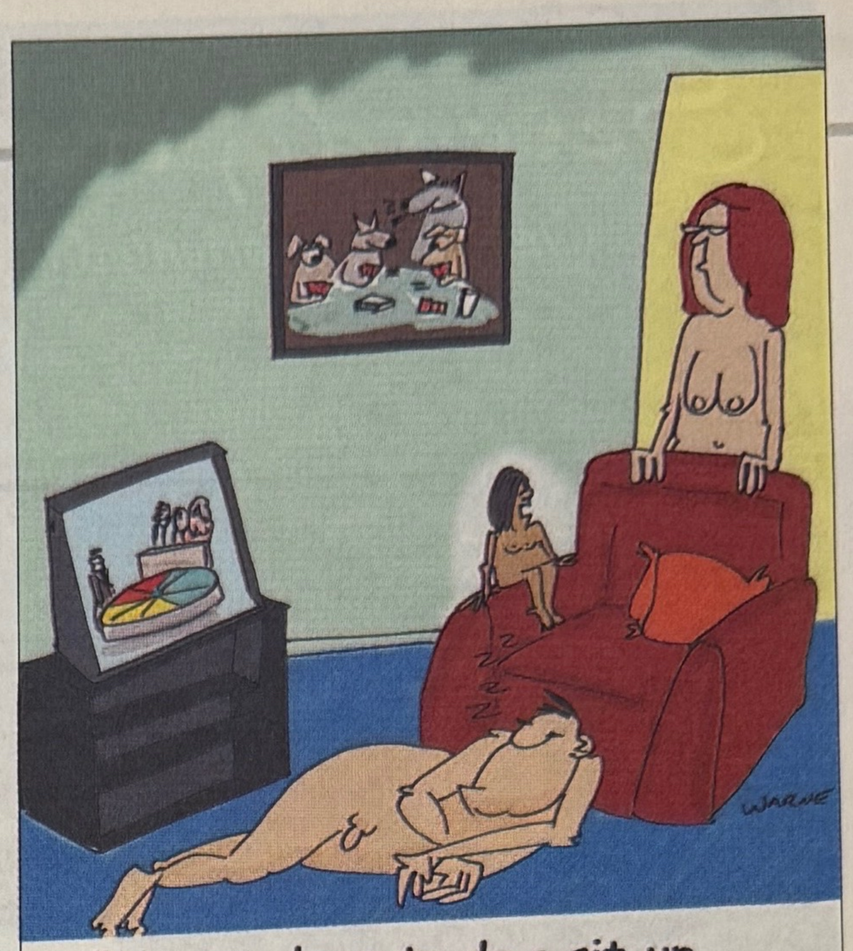
Get away from the TV by whatever means it takes, ideally every night. Once you are outside, it's never quite as bad as you imagined. If you don't feel you are worth the effort then get a dog, bond with it, commit to it, and then start walking 15 minutes with it in any direction. Once you get there, come back again . . . duh!

I like action-packed dramas with lots of cliff-hangers, twists, and turns. My days are fairly predictable so I love the uncertainty of a good murder mystery when I get home. I can live vicariously (through reruns) every gunfight, foot chase, and love scene that Mike Hammer, Thomas Magnum, and Columbo ever had. (I realize Colombo never did anything active but I liked him nevertheless). But, guess what? All that stress and anxiety that those shows create actually can produce cortisol. Cortisol is a hormone that makes you feel like eating. Who here hasn't enjoyed a bag of chips or popcorn or a can of cola or beer while watching "Nightmare on Elm Street"? So there you have it; stress can cause you to eat even when you are not hungry.

Tip #2

Substitute the occasional stress-packed action/drama flick (example: "ER") for a sporting event, exercise show, or self-help program (Dr. Phil). Who knows, it might inspire you to be more active yourself. I'm pretty sure that shows like "Dancing with the Stars" and "The Biggest Loser" have inspired many thousands to get off the couch. I personally used to love watching the "20 Minute Workout." Remember that show? Now that I think of it, though, I watched it for all the wrong reasons.

I work in front of the TV sometimes, not so much to actually watch what is on but more just to have some background noise. I don't mind the distraction, and I think in the long run it makes me more creative and productive. However, sometimes for inexplicable reasons I will crave a Toll House cookie or can of Mountain Dew. I don't normally have these things but occasionally my brain says I just must. Hmm! Come to think of it there was a commercial a little earlier tonight for both these products. I don't remember actually watching the commercials but I guess subconsciously those images (and the good times and yummy taste that come with them) were etched in my mind. That's no coincidence; marketers have known this for years. If you see enough nachos being eaten or colas being consumed, then eventually you will crave one also.



"He got down to do a sit-up and fell asleep."

Tip #3

Channel surf during commercials, or even better, get down on the floor and do some sit-ups. A one hour show has approximately 14 total minutes of commercials. Fourteen minutes of sit-ups will burn over 100 calories.

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6 Ounces Ham, diced
1 Cup Cooked White Rice
1 Clove Garlic, minced
1 Whole Bay Leaf
2 Tbsp. Flat-Leaf Parsley, chopped

In a heavy saucepan over medium-high heat, brown the sausage, 5 to 7 minutes. Add stewed tomatoes to the sausage. Add enough water to the reserved liquid to make ¾ cup liquid for each can of tomatoes used. Add the liquid to the sausages and tomatoes. Stir in shrimp and ham. Add rice, garlic, bay leaf, and parsley. Continue cooking for 15 to 20 minutes; serve hot.

COUNTRY-STYLE FRENCH ONION SOUP

2 Tbsp. Butter
4 Medium (4 cups) Onions, sliced 1/8-inch
½ Tsp. Garlic, finely chopped
2½ Cups Water
¼ Cup Parsley, chopped
2 10 ½-Oz. Cans Condensed Chicken Broth
2 Tbsp. Country-Style Dijon Mustard
1 Tsp. Dried Basil Leaves
¼ Tsp. Pepper
¼ Tsp. Dried Thyme Leaves

Croutons Ingredients:
¼ Cup Butter
1 Tsp. Dried Basil Leaves
½ Tsp. Garlic, finely chopped
3 Cups Bread, cut in 1-inch cubes

Topping Ingredients:
6 1-Oz. Slices Mozzarella Cheese

Heat oven to 400°F. Melt 2 tablespoons butter in 3-quart saucepan until sizzling; add onions and ½ teaspoon garlic. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until onions are tender (7 to 10 minutes). Add all remaining soup ingredients; continue cooking until heated through (12 to 15 minutes). Meanwhile, melt ¼ cup butter in 13x9-inch baking pan in oven (4 to 6 minutes). Stir in 1 teaspoon basil and 1/2 teaspoon garlic. Add bread cubes; toss to coat. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally, until toasted. To serve, pour soup into oven-proof bowls; place 1 slice cheese in each bowl. Bake for 7 to 10 minutes or until cheese is lightly browned. Serve with croutons.

CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS

Chicken and Broth:
1 Large Frying Chicken (about 3½ pounds)
2 Cups Onions, coarsely chopped
1½ Cups Celery, coarsely chopped
1½ Cups Carrots, coarsely chopped
8 Garlic Cloves
3 Bay Leaves
4 Quarts Water
1 Tbsp. Salt
¾ Tsp. Freshly Ground Black Pepper
¼ Tsp. Cayenne
¼ Tsp. Dried Thyme

Dumplings:
1 Large Egg
1 Cup Milk
½ Tsp. Salt
¼ Tsp. White Pepper
2 Tbsp. Baking Powder
3 Tbsp. Parsley, chopped
1¼ Cups All-Purpose Flour
1 Cup Reserved Vegetables
3 Tbsp. Cornstarch
¾ Cup Milk

Put the chicken, onions, celery, carrots, garlic, and bay leaves in a large cooking pot. Cover with the water. Add the salt, black pepper, cayenne, and thyme and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce the heat to medium and simmer for about 2 hours, or until the chicken is very tender. Remove from heat. Remove the chicken from the pot. With a slotted spoon, remove one cup of the vegetables from the pot. Set aside. When the chicken has cooled, skin and de-bone it. Set aside. Beat together the egg and milk in a mixing bowl. Add the salt, pepper, baking powder, and parsley. Mix well. Add the flour and mix to make a thick batter. Fold the reserved vegetables into the batter. Set aside. Remove any fat that has risen to the surface of the broth. Return the chicken meat to the pot and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Dissolve the cornstarch in the milk and add to the pot. Stir and bring back to a boil. Reduce heat to medium. Drop heaping tablespoons of the dumpling batter into the hot mixture, distributing the dumplings evenly, until all is used. When the dumplings rise to the surface, simmer and cook for four minutes, covered. Remove the bay leaves and serve immediately in soup bowls.

HEART HEALTHY BEEF BARLEY VEGETABLE SOUP

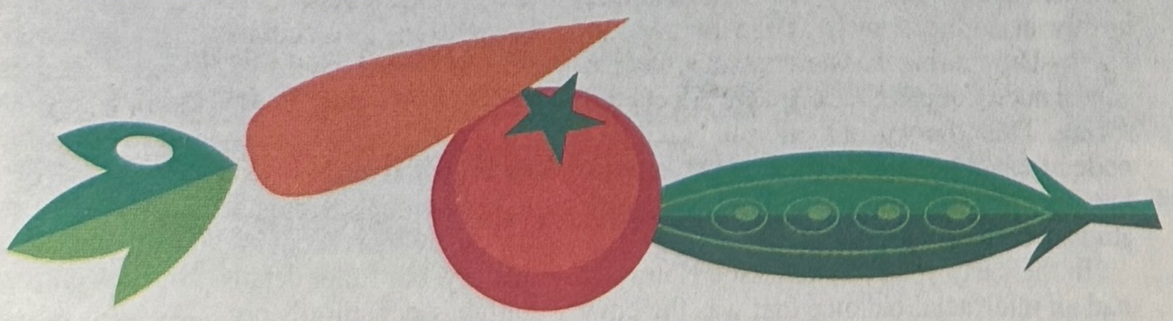
Vegetable Oil Spray
2 Quarts Water
1 Large Tomato, diced
Freshly Ground Black Pepper To Taste
1 Cup Celery, thickly sliced
3 Tbsp. Pearled Barley, uncooked
1 Tsp. Garlic Powder
3 Pounds Center-Cut Beef Shank, all visible fat removed
1 Medium Onion, peeled and quartered
1 Bay Leaf
3 Cups Potatoes, peeled and diced
1¼ Cups Carrots, peeled and thickly sliced
2 Tsp. Thyme
1 Tsp. Italian Seasoning

Preheat broiler. Lightly spray a broiler pan with vegetable oil spray. Place beef in prepared pan and place pan in broiler. Broil meat 5 minutes on each side, or until thoroughly browned. In large stockpot, combine meat, water, onion, bay leaf, and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer and cook 3 hours or until meat is tender. Remove meat from pot and set aside. Strain broth and skim off fat. Cut meat into pieces.
Place strained broth, meat, and remaining ingredients in stockpot and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 20-25 minutes, or until vegetables are tender.

CHICKEN TORTILLA SOUP

1 Whole Chicken
10 Tbsp. Vegetable Oil, divided use
1 Clove Garlic, peeled and chopped
1 15-Oz. Can Tomato Sauce
1 Tbsp. Red Pepper Flakes, crushed
½ Tsp. Salt
10 Corn Tortillas, sliced
1 Avocado, peeled, pitted, and sliced
4½ Cups Water
½ Cup Onion, chopped
4 Cups Chicken Broth
¼ Cup Green Bell Pepper, chopped
¾ Tsp. Dried Basil, crushed
¼ Tsp. Ground Black Pepper
1 Cup Monterey Jack Cheese, shredded

In a 3-quart saucepan simmer chicken in water until tender, about 25 minutes. Remove chicken from stock, straining and reserving stock; allow chicken to cool enough to handle. Separate meat from skin and bone, and dice. Set aside meat and stock. In a large stockpot over medium-high heat, heat 2 tablespoons of the oil and cook onions and garlic until onion is tender, about 3 minutes. Stir in chicken meat, stock and broth, tomato sauce, green bell pepper, red pepper flakes, basil, salt, and pepper. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 30 minutes. In a skillet, heat remaining 8 tablespoons (½ cup) oil. Add tortilla slices, working in batches if necessary, and cook until light brown, 30 to 60 seconds; drain on paper towel. Divide tortilla strips among the serving bowls; pour soup on top. Top with cheese and avocado.



Regional News

FANR Fall Board Meeting Hosted by Sunsations

FORT MYERS, Fla.—Sunsations was the site of the Florida Association for Nude Recreation (FANR) Fall Board meeting, October 6-8, 2006. Hosted by Sunsations travel club at FANR President Tina Barnott's home near the shore of the city, FANR members basked in the sun, partied in the moonlight amid tall palms, and had one full day of meetings under a canopy. Hosts Tina and Bob were gracious, and much needed work was accomplished by the board.

Legislation was passed to enable FANR to create a new name and logo that reflects AANR's new branding strategy. "AANR Florida Region" was accepted by the FANR board as the proposed new name. It will be a board recommendation to the FANR delegates in June.

FANR membership rights are kept the same as AANR's, with the exception of the casting of votes "directly" by delegates in the election of FANR officers, honor awards (FANR Man, Woman, and Family of the Year), and in the approval or disapproval of proposed bylaw amendments.

FANR will make available two $1,500 college scholarships per year to qualified students. Family membership in FANR will be counted until age 18.

The revised FANR Youth Camp dates are Sunday, June 24, to Saturday, June 31, 2007. The camp will be held at Sunsport Gardens in Loxahatchee, Florida. The fee for seven days of fun, workshops, and food, as well as a trip or two, will be $250. Contact Sally DePree, FANR Youth Chair, at jsdepree@aol.com for a form to be sent to your home. There is a discount for the second and third child in a family to attend the camp.

FANR encourages its individual clubs and members to speak out and be involved in both the AANR and FANR voting processes. Please submit names for awards or ideas for FANR to Walt Zadanoff, FANR Nominations Chair, on the Board Page at the FANR Web site on www.fanr.org. Contact Chairperson Susan Cowen if you have a candidate for FANR 2007 Hall of Fame, and she will send you the proper form.

The Single Nudist Network committee is chaired by FANR Singles Chair Rocco Terrizzi. Another single member coordinates Single Naturists of Tampa Bay, and Marion Hagans coordinates singles activities at Lake Como Family Nudist Resort. Singles are a very large part of the Florida nudist environment.

The next FANR Board meeting will be held at Gulf Coast Resort in Pasco County, February 2-4, 2007. For directions go to www.gulfcoastresort.com/dir.htm.

Editor's note: *Sally DePree contributed to this article.*

The Sunair Reunion



Members reunite at Sunair.

GRANITEVILLE, S.C.—Sunair Health Park, a legacy from (Uncle) Henry Logan, hadn't seen much nudist/naturist activity since 1999, the year in which Uncle Henry passed away.

The Augusta Naturists suggested a gathering of those folks who used to visit the park to Henry's widow, Evelyn. Mrs. Logan accepted the proposition, and The Sunair Reunion was born. It was the beginning of a rebirth of relaxation under the sun at that park. Invitations were sent out to The Augusta Naturists, Travelites, and Cedar Creek members as well as others who might have visited that little piece of heaven.

Much reminiscing went on during the day. For dinner, two turkeys were deep-fried; everyone brought something scrumptious to accompany the birds. The clubhouse seats were just about filled.

Travelites and The Augusta Naturists along with Cedar Creek friends are now contemplating monthly gatherings at Sunair including weekend campouts with breakfasts and other delicious meals and fun.

A new chapter is opening there as single members of the clubs are invited to join in the fun. For more information on future events at Sunair, contact The Augusta Naturists at 706/877-1630 or Travelites at 803/695-1937.

Tallahassee Naturally Celebrates 20-Year Anniversary



Tallahassee Naturally has maintained about 15 percent college student membership.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—This fall, Tallahassee Naturally celebrated 20 years of natural freedom in the Tallahassee area. The day began with a free breakfast of cheese omelets for those who had camped overnight. In the afternoon, a large crowd sat down to the most lavish banquet in the club's history. Some people quietly reminisced while leafing through the club scrapbook, photographs, and old newsletters.

Learning from several hippie communes and businesses in the area, the club generally operates by consensus, rather than majority rule. That way takes a little longer, but usually prevents friction in the all-volunteer organization. The focus of the 20th anniversary program was to honor many of those volunteers who have kept the club going all these years.

Originally known as the Tallahassee Bare-Devils, the club began in the fall of 1986. Visiting sinkholes and ocean beaches in the early years, the group in 1990 rented a 40-acre wooded property with a five-acre blue lake near Monticello. The club's first-visit-free policy has introduced more than 3,000 people in north Florida and south Georgia to skinny-dipping and nude sunbathing at the club.

The park's well-labeled nature trail leads through a variety of habitats; each side of the lake is at its peak during a different season of the year. Nearly 60 species of birds frequent the grounds.

Year after year, Tallahassee Naturally has maintained about a 15 percent college student membership—reportedly the highest of any nudist group in the nation. The club has done this by often electing a student to the board of directors and putting on certain events aimed mostly at students such as the Full-Moon Skinny-Dips during the warm months, and the annual nude College Greek Athletic Meet each spring. This, the world's only authentically nude re-enactment of the ancient pentathlon, has become after 11 years the oldest nude student event in the country.

In the early years, Tallahassee Naturally had an interracial balance that was the envy of nudist groups across the nation. Some people still fondly remember that day in 1989 when more black members showed up than white.

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Located in the state capital, the group has often testified before legislative committees. In 1994, Tallahassee Naturally led the nation as the first naturist group to evaluate political candidates. Their booklet, *Naturists: Upholders of Strong Family Values*, is published locally, but personally handed by volunteers to more than 1,000 lawmakers nationwide. The author is Paul LeValley, the only charter member still active in the club after all these years.

From the beginning, Tallahassee Naturally affiliated with The Naturist Society. Year after year, club members conduct educational seminars at the Mid-Winter Naturist Festival near Loxahatchee, Florida.

The club also maintains the high standards of the American Association for Nude Recreation. Two club members have served on the FANR board of directors, and one served as national youth chairman. In 1996, the club had enough teenagers to put on their own youth camp.

The group's September newsletter features a year-by-year account of the organization's history. For fuller details, just click on www.tallahasseenaturally.org.

The Body of Art:
Third Annual Cypress Cove Festival of Nude Art

By Michael Kush

KISSIMMEE, Fla.—Protagoras claimed that "Man is the measure of all things," and classical Greek artists found their greatest achievement in the depiction of the human form—not in the heavily-robed and turbaned portrayals of courtiers and priests of the Persian barbarian artists, but in the grace and simplicity of the nude human body—the quintessential mortal creation of nature. (The Greek term *barbaroi* does not quite have all the negative connotations of our borrowed word; it simply means those who were outside the orbit of Greek language and culture.) Public nude art graced the temples of the gods and other public spaces in Athens, Delphi, and many other cities. Even the athletic festivals at Olympus, Delphi, and other cities, in which athletes competed in the nude, were primarily religious festivals, dedicated to Apollo, Zeus, or some other divinity.

Then came the barbarians, and western art largely avoided the nude for a millennium.

With the Renaissance, nude art came again to the fore, as the works of Da Vinci, Michelangelo, and others glorifying the human form soon appeared even in the greatest temple of Christianity, the new Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. The Judeo-Christian West could again agree with God that what He had created in His image was "very good." As Michelangelo himself asked, "Who is so barbarous as not to understand that the foot of a man is nobler than his shoe, and his skin nobler than that of the sheep with which he is clothed?"

In our own civic temples to liberty in Washington, one can also find nude public art. Perhaps the most famous example today is the nude-breasted female statue *The Spirit of Justice* veiled by John Ashcroft, and recently uncovered by Alberto Gonzales. Nor can one walk the streets of our mature and cosmopolitan cities, like New York and Chicago, without encountering nude statues and friezes on the older public buildings. In Chicago, only a few years ago, I viewed the *Earth From Above* exhibit of photographer Yann Arthus-Bertrand, publicly displayed downtown in Millennium Park off Michigan Avenue, which featured a photo of nudists at a French resort.



Ed Meredith won the first place award for his paired portraits titled Adam and Eve.

Yet the barbarians are still in our midst, as one hears of protests and even the censorship of artworks on public display in some cities that simply depict the natural, nude human form. A number of years ago, photographer Jock Sturges was harassed over his photos of nudist families in France, which were labeled "pornography" by some. Yet, as Sturges himself pointed out in an interview with me several years ago, he was only taking art-quality family photographs of individuals who happened to be nudists—and in most cases his personal friends of many years' standing. Nor did his use of a 30 pound 8x10 tripod-mounted view camera lend itself to surreptitious photos of unwilling subjects that were uncomfortable with their own nudity.

Nudists should realize that a culture that questions the appropriateness of such art for general public viewing is not one that is going to be very friendly to nudists and nudism, and therefore it is in our interest to promote nude art and artists—our natural allies.

In this spirit, Cypress Cove Nudist Resort and Spa in Kissimmee, Florida, held its third annual festival of nude art, *The Body of Art*, on Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22, 2006. Fifteen artists displayed works in various media: oils, acrylic, pencil, photographs, sculpture, mosaic, and glass, in an open-air exhibit set up on the shore of the Cove's 50-acre private lake. The only requirement of the artists was that 30 percent of the works each displayed were nudes. Nor did the Cove impose a "gallery commission" on any artworks sold at the festival.

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To ensure maximum attendance, the Cove waived its grounds fees for the festival. On Saturday, 250 visitors who had never been to the Cove before passed through the gates, and 83 of the 84 hotel rooms were booked that night. There were also 200 RV and tent campers. It's estimated that altogether about 900 people—guests, members, and residents—viewed the exhibit, and the artists sold a number of works during the festival. Cypress Cove co-owner Barbara Hadley herself purchased two glass art works from artist Drew Trahan for her personal collection, and I noticed a number of empty spaces on Sunday showing that artworks had been sold.

Carolyn Hawkins, AANR's public relations coordinator, attended both days, with other AANR staff. A number of visitors signed up to become AANR members, and several interested in becoming members of Cypress Cove were referred to the office.

The First Place Award went to artist Ed Meredith, for his (literally) visceral paired portraits titled *Adam and Eve.* Second and third place were awarded respectively to Dan Burleigh-Phillips, and to the husband-and-wife team Linda and Dan Handley. Julie Eberwein received the Owner's Selection Award, and one of her works was purchased for permanent public display at Cypress Cove.

The Cove owners hope for an even larger display next year, and will be advertising in the local Central Florida artist and community publications for participating artists. Artists interested in displaying at next year's show may wish to contact Cypress Cove; contact information may be found on the Web site at www.cypresscoveresort.com.



Second place went to Dan Burleigh-Phillips.





Husband and wife Linda and Don Handley were awarded a third place ribbon.

Photos by Dave Brown.

Flap Jack Festival



The AANR/FANR team educated the public about nude recreation.

By Bob Erlenmeyer

PASCO COUNTY, Fla.—The annual Central Pasco Chamber of Commerce Flapjack Festival held November 3-5, 2006, was another successful joint effort. Not only did AANR help host the FANR booth, but three of our landed clubs also turned out to lend assistance as well. This team worked together during the three-day event to not only educate the general public in attendance but also to talk with AANR/FANR members who expressed their delight at seeing FANR represented.

Overall, we did a great job representing nude recreation in the "nudist capital of the U.S."—Pasco County—while having a great deal of fun doing so. My sincere thanks go to the entire team consisting of Sally DePree of Caliente and Paradise Lakes; Steve Vickers of the AANR office; Erich Schuttauf, AANR's executive director; Rene Niquette, marketing director of Lake Como; Kathleen Krasself of Caliente; Paul Vineski, AANR Midwest trustee; and Van Bradley, general manager of Lake Como.

Author Promotes Nude Recreation At The Southern Women's Expo



L-R: Reporter Amanda Ober, News Anchor Jim Payne, Author Sally DePree, Reporter Joe Oliver, and News Anchor Tom Schaad.

ORLANDO, Fla.—Thanks to Sally DePree, more women (and men) are learning about nude recreation and the organizations of AANR and FANR. The author proudly educates the media (and anyone else who'll listen) about what nude recreation has done for her and her family. She has been an advocate of nudism for many years—which led her to gather stories from other women nudists and include them in her book. DePree, a former teacher, also leads the FANR youth camp and is the FANR chairperson for education. She is the Florida regional chair for Women In Nude Recreation and occasionally organizes Art of the Nude art shows at Lake Como, Caliente, and Paradise Lakes Resort.



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AANR West Board Meets at Mountain Air Ranch

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By Wendy Zaske

INDIAN HILLS, Colo.—AANR West officials experienced "the essence of Colorado" from November 3-5, 2006, when Mountain Air Ranch (MAR) hosted the AANR West Fall Board Meeting. Although the Ranch has been in existence since 1935 and now has 430 members, this was MAR's first time to host an event of this kind. In doing so, the club pulled out all the stops, extending the invitation to members old and new to partake in the festivities.

Friday evening's events were casual, as guests became acquainted over tacos and burritos in The Lost Bikini Grill. Despite the near-freezing temperatures, the club's ice cream parlor was open; the outdoor spa beckoned; and the pool sparkled under a full moon at a comfortable 84 degrees.

Following a breakfast buffet, Saturday's committee meetings commenced. Guests included Bob Migliore, former Vice President of AANR, and 2006 scholarship winners Maren Skulborstad and Kelly Feeser.

The Watzels welcomed everyone to MAR and acknowledged that "after 72 years, it's time we hosted one of these events." Each of the board members received a complimentary "butt towel" with choice of logo. Having inadvertently left behind a special plaque she had ordered, Director Reyna Altman presented a replica and quipped, "You caught me with my pants down!"

Not missing a beat, Bob assured her that this was even better than the plaque, and that "we'd love to see more of you..." (The original plaque has since been delivered.)

Later, the board voted unanimously to continue publishing an abridged version of the *Western Sun* quarterly in *The Bulletin*, with a longer version available on the AANR West Web site when it is up and running in 2007. New hardware and software will be acquired to facilitate this process, and communication tools may soon be updated to include blogs and podcasts.

The importance of our participation in trade shows and government events was another key topic. Outstanding success was reported at the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association Exhibition Show in Mesa; the Head to Toe Women's Expo at the Del Mar Fairgrounds in California; and the RV Show in Quartzsite, Arizona. We will be returning to these shows and others in 2007.

Government Affairs goals for the coming year include the appointment of qualified state chairs, the development of more targeted training, and continued work with beaches and other public lands. Clubs are being encouraged to get involved in the Community Awareness Team (CAT) training now available. It was reported that nearly $10,000 was raised for the Bob Page Legal Defense Fund at a silent auction during the AANR Convention in August.

In an attempt to encourage non-100% clubs to become so, a motion was introduced that only clubs with full 100% AANR membership may bid for or host a convention or festival. Following a lengthy discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

The American Nudist Research Library expressed written gratitude for AANR West's recent donation to their digital fund. While the Western Nudist Research Library has received some very generous donations as well, they are still in need of much financial help. The board allocated further donations to both libraries to be dispersed on or after January 1.

Following Saturday's meeting, the upper clubhouse was magically transformed into a nightclub, and an enticing array of hors d'oeuvres and beverages materialized nearby. Downstairs, jovial chefs outdid themselves by providing a sumptuous Italian buffet. DJs kept the dance floor at maximum capacity throughout the evening, while members and guests mingled in cheerful revelry.

As the proceedings closed on Sunday morning, member Wayne Holloway thanked everyone for attending and asked for a brief remembrance of Bob Page, who had been a MAR member. President DeRosier complimented the board on their contributions to a meeting which she felt went well and was very constructive. With sunshine sparkling on the lush green hills, guests were reluctant to depart, but all agreed that Mountain Air Ranch had done a fabulous job of hosting this event, and many are already planning their next visit.

AANR West Board minutes and reports are currently provided to all AANR West clubs and are available upon request.

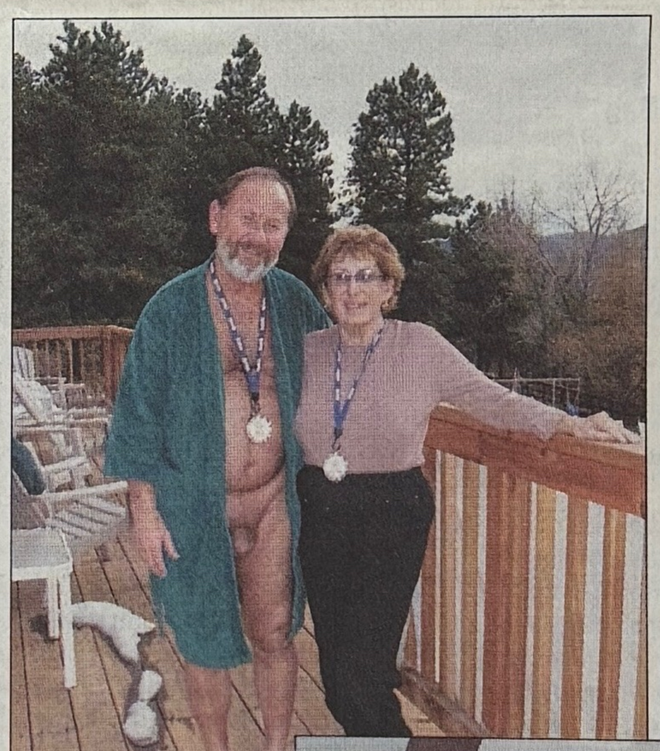


Photos by Wendy Zaske.

Kathy and Bob Watzel accept the host club award.



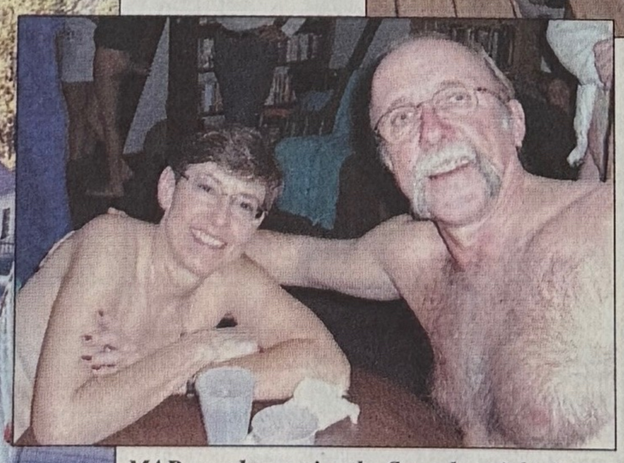
Scholarship winner Kelly Feeser and Bev Price.



Jay Goldby and Jeannette DeRosier enjoy the fresh mountain air.



The clubhouse nestled in the Rocky Mountain Foothills.



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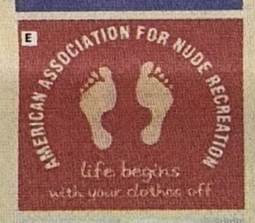









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The Truth About Desert Shadows



The tennis court overlooking the Lee Baxandall Bridge and the San Jacinto Mountains will be replaced by condominiums.



Stephen Payne discusses the expansion plans of Desert Shadows with Palm Springs Mayor Ron Oden.

By Hermie Natividad

PALM SPRINGS, Calif.—Have you heard the rumor? This time it's no rumor, it's true! Well partly, depending on what you've heard. To give answers to most of your questions, here's a short update on Desert Shadows Inn Resort & Villas (DSI).

> *"This new development will allow us to continue setting the standard."*

March 2007 will be Desert Shadow's 15th anniversary. Not only will it be an anniversary celebration, but the resort will undergo its biggest change yet.

The resort will have a new look. The old areas of the resort, including the courtyard, Chaparral, Sunset Café, spa, gift shop, and pools will be replaced by an all-new luxury nudist development.

This new project will have everything from new pools and spas to a gorgeous second floor restaurant and lounge and state-of-the-art spa and gym to designer-decorated condos. Many more things will change that we'll share with you in the coming months.

We're a little sad about retiring the original structures, but we're much more excited about what's going to take their place. We have always been proud of our commitment to family nude recreation and providing the finest naturist experience anywhere. This new development will allow us to continue setting the standard.

From now until May 31, 2007, will be your last chance to experience the original DSI. After that date, the hotel portion will be closed, but we'll be open and ready to welcome you in the condos and villas during the transformation.

There are always many reasons why you should be here. But maybe now, the best reason is to experience a part of DSI history one more time.

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A Weekend Of Fun



Bob Sanderson, Bill Seligman, Bev Price, Wes Scot, Jo Baysinger, Will Johnson, Cheri Sanderson, and Bob Baysinger.

By Jo Baysinger

TUCSON, Ariz.—Members of the Arizona Wildflowers and the Buff-A-Teers joined for a weekend of fun, food, and camaraderie at Wesworld near Tucson, Arizona. From Saturday evening's buffet to Sunday morning's breakfast, followed by an afternoon on the shore of Wesworld Lake cheering the playful boaters under a hot clear sky, hearing laughter drift through the pines around the campfires at the end of day, the group formed lasting clothes-free friendships.

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OASIS—Hybrid upscale nudist community. The homes are in the non-nudist portion of the community with a tropical private nudist park in the center of the community. The pool home is three bedrooms, three baths, three car garage with water and woods views. MANY UPGRADES, VERY TROPICAL, UNIQUE. $589,900.

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- 13.65 Acres adjacent to the Resort. The property is all cleared and buildable. On the property is a new 3 bedroom two bath home with 3 car garage and gazebo containing a spa. Also on the land are a remodeled mobile, caretaker's quarters and green house. The asking price of this interesting property is $975,000
- Remodeled mobile on oversized lot where you own the land. Two bedrooms, two baths, two sheds with sunroom and deck. A good value at $119,900.

VACANT LAND

- 5.79 acres next door to Lake Linda nudist community and across the street from Paradise Pines nudist RV community. County has issued initial approval to construct 14 villas on the property. Great potential. Asking $1.375 million



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Regional News

Aurora Gardens Helps Fire Department

By Nancy and Bob Reinke

PIXTON, Wis.—On Thursday, September 21, 2006, a fire claimed the home of Aurora Gardens neighbors Bruce and Edna Klatt. According to Fire Chief Jeff Gaede the house was a total loss; however, there were no injuries and they were able to save the barn and other structures. It is believed the fire was caused by a wood stove.

At 10:30 a.m. that morning, the Aurora Gardens desk took a call from the Jackson County Sheriff saying it was taking too long to truck water from Alma Center, and asking if the Alma Center Volunteer Fire Department could set up tanker pumps at Lake Mariah on Aurora Gardens.

"Of course!" was the answer.

Moments later, fire department tankers were welcomed. Four and six-inch pumping hydrants were quickly unloaded and dropped into Lake Mariah. Aurora Gardens doesn't often see spectacular regimented activities like this. Soon, lines of huge water tankers were being filled to capacity and shuttled to the Klatt farm. While pumps ran, pumping crews bantered about having had far too many fire department volunteers to help set up for water at the nudist resort.

To us, the beautiful lake water is useful for recreation like boating, swimming, fishing, and for irrigation. We don't think beyond our uses. However to the neighbor whose farm is burning, that water is a lifeblood of survival. We are proud to have been able to participate in this service to our local community.

Aurora Gardens members invited the fire department for pizza after the fire was put out.

Obituary

RICHARD STARR, 69, died on November 4, 2006, of leukemia. Richard was a nudist for 30 years. Over the years Richard held many positions in the Midwest Sunbathing Association region (now AANR Midwest) including director and secretary/treasurer. Some years ago he served as secretary/treasurer at Forest Hills Club in Michigan. He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Sue, and his beloved Chihuahua/toy terrier named Beanie. Richard's body was donated to science, and his remains were cremated. Sue hopes to spread his ashes by his favorite maple tree at Forest Hills.

Elite Life & Premier Memberships

Prestigious memberships offered by AANR are the Elite Life and the Premier Memberships. With permission, AANR is proud to recognize the following persons:

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Carl Smith
Robert Storm and Nichole Marsh
Merrill Sweet and
Jo Ann "Bunnie" Kitagaki
Clark Tapia
Warren Trivett
James Wisniewski

This list is accurate as of November 30, 2006.

Have Your Rights Ever Been Challenged?
Have You Ever Needed Help?

AANR invites you to take the Mira Vista Challenge!

Breathtaking landscapes, inspiring views, and sunsets that light up the Santa Catalina Mountains—these are just some of the reasons to visit Mira Vista Resort in Tucson, Arizona. The 30-acre upscale property with an historic past is the latest stop on the AANR list of Challenges. Valued at over $1,500 for the week's stay, make sure to get your entry in soon.



What if there wasn't anyone who cared about your right to go nude? Thanks to the AANR Legal Defense Fund there is someone on your side, watching out for your right to be nude in appropriate places. By participating in the AANR challenges you're helping to support nudist rights.

This is one of the most important benefits AANR members have. You many not be able to see it, but you know it's there working for you, helping to defend against new and pending legislation that threatens your right to enjoy family social nude recreation. AANR is the credible voice of reason for nude recreation since 1931.

Each entry is $5, and you can enter as many times as you wish. Send yours in today. There is no limit to how many times you can enter. Each entry will improve your chance of winning. Mira Vista Challenge entries must be received in the AANR office by March 20, 2007. The drawing will be held on March 27, 2007.

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Employees of AANR not eligible.

AANR invites you to take the Mira Vista Government Affairs Challenge!

You could be the lucky winner of a week's stay for two.

Enclosed is my check for $_____ to the AANR Government Affairs Program. (Discover, MasterCard, and Visa entries also accepted, call 800/TRY-NUDE). Please enter my name for the Mira Vista Government Affairs Challenge. Entries must be received by March 20, 2007. Drawing will be held March 27, 2007.

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☐ I give my permission to use my name in *The Bulletin* if I am chosen as the winner of the giveaway.

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Club Mailings Update

The listing below provides AANR clubs the opportunity to ensure they have received all the printed materials and communications distributed by the AANR office. Any questions should be directed to Nanette Wickersham at 800/879-6833 or fax 407/933-7577.

October 6, 2006
Club Status Report

October 17, 2006
Monthly Transmittal Summary
Club Contract Changes

November 9, 2006
Club Status Report
Co-Op Advertising Flyer
Membership Rebate Letter
Berkshire Vista Letter
Dave Clevenger (Red Letter)

November 22, 2006
Monthly Transmittal Summary
Club Advisories
Bulletin Rate Card
Marketing Consultant Update Letter



Making Winter Zoom By



Three of Colorado's favorite performers entertain in May.

By Chas Cantlon

WORLEY, Idaho—Sun Meadow resort in northern Idaho has found the perfect solution to pass the winter months and bring them to summer again before they know it. They call it Sun Meadow Productions, and it may just be the first performing arts series ever marketed to the Northwest nudist community. Do the artists perform nude? Sometimes. That's up to them. Sun Meadow books a regional, national, or international touring artist every month or two for this series.

The first show was held in October, featuring Kate MacLeod and Anke Summerhill. Kate MacLeod is a performer, studio musician, and educator best known for her original songs and her unique fiddling style. Kate's songs have been featured on syndicated radio shows including "A Prairie Home Companion" and "River City Folk." Matthew Lawton of *Totally Adult* magazine said it best: "If you could combine Nanci Griffith with Emmylou Harris, you'd end up with Kate MacLeod." Anke Summerhill is a soulful writer and singer of contemporary songs. She weaves strong melodic vocals and poetic imagery to create a rich blend of Americana music. They accompanied each other on fiddle or guitar as they sang their own award-winning songs. (Kate has been a *Salt Lake City Weekly* reader's poll favorite over the past 12 years. Anke was a Kerrville, Texas, Folk Festival finalist—twice.)

The only nonmusical performance of the series was the Faustwork Mask Theatre in November. From Toronto, Canada, this menagerie of nearly 20 characters, at times outlandish, at times tender, left the Sun Meadow audience laughing and learning. In vignettes ranging from hilarious to illuminating, this performance included silent masks that spoke volumes in body language. There was quick-change artistry, an occasional celebrity appearance, and physical distortions that baffled the eye and tickled some sort of primal funny bone. Mike Wallace of CBS' "60 Minutes" sums up the show this way: "I've never seen anything like it and neither have you!"

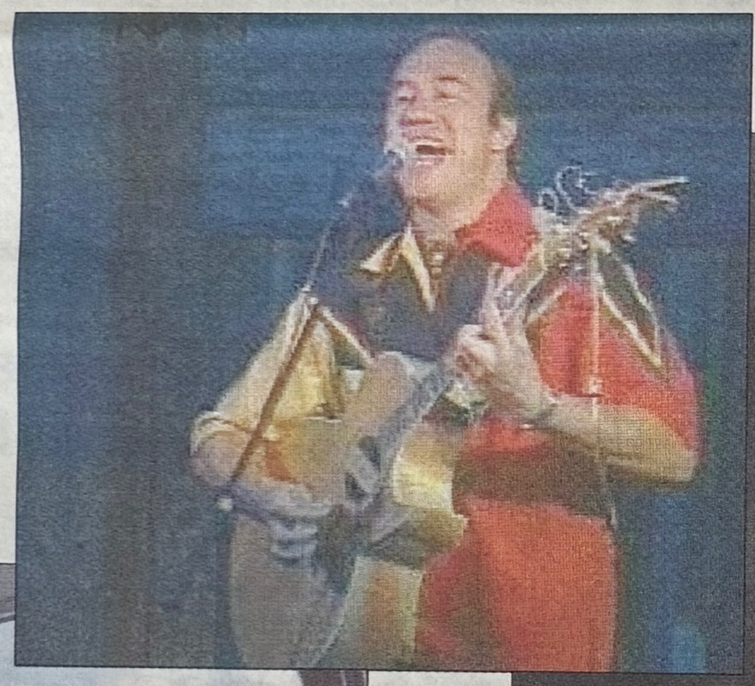
Blackfeet Indian musician Jack Gladstone will touch the hearts of the Sun Meadow audience on January 13 with his enlightening narratives and thought-provoking songs about the adventures, triumphs, and tragedies of Native America. As an enrolled member of the Blackfeet tribe, his multimedia presentation combined stories, historical narrative, visual images, and songs, providing an overview of American Indian culture. This past summer Jack performed at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., but his most novel credential is out of this world. In 2000 and again in 2002, Jack's CD entitled "Buffalo Cafe" was taken into space on the space shuttles Atlantis and Endeavor by two different astronauts.

> *"It may just be the first performing arts series ever marketed to the Northwest nudist community."*

February will not be a total surprise for the Sun Meadow audience. Georgia-born David Walburn will return from his summer-long nightly appearances in Glacier National Park with his multimedia show. When David performed at Sun Meadow in 2005, he presented his show "Cabin Song," in which he told of his own adventure building a log cabin with friends in the Alaskan wilderness. This visit, he will feature a multimedia presentation of Lewis and Clark's adventure. He will put the audience on the famous trail so they can feel the emotion of the explorers. He has also written a song about his introduction to the nudist lifestyle during his last performance at Sun Meadow. He says it gets bursts of applause when he performs it at all his concerts and it's going on his next album.

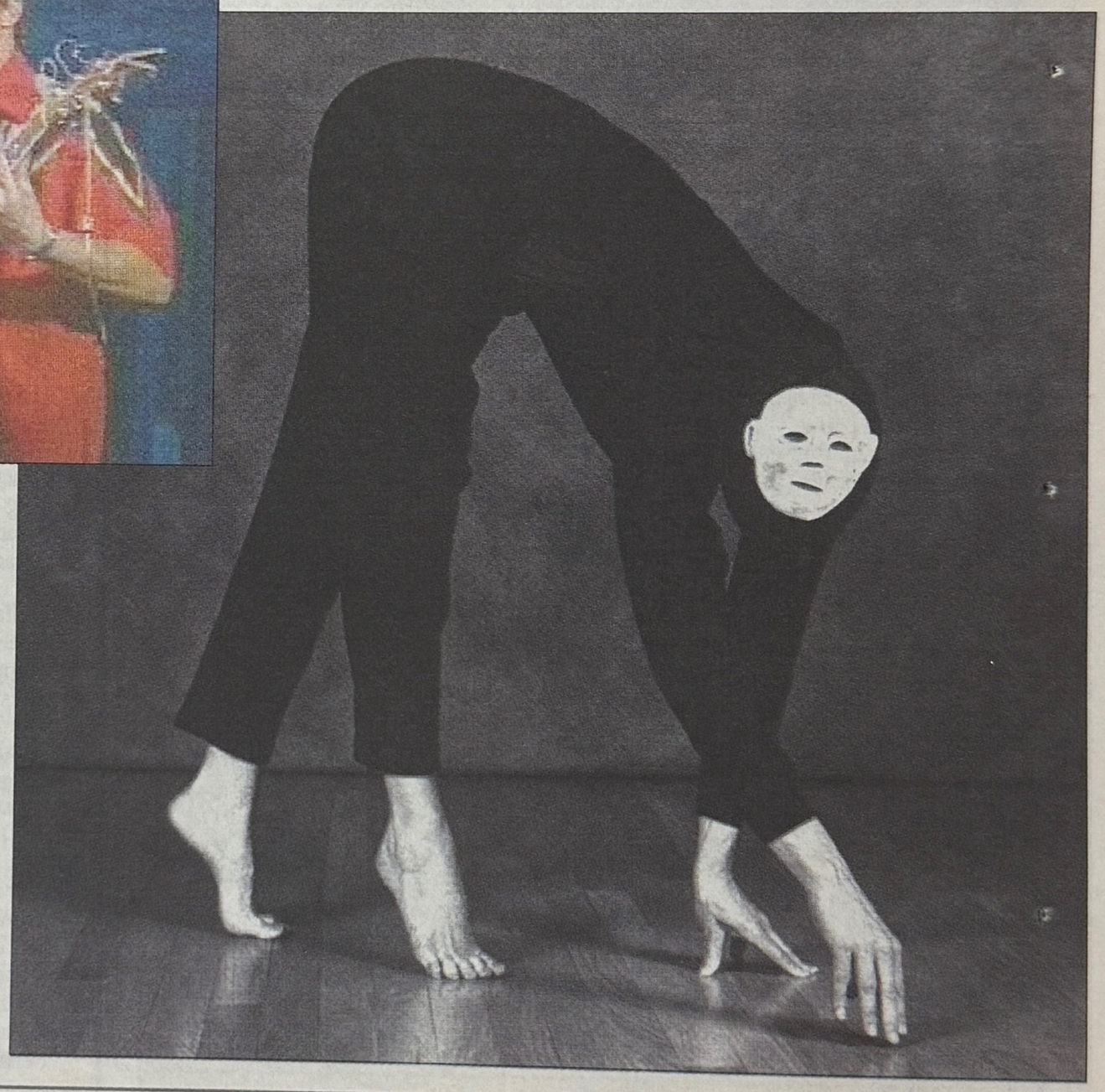
March 2007 is going to bring not only spring, but also Robin Spielberg whose performance will be the centerpiece of Sun Meadow's first performing arts series. A veteran concert pianist, Robin sold out Carnegie Hall. She happens to be the artist representative for Steinway pianos, and Steinway is sending a piano technician along on her tour with a grand piano in tow. Mesmerizing audiences with inspired tales, extraordinary technique, and heartfelt performances, Robin is in the top echelon of composer/pianists. Robin will be featured during the Arts Festival weekend at Sun Meadow.

In May of 2007, three of Colorado's favorite performers will appear in one show. Rebecca Folsom, Celeste Krenz (currently living in Nashville), and Liz Barnez will perform "Women in the Round." It's funny, smart, and emotional. Each of these women has her own band, but on this tour, they are each other's band as in turn they showcase their singer-songwriter talents. Sun Meadow will deliver even more as it hosts the AANR Northwest convention in July 2007.





Jack Gladstone and his famous CD.



The Faustwork Mask Theatre.

Regional News

Co-Ed Volleyball Thrives At Northwest Nudist Clubs

By Bassam (Sam) Bishuti



Nudist volleyball is thriving in the Northwest, and there is a conscious movement to keep it alive by recruiting new players and training them so the level of skill continues to improve.

No one has satisfactorily explained why, but volleyball has long been the nudist sport *par excellence*. Almost every nudist club in the country has a volleyball court and an inevitable circle of enthusiasts for whom "Volleyball is Life" is a real creed not a T-shirt slogan.

Volleyball was going strong at Northwest nudist clubs in the mid-to late-1980s but started to decline about 1990, when some good players slowed down with age and others preferred to stay away as a new breed of would-be players invaded the courts, bringing with them a uniform ignorance of the rules of good play. Soon, the game descended to a level which purists disdainfully called "jungle ball," where anything goes.

In the mid-1990s, however, the current resurgence of good club volleyball began at Lake Bronson Club in Sultan, Washington, as a result of the single-handed and dedicated effort of club member Dick Post. He was quickly joined by a number of enthusiasts and the Northwest Co-Ed Nudist Volleyball group was born.

> *"The tournament is like a family reunion. These people are old friends."*

From the start the players maintained a good level of play by encouraging newcomers to learn and observe such rules as playing in position, hitting the ball three times on one's court before sending it back over the net, and by disallowing hits that lift the ball by "carrying" it on open palms.

Also, Post encouraged female players to join the group by affording them the security that "playing by the rules" provides. Women had shown reluctance to play "jungle ball" with those who played out of position, threatening possible physical crashes and injury. Such play quickly was banned.

The group flourished during Lake Bronson's Rustic Days summer weekend games. Starting with a few players, the annual tournament soon swelled to some 40 people. The next milestone was "Show Me The Money," a tournament, where players paid an individual fee of $10 to enter the games and the winning team collected the total as its prize. "That was a way to spike enthusiasm in playing the game for its own sake," recalls Post.

In order to prevent unevenness in team strength the best players were designated team captains and played against each other. They picked the names of their team members, blindly, from a hat. Inevitably, some better players resented this arrangement that sometimes forced them to play with weaker teammates, but, quickly, weaker players saw the incentive to improve their game and better players to train their weaker teammates, for the benefit of all.

Over the past three years the group has held some intense summer weekend tournaments, revolving among the various AANR-member nudist clubs of the area, in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

Usually, the group holds between seven and 10 tournament meetings a summer. Membership in a specific team lasts only for the duration of the specific meeting. At the next meet a new drawing is made and new teams are composed.

A lot of work goes into organizing these meetings. Clubs are contacted to schedule dates that do not conflict with each other, and everybody on the list is contacted to inform them of tournament dates. Recently, e-mails started to play a bigger part in such notification, as more members go online. Post does most of the work, including bringing a lot of water bottles, ice, and bananas for the players during the precious few hot Northwest summer weekends. "Bananas," he says, "are a good supply of potassium, to ward off the effect of muscle cramps."

As the vanguard of the group begins to age they are conscious of the future of nudist volleyball and are making every attempt to recruit younger players, easing them into the right atmosphere of good play, and encouraging the clubs to pay attention to maintaining and creating inviting volleyball courts.

The clubs have been quick to see the benefits of welcoming the group and hosting tournaments. When volleyball players from other clubs visit they spend money and usually want to come back—and sometimes become members of the host club.

For the players the game itself is the goal, but there are other benefits. For example, Mike Sager, from Seattle, says the tournament is like a "family reunion. These people are old friends, and I look forward to seeing them again and again."

Tom Partanen, from Bothell, Washington, says, "It is fun. It is nice to go to other parks and spend the day or weekend, playing volleyball. These are all good people. A good group."

For Bryan Blunt, of Everett, Washington, this is not "just volleyball. It is also camaraderie." He thinks the quality of play has "increased each year, as more people turn out for the games and the (tournament) gets better."

As another season folds, the group disbands for the winter but some of the players pursue the game at other venues, individually or together, looking forward to the next summer and the next tournament at Northwest nudist clubs.



Senator Bill Morrisette Addresses Willamettans Members

By Shirley Gauthier



Senator Bill Morrisette speaks at The Willies general assembly meeting.

MARCOLA, Ore.—Oregon State Senator Bill Morrisette and his wife, Janice, spent time at The Willamettans general assembly meeting on October 15. Senator Morrisette shared that when he was teaching he had a student whose mother was president of The Willamettans. The Willamettans is located in the senator's district, and members who reside on the grounds are his constituents.

The senator mentioned that he would be monitoring any new legislation that the Oregon State Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) might propose that would have an impact on our resort. The senator also spoke about a ballot measure he sponsored that will allow almost one-third more Oregonians to join the Oregon Prescription Drug Program and save over 60 percent on their medications.

Senator Morrisette won the votes and will be our friend in the capitol for another term.

The rainy weather did not allow a walking tour of the grounds but after hearing that The Willamettans was hosting the AANR Convention in August, he said, "Be sure to send us an invitation."

How Risky Is Setting Up A Naturist Business?

❑ A clothing-optional success story.

By Peter Coates

PROVENCE, France—Bonjour. You may remember reading about us a year ago in the January issue of *The Bulletin*. We were just planning our first year offering clothing-optional holidays at our country house in Provence, France, called La Source. Here we are one year later, and if you were to ask us how our first season has been, we'd say, "Fantastic." Our visitors' book speaks for itself.

> ***"We're looking forward to providing even better holidays at LaSource in 2007."***

We've had a continuous stream of guests and thanks to our appearance in AANR, visitors from the east and west coasts of the U.S. When so many hotels and bed and breakfast venues in France have been struggling and when there are so many inexpensive naturist holiday destinations to fly to nowadays, we've had a bumper year and we're looking forward to 2007. So what are our secrets? What has made La Source so immediately appealing? First, when we were planning our venture we thought there was a growing market that catered both to the confirmed naturist but also to the growing number of people who want to be nude on holiday but may not have "dared to bare" before and for whom a strictly naturist resort didn't appeal. La Source has proved the perfect environment. No one feels pressured to be naked all the time here although some have enjoyed the freedom of being nude 24 hours a day.

Before we started, we also talked to people already in the naturist holiday business. One tour operator told us we had to be near a beach and our accommodation had to be low budget. "Naturists are penny-pinchers," they said. Well, we've proved them wrong. Our country house is an hour from the coast but to compensate we have a 12 meter salt filter pool, and our guests have loved the peace and tranquillity we offer in seven acres of mature gardens, woodland, and olive groves. We're also just 35 minutes from a beautiful lake where there are many secluded places to be nude. What's more, they haven't found us expensive considering the degree of luxury we offer; beautiful ensuite rooms with fresh flowers, tea and coffee making facilities, hairdryers, Egyptian cotton sheets and big fluffy towels. Our American guests particularly enjoy the degree of luxury while being able to savor the real Provence. We soon realized that quality accommodations and a wonderful setting aren't enough.

In our early advertising we said we offered bed and breakfast, but we realized we were more than that. Yes, we provide a fabulous buffet breakfast each morning and two gastronomic, four course dinners including wine during the weekly stay. But we needed to add even more to make the naturist experience something special. Now, our guests don't need to leave La Source (except to buy their own food now and again), as right beside the pool is a bar and fully-equipped kitchen where they can prepare their own lunch and dinner. We also have our own in-house massage and beauty specialist who gives treatments in our spa garden. Guests can spend their days relaxing by the pool, strolling in the gardens, or playing boules, badminton, and table tennis depending on how energetic they feel.

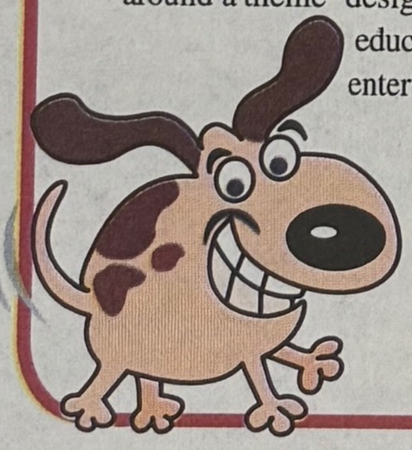
We also like to add personal touches to our guests' stay. For instance, our second American visitors were celebrating their wedding anniversary during their stay so we served champagne and pre-dinner aperitifs on the terrace as a surprise... and an experience they said they would never forget. Many people warned us that trying to set up a naturist business would be risky. We're happy to have proved them wrong in our first year, but we're very conscious that any business needs to keep improving. We're looking forward to providing even better holidays at La Source in 2007 so that people can visit and relax in a truly unique clothing-optional environment. For more information about La Source, visit www.just-bring-sun-cream.com; e-mail grantgilli@aol.com, or telephone Gillian or Peter at 00 33 (0)4 94 04 67 31.

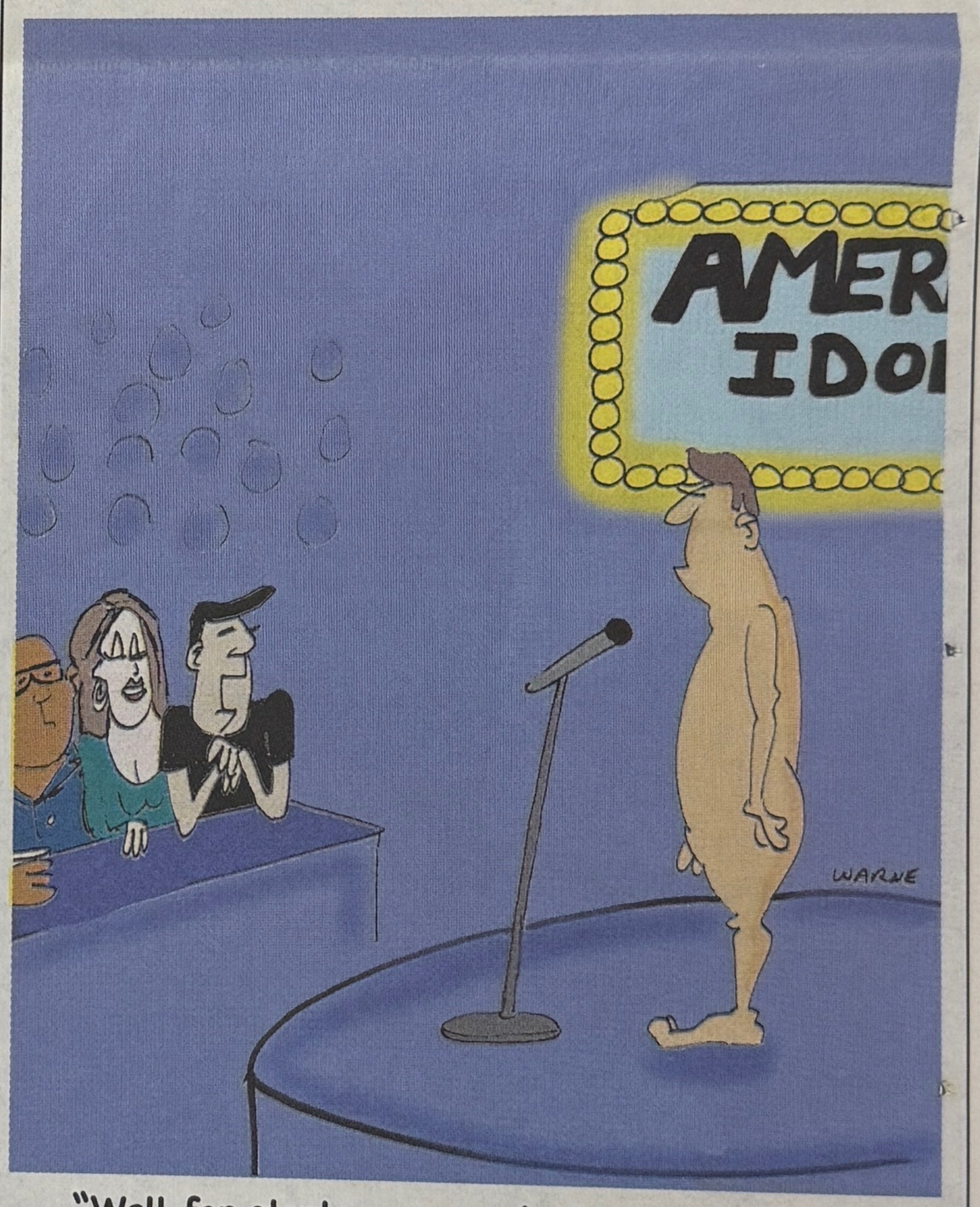


Visitors to LaSource can relax in a unique environment.

Just For Kids

Watch the February issue of *The Bulletin* for the exciting new page geared just for kids. The feature will appear every other month and will center around a theme designed to educate and entertain.





"Well for starters, your singing was horrible."









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Club Happenings

The Club Happenings section of *The Bulletin* consists of information that has been submitted by individual clubs. All AANR clubs are listed on the Web site at www.aanr.com. A printed list of clubs can also be obtained by writing the AANR office, 1703 North Main Street, Kissimmee, FL 34744-3396, or by calling 800/TRY-NUDE.

ARIZONA

✦ As 2006 rapidly drew to a close, the **ARIZONA WILDFLOWERS** enjoyed temperatures in the 80s. In fact, it has been so nice that they thoroughly enjoyed a campout near Tucson at the invitation of the Buff-A-Teers. The days were spent basking, boating on the lake, and loafing in the pine forest. The nights were cool enough to enjoy a great campfire. One evening everyone found a few marshmallows to toast over the dying coals. Visitors who want to enjoy an event with the Wildflowers are welcome. Information and directions are available by writing POB 26465, Phoenix, AZ 85068.



ARIZONA — Ron & Cathy Barnella ring in the new year at Shangri La Ranch.

✦ **BUFF-A-TEERS** members wish everyone only sunshine, laughter, and lasting friendships in 2007. Following a very busy 2006, activities will continue with the popular monthly restaurant dinners and nude potluck gatherings in members' homes. Warm sunshine welcomes everyone who visits the Buff-A-Teers at WesWorld. Contact buffateers@email.com for date and place.

✦ **SHANGRI LA RANCH** wants to wish everyone a very happy new year. Club owners Horst and Gigi Kraus have just celebrated their 10th anniversary as owners. Things have changed for the better with expanded facilities, a second pool, more overnight accommodations, and RV sites. Make plans to visit in 2007 and see what else is on the drawing board for further improvements to this desert oasis. Call 623/465-5959 or visit the Web site at www.ShangriLaRanch.com. Shangri La looks forward to helping travelers plan a desert escape this winter.

COMING EVENTS: February 3 Super Bowl Dance; **February 4** Super Bowl Party; **February 10** Sweetheart's Dance; **February 17** Chinese New Year's Dance; **February 24** Mardi Gras Dance.

CALIFORNIA

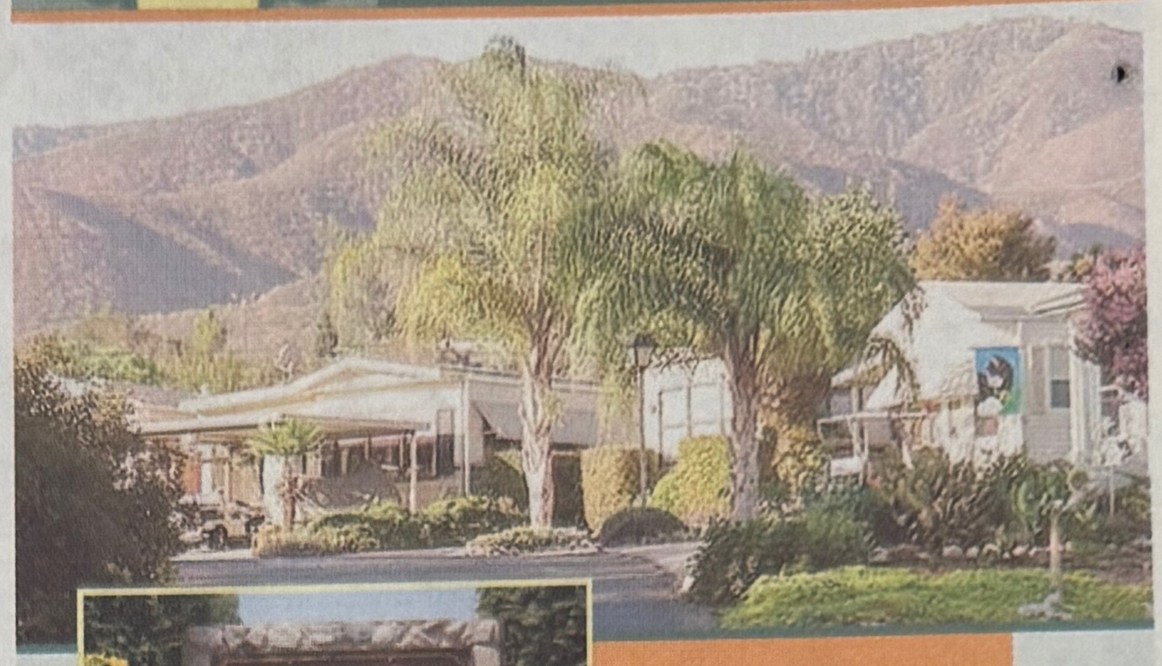
✦ The **OLYMPIAN CLUB** invites nudists in the Southern California area to join the travel club for a full calendar of fun-filled activities that include theme parties, pool and spa parties, picnics, costume parades, potlucks, and board games usually held at members' homes or local nudist resorts. The installation dinner on January 20 will be held at a local restaurant. Enhance a landed club membership with a travel club membership. Visit the Web site at www.olympianclub.com for more information or e-mail olympianclub@aol.com to attend as a guest or a prospective member or to obtain an information packet and illustrated monthly newsletter.

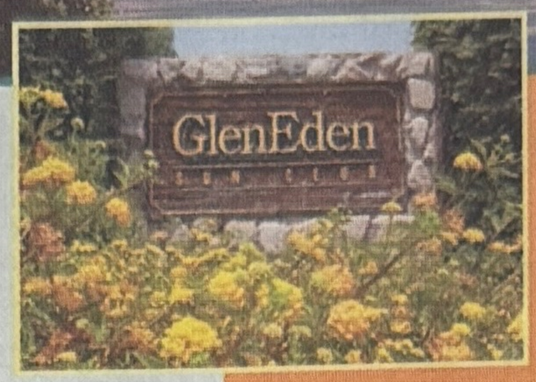
Coming Events: February 4 Super Bowl Party.



ARIZONA — Several Wildflower members enjoy a slow, lazy float around the lake on a recent campout near Tucson.

Glen Eden Sun Club





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2007 AANR WEST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring Board Meeting
March 3-4
Desert Shadows

Summer Festival
June 8-10
Glen Eden

Youth Camp
July 8-14
Location TBD

Convention
August 3-5
Laguna Del Sol

Fall Festival
October 5-7
Shangri La Ranch

Fall Board Meeting
November 3-4
Mira Vista Resort

Fall Festival Attendance Report
Oct. 6-8, 2006
Shangri La Ranch
Members in attendance: 293
Clubs represented: 15
Highest Membership Award:
Le Club, with 28% in attendance

Government Affairs

Debra Sue Stevens
AANR West Government Affairs Chair
debra_sue@mindspring.com

The November AANR West board meeting was a huge success! The meeting moved through the process of approving our 2007 budget with great attentiveness. There are quite a few new faces on the board which added to the expansion of new ideas and opinions. Government Affairs is once again well funded and will be collaborating with the Public Relations and Marketing committees to leverage resources and strategies.

AANR West Government Affairs will be scheduling two GAT/CAT workshops events this year. One training will be to gather the State chairs together, possibly with AANR-NW. Another workshop set will be available to those interested in getting involved with their community through nude recreation. Both locations are to be determined. If your club would like to host a GAT/CAT training weekend, please contact me as soon as possible. We are also looking for individuals who would like to become GA State chairs for Nevada and Wyoming.

AANR is forging ahead as the trusted and respected Credible Voice of Reason when the subject of nude recreation surfaces within the halls of our government buildings. How phenomenal is it that other lawmakers search out those lawmakers that understand our movement when faced with a bill that could affect our choice of recreation? How awesome is it when a Sheriff Officer calls AANR to confirm flyers distributed through their town regarding a nude event; which turned out to be a college party? Thank you for your membership and your continued support. Nudists are making a difference!

DO YOU HAVE A SKILL TO SHARE?

A special committee now exists to promote workshops and activities at festivals and conventions. Volunteers are encouraged to offer their skills in arts & crafts, music, dancing, cooking, sarong tying, etc. for lectures, classes or demonstrations lasting a minimum of a half hour. More information and forms are available from AANR West Director Christina Nixon at (619) 766-3494 or winr.west@gmail.com.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE NEW WESTERN NUDIST RESEARCH LIBRARY?

The new library is taking shape on the grounds of Glen Eden in Corona, CA. Much work still needs to be done, however, and funding is desperately needed if we are to open as planned in 2007!

Regular Charter Memberships are available for $25.00 per year; Diamond Charter Memberships require a $100 minimum donation per year. All contributions are deductible under section 170 of the Internal Revenue code.

For more information or a membership application, call (951)277-9821 or e-mail jeannett247@sbcglobal.net. The library thanks you for your support!

SEE THE REPORT OF THE AANR WEST FALL BOARD MEETING ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE!

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CALIFORNIA

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✦ While others are covering up the pool for winter, members of **SUN ISLAND RESORT** in San Diego are playing water volleyball or just relaxing in the large, heated pool. Hotel accommodations are available with winter rates. RV and grassy tent sites are also available. There are many upgrades in the works including a sports bar and a conversation pool. January events include a New Year's brunch and football on January 1; meet and greet dinner and DJ dance on January 6; AANR-sponsored women's workshop and DJ dance on January 13; ladies night DJ dance on January 20; and body casting, water volleyball tournament, and DJ dance on January 27. For information, call 619/445-3750.

WEEKLY EVENTS: Friday: Karaoke, Pool, Games, Beer and Wine. **Saturday:** The Island Café offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner. **Sunday:** Breakfast and lunch are offered.

✦ The owners, management, and members of **DEER PARK NUDIST RESORT** invite all members of AANR to join them in their fun-packed activities. Visitors are invited to check out all the new upgrades. Enjoy the large open and airy pavilion with new snack bar by the upper swimming pool. Shoot pool in the pool room. Enjoy the recently remodeled steam room, beautiful indoor spa with relaxing waterfall, and the new Western theme throughout the newly remodeled clubhouse, restaurant, and snack bar. For more information or a brochure, call 888/993-NUDE (6833); visit www.dpnr.com for event details; or write 1924 Glen Helen Road, Devore, CA 92407-1500.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Friday: Taco Dinner. **Saturday:** Dinner and Party. **Sunday:** Ladies receive free grounds fees. *Volleyball, Water Volleyball, Tennis,* and Bocce Ball *Tournaments.*

Club Happenings & Coming Events Dates

Issue	Deadline	Dates
March	1/22/07	3/26-4/29
April	2/20/07	4/30-5/28

If you have any questions about the Coming *Events or Club Happenings*, please contact Lynn Von Hagel at clubhappenings@aanr.com or 800/879-6833, ext. 238.

✦ It's a new year of fun and excitement at **DESERT SHADOWS INN RESORT & VILLAS** in Palm Springs. This year will see major changes. Part of the resort will be closed for construction but the villas will remain open year-round. Visit the Web site for updates on the expansion project and to sign up for the interest list at www.desertshadows.com. The Web site also has new convenient features and links. The resort can be contacted via a secure e-mail form. A discount is available for online reservations and will be extended until January 31. An additional AANR discount is also available.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Friday: Sunset at the Sunset Café, Wine & Cheese Social.

COMING EVENTS: February 16 President's Day Dance.

✦ Happy new year to all from **GLEN EDEN SUN CLUB.** Everyone enjoyed the holiday festivities, including a potluck, and rang in the new year at the New Year's Eve party, an event that has become so popular it usually sells out weeks before. This year, the theme was "Pirates of the Caribbean," and readers can find out all the exciting details in the February issue. For more information, write Glen Eden Sun Club, 25999 Glen Eden Road, Corona, CA 92883-5223; call 951/277-4650 or toll free 800/843-6833; or visit the Web site at www.gleneden.com.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Karaoke on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday.

COMING EVENTS: February 3 Fun Night; **February 10** Valentine's Day Festivities and Band Dance; **February 17** Tennis Tournament, Karaoke Showcase and DJ Dance; **February 24** Fun Night.

COLORADO

✦ **MOUNTAIN AIR RANCH** (MAR) is a natural hideaway situated on 150 acres in the foothills southwest of Denver. Winter is a busy time for members. Weather permitting, they continue to enjoy the hot tub and sauna and work on tans on the sun deck. There is nothing more satisfying than soaking in the hot tub and enjoying the stars overhead on a cold winter night. Members get together for sporting events and impromptu parties. The New Year's Eve dance was a great time complete with dinner, party favors, live music, and good cheer. MAR is open year-round, and visitors are welcome. For information, call 877/TRY-NUDE; visit www.trynude.com; or write POB 855, Indian Hills, CO 80454.

CONNECTICUT

✦ Happy new year from **SOLAIR RECREATION LEAGUE.** It is peaceful and beautiful in Woodstock this time of year. Members had a wonderful turnout for the New Year's Eve dinner and dance. The club is looking forward to the upcoming Valentine's Day event. Solair is located on 450 acres in beautiful Northeast Connecticut and reopens to visitors on April 1, 2007. Visit www.solairrl.com to see the extensive list of events for the 2007 season. Special discounts are available for guests under 40. The club's DVD is available for viewing to see what a first visit would be like. Call 860/928-9174 for details.

FLORIDA

✦ Happy new year from **EDUN LAKE.** Many northern members and visitors have found warmth and sunshine in southwest Florida at Edun Lake. Among the blue skies and warm temperatures, guests will find friendly folks who enjoy the heated pool and lawn games. This month, members will be having a "white buns" contest at the monthly potluck welcoming back the snowbirds. Check out the Web site for more information on events and available RV sites at www.edunlake.com or call 239/354-6717.

✦ Another year has passed at **BECKY'S BED AND BREAKFAST.** Where did the time go? This month, Becky's is rolling back time to the summer rate for January only. Want quiet, relaxation, and pampering? Then Becky's is the place to go. Enjoy being pampered by a massage therapist and relaxing in the hot tub. Visit the Web site at www.BeckysBandB.com or call 863/452-0003 to make reservations.

✦ **SUNNIER PALMS** members had a wonderful time during the Christmas holidays and ringing in the new year with a DJ dance. Plans for January include a cookout and music by the pool on January 6 and a membership meeting, dinner, and dance on January 20. For complete details of activities, visit www.sunnier.com; write 8800 Okeechobee Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34945; or call 772/468-8512.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Sunday: Morning Music by the B-Naturals, Potluck Luncheon, Pétanque, Evening Movie and Popcorn.

COMING EVENTS: February 2 Groundhog Day Chili Dinner; **February 3** Cookout and Music By The Pool; **February 17** Sweetheart Dance.

✦ The **SUNNY SANDS RESORT** golf tournament will be held January 1. There will be Bingo in the clubhouse on January 7 and 28. The Snow Daze Party and Dance is planned for January 20. The month ends with a Chinese auction on January 27. Those attending should bring a wrapped gift. Parties and events are held in Leg's Bar unless otherwise noted. Visitors are welcome. For information on accommodations, write 502 Central Blvd., Pierson, FL 32180; call 386/749-2233; e-mail sunnysands@worldnet.att.net; or visit www.Sunnysands.com.

COMING EVENTS: February 4 Super Bowl Party; **February 10** Valentine's Day Dance; **February 18** Lil' 500, Race Week Party, Daytona 500 Party.

✦ It's always a beautiful day at **PARADISE LAKES RESORT.** There are exciting events for everyone this month. On January 26 is the Gasparilla Extravaganza Pirate Invasion. The celebration begins with great events and entertainment all weekend. Please call 866-SWIM-NUDE for room specials and special membership rates, or contact membership via e-mail at membership@paradiselakes.com.

COMING EVENTS: February 4 Super Bowl; **February 8** Valentine's Weekend Begins; **February 10** Elvis Performance; **February 14** Valentine's Day with Rafael & Co.; **February 20** Pardi Gras Celebration.

✦ Get ready for fun in 2007 at **CYPRESS COVE NUDIST RESORT & SPA.** Besides ongoing activities such as Music Mondays, pool tournaments, Chinese wand exercise, pizza parties, and dance lessons, visitors can also enjoy Contra dancing. Many big events are planned for January such as a Fabulous Forties party on January 6; a charity tennis tournament, January 10-14; Mad for Plaid party on January 13; and don't miss the Shipwreck Party on January 20. For information, visit www.cypresscoveresort.com.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Sunday: Live Music Poolside. **Monday:** Music Monday, Bar Trivia.

COMING EVENTS: February 2-4 Super Bowl Tailgate Weekend; **February 9** Monday Music All Stars Show; **February 10** Valentine's Ball; **February 16-18** NASCAR Weekend; **February 20** Mardi Gras Party; **February 24** Mardi Bra; **February 25** Fishing Tournament.

✦ **SEMINOLE HEALTH CLUB,** open year-round, is under new management. Visitors and returning members will see many changes, and the work continues. There are new games and furniture in the game room, and the motel rooms have new furnishings. With all the improvements, there hasn't been much time to plan activities, but plans are in the works. A group is visiting for the Bare Necessities nude cruise out of Fort Lauderdale, and members will enjoy a Valentine's Day dinner dance in 2007. Although the club is busy, there may be space for visiting nudists this winter. Call to check availability. For information, write 3800 S.W. 142nd Avenue, Davie, FL 33330, or call 954/ 473-0231.

✦ Nude in January? You bet! Visit **GULF COAST RESORT** for some winter sunshine. This month the club offers a New Year's Day brunch and traditional Southern dinner on January 1, and dances on January 13 and 20. Mention this article and get a discount off the AANR rates. Current military or college ID will get visitors in free for the day. Spend the day floating and/or soaking up the rays or enjoy tennis, volleyball, pétanque, shuffleboard, horseshoes, darts, and a pool table. Gulf Coast Resort is located in Hudson, just 30 minutes from Tampa. Call 727/868-1061; e-mail gulfcoastresort@aol.com; or visit www.gulfcoastresort.com for up-to-the-minute information.

✦ The month starts out at **LAKE COMO FAMILY NUDIST RESORT** with the Lee Bass Members Appreciation Dinner on January 1. A Fur Trader Rendezvous is planned for January 11-14. A toga party is slated for January 19. Singles weekend will be held January 26. E-mail ImBeingNatural@aol.com for information. For accommodations, call 877/TRY-LAKE. A jam session is also planned for that weekend. Plan ahead for the Super Bowl South Volleyball Tournament, March 2-12. Lake Como is still the place to be—clothes-free. For more information and events updates, visit www.lakecomoresort.com.

COMING EVENTS: February 4 Chili Cookoff; **February 9-10** Lake Como Birthday Bash, Live Poolside Music, Fireworks; **February 16-17** Bare Buns Biker Bash.



GEORGIA — Santa and his helpers were a hit at the Christmas party.

✦ The holidays have come and gone, and it's time to relax and recuperate. **CALIENTE** is the hot spot of choice. Every day and night there's something fun, unique, and exciting happening. Monday is Nudies at the Movies; Tuesday is Extreme Karaoke with hourly door prizes; Wednesday is nude night in the restaurant with a discount for nude diners; Thursday is ladies night; Friday's unique outfit contest always draws a crowd; Saturday features the hottest dance club in Florida; and guests enjoy invigorating spa services on Sunday to get ready for another week. For information, visit www.calienteresort.com.

GEORGIA

✦ The new year gets under way at **SERENDIPITY PARK** with a month of fun events for all ages. After the New Year's Eve blow-out, the fun continues on January 6 with a kids' movie theater field trip and game night for the adults. The weekend of January 13 features a wine and cheese party, karaoke contest, and soup and stew potluck. Bring the kids on January 20 for a pizza party, then hang around for the adults' pajama party with fishbowl drinks and best bedtime story contest. The Guess-the-Weather contest begins on January 27. January's tournaments for kids and adults include Baggo, Hearts, and 8-ball. The complete events calendar can be seen at www.serendipity-park.com.

COMING EVENTS: February 3 Kids and Adults Darts Tournaments, Kids Arts & Crafts Project, Dance Party; **February 10** Valentine's Day Celebration, Kids Valentine's Day Party & Cookie Decorating, Romantic Dinner, Evening Bonfire, Nude-lywed Game, Dance Party; **February 17** Mardi Gras, Kids and Adults 9-Ball Tournaments, Kids Gaming Event, Story Time, Potluck Dinner, Dance Party; **February 24** Kids and Adults Foosball Tournaments, Kids Hot Dog-Eating Contest, Toga Dance Party.

✦ Members of **PARADISE VALLEY** in Dawsonville are having a fun winter. Every weekend is filled with great parties and dances. Members and guests look forward to what surprises are in store for each event. Graffiti Night and Deal or No Deal were a blast. The prom was a huge success. Ladies enjoyed wrist corsages, and a king and queen were crowned. Book reservations and start enjoying the fun, the heated pool and hot tub, and great food. For more information, call 706/265-6110 or visit www.paradiseclubs.com.

COMING EVENTS: February 3 Carnival Night; **February 10** Valentine's Day Party; **February 17** Mardi Gras; **February 18** Daytona 500 Party and Dance; **February 24** Valley Dance-Off.





GEORGIA

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✦ The holiday season was extremely busy for **BARE BUDDIES** members this year. The Thanksgiving dinner saw a huge turnout as members and guests feasted on traditional turkey and all the trimmings. The club celebrated Christmas with an open house and gift exchange on December 17. Members also attended Christmas and New Year's parties hosted by the three landed clubs north of Atlanta. Already well into its 15th year, Bare Buddies has a full calendar of events scheduled for the spring and summer of 2007. For information, call 404/264-6255; e-mail barebuddies@hotmail.com; or visit www.barebuddies.org.

COMING EVENTS: February 10 Valentine's Day Party.

ILLINOIS

✦ **BLUE LAKE'S** weather has been topsy-turvy since closing weekend. Many of the club's snowbirds have gone south for the winter but for those remaining, the get-togethers have been worth the stay. As there is no winter party in January, the next one will be held on February 10. Those attending should bring a meat dish and a dessert for the dessert auction plus canned goods for the Erie Food Pantry. Hopefully, everyone had a merry Christmas and a happy new year. For information, visit www.bluelakeresort.org.

INDIANA

✦ Hopefully, everyone enjoyed the holidays, but it's time to start thinking about spring and summer at **SUNNY HAVEN RECREATION PARK**. The warm weather and sunshine will be back before everyone knows it. Soon members will be cleaning up their lots and washing their trailers. Just thinking about sitting around a campfire with friends seems to help melt away the winter blahs. In the meantime, don't forget to attend the camp potluck dinners held the first Saturday of each month, January-April. Visit www.sunnyhaven.com for more information.

✦ **FERN HILLS CLUB** is closed for the season; however, that has not halted the improvements which will be made for the coming year. The addition of an electric sauna and the remodeling of the office and the old bathhouse are just a few of the projects that will hopefully be completed during the winter months. Planning for the 2007 AANR Midwest Convention is well under way. Fern Hills Club is looking forward to hosting one of the biggest and best conventions ever. Visit the Web site at www.fernhillsclub.com. The club is looking forward to celebrating its 60th year of family nudism in the Midwest.

✦ The grounds are bedded down for winter at **DRAKES RIDGE RUSTIC NUDIST RETREAT,** but members are thinking spring by holding house parties until it's warm enough to get outdoors again. For information, visit the Web site at www.drakesridge.com.

The **LAKE O'THE WOODS CLUB** is closed for visitation, and will reopen on May 14, 2007. For questions on visiting, call 219/241-0739; e-mail www.lowc53@hotmail.com; write POB 53, Valparaiso, IN 46384. Celebrate over 70 years in Nudism. A complete list of events is available on the Web site at www.lowc.org.

✦ **SUNSHOWER COUNTRY CLUB'S** members and guests officially rang in the new year nude, and are all awaiting warmer weather and the new season beginning Memorial Day weekend. In January, there are no scheduled events, but on February 17 there will be a Mardi Gras, Valentine's Day, and President's Day dance. This will be an adults-only event, with a best couple costume prize. Those planning to attend should start planning their costume. Visitors are always welcome. Please bring a snack to share. For more information, visit the Web site at www.sunshower.com; e-mail Sunshower@sunshower.com; or call 765/855-2785.

COMING EVENTS: February 17 Mardi Gras, Valentine's Day, and President's Day Dance.

KANSAS

✦ January can surprise **PRAIRIE HAVEN** members with some unbelievable spring-like days. Temperatures can rise to the 60s and even get near 70. If the warm days fall on the weekend, the camp is full of workers getting things ready for the new season. The rewiring is nearing completion, and then all lots will have 50 amp service besides water and sewer. Winter has been kind so far with just one tree blown down. Of course, that tree had to fall on the new shield fence, but the damage was minor. Plans for the 2007 season's activities are nearly complete, and it should be a fun summer. For more information, visit www.prairiehaven.net.

MARYLAND

✦ *Members of the* ***MARYLAND AREA NATURIST ASSOCIATION*** (MARNA) enjoyed the holiday season and New Year's Eve. There will be an indoor swim party in February. Details of this event will be posted on the events calendar, home page of the Web site, and/or messages posted through the club's Yahoo groups. Visit http://marylandnudism.com or call 410/949-5391 for more details.

✦ Many nudist clubs in the more northern latitudes close their doors during the winter months. Not so at **PINE TREE ASSOCIATES**. Guests will find the club open every day in January with the indoor pool and hot tub open on weekends and Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The sauna is open 24/7. Also in January, the club is sponsoring a "Retro Night" Cheapie Dance on January 20 in Keyes Hall. For information, visit www.pinetreeclub.org.

COMING EVENTS: February 10 Valentine's Day Dance; **February 24** Mardi Gras Dance.



INDIANA — Kelsey Kern catches her first fish with the help of a friend at Drakes Ridge.



KANSAS — Members of Prairie Haven enjoy a warm winter workday.

✦ The **MARYLAND HEALTH SOCIETY** had a fantastic year in 2006. Membership increased beyond what anyone could have expected, and everyone is looking forward to new visitors in 2007. Some of the upcoming events, after reopening in the spring, will be an open house in May, the Nude Bull Roast on July 21, and a second open house in August. Please check the Web site for the complete schedule. The expanded campsite area and quiet cabin rooms are just waiting for visitors. For information, visit http://www.maheso-naturally.org/ or call 410/798-0269.

MASSACHUSETTS

✦ ***BERKSHIRE VISTA RESORT***, located at the end of Kittle Road in Hancock, Massachusetts, sits under a blanket of snow, offering Winter Getaway Weekends to groups of members and travel clubs. The hot tub is bubbling, so put together a group of friends, and reserve a weekend. Bring snowshoes and sleds, and get away to the William Kittle House, the 1771 antique farm house. The Winter Open House for members only is planned for January 27. For reservations, call 413/738-5154, or make plans to spend next summer in the Berkshires.

MICHIGAN

✦ **FOREST HILLS CLUB** in Saranac is looking forward to a big celebration of the club's 50th year. In March there will be a members-only party to kick off the celebration followed by a big party in July to coincide with Nude Recreation Week. The club is hoping to invite former members and friends of the club to add to the festivities. Visitors and the public are welcome to join in the fun. Forest Hills has a new Web site address: www.foresthillsclub.com. Those using the old address will automatically be linked to the new address. Write POB 105, Saranac, MI 48881; e-mail fhcinfo@yahoo.com; or call 616/642-9526.

✦ Visitors don't have to be concerned about cooler weather when at **TURTLE LAKE RESORT** since the clubhouse is 10,000 sq. ft. Guests can enjoy the indoor pool; hot tub; or play Ping-Pong, billiards, or indoor shuffleboard. Those who like the outdoors can enjoy approximately 170 acres to walk while admiring beautiful Turtle Lake. January events include a water volleyball tournament and dance on January 6; a billiards tournament and Comedy Night on January 13; a Winter Ice Slide, Black Jack Night, and a dance on January 20; and Snow Golf and a dance on January 27. Many new activities are planned. Visit www.turtle-lake.com or call toll free 866/321-4710.

MINNESOTA

✦ It's never too early to set up a spring visit to **OAKWOOD CLUB**. May 1 is the official opening for non-members. The calendar of events is on the Web site at www.oakwoodclub.com. Oakwood is open year-round to members. Everything is operational except for the water, which will be turned back on the second Saturday in April. The wood and electric saunas get plenty of use during the winter months. Oakwood is located 35 minutes north of Minneapolis/St. Paul via freeway. There are 40 beautiful wooded acres nestled amongst 10,000 acres of state wildlife refuge. Fun, friendly, and active, yet peaceful and tucked away. That's Oakwood.

MISSOURI

✦ **FORTY ACRE CLUB** (FAC) is open year-round and welcomes guests. When it's cold, members often gather around the fire pit or in the clubhouse to play pool, cards, darts, or watch TV. Members and guests celebrated the new year with a "Nude Year's Eve" dinner and dance on December 30 and a turkey fry on December 31. FAC has a lively Red Hat contingent that gathers once a month, usually on the third weekend. All ladies are welcome. Write 104 Ridge Acres Loop, Box 5A, Lonedell, MO 63060; call 636/629-0050; e-mail facmous@yahoo.com; or visit the Web site at www.fortyacreclub.com.

COMING EVENTS: February 10 Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance

NEVADA

✦ **NEVADA SUN RANCHO**, open year-round, wants to wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year. Members are gearing up for the new year with a membership drive. A spaghetti dinner and movie are planned for January 20. The days are full of sunshine and warmth, and visitors are invited to enjoy the sun and warm their buns by the fire in the new clubhouse. For information, visit www.sunrancho.com/.

COMING EVENTS: February 10 Valentine's Day Party.

NEW JERSEY

✦ Happy New Year from **SKY FARM**! It's the beginning of another fun-filled year. Members are looking forward to the spring cleanup in March followed by the opening of the pool and hot tub. It's nice to see old friends after the winter, though many visit each other during the colder months or go on vacation together. This winter, there have been the New Year's parties and group social events. Others love the Farm in winter, walking the trails and sitting by the warm fireplace in the clubhouse, or using the sauna, which is open year-round. Visit www.skyfarm.com or phone 908/647-2310.



NEW JERSEY

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✦ It's time to make a new year's resolution to visit **ROCK LODGE CLUB** this coming season, which begins May 1 and ends October 31. Members will be celebrating the centennial of the Stone House, the club's signature building. The club boasts a new dock on its beautiful lake in a scenic setting, with trails for hiking and boats for skimming on the water. Refrigerators and cooking facilities are available for members and visitors alike. Members invite visitors to lounge on either of two beaches, play tennis on either the clay or the hard-surface court, indulge in the sauna and hot tub, and to enjoy the friendly atmosphere and sunshine. The grounds are located only 50 miles from New York City. Visitors are urged to call ahead at 973/ 697-9721 to arrange a weekend visit. For more information, visit www.rocklodge.com.

NEW MEXICO

✦ It's going to be a busy year at **ROADRUNNER NATURISTS**. Many events have been planned for 2007. January features a women's quilting party on January 7, a board meeting on January 15, and a garage sale/potluck on January 21. For information, call 505/293-8804 or write POB 25732, Albuquerque, NM 87125.

COMING EVENTS: February 4 Super Bowl Party; **February 18** Chinese New Year's; **February 25** Oscar Party.

NEW YORK

✦ Christmas and New Year's are past, and everyone has to get through the rest of the winter. In the beautiful Mohawk Valley of Upstate New York, **FULL TAN SUN CLUB** is quiet and covered with a white blanket. Everyone is anticipating the opening day of the 2007 season on May 1. Once again, the Binghams wish to thank all for the support during the 2006 season. Think spring! For information, visit www.fulltansunclubofny.com; e-mail fulltansunclub@starband.net; write POB 360, Warnerville, NY 12187; or call 518/673-2886.

NORTH CAROLINA

✦ It's always a great time with **TRIANGLE AREA NATURISTS** (TAN), a nonlanded club in central North Carolina. Members enjoy many fun activities, including hot tub and swim parties plus visits to landed clubs. Visitors are invited, and new friends are always welcome. For membership information, visit the Web site at www.trianglenaturists.com or write POB 12011, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709. TAN has adopted a gender balance policy.

COMING EVENTS: February Planning Meeting

✦ At **PAMLICO PINES**, members have a great season ahead. There are plenty of events planned for the winter months for members and guests in the toasty warm clubhouse. Cabins to rent and campsites are available. The new horseshoe pit, and volleyball and bocce courts have been completed. The pond is filled with fish for kids of all ages. Visitors are invited to join the fun or stay for camping weekends or for a vacation. The first Sunday of the month is Potluck Sunday. For reservations call 252/745-1292 or visit the Web site at www.PamlicoPines.com.

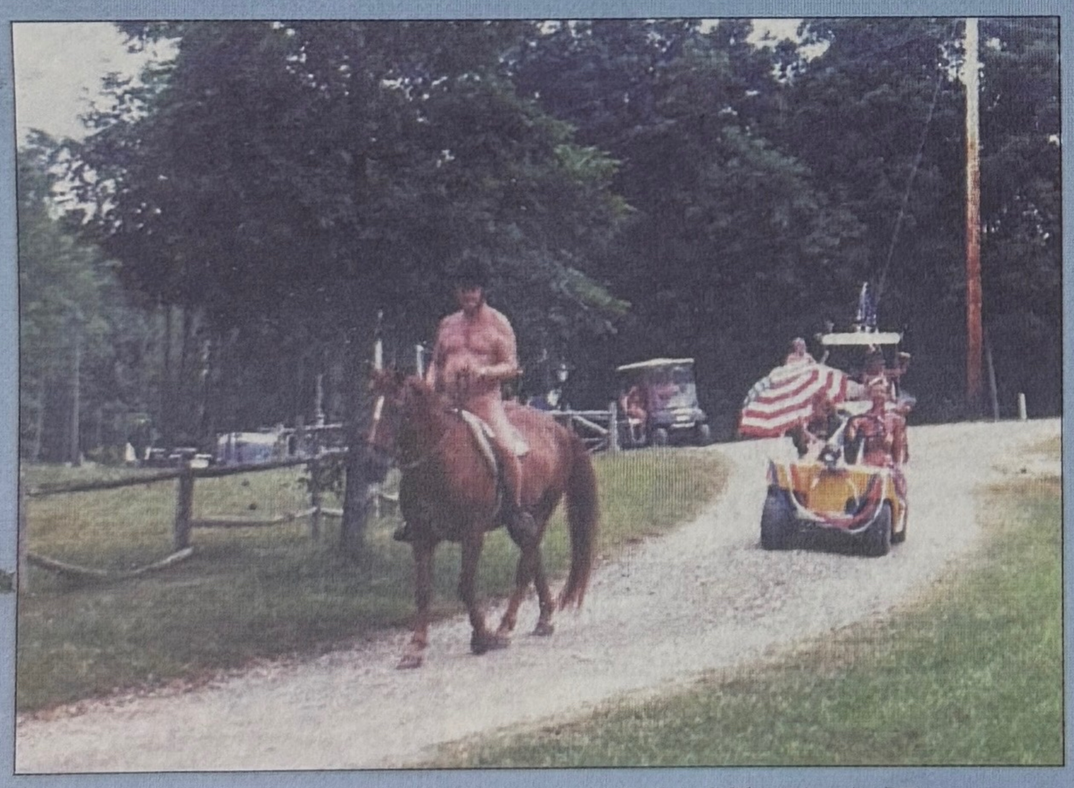
COMING EVENTS: February 3 Cooking in the Clubhouse, Dancing, Music; **February 4** Potluck Sunday, Super Bowl Party; **February 10** Cookout, Dancing, Music; **February 11** Breakfast; **February 17** Valentine's Day Party; **February 18** Breakfast; **February 24** Cookout, Dancing, Music; **February 25** Breakfast.

OHIO

✦ Members of **GREEN VALLEY** rang in 2007 with a New Year's Eve party at the clubhouse with music, dancing, karaoke, and games. The activities committee is filling in the 2007 schedule. There will be a Valentine's Day dance on February 17 and a St. Patrick's Day dance on March 17. The summer schedule will include dances, pool parties, Euchre tournaments, bonfires, potlucks, and brunches. Check the Green Valley Web site at http://www.greenvalleyinc.net/ or sign up for the newsletter at ValleyNewsOnline@yahoo.com.

✦ **NORTHCOAST NATURISTS**, a nonlanded club in the Cleveland/Akron area, hopes everyone's holiday season was warm and clothing free. Members start the new year with a swim on January 13, and also enjoy the hot tub and volleyball court. Bowling will be held on January 14. A wine tasting is slated for January 20. A second swim will be held on January 27. Many swims have an activity or topic/theme. All these activities are clothing optional. Call 216/55-NAKED; e-mail club@northcoast-naturists.org; or visit the Web site at www.northcoast-naturists.org.

✦ Despite the cold weather, members of **CEDAR TRAILS RETREAT** wish to show their support for the military troops with Fred Roessler leading the "Celebrate America Day." Many changes are in the works this winter. To keep up with what's going on, check out the newsletter on the new Web page at www.cedartrailsnudstretreat.com. Feedback is appreciated. It will keep everyone up to date on the happenings at Cedar Trails, upcoming events, and much more. Contact Fred or Jo Anne Roessler by phone at 937/764-1365; e-mail cedartrailsretreat@yahoo.com; or visit the new site at www.cedartrailsretreat.com.



OHIO — Fred Roessler leads members of Cedar Trails in Celebrate America Day.

✦ Happy new year from **PARADISE GARDENS**! It's vacation planning time, and the 2007 calendar of events is now posted on Paradise Gardens' newly-renovated Web site at www.nudelife.com. January events include a chili cookoff and DJ dance on January 6; a Winter Beach Homemade Bikini Dance on January 13; Texas Hold 'Em and a potluck dinner and DJ dance on January 20; and an open house and a Mid-Winter Night's Dream Dance on January 27. Paradise Gardens is open year-round. For information, visit www.nudelife.com; phone 513/385-4189; e-mail pgfnr@fuse.net; or write PG Info, 6100 Blue Rock Road, Cincinnati, OH 45247.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Friday: Darts Tournament.

OKLAHOMA

✦ **OAKLAKE TRAILS** begins 2007 with a new activity planner. Patti Forthman has taken over planning the events for the new year. Beginning on January 1, 2007, the big screen TV will be available for football watching. Popcorn will be provided for all the fans with a potluck dinner that evening. Black-eyed peas will be cooked by volunteers at the park. On January 13, there will be a potluck and Bingo and a celebration of January birthdays. On January 27, a balloon lift-off to support the troops is planned, followed by a potluck dinner and dance. January 27 is also the deadline for the Valentine's Day dinner and dance reservations. Call 918/324-5999; visit www.oaklaketrails.com; or write 24601 Milfay Road #1, Depew, OK 74028. Join members as they start their 15th year.

COMING EVENTS: February 3 Mystery Game Night, Potluck Dinner; **February 10** Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance; **February 24** Poker Night.

OREGON

✦ Attendance at the first **HIDDEN SPRINGS** fall indoor nude recreation nights and bare bowling events in the Portland/Vancouver area was disappointing and resulted in a loss for the club. These events are the only AANR-club sponsored events of this type in the area. They could be in danger of being cancelled if attendance does not increase. Area nudists are encouraged to attend at least one of these events this year. There are only four left this winter season. For the indoor nude recreation nights, dates are February 11 and March 25. Bare bowling dates are January 27 and March 10. Pre-registration will result in a significantly lower cost. The locations will be disclosed upon registration. For more information, e-mail hsevents@verizon.net.

COMING EVENTS: February 11 Indoor Nude Recreation Night.

✦ **THE ROGUE SUNCATCHERS** in Medford will have a Super Bowl party on February 3 and a Valentine's Day indoor swim on February 17. For information on the club, e-mail theroguesuncatchers@yahoo.com.

✦ For information about **MOUNTAINDALE SUN RESORT**, visit www.mountaindalesunresort.com.

COMING EVENTS: February 3 Social Night; **February 4** Super Bowl Party and Potluck; **February 17** Valentine's Dinner, Sweetheart's Ball with Live Music.

✦ **THE WILLAMETTANS** will be hosting the 2007 AANR Convention, August 4-12. The Willies are well known for having fun, and this convention will knock everyone's socks off! The activities committee has been stretching its imagination to come up with ideas to keep everyone busy and having a ball. Register by July 1, 2007 to receive a 10 percent discount by contacting the office. On January 20 the Willamettans will be celebrating summer style at the Beach Bash. Pull out those dusty sunglasses and beach towels and join in the fun and games. Call 541/933-2809 to register and/or reserve a rental unit. For information, visit www.willamettans.org.

COMING EVENTS: February 17 Mardi Gras Poker Night.

✦ Winter at **SQUAW MOUNTAIN RANCH**, about an hour from Portland, Oregon, is a quiet, peaceful time to get away and enjoy nature at its best. The wood-burning sauna and hot tub are a treat. Newly decorated rooms in the lodge are reasonably priced and include kitchen privileges. Valentine's Day will be celebrated February 17 with a Murder Mystery, an evening of fun and intrigue hosted by the Red Hat Society, and geared for both singles and couples. For information and to obtain the gate combination, call 503/630-6136 or visit the Web site at www.squawmt.com.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Saturday: Potluck.

PENNSYLVANIA

✦ **WHITE THORN LODGE** in Western Pennsylvania is open to members only during the winter months. Visitors are welcome beginning on Memorial Day weekend. It is not too early to plan a summer visit. There is a pool, hot tub, and sauna to provide relaxation and summer fun. There are tennis, volleyball, bocce, and shuffleboard courts plus many nature trails. The snack bar is open on weekends for breakfast and lunch. There are campsites with electric and water hookups. Rental cabins located near the pool area are available. For information, visit www.whitethornlodge.org. No reservations are needed for camping, but to reserve a cabin call 724/846-5984 or e-mail wtl@whitethornlodge.org.

✦ One year is over but another has begun. **PSHS** is open and still having fun. Yes, the enjoyment of a natural lifestyle during the winter months is just a short ride away. From relaxing in the indoor pool and hot tub to meeting new friends during a game of water volleyball, PSHS has much to offer. Please mark the calendar for Super Bowl weekend and enjoy a day of games during the pre-game show, then watch the game on the big screen. For dates and times for all activities, visit www.pennsylvan.net; phone 717/445-6330; e-mail PSHS@PTDPROLOG.NET; or write 5028 Camp Road, Mohnton, PA 19540.

✦ A popular new year's resolution is to get in shape. A visit to **PEN-MAR CLUB** may not result in weight loss due to the many potluck dinners, but a great way to get in shape is to play a few games of volleyball. The club is always looking for new players. Strengthen those lower limbs with a brisk walk through the woods or join in a game of horseshoes, shuffleboard, or pétanque for an upper body workout. There's always something going on at Pen-Mar. Visitors are invited for the upcoming season—May through October 2007. Visit www.pen-mar.com for details.

✦ **SUNNY REST RESORT & CAMPGROUND** is currently closed for the season and will reopen on May 11, 2007. For the 2007 season, Sunny Rest will offer low season room rates from May 11, 2007-June 21, 2007 and September 5, 2007-September 16, 2007. Reduced rates are also available for young adults (ages 18-35) starting in the 2007 season. For reservations or information, call 610/377-2911 or toll free 866/SUNNY50; e-mail sunnyrest@sunnyrest.com; or visit the Web site at www.sunnyrest.com.

SOUTH CAROLINA

✦ The temperature will be heating up at **CEDAR CREEK PARK** on January 13 when the club hosts the East Coast Chili Cookoff sponsored by the Travelites. Contact Cheri Alexander at 803/695-1937 or e-mail travelites@prodigy.net for details. Entries are welcome from all interested nudists. On January 27, the first eight-ball pool tournament will be held. Teams will be formed by a random draw. Those who don't play are invited to relax and watch. Friday nights are game nights in the clubhouse. Bring a snack and join the group. The indoor pool and hot tub are great for relaxation. For information, write POB 336, Pelion, SC 29123; call 803/894-5159; or visit www.cedarcreekpark.com.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Friday: Cards, Board Games, and Eight-Ball.

COMING EVENTS: February 10 Valentine's Day Dance with Band.

✦ **TRAVELITES'** members enjoyed many funtivities as the cooler weather descended including deep-fried turkeys, feasting on oysters and lobster, hot tubbing, and movie viewing as well as visiting with The Augusta Naturists at Sunair Health Park. On January 13, club members will visit Cedar Creek for the East Coast Nude Chili Cookoff that Travelites sponsors. The first hot tub party of 2007 is planned for January 27. Visit the club's calendar at www.travelites.info for events planned. For more information, contact POB 90836, Columbia, SC 29290; e-mail travelites@prodigy.net; or call 803/695-1937. Visit the other Web site at http://pages.prodigy.net/travelites.

COMING EVENTS: February 10 Valentine's Day Party; **February 17** Mardi Gras and Chinese New Year Celebration; **February 24** Introduction to Nudism, Clothed Potluck Supper.



SOUTH CAROLINA — Members feasted on oysters at the Travelites' oyster roast.

✦ The nude year will have a Tacky start at **CAROLINA FOOTHILLS RESORT** (CFR), 90 Carolina Foothills Dr., Chesnee, SC 29323; phone 864/461-2731. Of course, 2007 will commence with the traditional JohnFred New Year's Day dinner, but on January 13, CFR will get a tad tacky. CFR eagerly seeks the most horrendous, tasteless, mismatched comical outfit in attendees' repertoire. Prior to the Tacky Party, CFR will host a potluck dinner, Rolaids optional, followed by a dance. On January 27, CFR will host a pre-Super Bowl party, karaoke, and dance. The adornment of team colors will spark an afternoon of fun and games. Visit www.carolinafoothills.com for additional information.

TEXAS

✦ Members of **WILDWOOD NATURIST'S RESORT** rang in 2007 with good food, good fellowship, and dancing. Wildwood will have a special Family & Friends Sunday on January 21 and the Mardi Gras Masked Ball on January 27. The membership did a wonderful job of fund raising at the auction back in November, and everyone is looking forward to summer as the money is going to the "Give Us Some Shade Fund." When the water volleyball season returns, spectators will enjoy shade along the south side of the second pool. Call 940/627-2280 or e-mail info@wildwood naturist.com for reservations or accommodations. Visit www.wildwoodnaturist.com for a calendar of events.

COMING EVENTS: February 3 Full Moon Potluck; **February 4** Pool Tournament, Super Bowl Watch Party; **February 10** Potluck, Game or Movie Night; **February 17** Pool Tournament, Potluck, Wildwood's 9th Anniversary/Valentine's Day Party and Dance; **February 24** Potluck.

✦ **NATURAL HORISUN'S** New Year's Eve party and dance was a great way to usher in 2007. There was a spectacular fireworks display at midnight. The next morning, a brunch will be served featuring traditional good luck foods to ensure a safe and prosperous new year. Activities for February are still being planned. Visit the Web site at www.naturalhorisun.com for the latest updates; call 979/657-3061; or write POB 809, Needville, TX 77461.

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COMING EVENTS: February 3 Fireplace Social; **February 4** Super Bowl Party; **February 10** Valentine's Day Sweetheart Dinner and Dance; **February 17** Oriental Potluck for Chinese New Year.

✦ **HEALTHY HIDES OF HOUSTON'S** (HHH)'s January house party will be held on January 20 but not at a house. It will be held at Emerald Lake Resort in Porter, Texas. The theme will be a 1960s dance with an Italian food theme. HHH members had a great time celebrating Christmas as usual. Santa dropped in to help with the White Elephant gift exchange. There was plenty of laughter and great food. Check the Web site for the latest schedule of events at http://www.healthyhides.org; write POB 590640, Houston, TX 77259-0640; or e-mail info@healthyhides.org.



TEXAS — Wildwood members enjoy a warm November day discussing the fall colors of the landscape.



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TEXAS — Connie Farr enjoys playing pool in the new game room at Vista Grande Ranch.

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✦ **VISTA GRANDE RANCH** members and guests are enjoying the new game room recently added in the pavilion. The new room features a pool table, an air hockey table, and will soon include video games. Members welcomed the new year in fine style, and are looking forward to a year of fun activities. To join in, call 817/598-1312 or e-mail vistagranderanch@hotmail.com.

✦ The holiday season passed by quickly at **EMERALD LAKE RESORT** this year. There were many activities. December 2 was the date of the Christmas decorating party of the clubhouse and grounds. Following the decorating was an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner. Members and guests gathered on December 16 for the Chinese gift exchange in the clubhouse. Snacks covered the tables for nibbling during the evening. New Year's Eve was a night of dancing, snacking, and toasting of champagne to the new year. Visit the Web site for dates and times of upcoming wintertime activities. For more information, call 281/354-0497; visit www.emeraldlakeresort.com; or e-mail elnr@ev1.net.

✦ Members of the **SUNBIRDS** are finishing up a busy winter that included several house parties and a few trips. They are looking forward to the Super Bowl and Valentine's Day parties and the nude cruise. Then it's on to another busy season of Texas warm weather events. The Sunbirds is the large travel club in the Dallas/Ft. Worth region that is active year-round, with frequent pool parties all summer long, special group trips to Texas resorts, and monthly theme parties in the winter. For more information on joining the Sunbirds, check out the Web site at http://sunbirds.org or e-mail bulletin@sunbirds.org.

✦ With the stress of the holiday season over, it's time for a visit to **SANDPIPERS RESORT** for some fun in the sun. Sandpipers is starting the year out right by continuing to offer another fun-filled month of events. In addition to the normal daily and weekly events, January's special events include a wine tasting on January 8, a dance on January 13, a dinner theater on January 20, and Casino Night on January 27. For information, call 956/383-7589 or write 9504 North Seminary Road, Edinburg, TX 78541.

✦ As a general rule, North Texas weather in January and the first part of February is not conducive to nudist activities. Members of **BB'S HIDEAWAY** periodically check the phone lines and messages but do not man the office during these times. It is recommended that prospective visitors call prior to visiting. Everyone still finds time to enjoy the clubhouse fireplace and the hot tub. Visitors are always welcome to join in. Check the Web site at www.bbshideaway.com for updated information or e-mail b.b.s.hideaway@airmail.net with any questions. Everyone at BB's Hideaway wishes all nudists a successful year ahead.

✦ **NATURES RESORT** wishes everyone a happy new year. The past year has been great, and the park is starting off 2007 with record numbers. More nudists are visiting and staying in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas for the winters. Those who would like to join them can contact Natures Resort to reserve a spot. There are still motel rooms available for those needing to get away from the cold. The Fun Association has many activities planned for January, including the new year's brunch on January 1. For more information, call 956/262-4014; write 10201 Monte Cristo Road, Edcouch TX 78538; e-mail naturesresort@juno.com; or visit www.naturesresort.net.

✦ The 2007 theme at **BLUEBONNET** is "Nude & Improved," and members put that into practice with a new pool and deck project that they will build throughout the winter months. On January 1, the holiday season ends with a brunch. Everyone is invited to Bluebonnet January 12-14 for the AANR SW Mid-Winter Board Meeting. This is a great opportunity to see what goes on in the region and to hear how AANR Southwest works for its members. On January 20 everyone plays their favorite games in the clubhouse. A chili cookoff/ potluck is slated for January 27. For more information, call 940/627-2313; e-mail bluebonnet@pobox.com; or visit www.bluebonnetnudistpark.com.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Saturday: Potluck Dinner.

COMING EVENTS: February 3 Potluck, Dance; **February 10** Potluck, Valentine's Day Dance; **February 17** Potluck, Dance; **February 24** Mardi Gras Golf Cart Parade, Potluck Dance.

VERMONT

✦ Although **MAPLE GLEN** is covered by a deep blanket of snow this time of year, members are already planning the events for this summer. There will be something of interest for everyone, from animated weekends with afternoon activities, an evening meal on the clubhouse lawn, and a dance, to quiet weekends made just for soaking up the sun and relaxing. Maple Glen will be celebrating its 40th anniversary this summer, so check out www.mapleglen.net over the winter for the latest information on the club. Members would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy new year and hope to see everyone again in the summer.

✦ **COVENTRY CLUB & RESORT** in Vermont is closed for the winter. However, it's not too early to be thinking of spending the summer at Coventry. For all inquiries, please call Coventry Club & Resort—NC at 910/653-9065 or write 65 Harbour Drive, Tabor City, NC 28463. Those who have time to come South, don't forget to visit Coventry in North Carolina, which is open year-round.

✦ **ABBOTT'S GLEN**, a four seasons inn open year-round in southern Vermont, celebrated the season with a Christmas party. Held in the Meadow House, guests enjoyed a full buffet complete with eggnog, holiday music, silly gifts, and much merry making. New Year's weekend was a full three days of good food, winter outdoor activities, and a gourmet dinner and dance on New Year's Eve. A New Year's brunch sent everyone on their way with best wishes for a happy and healthy 2007. Abbott's Glen welcomes guests to enjoy the simple pleasures of winter in Vermont and to see how warm a Vermont winter can be. Visit www.abbottsglen.com for information.

COMING EVENTS: February 10 Valentine's Day Dinner, Massage Therapy, Sleigh Ride at Adam's Farm; **February 16-18** President's Day Weekend, Mardi Gras; **February 23-24** Jamaican Theme Dinner.

VIRGINIA

✦ Members of the **POTOMAC RAMBLING BARES** don't hibernate when the weather is cold. January events include a midwinter ramble to Avalon on the weekend of January 26-28. In February, members have election meetings and a Super Bowl party on February 4 in Annandale, Virginia. February 24 will be the Homespun Music Party in Silver Spring, Maryland. Bring instruments and voices and join in the singing. Check the Web page for details and updates on all events. For more information, call 703/742-7987; write POB 515, Oakton, VA 22124-0515; visit the Web page at www.prbares.org; or e-mail prbares@prbares.org.

COMING EVENTS: February 4 Super Bowl Party; **February 24** Homespun Music Party.

✦ **WHITE TAIL RESORT** is a year-round club having first-class facilities that allow many activities, like water volleyball in the indoor swimming pool, to be enjoyed in winter. That's why it is an ideal location for the AANR East Mid-Winter Board Meeting, which will be hosted at the resort January 10-14, 2007. The recently upgraded Web site (www.whitetailresort.org) with photos, policies, rates, and directions includes a calendar of events for the whole year so visitors can plan their vacation in advance. There are some exciting new additions to the schedule. E-mail inquiries to office@whitetailresort.org or call toll free 800/WTR-NUDE (800/987-6833).

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: *Sunday:* Multi-Denominational Christian Bible Study and Service. **Monday:** M&M Ladies Day Out, Mexican Train Dominoes. **Wednesday:** Water Volleyball. **Friday:** Water Volleyball.

COMING EVENTS: February 2 Family Karaoke Night; **February 3** Seafood Potluck Dinner, Darts League; **February 4** Super Bowl Party; **February 9** Big Screen Movie; **February 10** Billiards Tournament, Pizza, Valentine's Day DJ Dance; **February 11** PC-NUG Computer Club Meeting; **February 17** Water Volleyball League, Cajun Potluck Dinner, Mardi Gras DJ Dance; **February 24** Southern Potluck Dinner, Parlor Volleyball.

WASHINGTON

✦ **LAKE ASSOCIATES RECREATION CLUB** (LARC) closed the year with a fun bowling party in November and the club's holiday party on December 3. LARC is open year-round, and it's a great place for hiking and then retreating to the hot tub for a relaxing soak. The board has completed the basic activities for 2007, and the club's promotion director, Cassandra Ramirez, has many surprises in store. Check the newsletter and Web site at larcnudists.com for more information. LARC members wish all the clubs a happy new year.

✦ The holidays have come and gone, and everyone had a splendid time at the party at **KANIKSU RANCH**, enjoying great food and friends. A fun gift exchange warmed everyone's hearts. Members hope everyone's holidays were peaceful and pleasant and that all New Year's resolutions include spending more time relaxing. Everyone knows there is no better way to get away from it all than to shed their duds and head for the nearest nudist club! Visitors are invited to the woods at Kaniksu in the spring. Check out the Web site at www.kaniksufamily.com for dates and much more.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES: Kaniksu Days at Sun Meadow.

✦ It might get cold and wet during the winters in the great Pacific Northwest, but that does not stop anyone at **LAKE BRONSON CLUB**. Activities are scheduled year-round, and things just get hotter around the woodstove and hot tub. Visitors are invited during the winter months, especially for events such as the Black Light Mardi Gras Dance on January 20. Call ahead for overnight accommodations. Check out the Web page at www.lakebronson.com for the full social schedule for the year. Those who would like more information can e-mail info@lakebronson.com; phone 360/793-0286 and leave a message; or write POB 1135, Sultan, WA 98294.

COMING EVENTS: February 3 "Kick-off" Tailgate Party/Potluck Dinner; **February 4** Super Bowl Party; **February 17** St. Valentine's Day Potluck Dinner and Sweetheart Dance.

WEST VIRGINIA

✦ When the days are short, nudists gather in the mountains of West Virginia to enjoy the weather in the toasty warmth of the indoor pool and spas at **AVALON**. Long, leisurely weekends are spent visiting in front of the crackling logs of the lodge fireplace, savoring delicious dinners in the restaurant, dancing to a DJ, or having fun and cocktails in the Nudsino. One can be completely relaxed indoors, or enjoy an invigorating hike through the woods. Specials for members of seasonal clubs are available, and plans are being made for Valentine's weekend and Mardi Gras. Call 304/947-5600 to be added to the weekly e-mail and for reservations; or write Critton Owl Hollow Road, POB 369, Paw Paw, WV 25434.



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Thanks again...we had a truly spectacular time!! The black tie and pearl event was SOOOO much fun and sparked a real "dancing" party spirit.

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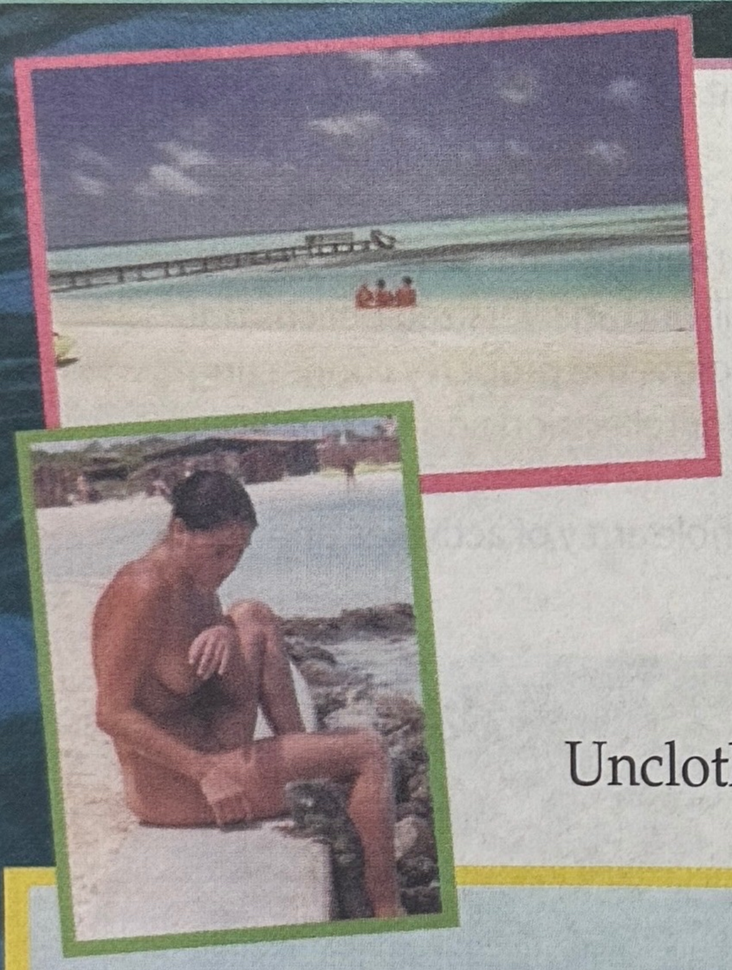

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