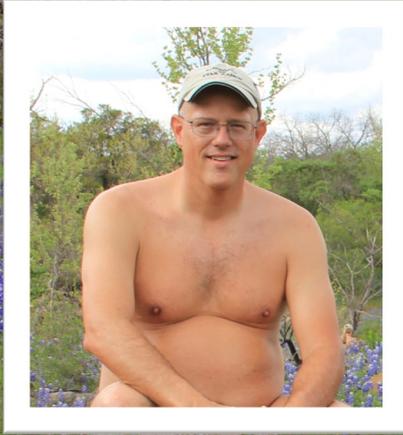


President's Message



AANR-SW President—Mitch London



September 2021

AANR Convention at Star Ranch

The National Convention was held last month at Star Ranch and what a week it was! Due to COVID-19 the 2020 Convention was pushed back to 2021 and that delay meant Star Ranch worked that much harder to make sure everything was as good as it could be. I arrived on a Tuesday and Star Ranch folks were still working to the last minute to be ready for all the visitors. This included a new anti-slip surface on the concrete surrounding the pool, a brand new restroom facility between the Pickleball court and the pool plus some decorative touch ups at the gate entrance.



Meetings were held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The meetings were a combination of reports from various committees, and presentation of awards on the first two days. The Southwest Region did a great job in snagging a number of awards including Bob Morton being selected as one of the two Hall of Fame winners. We also picked up both the Woman and Man of the Year awards and a few other awards for articles and other media. On Friday the meeting was more serious as a few changes to the governing documents were proposed. Some passed while others did not (more on this when the minutes come out).

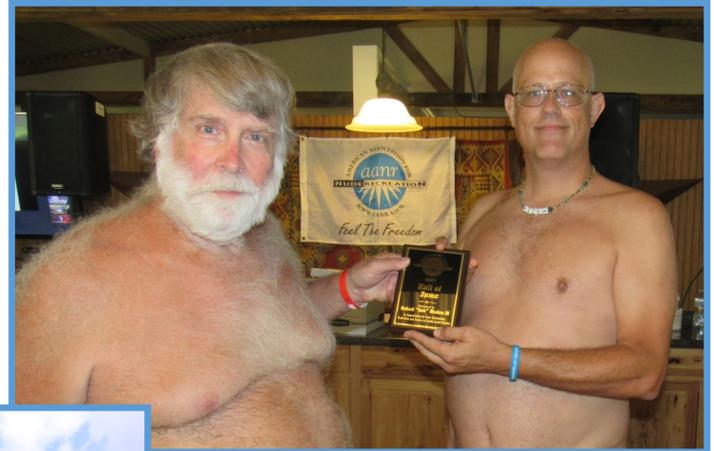
As with any convention, the biggest draw is the games, food and

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catching up with friends. Star Ranch had no shortage of games. Petanque, Disc Golf, hiking and biking, washers and much more. There was always something to do at the convention and of course on a hot summer day the most popular place was indeed the swimming pool with its new shaded shallow end for those wanting to just relax in the water. Others availed themselves to the other end of the pool where teams of water volleyball players spent lots of time practicing



fresh Chicken Fried Steaks all from local eateries near Star Ranch.

We can't ignore the close of each night which had music out at the pool from different genres. Solo acts to groups. A veritable Nudeapalooza if

for the water volleyball tournaments through out the weekend.

Star Ranch staff had some great food to offer. Some times the fare was simple breakfast tacos to start the day, and others you could get the Full English practically. Lunches were tasty and filling, but the dinners are where they went a step above. They brought in catered meals; Mexican fare one night and another it was



you will. Country to rock and roll and everything in between offered up something to everyone.

All in all, a great time was had by all, and a huge round of thanks goes out to Star Ranch and all their folks that helped put this convention together and to make it the success that it was!

AANR-SW Nude Racing Series Continues in September

Only three races for the Nude Running Series have happened so far with great response from runners. The races draw in a crowd of people from all ages.

The final two races for 2021 will be...

September 18th at Bluebonnet Nudist Park in Alvord, TX with the run starting at 1pm.

October 9th at Star Ranch Nudist Club in McDade, TX starting at 1pm.

If you have any questions about the race, head over to <https://aanr-sw.org/nude-racing-series/>

It has all the information about scoring, and the various age group categories.

These races a great way for folks not necessarily into nudism, to give something new a try and mark of that spot on their Nude Bucket List.



Nudist Passport Goes National!

In 2017 the AANR-SW created the Nudist Passport, modeled after the National Parks Passport. The idea was that people could collect stamps from clubs by visiting clubs in the region to commemorate their visit. About a year after that, AANR-West created their own regional passport. They took it a step further by offering up prizes to people who complete a certain number of visits to various clubs in their region.

The main problem that was discovered with both passports was that being a printed document, that meant that new clubs could not participate in the program and clubs that leave AANR could not be removed.

My solution was to have an APP for smartphones made to be able to add and remove clubs as needed. My problem was I had no idea how to make an APP. Fortunately for me the solution was found in QR Codes. AANR decided to take the Passport program under its wing and created a QR Code for every single club in AANR.

Each club can request their QR code from AANR simply by contacting the office. The clubs can post them in their office for guests to scan. Non-landed clubs can have their at their parties or big events they host. AANR is also hoping clubs will offer up prizes for people who complete a short online form when they scan in order to be eligible for prizes. This program should up and running within a few weeks.

For more info, give AANR a call!

