

AANR-Southwest President's Message for November 2022

Greetings!

Congratulations to our AANR-SW Nude Racing Series Coordinator, Rick Wall, and to the four participating AANR-SW Clubs (Star Ranch, Wildwood, Oaklake Trails, and Bluebonnet) for a tremendously successful racing season in 2022! Rick reports that participation is up a whopping 20% over last year. The Racing Series is a great opportunity for our Region to “Advocate, Educate and Inform” the non-nudist public about our Clubs, our Members and our Association and about how family-friendly social nudism is practiced in our four-state Region. Rick Wall is our Region's elected “AANR-SW Man of the Year” for 2022 and he certainly deserves that honor because of his hard work and dedication to the Racing Series. Of course, none of this would be possible without all the hard work provided by the participating Clubs and their volunteers, so we want to be sure and thank them all as well. Good job, everyone!!

Over the weekend of October 14-17, we visited the Eastern-most landed club in AANR-SW, Indian Hills Nudist Park, in Slidell, Louisiana. The Club received its AANR Charter on January 31, 2022. If you are looking to immerse yourself in Louisiana culture, this is the place to go! The Club is well-situated right on US Highway 190, about five minutes from Interstate 12. There is easy access to shops, restaurants, local activities and it is only about 40 minutes from New Orleans. (We made a day trip down to New Orleans to visit the World War II Museum – my father was on Utah Beach on D-Day - and enjoy some delicious Cajun food.)

Indian Hills has about 50 wooded acres and boasts lots of walking trails, water features, well-kept grounds with covered picnic tables at each RV site, cabins to rent, a heated swimming pool and large outdoor hot tub. There is plenty of room for sunning and some covered areas with deck chairs as well. The clubhouse is large and activities are planned for every weekend. The weekend we visited, the club provided room for a Jeep Show - two different Jeep Clubs participated – about 21 Jeeps were on display – and food was purchased from a local veteran-owned restaurant. The people were all friendly and welcomed us with that well-known Southern hospitality. It was a pleasure to meet some of the family members who own the park – Hilda, Stephanie, Heather (and later, Tim, by phone). We also met

members and guests: Jill, Calvin, Juliette, John B., Ron and Sabrina. It was a warm and beautiful weekend, and we very much enjoyed our visit to Indian Hills.

On October 22nd, the AANR Board of Directors met via ZOOM. At that meeting, Heather Cheney was confirmed as the AANR-SW Trustee. We thank Ted Peck for remaining on as Trustee until some clerical matters were resolved and a meeting could be held to confirm Heather. Heather is COO at Oaklake Trails in Oklahoma. She will bring fresh ideas and lots of enthusiasm to her position as Trustee. Heather also serves as our Region's Youth Committee Chair.

An election was held in October to fill the vacancy on our Board of Directors created by Heather's resignation so she could serve as AANR Trustee (per AANR rules, one person cannot serve in both positions simultaneously). I am happy to announce that Rick T. has been duly elected by our Board of Directors to fill that position. Rick T. will continue to serve as Chair of the AANR-SW Public Relations/Marketing Committee.

As a reminder to our Clubs, December 1st is the deadline for submission of receipts and application for co-op advertising reimbursement. Please contact Wayne K. for more information at treasurer@aanr-sw.org.

We have found a Direct Member to edit our upcoming Newsletter to Direct Members. I will send out an "introductory letter" very soon. Our new editor has several good topics of interest to Direct Members and he comes with impressive writing experience as well. We think it is going to be a popular item for our Direct Members.

This month marks the Thanksgiving celebration in the U.S. Did you know that Canada also celebrates their own Thanksgiving Holiday? It is held on the same day that we mark Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day in October. Please take time to consider all you have to be thankful for this year. If you are far from family, invite others over for a "Friendsgiving" celebration and enjoy the time together.

Until next time,

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