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AANR-SW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE August 2024

My fellow naturists, the month of August is here. In Texas, that means the dog days of summer have arrived, although this summer seems to be a bit wetter and not quite as hot as last year. I hope everyone had a great July. I didn't get to spend as much time at AANR affiliated clubs as I would have liked. The transition from one president to another is still ongoing and is complicated by our household moving for the first time in six and a half years. I didn't realize we had accumulated so much stuff in that time. Still, I was able to make day visits to Star Ranch in McDade, TX and to Indian Hills in Slidell, LA in July. Thanks to those clubs for being fantastic hosts.

I am excited to be traveling in August to Shangri-La Nudist Resort in New River, Arizona for the big AANR International Convention, and I'm looking forward to renewing my acquaintance with Linda Weber, AANR's incoming president, and meeting the other AANR officers and regional presidents. My family and I visited Shangri-La in 2015 while on vacation in Arizona, so I already know that it is a wonderful resort.

In January of this year, I made my first ever visit to Sunsport Gardens in south Florida where I got to meet owner Morley Schloss. He and I talked briefly about naturist writing before he led a relationship workshop. I wrote an article about that trip that appeared in the March 2024 issue of *The Bulletin*. I was sad to learn of his passing in July at the age of 82. Evan Nix, who had just recently featured Morley on his *Naked Age* podcast, wrote a stirring tribute to Morley at Planet Nude

here: https://www.planetnude.co/p/morley-schloss-1941-2024

Summer is the best time of year for naturists. Many people make their first ever visits to nudists clubs this time of year, which means that a lot of people join AANR during this time. That also means that a lot of memberships are up for renewal. My wife and I just purchased our two-year renewals before the AANR-SW Convention as our expiration date was June 30th. I encourage everyone to pull out their AANR membership cards and check their expiration dates. If that date is coming up soon or has just passed, please contact your club or go to https://www.aanr.com/join-aanr/ and renew.

I will have a report from the AANR International Convention to share with you next month. Until then, get out and enjoy the warm (hot) weather as nature intended.

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