

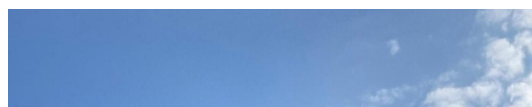
# AANR-Florida Monthly Newsletter November 2024.

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**AANR-Florida  
President  
Joe Rivas**

### **President's Corner September 2024**

The Board of Directors wishes to thank everyone in providing members and clubs with assistance during times of need. While the majority of operations have returned to normal after the last hurricanes, the [Island Group](#) and [Sunnier Palms](#) are still working on recovery, and your continued support is appreciated.

Also please be advised that if you are planning a nudist/naturist beach excursion to [Canaveral National Seashore](#), Apollo and Playalinda beaches reopened with limited access on October 19<sup>th</sup>. At last report, Playalinda Beach Bach Road is closed after Lot 7. Only lots 1,5, and 7 are open. Naturists are congregating at lot 7. Apollo Beach is open. However, there may have been some damage to the walk over at lot 5, which is the traditional nudist beach. Blind Creek and Haulover Beaches are open with normal operations.

### **Board and Government Affairs Team Actions**

Every AANR-Florida Region Board of Director is also a designated club liaison to one or more of our clubs. During October we worked with our clubs to receive damage and needs reports. Information received was the basis for postings from the Government Affairs Team on disaster relief efforts and support. This was one of the main focus areas of the October Board of Directors meeting.

The other area of focus was continued membership growth. The October Membership Report shows that we are reversing recent trends and approaching membership and revenue stabilization. We are now within seven members and 2.3% of year-to-date revenue received when compared to last year. With your continued support, we can and will make for a strong and growing association.

### **Membership Support**

We have over 5,300 members in our Region. Imagine the *strength* and *prosperity* that we would bring to our clubs and our host communities, states, and regions if we doubled our membership by each of us giving the gift of AANR membership to one person.

One easy way to achieve this challenge is by starting at home. If your spouse or significant other is not a member, that's the perfect gift for both of you to enjoy. And, for just a one-time fee of \$25, your child and grandchild can be an AANR member until they are 18 with sponsorship/parental authorization required.

Along those lines, did you also know that AANR also has annual discount rates for students between the ages of 18-24 (\$31) and for young adults between the ages of 18-28 (\$46). When you give the gift of AANR membership you are helping to grow the Association for years and decades to come.

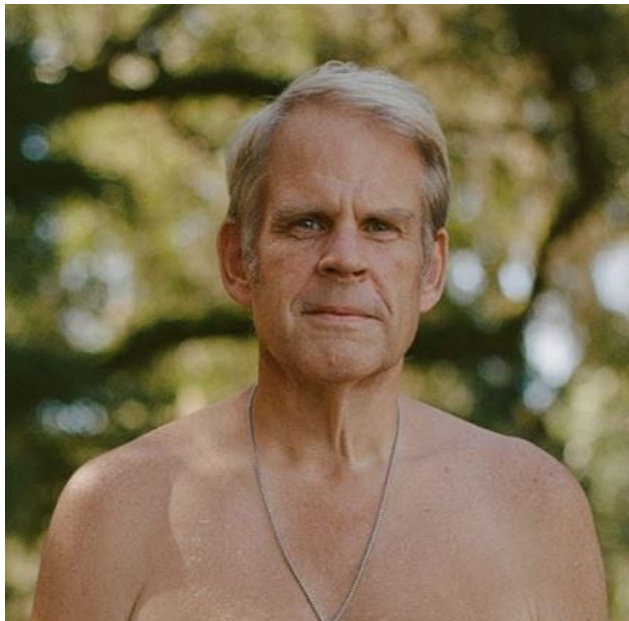
## Upcoming Meetings

The next AANR Florida Board of Directors meeting is November 19<sup>th</sup>. Prior to that the AANR Interim meeting is November 15<sup>th</sup>. Regional Trustee Ralph Collinson and I will be attending that meeting. In addition, all members are invited and encouraged to attend our annual Winter Meeting at [Suwannee Valley Resort](#) in White Springs, Florida on January 10-12, 2025.

Yours Naturally,

Joe

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**Erich Schuttauf**  
**Executive Director**

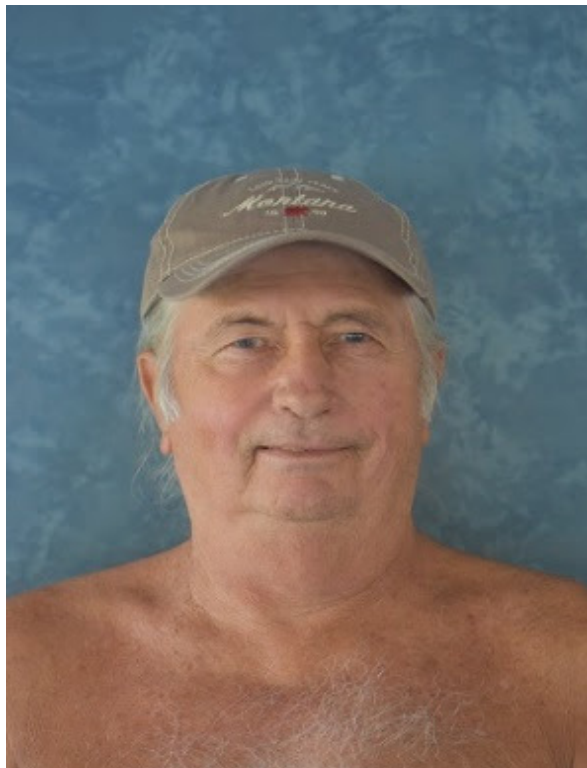
## AANR Preparing 2025 Budget

AANR is supported by member dues and generous donations which make its work possible. November is the time of year that

AANR begins preparations for the 2025 budget. Various committee chairs and officers of AANR submit proposals for regular funding of work as well as new projects. The AANR Finance committee takes these requests, as well as past history of expenditures and forecasts income for next year and assigns priorities as well.

Every year, protecting nudist rights is treated as very important. There are costs ranging from hiring government affairs professionals in states where they are needed most, to the expense of computerized legislative monitoring subscriptions that cover the US, Puerto Rico, and Canada. Attending legislative conferences, assisting court proceedings, and serving as a resource of information to those with questions about the legality of nudism, privacy issues with neighbors and nudist parenting questions are among things that AANR provides guidance on a month-by-month basis.

Thank you for all that you do, as members and clubs, to help fund a voice for nude recreation and living.



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**Ralph Collinson**  
**AANR-Florida Region Trustee**  
**Trustee's Report November 2024**

Hopefully most of you came through September without any serious harm to your property or person.

The storms temporarily closed several clubs that lost power and had damage to fences and many downed trees. Almost all of our affiliated clubs are back open with the exception of Sunnier Palms in Ft Pierce which had damage from a Tornado. All of the beaches are back open; however, access to Playalinda is limited. Only parking lots 1, 5 and 7 are currently open. Nudists are congregating at 7 and so far, there have been no conflicts with other beach users.

The Island Group in Land O'Lakes was hit hard by Hurricane Milton. Many trees are down and extensive damage to fences and other infrastructure. The Island Group is one of Florida's oldest nudist clubs founded in 1954 and are often referred to as the "best kept secret among Florida nudists". If you can assist them in any way please contact them through their website [www.theislandgroup.org](http://www.theislandgroup.org).

Also, I believe that Tampa Bay Free Beaches is also gathering donations to assist storm victims in their area. They can be reached at [www.tampabayfreebeaches.com](http://www.tampabayfreebeaches.com).

The Regional GAT Team has done a great job of keeping Florida members informed of Hurricane relief and support opportunities in Florida. I know that it has been greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to the "Florida Nakations" Group, Jack Clark, Maryanne Rettig and Joe Rives. They had another great showing at this year's Visit Florida Governor's Conference on Tourism which was written up in H&E Naturist World Magazine. H&E is published in the United Kingdom and is the oldest naturist magazine in the world, first published in 1902. It is a great accomplishment to be recognized around the world.

ANNR-Florida Director Dave Berry's Club, First Coast Naturists (FCN), is running a special through November 15. New memberships or renewals which include AANR membership will be \$39.00 per person. This is a significant savings, and I encourage those of you in the North Florida or South Georgia area to take advantage of it. First Coast Naturists can be found on Meet Up and at [www.firstcoastnaturists.com](http://www.firstcoastnaturists.com).



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