

AANR-Florida Monthly Newsletter October 2025.

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**AANR-Florida
President
Joe Rivas**

Welcome to October! In addition to Halloween, there will be a lot of fun and informative activities at our clubs and resorts as this is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month, LGBTQ+ History Month, Filipino American History Month, Italian American Heritage Month, German American Heritage Month, Polish American Heritage Month, and National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Please check the AANR, AANR-Florida Region, and individual club websites for more details.

October also starts Committee work for the upcoming 2026 Florida Legislative Session. As I indicated in my last communication, we had a close call in the 2025 session on issues related to minors in venues where both nudity and alcohol are present and conversations are scheduled to continue in Tallahassee, starting in this month. Thank you for your consideration of a donation to support our Government Affairs Team initiatives. Together, we can and will preserve the freedoms that define our nudist rights.

I also wish to thank our members who provided commentary to the proposed expansion of SpaceX at Kennedy Space Center. You can read our Board's response to the Federal Aviation Administration *below*. Our letter was also endorsed by the AANR-West Region. They would face similar challenges if SpaceX expansion occurs in California.

Earlier this week we received Membership Totals through August 2025. We currently have 5,177 members in our Region and 25,154 members in all of AANR. Our Regional Total is down only 26 members or 0.5%. I believe that we can increase the totals and I welcome your feedback on the things that the AANR-Florida Regional Board of Directors can do to this end. Many good strides in these efforts have been done by our clubs.

A big CONGRATULATIONS to our 13 clubs who have experienced membership growth between December 2024 and August 2025.

- First Coast Naturists
- Hidden Lake
- The Island Group
- Lake Como Family Nudist Resort
- Nautical Nudists
- Nudist Clubhouse.com
- Oasis Residential Community
- The Neighborhood Association at Paradise Lakes
- Sanibel Naturists
- Sun Coast Naturists
- Suwannee Valley Resort
- Tampa Bay Free Beaches
- Tampa Bay Sun Club

And a big THANKS to Arlette Lowery and Jeff Baldassarre from AANR Headquarters. They have designed a process to reach our Regional Members whose membership has expired to encourage rejoining the Association.

Jeff and Arlette's efforts will be temporary for direct members as AANR Headquarters implemented software earlier this year that allows for automatic renewal of membership fees after the person completes the former process one last time.

I am also chairperson of the new national Club Support and Value Committee that is

researching the provision of automatic renewal software to interested clubs. Additionally, based on responses to the 2025 Survey of Clubs, we are looking at software enhancements to provide search date-range search parameters for membership expirations. I will keep you posted as the Committee's work continues.

With regard to the Business of our Board, at our September 16th meeting, we were joined with several special guests. April Flagg is the new Florida WINR Cochair and reported on her preliminary plans. More information will be forthcoming.

Debbie Polland and Erin Gilgru from Lake Como Family Nudist Resort presented their ideas for a three-day, two night convention at our Regional Assembly to be held at Lake Como, June 5-7, 2026. Please save the date. There will be many special activities and events in addition to our business meetings. This is a great way to engage with and grow our membership.

Our meeting also included passage of the FY26 Budget, response planning for proposed SpaceX expansion, and the appointment of a new Board member to fill a vacancy. That individual will be sworn into Office at our October 21st meeting and announced thereafter.

One additional matter that came up this month was the need for clarity on what it means to be a 100% AANR Club. The definition of a 100% club is that all members of that club are AANR Members. This allows members to be members at one or more clubs.

In closing, I again thank you and welcome your ideas on membership growth. As you may know, one way to help ensure the future sustainability of AANR is to give the gift of legacy membership to minors. There is no longer a charge for these members. There is also a discount for two direct members who live at the same address. You can find out more about these memberships by contacting AANR Headquarters at 1-800-Try Nude.

For now, I wish you all my best.

Yours Naturally,

Joe

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September 15, 2025

Federal Aviation Administration
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide commentary on the proposed SpaceX additions at Kennedy Space Center (KSC) as presented in the Environmental Impact Statement during a virtual meeting on September 3, 2025.

This response comes to you from the Board of Directors of the American Association for Nude Recreation (AANR)-Florida Region. We represent Florida, the Caribbean, and Eastern Mexico and have over 5,200 members. Data from our published Economic Impact Study demonstrates that we have:

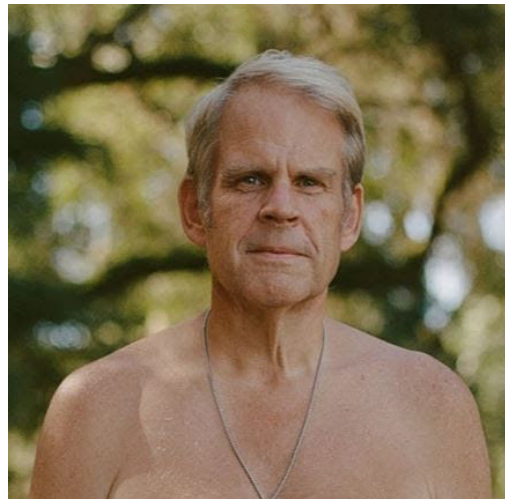
- 5,100+ Total rooms at nudist resorts
- 1.2 million Annual rooms sold
- 2.2 million Annual nudist visitors
- 22 million Annual nudist visitor nights

- \$1.0 billion Annual nudist non-resort visitor direct expenditures
- \$3.3 billion Annual nudist resort visitor direct expenditures
- \$4.3 billion Total annual nudist visitor direct expenditures
- \$7.4 billion Total annual economic impact

Our mission is to preserve, provide, promote, and protect nude recreation for the Region (Florida, the Caribbean, and Eastern Mexico). Therefore, we make the following concerns and observations as related to our mission and the proposed expansion of SpaceX. These specifically relate to beach access, economic impacts, environmental impacts, and social (corporate and environmental) responsibility.

1) Beach Access:

- a) We are thankful that the section of Playalinda Beach remains designated as a clothes-free beach area and that all areas of Beach also remain open to the public.
- b) We are unclear if Playalinda Beach is being protected by limiting the number of SpaceX landings and takeoffs as presented in the EIS or if this is a starting point that could lead to many more beach closures than was presented. In either case, we advocate for a minimal number of beach closure days if SpaceX expansion occurs.
- c) We disagree that closing the Playalinda Beach from 44 to 60 days will be “insignificant.” This ignores the health benefits of beach patronage, strains on environmental and staffing resources, and does not give the actual or estimated number of beach closure days due to postponements.



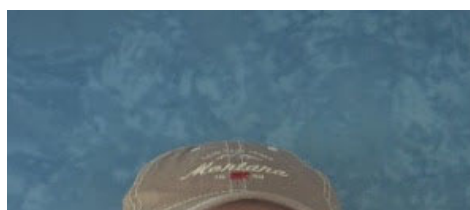
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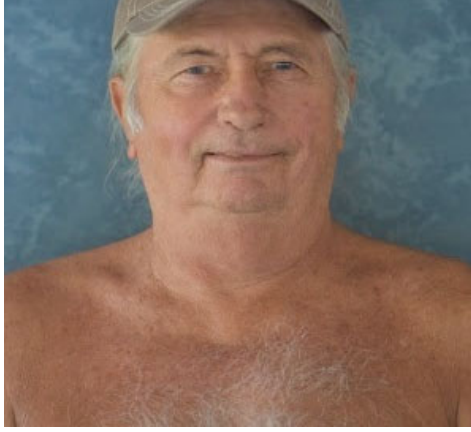
During late September, AANR and AANR Florida received welcome news. Bare RV, a Florida club that had long been awaiting federal assistance with a low-interest loan following hurricane damage last year, was finally granted this loan.

Originally, the Small Business Administration, which manages the loan process, had denied the application based on the nature of its business (nudist). AANR and the Florida region, along with our office, assisted with multiple appeals following denials.

Congratulations to Bare RV on their success and for their persistence in not giving up!

In other news, as this report is going to press, our office is preparing to present testimony in a Canadian proceeding involving child custody and visits to nudist clubs in Canada and the US. Several favorable precedents from Florida courts may be cited during court hearings.





Ralph Collinson
AANR-Florida Region Trustee

Trustees' Corner October 2025

Summer just flew by, a little bit cooler Florida Fall weather is nice, clubs are gearing up for the holiday season, so check out their websites for events scheduled over the next three months. Coming up on Saturday, November 8, Bare RV is hosting a Car Show with AANR, which should be a lot of fun. If you are in the area, come check it out.

As many of you are aware, the parking lot at Blind Creek Beach has been closed for many months. Good news it is expected to open by the beginning of the year. In the meantime, nudists have been using the parking lot at Mud Creek and then walking back to Blind Creek. However, some have been going out on the beach at Mud Creek and undressing there, which is causing some conflict with textile beach users. I have been informed that the sheriff's department is planning on ticketing those who are not on the designated nudist beach. Please be aware and act accordingly. A short walk can save you a lot of grief.

Tampa Bay Free Beaches (TBFB) is gearing up its effort to secure a nudist beach in Pinellas County at East Beach at Ft. DeSoto County Park. They are asking that nudists from all over help them with this effort by writing the Pinellas County Commissioners to show your support of TBFB's effort to secure a family-friendly, family-centric, safe, and legal clothing-optional beach and recreational opportunity at East Beach. The following link will take you to a site that provides you with the information regarding this effort, including a link to the letter-writing campaign with templates and contact information for the Pinellas County Commissioners.

Thank you for your help.

<https://tbfb.org/letter-writing-campaign>



VETERANS DAY CAR SHOW



SATURDAY 11/8



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