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**AANR-Florida
President
Joe Rivas**

Welcome to August, with this Month's Newsletter summarizing actions taken during AANR-Florida's July Regional Assembly. And a special thank you to [Lake Como Family Nudist Resort](#) for hosting our Meet and Greet on the 24th and our meetings on the 25th, along with the same sentiment to [The Island Group](#) for hosting a Work Session of the newly elected 2026-2027 AANR-Florida Regional Board of Directors on the 26th. Their hospitality set the stage for a highly productive weekend.

To begin, please join me in congratulating Ralph Collinson and Joan Harris for being inducted into the AANR-Florida Regional Hall of Fame. This is the most prestigious award the Region bestows. It is given for services to family social nudism that are of considerable magnitude and regional importance. Ralph and Joan are both long-standing pillars of the Florida and national social nudist communities, leading the way in the promotion, provision, protection, and preservation of nude recreation.

As we progressed into business meetings, what was clear at the Regional Assembly is that we are a Region embracing a shared vision that is on the move. A non-landed club achieved charter status, year-to-date membership totals are up 3%, and 28 awards were given for achieving membership growth and/or the AANR Gold Seal.

- Nudistclubhouse.com received its Charter for having more than 15 members.

- First Coast Naturists received a plaque for the largest 2025 increase in the number of Members.

clubs were recognized for achieving the AANR Gold Seal. Thank you to Bay Bares, Cypress Cove, Eden RV Resort, Hidden River, Lake Linda Circle, Northeast Florida

Naturists, Sunny Sands Resort, Sunsport Gardens, Tallahassee Naturally, The Island Group, and United Naturists.

·11 clubs were recognized for achieving membership growth and the AANR Gold Seal. Congratulations to Bare RV, Cross Oaks Haven, First Coast Naturists, Hidden Lake, Lake Como Family Nudist Resort, Nautical Nudists, Nudistclubhouse.com, Paradise Pines RV Park, Sanibel Naturists, Suncoast Naturists, and Tampa Bay Free Beaches.

From our delegate voting:

·The President and Vice President positions will be eligible to run for a third consecutive term if he or she makes that decision.

·Effective with the change noted above, AANR-Florida Regional Presidents who serve three consecutive terms and their spouse/partner will receive Life Membership in recognition of their dedication and service to the Region and AANR.

- The 2026-2027 AANR-Florida Regional Board of Directors this year is:

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Ralph Collinson	Regional Trustee	ralph.collinson@aanr-florida.org

The vacant Director position was not filled at the Regional Assembly because there were more open positions (4) than nominations received (3). Per our Regional Bylaws, the Board will elect, by majority vote, a successor within sixty (60) days to serve until the next AANR-Florida election, at which time delegates shall elect a successor to serve the balance of the term.

Please contact any of us at any time when you have regional ideas, questions, or concerns. We have taken an oath of office to best serve you, the Region, and the Association. As a newly elected Board, we have affirmed that our priorities will be to concert on membership growth (recruitment and retention), legal protection, and the fiscal strength of the Region. With your input, we will make a strong Region even stronger.

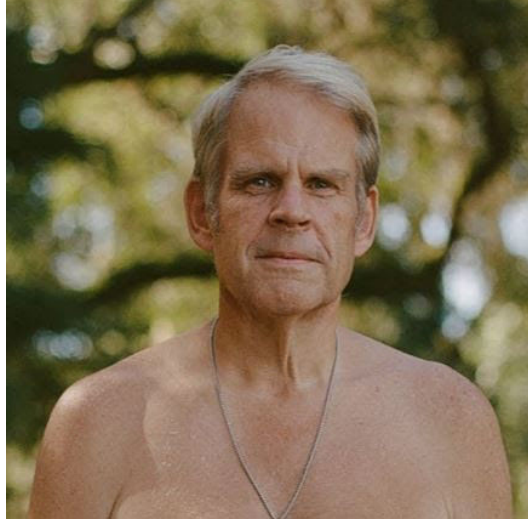
In closing, I wish you an enjoyable month ahead. And as you start planning for Labor Day weekend, a team of Ralph Collinson, Jack Clark, Maryanne Rettig, Brian Spence and me will be hosting AANR membership tables at Blind Creek Beach September 3rd and 4th and Haulover Beach the 5th and 6th. Additional information will be forthcoming

and we hope that you will come say hello and encourage new members to sign up for AANR.

Yours Naturally,

Joe

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Erich Schuttauf
Executive Director

This week I attended the National Conference of State Legislatures, held this year in Chicago, Illinois. Joining me were newly elected Vice President B.G. Parkes of Suwannee Valley Resort in White Springs, Florida, Joe Rives as President of AANR Florida, AANR President Linda Weber, AANR West Trustee Kathy Watzel, and my adult son Max.

The conference brings together lawmakers and their staff from throughout the US states, Canadian provinces, and even the world. AANR draws attendees to its exhibit booth with collectible pins that Kathy designs with a theme. This year celebrated Chicago as The Windy City with a cartoon couple losing their threads to a heavy gust. That proved prophetic as strong winds and rain grounded some flights coming into the city.

Yet, as Kathy relayed to booth visitors, the nickname "Windy City" originally referred not to weather, but to heavy filibusters and political talk in the early history of the city. Fittingly, there was considerable discussion of topics that matter to AANR members. For example, I had in-depth discussions with two different legal representatives for NASA about the impact that SpaceX launches are having on those who seek sunbathing and sport on Florida coastal beaches such as the Canaveral National Seashore.

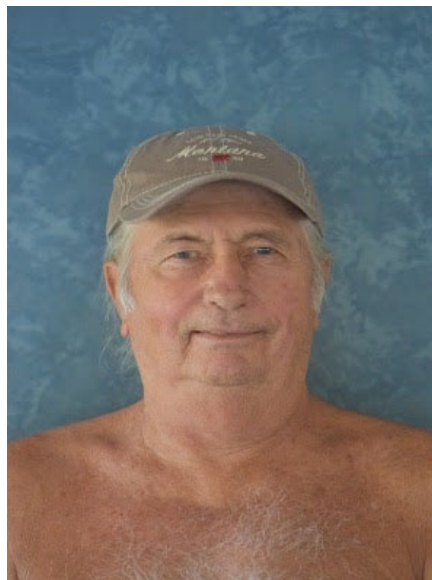
Speaking of seashores, Sandy Hook / Gunnison Beach in New Jersey was an oft-discussed subject as lawmakers had seen press coverage about conditions there. We

sought information about what it would take to have a professional presence to shepherd straight answers regarding why beach access, signage, and the beach mats that those with disabilities depend upon to get to the water have changed dramatically. Similar talk extended to officials in Hawaii, where the Department of Land and Natural Resources are proposing changes that would frustrate nude beachgoers on Little Beach on Maui.

As expected, the recent legislation that would have greatly restricted internet images and which AANR and AANR West helped defeat in Arizona (HB 2133) garnered a lot of attention. Our team spent quite a bit of time talking to booth visitors from that state as well as allied groups that champion the First Amendment. My son provided the perspective of a person raised visiting nudist parks and beaches all his life.

Your support of AANR as members and your donations make this critical advocacy work possible.

The 2026 AANR Annual Convention at The Willamettans Club in Marcola, Oregon is just over a week away. Please accept this invitation to join us either online or in person, and please bring or send your donations of items for the Silent Auction to benefit Government Affairs.



Ralph Collinson
AANR-Florida Region Trustee

Had a great time at Lake Como last weekend at the AANR-Florida Summer Convention. There was a great turnout on Friday evening for the Open House and on Saturday for the meetings. Had a lot of clubs turning out in person, which was great. Lake Como went out of their way with the food; we were eating it all weekend. I want to thank the restaurant staff for the great meals at lunch and dinner on Saturday. Had a

great time Saturday night at the ButtHut. It was great to see a lot of old friends and to meet several new ones. AANR Vice President BG Parkes and I look forward to working with the AANR-Florida Board in 2026 and 2027. All efforts will be made to continue the growth of AANR-Florida membership and to protect the ability to enjoy nude recreation in Florida.

A lot is going on in Florida in August. All clubs are planning events, especially on the Labor Day Weekend. Check their websites to see what is planned. The 6th Annual Wigs For Kids Benefit sponsored by Crossed Oaks Haven is scheduled for Saturday 9/5 from 10-5 at Cypress Cove, Kissimmee, FL. They are accepting hair donations that are at least 12 inches long. In addition, there will be a silent auction, raffle and cookies for sale. Donations are always welcome at crossedoakshaven@aol.com.

I will be headed to the AANR Summer Convention in Oregon 8/12-14. If you're not attending, then join us on Zoom. Nude Bowling, also sponsored by Crossed Oaks Haven will be held on 9/20 at the Orange Bowl Lanes in Kissimmee. You must register to attend. They are limited to 80 bowlers. Bowling is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is \$20 per bowler, with kids under 18 free. If interested, contact the bowlinglady61@gmail.com or crossedoakshaven@aol.com

I'm glad to announce that [Sunny Sand Resort in Pearson, FL](#) is again open to day visitors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays between 9-6. Reservations must be made in advance at 386-749-2233. Office is open 9-3 and closed on Monday. Must be 18 years old and must purchase a day fee in advance.



The AANR Florida Big Nude Boat GAT Challenge

AANR exists to protect, promote, provide, and preserve nude recreation by:

- Protecting nudists and naturists from policies at the local, state, and federal levels that interfere with the right to enjoy clothing-free recreation in appropriate settings.
- Promoting nude recreation by educating government leaders, employers, and the public.
- Providing support services and community to our members.
- Preserving the financial viability, integrity, and strength of the AANR organization.

It is also AANR-Florida's mission to advocate for our rights. As stated in the

Nudists' Bill of Rights, we have the right to hold our values and beliefs; to responsibly enjoy nudity in the company of our family and friends. Nudists are law-abiding citizens and have the right to be treated as such.

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