AANR-Florida, Monthly Newsletter November 2026.



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AANR-Florida
President
Joe Rivas

Welcome to November!

Last month, I received a summary report of membership totals comparing Year-End 2025 to August 2026. As a region, we stayed constant at 4,991 members. Congratulations to 12 clubs who have sustained membership gains through the year:

- Eden RV
- Lake Como Family Nudist Resort
- Northeast Florida Naturists
- Nudistclubhouse.com
- Sanibel Naturists
- Suncoast Naturists
- Suwannee Valley Resort
- Tallahassee Naturally
- Tampa Bay Sun Club
- The Island Group
- The Neighborhood Association at Paradise Lakes
- United Naturists

We also had increases in the number of Direct Members. With all of us working together and the fall travel shoulder and winter high seasons ahead of us, I am confident that the Region will experience membership growth from Year-End 2025 totals. As related to membership, work at the October 2026 AANR-Florida Regional

Board of Directors included:

Transitioning our new Member Marketing Committee (MMC) from an Ad Hoc to a Standing Committee. Our Ruling Documents require a 30-day Board approval process before an ad hoc committee can become a standing committee

As you may recall, in October I reported that the MMC is charged with planning and implementing programs intended to recruit new members, retain existing members, encourage renewals, and increase participation in the AANR-Florida Region and its affiliated clubs. It is chaired by Director Brian Spence. If you have ideas and/or would like to serve on this Committee, please contact Brian at **brian.spence@aanr-florida.org.**

Codifying our long-standing practice of having Beach Liaisons. Built on a similar model to our Club Liaison Program, Beach Liaisons work with AANR clubs and non-Affiliated Organizations to collaborate and coordinate actions to advance the promotion and protection of our legally-recognized clothing-optional beaches.

Beach	Partner	Liaisons
Apollo and Playalinda	Park Rangers, Local Law Enforcement	Ralph Collinson Joe Rives
Blind Creek Beach	Treasure Coast Naturists	Joe Rives
Haulover Beach	South Florida Free Beaches	Jack Clark Ralph Collinson Maryanne Rettig Joe Rives
Establishment of Fort DeSoto East Beach	Tampa Bay Free Beaches	Jack Clark Maryanne Rettig

The entire AANR-Florida Regional Board of Directors supports Florida's legally recognized clothing-optional beaches and the work of Tampa Bay Free Beaches in achieving the first on Florida's Gulf Coast. Its establishment provides even more nude recreation opportunities to the State's residents and guests, and there is no better place to stay than an AANR club when enjoying a beach nakation.

Receiving a progress report on our Board's priority of expanding the WINR groups in the Region led by Secretary/Treasurer Lu Ann Heintz. Within Florida, we have a WINR group at Suwannee Valley Resort in White Springs, and we have Pasco WINR in Pasco County. Lu Ann reported that her committee is establishing three new groups. The areas where these groups are based and contact person for each new group are displayed below.

Area Jay (Northwest Florida)
Lu Ann Heintz **luann.heintz@aanr-florida.org**

Jacksonville
Kathy Kelley **kathykelley717@gmail.com**

Silver Springs and Kissimmee
Patti Sarver **crossedoakshaven@aol.com**

Please email the contact person for the group(s) that you are interested in helping establish, want more information, have questions, and/or wish to become a member. The theme these groups will be focusing on at their local events during the year is “I’m perfect, not imperfect.” Additionally, if you are interested in forming a group in your area of the State, the Caribbean, or Eastern Mexico, please contact Lu Ann.

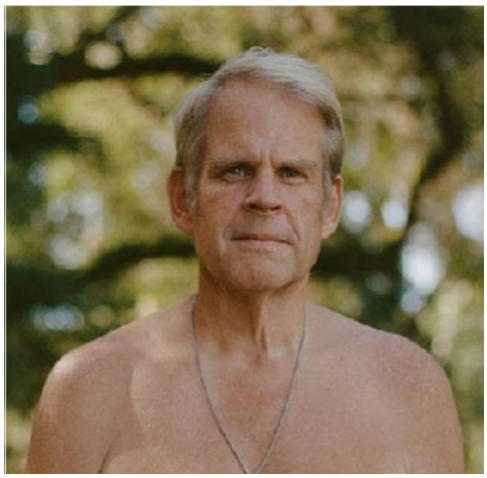
Authorizing the team to update our “Feel the Freedom” Brochure that lists our landed clubs and their amenities to contact each club to verify the information displayed about their clubs. Many of our clubs have updated and added amenities since this brochure was created, and we want to be sure that we are describing them accurately, so member and guest expectations and offerings align. Also, for the first time, the Brochure will include information and contact information for our non-landed clubs.

Agreeing with Director and Webmaster Margaret Young’s request that this Newsletters include a request from all readers to provide suggestions on our website to make it more user friendly, intuitive, and informative. Please provide your suggestions to Margaret at **margaret.young@aanr-florida.org**.

In closing, I wish to thank everyone who participated in our Government Affairs Team Raffle for a cabin on the Big Nude Boat and to Nudistclubhouse.com broadcasting the drawing. Our winner has been notified.

Also, if you are in the Lutz area, I hope to see you at the City Retreat/Eden RV Poker Crawl November 14th and the Car Show hosted on the grounds of Lake Como Family Nudist Resort November 15th. Regional Trustee Ralph Collinson will also be at these events where we will be providing AANR information, sharing giveaways, and selling memberships.

Wishing you a good month ahead and yours naturally, Joe



Erich Schuttauf
Executive Director

AANR is in the planning stages of the 2027 association budget. Members and listeners to nude radio may not be aware of a number of government affairs programs that AANR dues help fund. They include:

Monitoring services from a respected legal publishing company which flags pending bills in state and federal legislatures using keyword searches; This extends to regulatory activity in agencies. It covers Puerto Rico too.

A separate service helps AANR monitor Canadian developments.

Volunteers help us to parse the initial round of bills. We vette them with notes to track and follow in the future Govt. Govt. Affairs Chair Tim Mullins, Bob Morton, and regional government affairs chairs perform this critical work. The monitoring services help inform us when a bill has been amended, often prompting additional review. AANR then prepares legislator briefings.

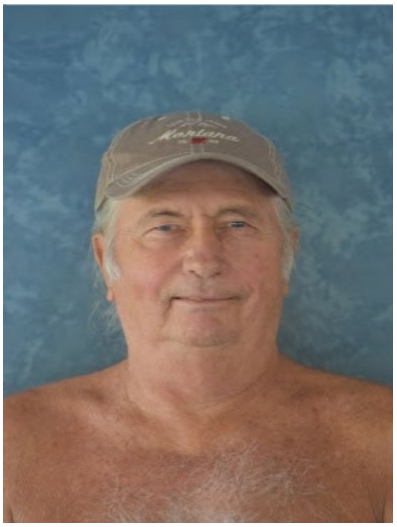
Where necessary, AANR also retains the services of government affairs professionals.

In 2026, AANR and the AANR West fought problem legislation in Arizona that would have outlawed many depictions of nudity on the internet in that state. Support and donations have funded defense work on the beaches of Hawaii.

The 2027 AANR Budget will visit the levels of support that the Association can commit to in the coming year.

We at AANR are grateful for your support and the support from AANR clubs and regions… and we mean this, sun-cerely.

If you are registered but have not already cast your vote in the 2026 elections, please be sure to do so tomorrow. It gives you an important voice.



Ralph Collinson
AANR-Florida Region Trustee

The holiday season is quickly sneaking up on us. Many of the clubs are having special Thanksgiving and other holiday events, so check out their websites for particulars and get out there and enjoy the freedom. Joe Rives, AANR-Florida President, and I plan on being at Eden RV Resort in Hudson on Saturday, November 14, and at the Lake Como Car Show on Sunday, November 15. Please come by and say hello. Crossed Oaks Haven is getting ready for their next Bowling Event in Kissimmee in January; check their web page for more information. This event is limited to a certain number of participants because of the limited size of the bowling alley, so sign up early if you want to attend; it is a very popular event.

On October 21, 2026, long-time AANR member and AANR advocate Theresa Hanbury passed away. Not only was Theresa a long-time AANR member, but she was a personal friend of mine. I have known her and her husband Harry for many years. I want to personally send out my condolences to Harry and to the rest of the Hanbury family. Theresa will be missed by many.

AANR is aware that the Canaveral National Seashore is considering shortening the road at Playalinda due to the constant erosion. We are watching this situation closely and will be advocating for protecting the rights to a nudist beach even if it is at a different location. We will keep you posted as things develop, and we will continue to support Tampa Bay Free Beaches in their efforts to secure a beach in Pinellas County.



AANR Vice President
B.G. Parkes



FREEDOM, SERVICE, AND COMMUNITY HONORING SERVICE WHILE PROTECTING THE FUTURE OF NUDE RECREATION

Veterans Day allows us to recognize the men and women who have served in our Armed Forces, while also reflecting on the sacrifices made by military personnel, law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other first responders who have placed service before self and, at times, given their lives in service to their country and communities.

In today's environment, continued vigilance and constructive advocacy are essential. AANR's Government Affairs Team is specifically focused on issues affecting nudist interests at the local, state, and federal levels. Effective advocacy, however, requires resources. Long-term membership growth can provide a more stable financial foundation, while additional fundraising initiatives can help address near-term needs. One such opportunity is a partnership with Wreaths Across America, a nonprofit organization known for placing remembrance wreaths at the graves of veterans in national and other participating cemeteries. Through this fundraising effort, supporters may purchase wreaths while also generating financial support for AANR's Government Affairs activities. For each qualifying wreath purchased through this effort, $5 will be directed to the AANR GAT program.

Anyone wishing to participate before November 15 may contact BG at 813-300-4088 for ordering information. This initiative offers an opportunity to honor veterans while supporting advocacy on behalf of the nudist community. For those who value both service and the freedoms we enjoy in the United States, your consideration and support are sincerely appreciated.

AANR members will also participate in placing wreaths at veterans' headstones on December 19. Photographs of participating AANR members are planned for a future issue of The Bulletin magazine. This is an opportunity not only to remember those who served, but also to demonstrate the values of service, gratitude, and community that unite us.



News for Women In Nude Recreation (WINR)

ANNR Florida member and WINR co-chair Kathy Kelley from Jacksonville, FL, started a WINR Committee called the “WINR’s Circle.”

Kathy formed a local group of WINR’s within the non-landed group First Coast Naturists in Northeast Florida. The WINR’s Circle is a friendly, welcoming group of women who want to connect, make new friends, and have fun, whether textile or nude.

Think coffee meetups, dinners out, walks, local events, or trying something new together. Nothing formal or complicated, just good company, shared laughs, and a chance to build community.

Become a WINR today!

For further information, please email **klk7171966@gmail.com**

NNEAR

2nd Annual



Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show

All makes, models, years

November 15, 2026

Lake Como Resort, 20500 Cot Road, Lutz, FL 33558
lakecomonaturally.com

Located in the North Grove field near the lake
Registration 9–10:30am, Show 10am–3pm, Trophies at 2:30pm

Vendors — Food — 50/50 Raffle — Trophies

Fundraiser for NNEAR, a 501c(3) organization

Pre-Registration donation $25, day of show $30
Dash plaques to the first 30 pre-registered vehicles

Vendor Registration donation $20

Note: *Lake Como is a family-friendly nudist resort. Nudity is allowed, encouraged and will be visible at the show. Show participants who are not residents, resort members, registered guests or visitors will not be allowed to enter the main recreation areas (pool, hot tub, sauna, etc.) unless they pre-arrange to visit prior to show. Please see Lake Como's visitor page at lakecomonaturally.com/visit/ or call the office at 813-949-1810 ext. 0 from 10 am to 6 pm on any day to make these arrangements. Photography is allowed at the car show, but you must have the permission of all people in the picture.*

Register online using the QR code, at nnear.org/event, or by mail using the form below:

Mail this form and checks to: NNEAR, 1705 Dorothy Blvd, Lutz, FL 33558, Attn "Vehicle Show"

Check box for type of registration. Please print legibly to ensure you are registered accurately.

☐–Register Vehicle to be Judged ☐–Register Vehicle for Display Only ☐–Register as a Vendor

Person Information:

Name		Phone	Text Capable? ☐-N / ☐-Y
Address		Email	
City	State	Zip	Number attending with you:

Vehicle Information:

Year	Make	Model	Trailered? ☐-N / ☐-Y

Vendor Information:

Name	Offering

LIABILITY: In consideration of the agreements, and undertakings expressed herein the undersigned agrees to irrevocably release Lake Como Co-Op Inc., NNEAR, and any show sponsor or affiliate from any past, present, or future claims or liabilities related to this car show. This waiver settles all disputes related to any potential injuries or damage and is considered legally binding upon its execution and prevents any further claims by any parties or their successors.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



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