

SAHNOAN STAR

Stand Not Between Me and the Sun

FROM THE PRESIDENT

JUNE WAS GRAND!

Wow! June was a great month at Star Ranch!

We have arrived as a destination and people are scrambling to the Ranch to be outside and enjoy the freedom that nudity brings!

Thanks to all the Sahnosans who helped make everything run so smoothly, and especially those who helped prepare the Ranch for such a BIG month! The new Food Team rocked as always!!!

We hosted the AANR-SW Regional Convention, not to be confused with the BIG ONE coming in August. Rave reviews from all. I already reported that two of our members were elected to the AANR-SW Board - Heather C. and Brian D.

Last weekend, we also hosted the first of what might be several weddings this summer. Thanks to Dave and Cathy for the beautiful ceremony and the great refreshments.

Since we took down our Mexican fan palms last week, I went shopping this week. Jennifer's research indicated that sable palms are slightly more tolerant than the fan palms. Sticker shock – new ones slightly shorter than our previous plants - planted for \$3,000 each! But if we can file a claim for the loss of our previous ones at \$5,000 each, we'll be ahead!

At their last meeting, the Council laid out plans for the rest of July and August, and the Board is checking off improvements in anticipation of the AANR North American Convention next month – only six weeks to go!!! Let's get all the committees together soon to wrap up some planning.

Star Ranch is rocking - more people, more plans, more FUN, and YOU make it happen!!!!



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LOOKING FOR DJs

By Mike W

We have eleven Saturdays between now and the end of September. We need a DJ to conduct a dance for each Saturday. Let me know what date you can DJ AND pick a theme or name your own:

70s

80s

90s

2000s

BeeGees

Karaoke

Elvis

Beatles

Prince

Chris Stapleton

Classic Country

Motown

HipHop

Top 40

Pop

Soul

New Country

Jimmy Buffett

Vinyl Dance – All LPs

All Requests Dance

AT THE POOL!

By Mike W

We have all new matching umbrellas at the pool. Looks really elegant.

The new shade sails arrived this week - rectangles this time. Lots more shade this year. No more ropes, all cables for the next five years! Thanks to the guys that assisted me today (7/1) – Tim, Dave M., Ronnie B., and Mark B.



The lights are mounted for night-time water volleyball. Thanks to Mike M. and Pete T. for the install.

Still awaiting quotes on resurfacing of the tennis court surface.



And the biggest news - the new pool deck resurfacing was supposed to happen this week, but then the rain came.

The Board approved the order for 8 new 16" high lounge chairs like the one pictured, but in our Dove/Royal Blue color scheme. They should arrive before Labor Day, possibly by the Convention.

Happy Birthday!

AANR celebrates its 90th.

We often visualize the roots of the nudist movement as coming from the hippie culture of the late 60s and early 70s. The “Peace, Love, and Nature” movement certainly helped define nudism to a new generation of young people, but AANR was already approaching 40 years old at that time. I wondered what we might learn from looking at what was going on in this country in 1931, the year AANR was founded.

There was this thing called the “Great Depression”. Already well into its’ second year, and with unemployment doubling to 16.3 percent, Americans were beginning to realize this economic downturn might last a bit longer than they originally thought. It was not a great time to start a new venture, yet into this environment AANR was born as the “International Nudist League”. Birth of a new venture, in the midst of struggle and chaos is bold, but in this case, the boldness paid off.

Some other things happened in 1931. There was a tall building finished in New York City. In the midst of a growing economic catastrophe, people looked to the new “Empire State Building” as a monument to the idea that Americans could pull off some pretty incredible things. The ancient Hebrews called them “ebenezers” or “stones of help” something solid, immobile, often monumental, that reminds us of who we are and what we are about. Such things are important, especially in times of uncertainty and change. They are an anchor for the present and signify hope for the future.

Others failed in 1931, most notably, several automobile manufacturers. Companies that counted on the status quo to bring them an unending stream of new customers to buy their shiny wares. They were not positioned for changing circumstances and they were not flexible enough to adapt to the quickly changing times.

And finally, the city council in a tiny desert town in the middle of nowhere Nevada was taking bold actions. In spite of the national downturn, they saw a reason for hope. A new federal work project was happening nearby and they were already seeing the benefit of “new money” in the area. They put up their first traffic signal, to handle the increase in traffic from the dam workers coming into town, and they legalized gambling, to give the workers a reason to be there.

To be clear, I’m not suggesting we open the Tara Hall Casino and Bingo Parlour. But I am suggesting we look closely at the times in which we live, both on a national scale, and what is happening nearby.

In the middle of a worldwide pandemic, Austin is growing. This direction. We can’t change that. With that comes the inevitable rise in property value and taxes. We can beat them back for a time, but no matter what we do, these taxes will continue to rise.

We can choose how we deal with this reality. We can adopt a course of controlling expenses and dedicating a larger and larger percentage of our yearly revenue to county taxes, spending less and less on other, necessary things.

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But Austin's growth doesn't have to be a negative. With it comes opportunity. More people means more potential nudists. We have the option is to grow our revenue fast enough to outpace the tax increases. We have plenty of "inventory". (Sites to build a cabin or locate an RV). We have plenty of interest. Every week we see a record influx of guests, many of them first timers not only to Star Ranch, but also to nudism in general. Capturing some of this market is, as I see it, our path to future sustainability.

90 years of AANR celebrates the work of those who have gone before us to build the organization to which we are affiliated. It also calls on us to do our best to build a sustainable Star Ranch. A place in the growing outskirts of Austin, where new people find a welcoming smile and where we make our homes.

MB

Yard of the Month: U-5; Lynn D.

By David P.

Lynn's 2021 entry features edibles as well as florals. Popular with members of our local deer population, some of Lynn's veggies have had short life spans, necessitating installing 6' tall chicken wire fencing. The wider-scope background photo features Goldenrod and Sunflowers, with Yellow Squash vines rambling around in the foreground. In the second photo, Bell Peppers (not pictured) are in the same bed as Marigolds, Grape Tomatoes (l.) and Cherry Tomatoes (r.). This less-than-100 sq. ft. space is covered with weed barrier, stepping stones and decorative gravel--- a thoroughly-landscaped garden in full sun. Sustainable produce and new decorative flora provide back-door access for human enjoyment, while discouraging some of our four-legged residents.



Tidbits

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 17 @ 10am @ Tara Hall



WATER AEROBICS WITH BRITTANY

Join our very own Brittany H at the Pool this Saturday and Sunday at 10AM for water aerobics.

WORK DAY JULY 24th!

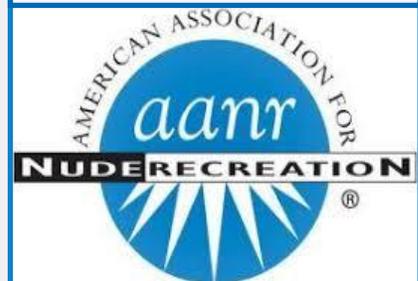
All Hands On Deck!

There will be a work day July 24th to make the final push to the AANR CONVENTION.

We have a new way to sign up for work days online. Please follow this link to let us know you will be here for work day and what job you would like to do.

<https://www.comevolunteer.com/events/13753-star-ranch-workday/volunteer>

Mark B - GM



**Coming to Star Ranch
August 10-16, 2021 the
AANR International
Convention!**

BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

JULY BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN: Friday July 16, 2021

TIME: 6:00pm

WHERE: [Paige Roadhouse, 147 Old Hwy 20, Paige](#)
(click address or picture for map)



July, August & September Birthdays

July	
7/1	Susie V
7/4	David S
7/5	Rosa
7/7	Shala S
7/8	John S
7/11	Marvin K
7/15	Jana F
7/17	Angie R
7/17	Jim A
7/19	Beth B
7/22	Dick L
7/23	David McG
7/24	Lorena M
7/25	John M
7/29	Megan S
7/31	Sierran S



August	
8/1	Catherine W
8/1	Phyllis Z
8/2	Gary H
8/2	CM J
8/5	Tim H
8/5	Barbara K
8/6	Joe R
8/7	Jennifer M
8/8	Eduardo G
8/14	Timothy V
8/20	Joyce S
8/24	Mike M
8/24	Ardeth S
8/25	Maureen V
8/31	Genie C
8/31	Myrl F S



September	
9/1	Jordan S
9/1	Shepard S
9/5	Paul O
9/5	Mark W
9/6	Jennifer H
9/6	Crystal W
9/9	Belinda A
9/10	Mark B
9/10	Kimberly D
9/12	Slyater S
9/13	Dina P
9/15	Craig B
9/17	Ron E
9/18	Jamie M
9/19	Joe W
9/21	Brandi T
9/25	Mike W
9/28	Pat W
9/30	Bob R



This & That

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

We are fast approaching our annual Texas late summer temperatures. It is wise to plan your day outside, and at the pool, before hand to stave off any problems.

- Pack up supplies you will need for the day (sunscreen, insect repellent, water, flashlight, snacks and medications you may need to take).
- Heat problems and dehydration can strike quickly so take steps to keep yourself hydrated (alcohol and soft drink consumption increases that risk).
- Keep your medical history in your purse or wallet with a list of any meds you are taking, in the event of an environmental emergency, so responders can react appropriately. There are apps that can be installed on your phone to keep it all as well.
- We have plenty of biting and stinging things about, so be careful of where you put your hands and feet and be sure to carry a flashlight if you plan to be out after dark. If you have a known allergy to an insect be sure to bring your epi-pen if prescribed.
- Be sure to let someone know if you are having a problem. If you plan to wander off on the property be sure to let someone know where, and when to expect you back if you don't take a buddy with you.

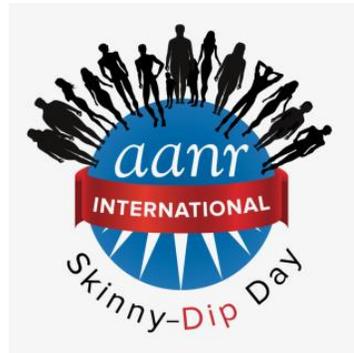
Have a safe and enjoyable stay here at the Ranch this Summer!

VENDORS WANTED!

We are soliciting vendors to offer their wares at the upcoming AANR Convention. Please let the office know if you are willing to participate. Just bring your pop-up canopy and sell your stuff. No charge!



*Jim and Mary P
and
Cathy M*



INTERNATIONAL SKINNY DIP DAY (ISDD)

Mark your calendar for one of the cheekiest summer events planned for 2021: International Skinny Dip Day. Skinny- dipping celebrates the natural joy of a carefree swim without cumbersome clothing. Lest you think otherwise, it's truly a wholesome tradition that's been enjoyed by such American patriots as Benjamin Franklin and John Quincy Adams, along with literary luminaries the likes of Henry David Thoreau and Walt Whitman.

To celebrate this rite of summer, last year the American Association for Nude Recreation officially designated the second Saturday in July as **International Skinny Dip Day (ISDD)**. For 2021, International Skinny Dip Day will be observed on **July 10th**.

ISDD serves as the culminating event during **National Nude Recreation Week (July 4-11, 2021)**, an AANR tradition for 44 years. This week-long celebration provides an opportunity for individuals and families to visit clothing-optional clubs affiliated with AANR or The Naturist Society (TNS), and experience firsthand one of the fastest growing trends in both travel and recreation – the **Nakation**□. Many clubs have activities and events planned throughout the week – such as open houses, dance parties, sports tournaments, chili cook-offs, “bare buns fun runs,” health screenings, art shows, and more.

On International Skinny Dip Day, in particular, the textile world is encouraged to join with naturists and free themselves of their clothes and inhibitions by taking a dip au naturel in their backyard pool, a secluded spot on a river or lake, at a sanctioned nude beach or at one of AANR's 180 clubs and resorts throughout the U.S., Canada and internationally.

COMING ATTRACTIONS/EVENTS

(As always, check the online calendar for the most current schedule of events and activities)

*****ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE*****

[Click Here For Online Calendars](#)

Saturday, July 3

4th of July Weekend

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot
9:00am Pickleball court open for games
9:00am Petanque Tournament @ the Petanque court
10:00am and 2pm Indoor Games
10:00am Water Aerobics @ the pool
11:00am Concessions @ the Nekkid Parrot
11:00am Super Soaker battle outside the pool gate
12:00pm Water Volleyball Tournament @ the pool
2: 00pm Indoor Games
3:00pm Washers Tournament @ the Washer courts
7:00pm Sand Volleyball @ the Sand Volleyball court
8:00pm Glow Dance @ the pool w/ DJ Tara

Sunday, July 4

4th of July Weekend

National Nude Recreation Week July 4 - 11

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot
9:00am Petanque Tournament @ the Petanque court
10:00am and 2pm Indoor Games
10:00am Water Aerobics @ the pool
11:00am Concessions @ the Nekkid Parrot
11:00am Cart Parade
12:00pm Water Volleyball Tournament @ the pool
2: 00pm Indoor Games
3:00pm Washers Tournament @ the Washer courts

Saturday, July 10

McDade Watermelon Festival

International Skinny Dip Day (ISDD)

National Nude Recreation Week July 4 - 11

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot
2:00pm Snacks at the Pool
8:00pm Music @ the pool

Sunday, July 11

National Nude Recreation Week July 4 - 11

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot
10:00am Council Meeting
2:00pm Snacks at the pool

Wednesday, July 14

6:00pm Potluck with Live Music

Friday, July 16

6:00pm Birthday Dinner @ The Paige Roadhouse

<p align="center">Saturday, July 17 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 10:00am BOD Meeting 2:00pm Snacks at the Pool 8:00pm Music @ the pool</p>
<p align="center">Sunday, July 18 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Snacks at the pool</p>
<p align="center">Saturday, July 24 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 9:00am WORK DAY 2:00pm Snacks at the Pool 8:00pm Music @ the pool</p>
<p align="center">Sunday, July 25 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Snacks at the pool</p>
<p align="center">Saturday, July 31 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Snacks at the Pool</p>
<p align="center">Sunday, August 1 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Snacks at the pool</p>
<p align="center">Saturday, August 7 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Margarita and Salsa Contest @the pool 3:00pm Frozen T-shirt Contest @ the pool 8:00pm Dance @the pool with DJ Lightenin'</p>
<p align="center">Sunday, August 8 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 10:00am Council Meeting 2:00pm Snacks at the pool</p>
<p align="center">Monday, August 9 AANR Convention</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday, August 10 AANR Convention 5:00pm Meet-Greet AANR Intn'l Convention</p>
<p align="center">Wednesday, August 11 AANR Convention</p>
<p align="center">Thursday, August 12 AANR Convention</p>
<p align="center">Friday, August 13 AANR Convention</p>
<p align="center">Saturday, August 14 AANR Convention 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Snacks at the Pool</p>

<p align="center">Sunday, August 15 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Snacks at the pool</p>
<p align="center">Friday, August 20 Members Only Weekend 6:00pm Birthday Dinner @ The Paige Roadhouse</p>
<p align="center">Saturday, August 21 Members Only Weekend 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 10:00am BOD Meeting 12:00pm Water Volleyball 2:00pm Snacks at the Pool 2:00pm Super Soaker 6:00pm Open Grill 8:00pm Dance @ the pool with DJ Tara</p>
<p align="center">Sunday, August 22 Members Only Weekend 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Snacks at the pool</p>
<p align="center">Saturday, August 28 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Snacks at the Pool</p>
<p align="center">Sunday, August 29 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Snacks at the pool</p>
<p align="center">Saturday, September 4 Labor Day Weekend 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 9:00am Washers Tournament 11:00am Concessions @ the pool 12:00pm Water Volleyball Tournament 3:00pm Washers Tournament 8:00pm Dance @the pool</p>
<p align="center">Sunday, September 5 Labor Day Weekend 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Snacks at the pool</p>

C.O.G. Board of Directors

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 Bob & Nancy R

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	Tammy S
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	Larry S
Housekeeping	Jean M
	Tonya M

Thoughts

*For Pam H, Eric G
& Myrle S*

Prayers

Classified Ads

The Board recently approved the reinstatement of ads in the Sahnoan Star, our monthly newsletter.

Please send your finished ad as a .jpeg file to Jennifer at jkm8765@gmail.com

Ad rates are as follows:

Full page ad—\$80

1/2 page ad—\$60

1/4 page ad—\$40

Business card ad—\$25

The Sahnoans at Star Ranch is a family-oriented nudist community/club that has been in operation since 1957. Dedicated to maintaining a wholesome and safe environment for the enjoyment of nudist activities, the Club is a member in good standing of the American Association for Nude Recreation (AANR) and AANR-Southwest. You have received this Newsletter because your are either a member of the club or you have opted-in on our website. Please let us know if you do not wish to receive future editions.

**The next Council meeting
is scheduled for
Sunday, July 11, 2021
at 10:00am.**

STAR RANCH



McDade, Texas

Note from the Editor

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 25th of each month. If you have an idea or submission for the newsletter, please email me at jkm8765@gmail.com. Jennifer M.

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