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President's Message

I'm on the road to Squaw Mountain Ranch for the AANR-NW Spring Board Meeting as I write this. It's another first for me, this visit to SMR. I've never been to the oldest club this side of the Mississippi and I'm very excited about being a representative for LARC while I'm there. This visit will help me start fulfilling my goals and dreams as LARC's president. I find it hard to define those goals and dreams as they are mostly in the form of feelings. I love this park, these grounds, this community we have, and I want to share this feeling with everyone I know and meet at Squaw Mountain Ranch.

It is a great privilege to me to be the President of LARC, elected by you, the members. So it's not only my goals for LARC that are important, but yours as well. You elected me as your representative at functions like the AANR-NW Board Meetings and the AANR-NW Convention, as well as all other conventions and clubs that I attend. What are your goals for LARC? More dances? Karaoke? Potlucks? More public awareness? More off grounds events like Parades? Information Booths? Let me know. I hope to have the opportunity to discuss this with each of you over the next few months. Come visit with me in Alice's Wonderland (a.k.a. my shed) or I'll be at the LARC office a couple Sunday's a month—come on down and sit a spell.

We're starting an exciting new season and the LARC Board Members and the Ladies on a LARC have done a great job scheduling a variety of fun events, both in the evenings and the afternoons. Check the activity schedule posted on the website and at the office, I'm sure there's something for everyone. If you would like to organize an afternoon activity, let me know and I'll help you get it posted. We're always looking for new ideas. I hope to see you soon.

—Alice Anderson

WHAT IS A GAT??

DOES IT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU?

IS IT A TEAM SPORT?

WHO'S ON THE TEAM??



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MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

APRIL: 4 Dan B., **17** Nancy S.,
18 Claudia L., **26** Linda L., **28** Gary P.,
30 Peri W.

MAY: 1 Leonard J., **10** Patsy A.,
11 Benjamin W.,
18 Tom B., **19** Robert G.,
21 Gary Y., **29** Tina S.,

Upcoming Events in APRIL:

April 19: Informal grounds cleanup continues.

Movie, 7:30 PM, Potluck snacks

April 24: Deadline to Pre-register for GAT Day

April 26: Highway Clean Up, 10:00 AM meet at Office.

Karaoke, 7:30 PM, tent

April 27: Board Meeting, 11:00 AM, tent
Container Cleanout, 2:00 PM

Meet at Office.

Upcoming Events in MAY:

May 3: GAT Day, see p. 3

Cinco de Mayo Theme Dinner, 5:30 PM

Dance, 8:00 PM

May 4: Breakfast 9:00 AM, \$5.

Bingo, 10:00 AM

May 10: Board Meeting, 10AM

May 17: Movie 8:00 PM, Potluck snacks

May 23-25, "Rain Dance" Weekend,
Wine and Cheese Potluck Friday

LARC Beautification

Golf Cart Obstacle Course,

Karaoke, Bingo, Horseshoes,

(SEE MAY NEWSLETTER!!!)

LARC IS A "POLITICS FREE" ZONE

YOU ARE FREE TO VISIT OUR PARK AND RELAX!

(WHAT A RELIEF!)

From the Editor's Chair-



As nudists we look forward to the changing seasons, especially this time of year.

Ah, Spring!

I look outside and there it is: snow!

This just isn't right! And then to top it all off, I get a cold.

What is going on?

Well, one thing that is happening for certain, is some kind of seasonal transition, in the news, if nowhere else, especially as it relates to nudity.

Years ago there were clipping services, to service people like myself who had to write regularly on a given subject. They had people who went through all the newspapers (as divided up by management) looking for articles on the assigned subject. Now we have the internet search engines. So we get to push a few buttons and get the current compilation of articles on the subject. It's called "information overload."

During the winter, most news reports related to nudity are negative and perverted, because most of us normal people (with apologies to any Australians who may be reading this) are wearing clothes and being indoors.

So we have the drunken *naked* guy running through town with a gun; or the crimes involving "*nude*" victims, or the *naked* pervert in a car parked next to a playground. You know, where *nudity* is used as a headline to attract attention; the Worst of the Worst.

But now that Spring and Summer are moving into our realm (yes, I have faith!), we will have more enlightened if not light-hearted news reports, some of which will be press releases put out by some of the AANR clubs. We may see articles about the work being done by GAT and others working on nudist rights at beaches and other venues. We'll have Spencer Tunick, no doubt, putting together another nude photo shoot of masses of people in an unusual place. We'll have stories about nude cruises and flights to exotic destinations.

But we're not quite there yet; we are still in this years' transition phase. Before we get to the enlightened happy stories about nudity in the news we now see something about whether the vice president (remember Dick Cheney?) had a naked lady on his most recent fishing trip! This was based on a photo with his hand holding his fishing gear as seen in the distorted reflection in his sun glasses!

We're also being fed stories about the feeding frenzy (chuckle) surrounding the latest

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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS TEAM

G.A.T. Day at LARC is May 3, 2008, with scheduled activities from 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Cost: Pre-Registered AANR Members - \$0.00

The AANR-NW Government Affairs Team (GAT) and LARC are hosting a GAT Day May 3, 2008 at LARC. If you would like to know more about what GAT does and how you can help promote nudism in your area you are encouraged to attend.

We will start at 9:30 AM and end around 4:00 PM with snack breaks and lunch from our famous LARC Grill.

For PRE-REGISTERED AANR members - grounds fees for the day will be waived and lunch paid for by GAT. There will be a \$20 fee for all others.

All attendees are also invited to join us for a scrumptious dinner served up by The LARC Grill for \$10, and attend our Cinco de Mayo dance that evening.

Regular overnight fees will apply to anyone that chooses to stay overnight. Sunday morning there will be a continental breakfast at 9 AM for \$5 and BINGO at 10 AM

To pre-register, please email LARC (larc@nwlink.com) by April 26th, 2008. Please include the words GAT DAY in the subject line. Also, let us know if you will be camping overnight with us or would like to reserve an RV space.

If you have any questions or need more information please contact LARC via telephone (360) 445-6833 or email: larc@nwlink.com.

This will be a fun and informative day and I look forward to seeing you.

Alice Anderson
LARC President

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES:

➤WA state GAT Chair and AANR Liaison to Public Lands, Steve Hubbard will conduct a workshop on Grassroots Activism.

➤AANR-NW GAT Chair Shirley Gauthier will conduct an interactive workshop on "Does it Matter?" showing simple ways to apply GAT ideals in your everyday life.

➤"It's All About You" workshop providing attendees with the opportunity to ask questions, make comments, suggestions, and bring their expectations to the attention of our GAT representatives.

➤Steve Hubbard and Shirley Gauthier will also share the Statenet and the GAT team process—Why we work on anti-nudity concerns the way we do.

UNCLASSIFIED

For Sale

2004 Pioneer 18 ft Travel Trailer by Fleetwood
Available after April 24, 2008

Well cared for, only 2nd owner – has 3 years of extended platinum transferable service contract. sleeps 6. air conditioning, propane central heating, awning, shower/tub, bathroom sink/vanity separate from bathroom, lots of storage. Clean and comfortable. Contact 360/468-2646. Asking \$9500, OBO

WEDDED BLISS

Wedding Bells rang on Valentines Day for LARC members Jack and Cassandra. As some of you may know, Jack and Cassandra have been enjoying a warm winter in south Texas at Natures Resort, a fellow AANR club and nudist community. Valentines Day was a perfect warm and sunny south Texas day for the Bride and Groom to exchange their wedding vows in the Valentines Day decorated Natures Resort Club-house with over 120 guests in attendance. Their Wedding Reception followed immediately after the ceremony with a delicious Texas BBQ Brisket dinner and a Valentines Day dance. Congratulations and best wishes to Jack and Cassandra on their new life together.



Ladies On a Larc—

It's not just for Ladies anymore!
Everyone is Welcome!



April 26th at 2:00 pm you will find us at the tent, planting pots to beautify the park - come and join us!

May 10th at 2:00 pm we will try to clean the shuffle board deck. Bring cleaning brushes, and garden tools. If anyone out there has expertise on

how to do this properly, let Mary know.
7:00 pm - Bunco in Tent - \$2.00 buy in.

May 17th - Polish shuffle board deck - participate in game after.

June 7th 1:00 pm We will be rebuilding playground area with a sand pit. Please bring shovels and gardening equipment. If we have a large turn out the project will only take maybe an hour.

June 14th 2:00 pm Action games: Volleyball, Boche Ball, Circle Dice game. That night there will be campfire with s'mores, lets try and come up with some scary stories to share at the fire!

If any one wants to see a fun activity happen in the park let me know and we will try and make it happen.

—Mary R

Our sympathies to Joleen G., who's mother passed on Sunday, April 13, 2008

Memorial Services are planned for Sunday,
April 27, 2008 in Marysville

ANSWERS TO THE MOTHER EARTH QUIZ

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Plus one other question:

These Theories are Points of View, TRUE OR FALSE?

a- 8# ;d- L# ;d- 9# ;b- 5# ;a- 4# ;d- 3# ;c- 2# ;d- 1#

EARTH DAY is April 22.

This is a day dedicated to the environmental health of our planet. It is observed in the United States, Canada, and many other countries around the world, with programs designed to educate people about Earth's environment and threats to the environment.

As nudists, we are more "in touch" with our environment than most people. Here is a quiz to check yourself, and see if you are up to "par".

EARTH DAY QUIZ

Our Earth, about 4.65 billion years old, is the third planet from the Sun, and the only planet in our solar system known to support life.

1. Unlike the other planets in our solar system, Earth has the ability to sustain life because of a unique set of characteristics. Which of these life-sustaining features are found on Earth?

- a) An abundance of water.
- b) A protective atmosphere.
- c) Moderate temperatures.
- d) All of the above.

2. The Earth's atmosphere is crucial to sustaining life on Earth. Which of these does NOT describe the Earth's atmosphere:

- a) Helps block radiation from the Sun that would be harmful to life.
- b) Helps moderate Earth's climate by trapping radiation from the Sun that is reflected from Earth's surface.
- c) Is constituted of equal parts nitrogen, oxygen, and carbon dioxide.
- d) Is an important part of a phenomenon known as the water cycle or the hydrologic cycle.

3. Over the past three decades alone, about how much of the world's tropical rain forests have been cleared?

- a) 1 million sq km (400,000 sq mi)
- b) 2.8 million sq km (1.1 million sq mi)
- c) 4.3 million sq km (1.7 million sq mi)
- d) 5 million sq km (2 million sq mi)

4. What is believed to be the primary cause of global warming, the increasing of the average temperature of Earth's atmosphere, oceans, and landmasses?

- a) The burning of fossil fuels, which releases carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.
- b) The deforestation of a significant amount of the world's rain forests.
- c) The amount of methane in the atmosphere more than doubling since the mid-1700s.
- d) Synthetic chemicals, such as chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), that destroy the Earth's ozone layer.

5. What is the name for pollution in which airborne acids-- produced by the creation of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides from the burning of fossil fuels and from certain kinds of manufacturing, fall to Earth?

- a) Greenhouse effect
- b) Acid rain
- c) Chimney air
- d) Toxic snow

6. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), about what percent of the country's lakes, estuaries, and rivers are too polluted for basic uses such as fishing or swimming during all or part of the year:

- a) 7 percent
- b) 15 percent
- c) 22-23 percent
- d) 36-37 percent

7. What parts of the Earth have the most biologically diverse ecosystems, containing 50 to 90 percent of the world's plant and animal species:

- a) Oceans
- b) Deserts
- c) Mountains
- d) Rain forests

8. Which of the following statements regarding the ozone layer is false:

- a) The holes in the ozone layer are found above areas of rain forests and deserts.
- b) Ozone is a pale blue gas with a strong odor that is highly poisonous at ground level.
- c) The ozone layer protects life on Earth from the Sun's harmful rays by absorbing the ultraviolet radiation.
- d) Scientists discovered in the 1970s that chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) released into the atmosphere was a significant threat to the ozone layer.

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art auction featuring a nude portrait of a famous person (most recently the first lady of France). Or How about the promotion of a "NUDE" Jamie Lee Curtis, on the cover of AARP magazine?

And then there's a most unusual phenomenon. After the teen movie star had innocent, though nude pictures of herself posted on the internet, many thought that teens would be more circumspect about their nudity. But instead we have a burgeoning fad of teens taking pictures of themselves in the nude and sending them to their significant others. They know the risks, but are willing to take them anyway!

I believe that this sends a message to the adults that many teens have just simply had enough nonsense about body acceptance, non-acceptance, and fear.

Sure, teens have a natural curiosity and a natural need to rebel, but this seems to go beyond that.

Perhaps the thought that some of us "nudist-elders" have had that the younger generation won't gravitate toward and energize the nudist movement just might be a bit pre-mature.

—Jay Gearon