

ANRL Newsletter



Annual Membership Meeting

The significant event at the Jan 17, 2014 meeting was the election of Dave Graber as President and Bob Proctor as Secretary after both Edward Waller (past President) and Helen Fisher (Past Secretary) stepped down. Other officers are John Frakes (Vice President), Roger Vonland (2nd Vice President) Roe Ostheim (Treasurer) and Ted Hadley (Director.) Look at Dave's and Bob's Bios and photos below.

LIBRARY STATUS

by Dave Graber

We at the Library are making a number of changes as well as carrying on the good projects that have been established in the past.

Magazines: We are continuing the tremendous effort of scanning all the magazines dating back to the early 1930's. Ed Westen has been heading this up with the help of Mark Silverstein, Tom Bergen, Gail Witherspoon and Gary Wright.

Newsletters: Jim Sweeney continues to process all the incoming digital club Newsletters plus scan the printed Newsletters before installing them on Patron Computer.

Database: Bob Proctor has worked very hard trying to make our Database more complete. He has spent many, many hours updating the Database from FileMaker 5 to the FileMaker 13 Relational Database. Patrick Collier, a Volunteer from Raleigh, NC is assisting with updates and corrections to the Club Database.

Librarians: We have several dedicated librarians and library helpers; Edward Waller, Sue Nathan, Helen Fisher, Becky Silverstein, and Lou Cook.

ANRL is celebrating its 35th Anniversary

We were founded September 3, 1979. Our first 35th Anniversary event was an information tent at Cypress Cove's 50th Anniversary Weekend on April 5, 2014. This event was a success. We introduced the Library and then gave Library tours. The picture shows president Dave Graber and treasurer Roe Ostheim at the info table. We are now displaying our new 35th Anniversary banner on the front of the Library.



Treasurer: Roe Ostheim continues doing a great job with financial transactions and records.

Physical Layout: We installed some new shelves and moved many boxes which were on the floor to the shelves. We are reorganizing the library to have all like materials together. This will facilitate finding things. Completion of this process will simplify material inventorying. The long project of inventorying everything in the library is now underway.

Trophies: They have been eliminated after being photographed and placed into a binder with a numbered index of what was written on them. Personal names were removed from several before donating them to a charity to be reused either in part or as a whole.

For Loan: The library is starting to loan books and VCR's to library members for one week periods. We have added a book return box at the Cove office to facilitate returning of the books.

Did You Know: We have started monthly submissions of "Did You Know?" columns which will be published in "The Bulletin" and "eFROG."

Recent Happenings at ANRL

by Bob Proctor

Open House Wine & Cheese Event:

AANR's Mid-Winter Trustee meeting brought a number of AANR dignitaries to the Cove January 25, 2014. We invited them to a Wine & Cheese event at the Library and approximately 45 people attended. It was nice to chat with friends we haven't seen in a long time. We were very happy to accept four monetary donations from: AANR Western Region, AANR East, AANR Northwest and Western Canadian Association For Nude Recreation, Inc.

Pictures to the right:

Bob Dixon, AANR (Western Canada VP) Dave Graber, (ANRL Pres.) Karen Lahey (AANR Northwest Pres.) Linda Otero (AANR Southwest Pres.) Bob Proctor (ANRL Sec.) and Patty Faber (AANR West Pres.)



Publicity: Mark Silverstein's article titled "American Nudist Research Library" appeared in the Winter 2013 33.2 issue of 'N' Magazine. Mark described what goes on at ANRL from his observation point in the Scanning Room. "Preserving Our Nudist History" appeared in the January 2014 issue of The Bulletin on pg. 12. Ashley Beahan sketched out the work of the Library, its challenges, its costs and then gave an open request for new members and volunteers. "Nudist Challenge For A Research Librarian" by Fred Van Nest appeared in the April 2014 issue of The Bulletin on pg. 12. Fred mentioned that ANRL has a huge collection of material but it isn't organized in a way that helps researchers quickly find what they are looking for. ANRL volunteers have computer and Database skills but we lack "Professional Librarian" skills. We are following up with several individuals who responded to the article. Five short blurbs appeared in the "Cypress Cove Newsletter" in 2014.

Library Inventory Project: Inventory of our books is now complete. Database records are now being updated by putting books in correct categories of Archive, For Loan, and Surplus for sale. We have updated suggested donation prices for books that are for sale. Inventory of our DVD and VHS Archive is complete and the Database will soon be updated. Inventory of Bound Volumes will be used to update the magazine Database and then we'll know which magazines are in Bound Volumes.

Copyright Issues: Research of Copyright Laws and regulations is underway. We want to understand the laws and then find ways to release some content to the general public w/o possible copyright problems. Recent purchase of the "Getting Permission" book may show ways of getting permission.

Technical Committee: A new Patron Computer has been installed in the library and is available to patrons to use to view scanned magazines, listen to audio tapes, and view the Who's Who files. ANRL now has a "Fast Internet" with a 20 Mbps link. This is speeding up loading data and backups to remote machines. A lightning strike very near the Library in March knocked out Internet and phone. The Internet and phone were back working again in less than a day but the Patron Computer required a complete rebuild. We have data backups for everything but the rebuild process took a week of hard work. We have recently installed Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) units and the ANRL building is now also protected with an ESD device mounted on the electrical box outside the building.



Database: Database migration from FileMaker 5 to FileMaker 13 is complete. Rather than having a single table in each Database category, we now use a relational Databases with a number of connected tables.

ANRL's Database contains: 600 Books, 208 Audio titles (130 .mp3), 599 DVD & VHS, 353 Who's Who .pdf, 527 Clubs), 485 Legacy Club Folders in .pdf), 1100 Newsletters in .pdf, 2600 Scanned Magazines in .pdf), 5661 Mag 'Legacy' titles), 53 Photograph in .jpg, 667 issues of 'The Bulletin', and the full Membership Database.

While using the Database, you can read the .pdf files, listen to .mp3 files, see Club Web sites and maps of their locations.

Collaboration with AANR:

Art Wilson from the AANR Office in Kissimmee visited ANRL on March 21, 2014 and reviewed our scanning procedures and method of keeping digital data. There is an article on his activities in the May, 2014 issue of "The Bulletin" on page 3. ANRL will continue to work with AANR on this project and we'll be trying to collaborate and share scanned documents

Secretary Activities

by Bob Proctor

Notes and Audio Recordings of Board Meetings have been posted to our Web site. ANRL has refreshed its "Florida Non-Profit Corporation" status and remain as a legal corporation. Our official name is "American Nudist Research Library ®, Inc." Although Database administrator doesn't have to belong to the secretary, I have taken that role and moved the Membership records into the Database. Correspondence with Email in FileMaker simplifies delivery of notices Newsletters and delivery of membership cards.



Maintaining the Web site is an ongoing job and we're asking for help with this. We ask you to read our Web Site and send your feedback and comments.



The Collection

- **Magazines**
- **Books**
- **Video (VHS & DVD)**
- **Audio (Tape & .mp3)**
- **Club Histories**
- **Club Newsletters**
- **Who's Who Folders**
- **Photographs and Slides**
- **Postcards**

Bound Material Scanning Update

by Ed Westen

The scanning of bound materials, magazines and even a few books, continues thanks to the work of Mark, Tom, Gail, Gary and Ed.

More than 2800 magazines have been scanned and processed so far and are available to be read our Patron Computer. Magazines from Australia, Canada, France, Germany and the United States, of course, have been completed and are ready to view. The Library Board has approved the purchase of cameras and lenses to replace the photography equipment components in the scanner as those parts reach the end of their useful lives. The Board has also approved the purchase of updated software but at the current time updates are not needed. We can still use volunteers to help with the scanning effort. Even a few hours a couple of times a month would be appreciated. Please contact the library if you are able to help.

BIG Data in our Digital Project

The Digital Project has been in progress for around ten years. As of now we have scanned over 25% of our magazine collection. Newsletters are being scanned as we get them. All of our digital content has been placed in "Container Fields" of the Database and can now be viewed or listened to while using the Database. The Database is available inside the Library but we're also working on making it available outside the Library with secure servers.

All of a sudden we're dealing with "BIG Data." Working with BIG Data will require bigger and faster computers. Upgrades to our computing tools inside the Library are now in the planning stages.

Many of our volunteers have bigger and faster computers in their homes, both Mac and PC, than what's available inside the Library. The size today's Digital Data is around 140 GB. This does not include Videos in VHS or DVD, The Bulletin, Books, Photos, Post Cards and some other material. A single VHS Video when converted to digital could be several GB in size.

While no exact estimate is available, we're thinking the total size of the digital archive could easily top several TB. It's BIG Data!

ANRL would like to give special thanks to Connie Torres for assisting with Newsletter editing, layout and publishing.

Bio: Dave Graber



My wife and I have been nudists ever since we were married 47 years ago. We became social nudists by first going to nude beaches then to many nudist clubs in the late 1980s. We were members of Whispering Oaks for a

few years then moved to Turtle Lake Nudist Resort both in Michigan where we spend our summers.

Our main home has been at Cypress Cove Nudist Resort in Florida for the last 13 years. We have 3 children, 2 girls and a son; there are 2 grand children. The girls and their families enjoy nudism, but our son excepts it but doesn't practice it much.

I was elected President of the American Nudist Research Library in January of this year. I have used the library for research in the past, but had not been active with the library before becoming president.

My Past Activities are:

- I have been Government Affairs Chair for ANAR Midwest and AANR.
- President of the Cypress Cove Yacht Club for over 6 years.
- Licensed handy man at Cypress Cove for 10 years retired at the end of 2013.
- Licensed general contractor in Michigan for 10 years until 2012.
- Senior Experimental Engineer at GM/Delphi for 25 years retired in 2001. During that time I received 2 Boss Kettering Engineering awards, which are GM's highest engineering awards and Delphi's Presidential Award. I hold 18 patents and have written 2 defensive publications.

Because of working as the project manager, I became adept at being able to work with and encourage talented people to work together to turn out some very good projects. This is one of my strongest attributes as well as having good organizational skills.

Bio: Bob Proctor



Bob grew up on a dairy farm in southern Wisconsin, attended a technical college in Chicago, worked at Bell Telephone Labs in NJ, then joined the US Navy. He then graduated with a BSEE/CS from Newark College of Engineering in Newark, NJ. Bob and his

wife Mitzi now live at Cypress Cove full-time and before that they were "Snow Birds" for four years. His son and wife live in Tampa with three grand children. Bob retired from IBM in Burlington, VT after 36 years. With a solid background in computer technology, he now has five Mac computers and a huge data farm. He founded the Cove Apple Club over 8 years ago. He has written many perl programs while doing ANRL work. Past hobbies include home brewing, building a huge beer bottle collection and flying private airplanes. He enjoys learning and keeping current in computer technology, and creating video production of shows of the Cove Players. He has known and worked with many people in the nudist community for the past 35 years. Accomplishments at ANRL over the last two years include Web site re-design, bringing in hi-speed Internet, modernizing Email, and Database redesign. Bob is now serving as ANRL's Secretary and chairman of the Technical Committee.



Library Membership

- > **Become a Member: \$20/year**
- > **Become a Life Member: \$500**
- > **Membership Benefits**
 - Help Preserve our Nudist History
 - Borrow Books and Videos
 - 20% Discount on Surplus Items
 - Receive the Semi-Annual Newsletter
 - Participate at Annual Meetings

Come visit the Library!
Read our Web site!

Consider volunteering while at the Cove or from your home.

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