



# ANRL NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

It's hard to believe we're already more than halfway through 2013 and that it's been six months since I last reported to you.

On February 28<sup>th</sup> we had the pleasure of enjoying another benefit concert by the exceptionally talented Armand and Angelina. The concert, which was held at Cypress Cove's Lakeside Restaurant, was well attended and a big hit as usual with the entire audience. The profits from the concert were donated to the American Nudist Research Library. We hope to have them back again next year if their schedule allows, so please check the ANRL's web site later this year.

The digital scanning project is making steady progress. At last count, we had scanned over 65,000 pages of magazines ranging from the earliest nudist periodicals from the 1930's up to the 60's. A great amount of thanks is due to both Ed Westen and Mark Silverstein who have spent a great amount of time to the project and I greatly appreciate their time and effort.

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## Scanning Project

Our scanning project has reached the scanned mark of 65,000 pages. That represents only a small part of our magazine collection so work continues. Club newsletters have also been scanned and as that material is organized it will be available to patrons for study in the future.

As we work on scanning magazines that were short-lived we are finding many gaps in our collection. We may have only a few different issues of a magazine that had a short publishing history and would like to find members and friends who might have issues of those magazines in their collections that we are missing. At some point we would like to borrow them to scan.

Some say that Florida is too hot in the summer and travel to the north is preferable. I am one of those people and am currently in Wisconsin. I understand that a friend of ours in Kissimmee saw a dog chasing a cat last week and they we're both walking! Now that's hot! Until we return, sit in the shade and sip cool drinks.

Ed Westen, Scanning Volunteer

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If you are planning to visit the Library and would like to help scan some materials, even if just for a day, we would be glad to show you how to operate the equipment. It's not as difficult as you would think.

Thank you again for your support. The Library would not exist without its members and your generosity and faith in its purpose,  
Yours, EDWARD WALLER, President ANRL

## Newsletters

This year has been a very active time for the efforts in establishing a system to enable easier access to the newsletters which have been digitized in the past. Our archive now contains newsletters from more than 300 Nudist clubs and organizations, much of which was done without a good way to access them. Thanks to the efforts of Bob Proctor, these records were all reviewed and put into a form which makes them much easier to view as well as search.

We continue to acquire current newsletters from about 20 clubs using internet access and snail mail. Is your club represented? If not, we want to be added to your mailing list. We prefer using email to [newsletter@anrl.org](mailto:newsletter@anrl.org) or mail to 2950 Sun Cove Drive, Kissimmee, FL 34746. Please contact us at the above address if you have any questions or suggestions.

JIM SWEENEY, Digital Project

## Notes from a Part Timer

Imagine rows of shelves filled with decades of bound nudist magazines. Add to this, volumes of newsletters from clubs all over the country. Toss in rows of both fiction and non-fiction nudist books, and then sprinkle it all with audio and video nudist recordings. Mix well and you have the American Nudist Research Library right here in Kissimmee, Florida.

Becky and I volunteer our time at the library. My job is to photograph library content so that it can be digitized and preserved. Sitting in my camera corner, I get to hear a lot about what goes on in the nudist research library.

On any given day, you never know what requests the library will receive. For instance, a couple of weeks ago the Library received a phone call from a film producer wanting a copy of a letter he had sent to a nudist magazine over 10 years ago. Becky was able to find the magazine; we digitized the page and e-mailed it to him. He has since called back for further research help.

We see many people, some are researchers, come into the Library for various reasons. Some find pictures of themselves in past volumes, learn about naturist history and various publications.

The library is an independent entity and resides on the grounds of Cypress Cove.

MARK SILVERSTEIN, Part Time Scanner

## ANRL

### Technical Committee

I have been volunteering at the Library since Sept. 2012 and since then I've been involved in a number of projects. Most recently I have taken over "Membership" which involves keeping track of members, sending yearly renewal reminders, processing renewals and updating membership cards. More important than that, I am working on ways to increase membership and enhance membership incentives.

I am chairman of ANRL's Technical Committee. Accomplishments include:

(1) Moved "<http://anrl.org>" web site to a modern ISP. (2) Re-wrote the web page in Drupal 7. (3) Wrote ANRL's "Local-Web-Page" to display .pdf files from scanned documents and play .mp3 from cassette tapes. (4) Purchased FileMaker Pro 12 (FM-12) and learned how to use it. FM-12 is significantly more modern and powerful than FM-5, which is around 10 years old. This is a big step forward into modernization of the Library's database. (5) Used FM-12 data to show Library's surplus and archived books, magazines and cassette tapes on our web page. (6) Sorted and removed duplicate files in the archive of scanned documents from "Club Folders" and "Who's Who" archives. (7) Installed UPS protection devices on the Library's computers... (8) Installed "Crash plan" to continuously backup the Library's computers. (9) Started two new volunteers (Patrick Collier and Johan

Wiggers) on projects related to updates to the digital database.

(10) I'm now making plans to build a secure Kiosk for the use of visitors for viewing digital data when they visit the Library.

More important to me than the technical work is my "Library Building Initiatives" which include: (1) Bringing the Library into the Digital Age to enable researchers to answer their research questions with computer searches. This involves using modern computer hardware and software to access our ever expanding archive of scanned and OCR'd documents. (2) Finding new ways to exploit and promote the Library and increase its visibility. (3) Finding a way to share our Library in a secure way with other similar Libraries. (4) Updating Operating Procedures for release of Digital Data. (5) Defining advantages for being a Library Member to increase membership. (6) Finding ways to get and keep new Library volunteers. While lots of work has been done, we still have lots to do.

**BOB PROCTOR -Technical Committee**

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## ANRL CURRENT OFFICER

### VOLUNTEERS

President.....Edward Waller  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Press.....John Frakes  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Press.....Roger Vonland  
Secretary.....Helen Fisher  
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