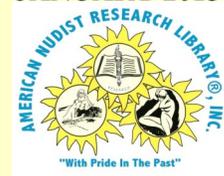


ANRL Newsletter



Pictured here are Bob, Fred, Roe, Connie, Jim, Dave, Lou, Sue and Gail

Nov 2, 2014 Block Party at ANRL

Cypress Cove's monthly Resident's Block Party was open to everyone, hosted by ANRL and was held in the grassy area between the library and pool. ANRL provided wine and beer to more than 70 attendees. While mingling, socializing and enjoying the food and drinks, visitors were invited to tour the library. Many were first time visitors. By the end of the day, two people offered to volunteer and several signed up for membership. There was no agenda at this fun event except to socialize by the pool and enjoy the afternoon.

A personal view of research at ANRL by Howard A.

Wallace, Life Member #4142 Recently I had opportunity to spend eleven pleasant afternoons at the ANRL researching the early days of Indiana nudist clubs in the 1930's and 1940's. For this research, I rely heavily upon bound volumes of early magazines. In my experience, these magazines are the primary source for information from within the clubs during their formative years. A caution, however, is that sometimes those persons reporting progress of their clubs were somewhat premature, overly optimistic, or even prone to exaggeration. As might be expected, club shortcomings or failures seldom were reported. Because of the lead time between writing a report and its publication, circumstances relative to a club (such as closure, relocation, facilities, or contact information) sometimes changed before the information reached magazine readers. (If a club or camp met its end as a result of local authorities or community action, that likely was published in local newspapers, not necessarily in the nudist publications.) The ANRL's ongoing project of digitizing all their magazines is making the process of searching for information in the magazines more efficient. Another source in the library for information on early clubs, and leaders or key persons in the nudist movement as well, is the collection of files maintained by the library. These files may include magazine or newspaper articles, correspondence, club records, club histories, brochures, other documents, and/or photographs. Other researchers may find the wall of books on nudism and related subject matter to be of use in their studies. The library also has videos, binders full of club newsletters, scrapbooks, photograph and postcard collections, and other nudist memorabilia. Pleasant, helpful volunteers serve the library during its open hours. They welcome visitors, assist in library orientation, help locate materials, instruct in the operation of computer and video equipment, and can make copies of some material if needed. One challenge about researching in the ANRL, however, is that of being distracted from your primary research topic by other interesting subjects and material you come across.

Circulating We are excited to announce that ANRL now lends Books and Videos to members in good standing. We have three categories for our material: **Archive** is for the best copy, **Circulating** is for the next two copies (viewable in the library and lendable to members) and **Surplus** is for material available to anyone for a donation to the library. Our video collection has been enhanced recently with all past performances of the Cypress Cove Players which have been so popular since 1992. Copies of these videos are in the circulating category.

Election of Officers

Elected at ANRL's Jan 16, 2015 Membership Meeting:
President Dave Graber, **Vice President** Edward Waller,
2nd Vice President Roger Vonland, **Secretary** Bob Proctor, **Treasurer** Roe Ostheim, **Director** Ted Hadley

Expanded hours of operation ANRL is pleased to announce that it is now open 5 days a week, Tue-Sat, from 1 - 4 PM. Special hours can be arranged if volunteers are available. Although we're open 5 days a week and we're letting members borrow books and videos, the number of library visitors per month is still too low. We're trying to find ways to fix that.

Database News Our FileMaker 13 DB continues to grow and reflect material in the library. Reports which link data from several tables can easily be posted to our Web site. Inventories have been incorporated into the DB (except for magazine inventory) and reports are now on the Web site. The White book for Videos was produced from the DB. A similar White Book will be made for the book archive.

2014 Holiday Dinner Our Holiday dinner was well attended with 22 volunteers and spouses. The main course was provided by chefs at Cypress Cove and side dishes that everyone brought rounded out the menu. It was a nice social event with some special awards presented but no speeches! Everyone joined in as Becky led the group in “Florida Wonderland”, a special Holiday song.



**Pictured above are our active volunteers who attended the dinner:
Connie, Sue, Lou, Becky, Roe, Ed, Tom, Dave, Edward, Terry, Bob, Helen and Mark.**

Video Project *Bob Proctor*

ANRL was asked by Fred Van Nest to consider filming the Feb 2015 AANR Trustee Meeting in the Clubhouse of Cypress Cove. The challenge was to use two video cameras, edit camera angles into a single video and then publish the video on ANRL's web site in a secure way. A snag came up from AANR with issues of access control, legal and editing and the project was eventually shelved. Above and beyond those three issues, there were mind-bending logistical and technical issues of delivering an 8-hour video. Progress has been made and although the effort would require a huge effort, we surely could have done it. ANRL has access to three modern HD 1080 video cameras, Final Cut Pro X for Mac and Compressor for Mac. The CPU intensive jobs of compressing videos can be speeded up by using five shared Mac computers. While this sounds easy, data management is a big deal (huge data) and the time required to produce an 8-hour video would also be huge. Several video hosting solutions include: Vimeo, YouTube and Dropbox. Hosting on ANRL's Web site is not an option. The most promising of these options is Dropbox Pro.

The cost for this is \$10/month for up to 1 TB of storage. Access control could be managed on a per user basis for both viewing and sharing. Sharing would be totally outside the ANRL Web site. While both Vimeo and YouTube have been investigated, there are unsolved issues of delivering videos with links inside ANRL's Web site and controlling access. Many other video hosting solutions are available and are yet to be investigated. A quick workflow would be to separate the meeting segments into Final Cut Pro X projects and then output each to a Master File. Although, no editing would take place other than flipping between camera angles, there would always be an opportunity to edit out some footage. The Master File could be sent directly to Dropbox Pro and placed in a shared folder for all subscribers to view. Video compression could be done to shrink the videos after initial release. Once optimized, the videos could be written to DVD or Blu-ray for ANRL's archives. Smaller video files could replace the large files on Dropbox Pro. Having gained this level of expertise in producing and delivering video, ANRL is now in a position to videotape interviews with prominent individuals.

Collection Stats: Newsletters 1024 PDF files from 84 clubs. **Books** 617, 131 guide, 178 circulating, and 35 in surplus. **Audio Tapes** 120. **Magazines** over 4,500 scanned, over 1000 titles in surplus. **Videos** 673, 568 VHS, 495 DVD, 117 Circulating and over 100 in surplus.



Book Circulating Archive

Inventory Ed Westen Book and Video inventories are complete and are in our DB. The magazine inventory of our US collection is nearly complete. It is organized by name, number, year and month and then the number of issues in archive, bound, scanned and surplus collections. We are proceeding country by country in our foreign magazine collection. Australian, Canadian, French and Italian magazines are mostly finished and British, German, Dutch, and other countries will be completed next. The Foreign collection may be larger than our US collection. Many thanks to Lou, Terry, Becky, Sue and Dave who are working on the inventory team. We plan to merge inventory results to the legacy magazine DB at some point.

Volunteer Positions Open at ANRL ANRL offers many opportunities for exciting and creative volunteer positions. Are you ready to step up to the challenge? Some of our volunteers are hard at work while others may be wondering What needs to be done. If this applies to you or someone you know, then take a look at some possibilities. We need a Research Librarian, Graphic Artist, Web Designer, DB designer, Photographer, Videographer, Editor, Author, Public Relations Coordinator, Club Coordinator, Membership Incentive Coordinator, Researcher, Scanner of Photographs & Postcards, scanner of special interest files, someone to review and catalog our DVD and VHS collection, someone to copy VHS to DVD and more. If you are interested but don't have the skills, then we can help with training. We continue to find difficult tasks and then teach ourselves how to accomplish those tasks. We can help you find interesting and fun positions while you are at the library, at home or even thousands of miles away.



Video Circulating Archive

Tech Committee *Bob Proctor*

Conversion from VHS to DVD ANRL purchased a VHS/DVD recorder and has used it to convert around 75 VHS tapes to DVD. A project is underway to convert all VHS to DVD as we have around 80 VHS that need conversion. Some DVDs do not play because they were recorded onto CDs! Others are unreadable for unknown reasons. We purchased Final Cut Pro X and Compressor for videos and those programs, both for Mac, and they will be available in the library. Our digital data continues to grow and we're looking for a safe place to keep it. One great solution to that is Dropbox Pro. We are working on setting that up and consolidating all of our digital data: scanned documents, audio files, and some videos. This solution will allow secure sharing with certain trusted individuals and organizations. All of ANRL's office files are in Dropbox now and are shared by our secretarial staff.



Book Archive

THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Bio: Dave Graber

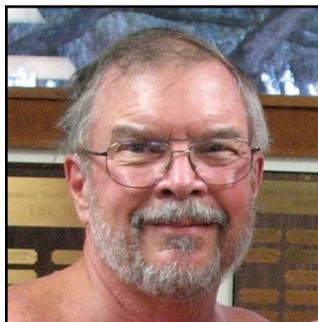


The ANRL has made changes this year . We have taken on many projects. The library has been advancing in our Digitization of bound material including newsletters and the Inventory of the whole library is well on its way. We want to re-

view old digitized files to improve recovery for easy Access on our patron computer. Then add our photos, post cards, and files of Data on clubs and key people in the nudist world that isn’t digitized. This is a project that will continue over the next several years. We plan to continue to grow. We are considering doing Video interviews with key members in the nudist community. The Library represents a lot of the nudist activity around the Americas having material from all over the world; however, we want to get more of the areas that we don’t represent. ANRL is not connected to any club or organization, even though it is located at Cypress Cove Nudist resort, we strive to cover all organizations in the Americas. We believe we are the largest nudist library in the world, but there are still a lot of material that we don’t have. If you have nudist material including newsletters from AANR the Naturist or any other nudist organization we would like to hear from you. We are digitizing the material we have and some day we hope to be able to share some of it with other organizations and universities. This sharing has to be done judiciously as not to break any copyright laws. ANRL has people coming to do research from many countries outside of the US and Canada. The library operates on dues from members and donations to the library. We can use any support physically helping with projects and monetarily to keep the doors open and to pay for some of the equipment we need to do some of our projects.

THE SECRETARY SPEAKS

Bio: Bob Proctor



ANRL celebrated it’s 35th Anniversary this year. Both our Logo and Banner show “35th Anniversary” and both will be redesigned for the new year. Recent work items have been membership, Database (DB) updates, web site updates, re-write of Standard Operating Practices (SOP),

correspondence and writing publicity articles. We now have procedures for controlling the videos and books that we lend to members. We are working with AANR to share both our DB expertise and Video archives. Three areas in which I’m needing help are updates to our web site’s content, keeping the web site healthy with security updates and DB maintenance. Each involves some technical training. I need a backup in each area to keep the library working in the event that I can no longer do that. Looking Ahead to 2015 Challenges include opening the library web site in a secure way, publicizing ANRL, adding interesting material to the web site, partnering with academic institutions and developing and using the talents of our volunteers. ANRL needs a few good volunteers with vision and technical skills to help us move ahead.

New Initiatives at ANRL ANRL's "Who's Who" archive has 532 folders of well known and prominent figures of the nudist community. The folders were scanned around ten years ago and since then more material has been added, but not scanned. We will be re-scanning those folders. Since no new folders have been added recently, we are looking for candidates and supporting material to expand our collection. We're looking for a volunteer who will step up and own this time consuming activity. The second initiative is related to the first and is making video interviews of well known and prominent figures of the nudist community. We have the technology and knowhow so all we need to do is schedule filming dates and roll the camera. We already have one video interview and it's on the ANRL Web site.

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