

# MEET-UP SCNA NEWSLETTER

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## SCNA EVENTS IN APRIL 2013

### Saturday April 20, Noon - 7:00 PM

Annual Earth Day Tree Planting and Party, Deer Park, Devore

### Sunday April 21, 9:30 AM

Annual 5K Bare Burro Run, Olive Dell Ranch, Colton

### Monthly Meet-up Dinner Meetings

Tuesday, April 9, 6:45 – 8:30 PM, Van Nuys

Friday, April 12, 6:45 – 8:30 PM, Ventura

Monday April 15, 6:45 – 8:30 PM, Pasadena

Wednesday, April 24, 6:45 – 8:30 PM, Torrance

## SCNA EVENTS IN MAY 2013

### Saturday May 11, Noon – 7pm

Viva SCNA Jacuzzi Party, Westchester

### Saturday May 18, Noon – 7pm

Huntington Library, San Marino

### May 25-26-27

Pirates Weekend, Olive Dell Ranch, Colton

### Monthly Meet-up Dinner Meetings

Friday, May 10, 6:45 – 9:00 PM Ventura

Tuesday, May 14, 6:45 – 8:30 PM, Van Nuys

Monday May 20, 6:45 – 8:30 PM, Pasadena

Wednesday, May 22, 6:45 – 8:30 PM, Torrance

## SCNA WORKING ON SOME NEW ACTIVITY IDEAS FOR SUMMER

Thanks again to all of you who suggested new activities on your January Members Survey. The SCNA Board has been hard at work exploring the best of the ideas and we wanted to report our progress.

First, we have a lead on an **Art Museum** that has asked us if we would like to stage a nude viewing of their nude exhibit. Nudists looking at nude art is not a new idea but this may be a first for Los Angeles.

Second, while hunting for a new restaurant location to host our monthly meetup dinners in West L.A., we may have found one that will allow the club to rent it out mid-week to host a **nude dinner** there. There is a restaurant in New York which does this regularly but we have never heard of this happening in Southern California. We'll let you know if we can get it.

The annual **World Naked Bike Ride** in Los Angeles will occur Saturday June 8. Unlike last year, there will be no official sponsors, so persons interested should sign up at the WNBR Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/353542894705980/?fref=ts>.

Coming on July 13 is another **World Skinny Dip** event, co-sponsored by AANR and The Naturist Society. We will try for a record number people skinny dipping in the ocean, pool, or hot tub at the same moment local time.

In August, SCNA will be hosting our second annual **Nude Olympics Day** at Deer Park. SCNA will be attending both the **AANR conventions** at DeAnza Springs, and the **TNS Western Gathering** at Lupin that month. Also this summer we will return to the **Zorthian Ranch** above Altadena. We are also in the process of confirming another of our periodic **Nude Bowling** days in Montrose. It is going to be a busy summer!

There also seems more interest this year in **nude hiking** so we are working with the local Young Naturists chapter, Camping Bares, and to NitOC club to schedule them more frequently and along new trails.

Last, we have confirmed a new **party house with a pool** in the west San Fernando Valley. Homes with pools are a very precious commodity so if you know of anyone willing to let SCNA use it for a Saturday or Sunday afternoon please contact the SCNA club office at (818) 225-2273.



HAPPY APRIL FOOL'S DAY!

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## ST PATRICK'S PARTY BREAKS BAD WEATHER CURSE

Our annual Think Green Jacuzzi party in Altadena has had a terrible reputation in years past for rain, lightning, hail, and even snow once. Not this year. The weather was gorgeously warm and sunny and, well, just perfect.

About three dozen members and guests enjoyed an afternoon on the front porch and lawn, having great conversations, and starting on their 2013 tans. Cynthia set up a horseshoe toss, and several people took advantage of pitching across the lawn.

In the back yard, the Jacuzzi was in use well into the early evening. In the living room, Rolf put on one of those vintage "nudie" movies from the 1950's with the big-breasted women playing volleyball in high heels. It was quite funny to watch.

Several people came dressed in green. David looked dapper in his top hat and green vest, although with the weather so nice, nobody's clothes stayed on for very long.

Inside, the pot luck table provided an afternoon of snacks kept us well fed before Rolf and Cynthia produced the corned beef and cabbage dinner about 5pm. Members contributed cooked potatoes, corn, green beans, rolls, and other side dishes – plus a table's worth of cookies, cakes, and pies!

Thanks for hosting a delightful day, Rolf and Cynthia!



## LOCALS PEDAL THROUGH A NAKED BIKE RIDE IN SF

*Includes passages written by Leif Heilberg first published in the Frisky Banner, the monthly newsletter of the Bay Area Naturists. Viking Photo. Both reprinted with permission.*

Shortly before noon on Saturday, March 9, a group of nude and semi-nude bike riders took a few minutes to ride around Justin Herman Plaza in the heart of San Francisco. The reason was to ride in solidarity with other naked bike rides being held across the Southern Hemisphere on the same day (the northern hemisphere celebrates World Naked Bike Ride in June). There also was some in-your-face attitude toward the Board of Supervisors after the recent ban on nudity in the city.

By the time the hour-long event was over, perhaps a total of 80 bikers participated adorned with bubble pack, latex body paint, very sheer garments, drapes, and anything else to avoid the totally nude definition of the new city ordinance, with another 100+ pedestrians armed with cameras looking on. News radio 810 repeatedly announced what was happening at the Plaza, and that helped attract even more onlookers, including a policeman who wanted to pin down who was the organizer of the event. Of course there was no one in charge (this is San Francisco, after all), so he soon left, perhaps a little frustrated.

After that some of the worn garments started to be removed. Some of the top-free women, being both lively and spirited, assisted others with their body painting and happily posed for pictures. Close to 1PM, the bicyclists made a few rounds of the Plaza and then left for Embarcadero before heading home. It really was a fun experience! They will do it again in June to celebrate WNBR with the Northern Hemisphere.

## BARE TO BREAKERS MAY 19

The annual Bare to Breakers 5K Run through San Francisco is scheduled for Sunday, May 19, 2013.

This time, it is totally legal! (A little perk from the city's newly-enacted anti-nudity ordinance makes an exception for permitted events like Bay to Breakers.)

Registration is required for Bay to Breakers runners. See their web site <http://baytobreakers.com/> to complete the on-line registration form. Advance registration is no longer needed to run nude, however, it is still a good idea to visit the BARE TO BREAKERS web site <http://baretobreakers.com/> to read and understand everything on it before you race/walk/whatever.



## SUNDAY, APRIL 21, Check-in: 8:00AM ANNUAL 5K BARE BURRO RUN

**LOCATION: OLIVE DELL  
NUDIST RANCH, COLTON**

Olive Dell Nudist Park is hosting its annual nude 5k "Bare Burro Run," open to all who wish to

participate. Your SCNA card gets you into the park so you can cheer on those energetic enough to run the developed course through the back hills. More FAQ about the event:

- Check-in starts at 8:00 AM, with the race beginning about 10:30 AM.
- If you wish to participate in the race you must register with Olive Dell at [www.olivedellranch.com/bburro.htm](http://www.olivedellranch.com/bburro.htm)
- Dress code for the race: The actual race is run nude except for socks and gym shoes. Women may wear a sports bra. Be sure to bring a towel in case you want to wipe off or sit down.
- A group of walkers will also participate in case you prefer to walk the course instead of run.
- Spouses and partners may watch and won't be required to get nude to do so (unless they decide to stay the rest of the day after the race).

There may be some "birdhouse" cabins at Olive Dell available for the night before the race. To reserve a cabin, call Bobby at Olive Dell at (909) 825-6619.



## OTHER NUDE NEWS

### SOME CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS SHOULD GO TO LOCAL AGENCIES, STUDY INDICATES

03/26/13 -- The *Sacramento Bee* reported that a study released by the Little Hoover Commission recommends California should consider giving up some of its state parks and turn them over to local agencies permanently. The 120-page report is the result of a year-long investigation that started before financial scandals emerged in July 2012 at the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

Among other things, department leaders were found to be hiding \$20 million even as they moved to close 70 of the 278 state parks because of state budget cuts. Numerous other government agencies have probed these events.

The 13-member Little Hoover Commission, appointed by the governor and Legislature, chose to focus on long-term survival of the state parks system, the largest in the nation.

The most controversial of six recommendations calls for appointing an advisory council to decide which parks have "statewide significance" and which serve more regional or local needs. Those in the latter category, the study says, should be transferred to local agencies.

The commission found that the parks department is burdened by an obsolete management structure; it can't raise enough money from visitor fees to replace cuts in state funding; and land acquisition over the last two decades has overwhelmed maintenance budgets.

Carolyn Schoff, president of the California League of Park Associations, said she was pleased by the study overall, but the idea of eliminating parks will be difficult for many supporters to accept. "Certainly we want to keep our park system intact," she said.

In a related recommendation, the commission urges the governor and Legislature to commit to a consistent level of general fund support for parks, and to allow parks to keep more of the money they generate locally. Park superintendents have been reluctant to try innovations that would boost revenue because they knew the money would not help their park but would end up in Sacramento.

The commission also recommends that state parks should add a new job classification of "**park manager**." This would allow employees other than park rangers, who must have peace officer training, to oversee a park.

**Currently, only park rangers with peace officer training can rise to the position of park superintendent.** This increases training costs for the department and may exclude park employees with special skills, such as historians and archeologists, from supervising parks.

The commission acknowledged that the parks department does **not have enough park rangers to ensure the safety of visitors** and staff, and to fulfill the park ranger's classic role of educating visitors about nature and history.

But instead of simply hiring more rangers, the study urges the state to launch an independent review of crime trends in the parks. This would reveal the most pressing law enforcement problems so rangers can be hired and deployed appropriately.

State parks spokesman Roy Stearns said the study accurately reflects many challenges the department has struggled with in recent years. He said the agency is open to looking at divesting some of the parks, and supports creating the new "park manager" job classification.

"This validates all that I've seen in the first four months that I've been here and want to work on," said state parks director Anthony Jackson, who was appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown in November.

Tim Mullin, AANR's Government Affairs Chair, said he agreed with the report's conclusion that the state park rangers need civilian oversight. "That is the united message we nudists/naturists have been telling them for years. We are willing to provide direction and assistance with our parks if they will let us."

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### WISCONSIN CLOSES MAZO NUDE BEACH ON WEEKDAYS, CITING "SEX AND DRUGS"

03/19/13 - Wisconsin authorities announced Tuesday they will shut down one of nation's most popular nude beaches on weekdays after struggling for years to "curtail sex and drugs on the sandbar" and surrounding woods.

In response, the state Department of Natural Resources announced it will close the beach and the surrounding woods to the public on weekdays, when wardens say troublemakers tend to operate unseen. The closures begin immediately. The area will remain open on weekends.

Nudists from around the country have been traveling to the public beach on the Wisconsin River near Mazomanie, about 25 miles northwest of Madison, for decades. The DNR estimates as many as 70,000 people, some from as far away as Florida, have visited the beach some summers. But state officials allege visitors aren't just stripping down, they've also been slipping off into the woods for trysts and drugs.

Bob Morton, executive director of the Austin, Tex.-based Naturist Action Committee, criticized the DNR for not consulting with beachgoers before closing the area.

"Honestly, we're on their side when it comes to enforcing things that are lewd and lascivious," Morton said. "There's something to be said about consulting the users of the place. There's got to be more to this somewhere."

Nate Kroeplin, who supervises DNR law enforcement in Dane County, said wardens reviewed data on citations and determined most violations happen on weekdays, when fewer people are around to police each other's behavior. Of the 92 citations wardens issued for disorderly conduct or drugs in the beach area between 2008 and 2012, 83 were given on weekdays, he said.

*[70,000 visitors each summer and only 92 citations over five years? We suspect something else is going on here. – Ed.]*

## ON-GOING ACTIVITIES: SCNA MONTHLY MEET-UP

NOW AVAILABLE MONDAYS THROUGH FRIDAYS! Open to members, non-members, and first-timers! Topics range from personal experiences to current club info and news events affecting local beaches, nudist parks, or the naturist movement in general. Find us on-line at: <http://www.meetup.com/nature-519/>



This meeting is a great first-step for non-nudists who are curious and have questions about naturism, and it is a required orientation before non-members are invited (on a space-available basis) to attend one of our regular monthly pool parties. Meals are “Dutch treat” at a local restaurant, so obviously this is a clothed event. We have reserved rooms or separate areas at all locations. Your RSVP is not necessary, but appreciated: call (818) 225-2273.

### **TUESDAYS: SAN FERNANDO VALLEY**

Always the second Tuesday of each month, all year ‘round!

**June 11 and July 9, 6:45pm – 8:30 PM**

Location: Denny's (separated rear section on left side of restaurant) 16575 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, CA, 91406

Directions: In the San Fernando Valley, take 405 freeway to Sherman Way off ramp. Go West on Sherman Way approx. 2 miles thru the airport tunnel to just past Havenhurst Ave. Restaurant is on the north side of the street.

### **MONDAYS: PASADENA-GLENDALE**

Always the third Monday of each month.

**June 17 and July 15, 6:45PM - 8:30 PM**

Location: Coco's Restaurant, 77 N Lake Ave Pasadena, CA 91105

Directions: Take the Lake Ave off-ramp from the 210 freeway and go south about a block. Restaurant is on the right (west) side of the street. We are usually in the semi-private banquet room in the back of the restaurant. (Ask for “SCNA” at the front counter in case the meeting room has been changed.)

### **WEDNESDAYS: SOUTH BAY/TORRANCE**

Always the fourth Wednesday of each month.

**June 26 and July 24, 6:45PM to 8:30PM**

Location: Coco's Restaurant (left-rear section of restaurant) 18120 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, 90504

Directions: Northeast corner of Hawthorne and 182nd St. We'll be in the semi-private Banquet room to the right of the front entrance. (Ask for “SCNA Meetup” at the front counter if you can't find us.)

### **FRIDAYS: VENTURA/SANTA BARBARA**

Always the second Friday of each month, April through September only.

**June 14 and July 12, 6:45 – 8:30 PM**

Location: Main Street Restaurant & Steak House, 3159 East Main Street Ventura, CA 93003

Directions: 1 block west of the Pacific View Mall shopping center, north side of street just NW of the 126 Fwy and 101 Fwy interchange (take the Main St off ramp). (“Coffee shop” food.)

### **TUESDAYS: CARPINTERIA**

Always the third Tuesday of each month.

**June 18 and July 16, 6:45pm – 8:30 PM**

Location: Best Western Carpinteria Inn at 4558 Carpinteria Ave, Carpinteria 93013.

Directions: **From Los Angeles** take the 101 Fwy to Casitas Pass Rd, left to Carpinteria Ave, turn right. Hotel is 3 long blocks on the right.

**From Santa Barbara:** Exit Carpinteria Ave. Hotel is one long block on the left.

Meeting is on the **second floor**, turn right from the elevator.

## NUDE YOGA CLASS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL AND MAY



**CANOGA PARK,  
SATURDAY, JULY 20 and AUG 10,  
2013  
10AM – 11AM, \$15 PER PERSON  
MAXIMUM 20 STUDENTS**

This is an hour long class of nude stretching and beginning yoga at a studio in Canoga Park. A minimum of 5 participants are needed, and a maximum of 20 will be allowed. 60-min class.

**CULVER CITY,  
MONDAY, JUNE 24 and JULY 22, 2103  
8PM – 9:30 PM (90 MIN.), \$15 PER PERSON MAXIMUM 6  
STUDENTS**

This Level 1 yoga class for beginners will take place at a small private studio near Culver and Centinela Blvd. and will be taught by an experienced yoga teacher. We need a minimum of 3 students to a maximum of 6 students per class.

For all classes you must RSVP to (818) 225-2273 no later than the Thursday before. Pre-pay using the SCNA PayPal, using the link on our web site at [WWW.SOCALNATURIST.ORG/CALENDAR/YOGA.HTML](http://WWW.SOCALNATURIST.ORG/CALENDAR/YOGA.HTML).

## ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER...

This Meetup Newsletter is a smaller, abbreviated version of our full Newsletter sent monthly to all SCNA Participating Members and Friends of SCNA subscribers. The longer version contains several additional feature articles and photos from our nudist parties. Our full newsletter has won numerous awards over the years from the American Association for Nude Recreation (AANR).

The full newsletter is just one of the many benefits you will receive by becoming a **Participating Member** of the SCNA. (Other benefits include an admission discount at most all SCNA parties and local resorts.) In addition, SCNA Participating Members may apply for a joint memberships at local resorts for a deeply discounted rate.

SCNA also offers a discounted rate to join AANR, and/or The Nurtist Society (TNS), if you wish.

Please join us at one of our monthly Meetups to meet other members and have your other questions answered.

More info is available at [www.socalnurtist.org](http://www.socalnurtist.org) or by calling (818) 225-2273.

## SCNA SCREENING POLICY FOR NON-MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Non-members may be invited to the party only by SCNA members, who are responsible for the actions of their guests.

**We request that all potential party guests first attend one our Meet-up dinners** (above) so we might get to know them better before they attend their first SCNA party.

Because we provide a safe, family-friendly environment at our activities, SCNA reserves the right to screen any or all non-member guests through the Megan's Law national database before the event.

## HOW TO RSVP AND PAY FOR SCNA PARTIES AND ACTIVITIES

To encourage payment in advance, we have instituted a \$5 surcharge for people who reserve during the last 48 hours because in the past too many people RSVP without paying and then just don't show up after we buy the party supplies.

Payments by cash or check are accepted, but we prefer you pay by credit card through our on-line PayPal (you don't need a Pay Pal account yourself to use ours). We accept MasterCard, VISA, Discover, and American Express through our Pay Pal system.

Party **cancellations are also accepted no later than 48 hours before the start of the event** because that is when we buy the party supplies and food. No Refunds are given after that deadline. Thank you for understanding.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF BECOMING AN SCNA PAID PARTICIPATING MEMBER

Frankly, Meetup members (who pay nothing to read our web site) miss out on most of the fun stuff. Here are some of the things a paid membership brings to you:

### 1. Your SCNA card gets you into these local nudist resorts:

- Deer Park Nudist Resort, Devore
- Olive Dell Ranch, Colton
- Glen Eden Sun Club, Corona (on the monthly "Travel Club Day")
- Lupin Lodge, Los Gatos
- De Anza Springs Resort, Jacumba
- Laguna del Sol, Wilton

*Because of our thorough screening process, these clubs know our members – single, married, partnered, and families – can be trusted to follow the club's behavior guidelines and bring an extra dash of fun to the resort during their stay.*

**2. SCNA members may join Deer Park** (\$50/yr. with no gate fee) and/or **Glen Eden** (\$68/yr. with \$12.50 gate fee) at a very large discount from the street rate.

**3. Members pay a discount rate to join or renew their AANR or Nurtist Society dues** if they do so through SCNA.

**3. Members can pay for club events on-line** (and member renewals) through our web site's PayPal connection. Pay Pal accepts MasterCard, VISA or Discover cards. Nonmembers must pay cash or by check at the higher, nonmember rate.

**4. Members get a personalized SCNA name medallion.** SCNA provides one of these medallions free of charge to members after their first six months. The medallion displays your first name on an orange background and allows you to be identified as an SCNA member whenever you go to another nudist park, and to be called by name when at club functions.

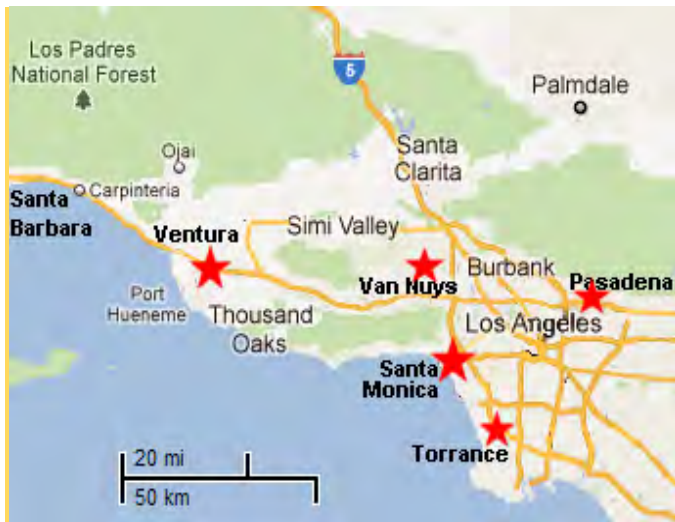
**5. Members receive a 10% discount** when purchasing items from our **on-line store** such as T-shirts, towels, cups and travel mugs.

**6. Member dues allow us to continue publishing our award-winning monthly newsletter** and to provide **quality educational and public relations programs** about the benefits of social nudism to the news media and to the community-at-large. It also allows us to continue fighting for your rights when beaches are threatened or when anti-nudity laws are proposed around the state.

And besides all that, we're a lot of fun to be around! You get to meet your best friends you never knew you had! If you aren't yet a full participating member, call our office at (818) 225-2273.







MONTHLY MEETUP LOCATIONS

## MEETUP REPORTS

### Van Nuys: Tuesday, March 12, 2013

15 people attended.

SCNA members included: Zee, Akila, Amy, John & Ruth, Gary, Tim & Paki, Ricc, Bob R., Dave J & his wife Andrea.

Non Members: Harold, Margie (non-nudist friend of Bob R).  
Joining as a member tonight: Ashley (coupled with Zee).

Because the five RSVPs from Meetup.com were non-shows, we dispensed with the "intro" part of the meeting.

Gary went through a summary of the events of the past month including the Nude Bowling in Montrose and the AANR-West meeting at Glen Eden Sun Club. Tim also commented on the meeting. Gary also reported that the nude beach at Pirate's Cove in San Luis Obispo was now part of the county parks system there and was remaining clothing-optional with the blessings of the Board of Supervisors.

Future events discussed included the March 16 St Patrick's Day Jacuzzi party, Earth Day at Deer Park, and the 5K Bare Burro Run at Olive Dell. Someone thought this meant we had to ride burros in the race. Er, no.

We also discussed ideas for future events not yet on the calendar. In general people were enthusiastic about participating in next year's No Pants Day on the LA Metrolink. They also liked the idea of an astronomy event to see Comet ISON due in the skies at the end of November.

The World Naked Bike Ride (WNBR) in LA this June was also discussed. Gary said he and Rolf were meeting with the leader of YNA on Monday to discuss the bike ride.

Harold said he had a convertible we could use for the June 30 parade in Carpinteria.

Gary asked for suggestions for a slogan for AANR's Skinny Dip event on July 13.

The meeting ended at 8:30pm.

### Pasadena Meetup: Monday March 18, 2013

Six people attended, including Levi, leader of the Young Naturist America (YNA) branch in Los Angeles.

With Levi, Rolf and Gary got the chance to discuss logistics for the June World Naked Bike Ride (WNBR) event including the route the bikers will take, building a permanent web site for the event, and creating and distributing a flyer for the local college campuses.

Levi also wanted SCNA's advice on safe nude hiking trails in the nearby mountains.. We told him that there is no law against nudity in the national forests but one had to use common sense and be discreet. Hikes are being planned for the next few months when the weather warms. Check Meetup.com for more information.

Our other guest, Jerry, is moving to Los Angeles from San Diego. He had visited Glen Eden but wanted something more local to save gas money. He looks forward to coming to our events once his move north is complete.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

### South Bay Meetup: March 27, 2013

We had 3 people show up, two of them members.

Roger, who lives in Long Beach, found us through our Meetup page. He recently retired from a job in Northern California. He said he had been a nudist for several years, mainly at the beaches, and looking for local group. Nice to meet you!

### Ventura

The Ventura Meetups run April through October. We look forward to the first meeting next month. The Ventura meeting services members loving in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties.



Spring has Sprung - Time  
to Vacation Naked!