

# NATURISTE NOTES

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## What's Happened Lately?

Drakes Ridge started off the 2021 Summer Season with great members and visitors, as well as great events to celebrate the fun Memorial Day Weekend. We held our Annual Meeting, guessed the adult versions of baby pictures, and held the Reunion Celebration. On Saturday of Women in Naturism weekend, the women lead a bottle-painting event with some really good results. Over the next weekends, we had the Fishing Derby & Drakes Kitchen, Corn Hole Tournament, the 8th Annual Kelsey's Walk to End Epilepsy which raised \$334.00 for the Epilepsy Foundation. There was also the Golf Outing, and Drakes Ridge Vacation Week. For the Independence Day holiday weekend, the weather was cooperative, and visitors and members took advantage, relaxing on the pool deck and in the pool. On Saturday we had our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Progressive Dinner with lots of good eats. We had our annual Wacky Parade and Duck Race on Sunday, and the Pitch-In Dinner with fireworks after dark on the basketball court. Next, was Young Adult Weekend, with the Wii Bowling Tournament, leaving Karin the current champion, the International Skinny Dip, Bennett's Root Beer Floats, and rousing rounds of Egg Russian Roulette.

## What's Happening Next?

This last weekend of July is our 3rd Annual Greek Olympics on Saturday, hosted again by Jaci, and fueled by a free egg salad lunch provided by Mother Drake. On Saturday night an "Italian" pitch-in will be followed by the debut of Karaoke Master DJ Shinedome. Bring your requests and sing your favorite tune. The following two weekends are our Annual Learning Retreat Weekends. Members, and guests are encouraged to present a workshop, a lecture, a how-to class, a discussion group, or a research group, art show or class, or any other kind of interactive, learning presentation. Then all visitors can attend the scheduled presentations. We will fit in last minute additions but if you can let us know if you will be doing a presentation, we will schedule you in and advertise ahead of time. Come to the office to sign-up.

### Jul. 31

- Greek Olympics
- Mother Drake's Egg Salad
- Karaoke with DJ Shinedon

### Aug. 1

- Doubles and Singles Ping P

### Aug. 7

- Learning Retreats
- Luau Pitch-In
- Luau Party

### Aug. 8

- Learning Retreats

### Aug. 14-15

- Learning Retreats

### Aug. 21

- Art Therapy
- Homemade Dessert Contest
- D.R. Stage Night

### Aug. 22

- D.R. Trivia Contest

### Aug. 28

- Pictionary Tournament

### Aug. 29

- Volleyball Invitational

# You Deserve a Thank You!

2021's Annual Spring Grounds Project Fundraiser was a smashing success again. We have such giving members here at Drakes Ridge. It means so much that you would all give so much. Thank you! The following contributors gave \$6,670.00 this year for grounds projects. See the Grounds and Facilities Report below for how we have been spending the money.

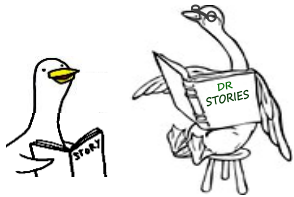
## Gold Star Contributors

Mike and Loretta  
Pat and Deb  
Leon and Kim  
Ricky  
Joe and Loretta  
Matt and Julie  
Norm  
Jeanne  
Vanessa  
Jack B.  
Will  
Bob and Heidi  
Tim H.

Dave and Sheila  
Charlie  
John R.  
Dave S.  
Jazmin  
Osbourne  
Ron L.  
David and  
Colleen  
David and  
Natasha  
Dave and Barb  
Andy and Nina

John V.  
Rob G.  
Brian  
Larry and Alice  
Sheila  
Karin  
Pat and Amy  
Rudy and Jaci  
Steve and Vicki  
Mike W.  
Ray G.  
Ken and Kellie  
Bruce and Judy

Sherrie  
Mark Z.  
Fran F.  
Brad & Jody  
Jeff and Julie  
Jim K.  
Tom B.  
Ken S.  
Don  
Carla  
Scotty  
Kirk  
Mark T.



## Special Stories

*Lucky, Naked People*—Jim Kunkel

*Longtime Drakes Ridge Member and Artist*

Hello, lucky, naked people!.. I wish I could live the lifestyle, because it is difficult for me to dress and undress; I'm on a walker, but still going strong!!

The nudist lifestyle is so wonderful. Everyday people are telling about how uplifting a religious experience is, or how the land is lifted off their backs due to a great new job. Well, you have truly found a freedom that's unknown to most. You're naked in the world and enjoying nature, the sun and air on your entire body. You are the lucky, naked people [and] I envy you because I can't participate like I want to, but I'm 84 and I had many years of joy and happiness being a lucky, naked person. The memories are still with me, delightful memories of the best lifestyle a person can live.

Is there anyone who likes to write? Please write to me, talk to me, tell me of your naked adventures, and I'll tell you mine. Let's share our lifestyle, a lifestyle of freedom and joy, a lifestyle that teaches us to accept all bodies, as well as our own, as we find beauty in everything and everyone!

Remember, let's talk!

Jim Kunkel  
398 Pitard Loop  
Mountain View, AR 72560

*The special stories section is a section for friends and members of Drakes Ridge to share their stories. Please email submissions to [info@drakesridge.com](mailto:info@drakesridge.com).*

## Membership and Attendance Report

Thanks to Bennett's patient, ongoing efforts, Drakes Ridge is growing! Since he took over from his mother several years ago, we have seen a steady increase in membership. And many of those new members are younger, bringing new energy, ideas and points of view to Drakes Ridge. In addition to more youthful members, we have also seen much younger visitors, including a few children and a couple of infants/toddlers.

## Grounds and Facilities Report

With our Spring Fundraiser funds we spent \$2398 on wire and miscellaneous electrical parts, \$414 on a trencher and a skid steer, \$1640 on gravel, and \$300 on fence posts. So, we still have \$1918 left to get more work done as we get started on our fall projects. The projects gained us two more RV sites and converted one RV site from 20 amp to 30 amp. We graveled some on the new and old RV sites, as well as the driveways. All of our improved sites now have a site number posted at them too. We will be working on tidying up all of our RV sites and adding more gravel to those and to the driveways. We will also be reprioritizing our goals for this fall and sharing that list soon.

## Office Report

While Bennett is keeping current with people and what's happening outside around Drakes Ridge, Sharon is in the office, answering the telephone, checking people in, maintaining membership files and the email address list, and making new, current member cards and certificates. She also updates or makes new event signs to keep everyone current on coming events.

The new website has been launched. It is still a little awkward and clunky but now that it has been launched, we can make edits as we wish. The 2021 Summer calendar is posted there, and this newsletter will be posted also. Please go check it out at [drakesridge.com](http://drakesridge.com) and give us any feedback you may have.

### Office To Do List

- Update website
- Streamline customer service and membership
- Continue organizing member files
- Plan events
- Organize computer files
- Procure DR merchandise
- Keep event calendar current

## Contributor Reports

We have a lot of us planning to contribute our time to help make Drakes Ridge the best it can be. As mentioned, Jaci and Dencil are hosting events this weekend. Kirk, Don, and Mark Z are all working on cabin renovations. Brad is planning to help with some of the carpentry projects. Dencil has committed his time to be an elected board member for the AANR-Midwest. We are ready to sign you up to present a workshop for the Learning Retreat weekends.

We have a group of members who have pledged their time to be on an Advisory Committee to advise Drakes Ridge management. We had our first meeting and will be meeting on the second Saturday of each month from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. The meetings are open to everyone with limited participation. We did decide that we would give any member who would like to do so an opportunity to be on the Advisory Committee. If you would like to play a bigger role in helping Drakes Ridge grow, please let Bennett know you would like to be on the Advisory Committee or come to our next meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am, in the clubhouse.

The AANR-Midwest 2021 Convention was well attended by Drakes Ridge members. We also got Drakes Ridge mentioned quite a bit during convention. In the General Assembly Meeting, we bid for and won the contract to host the Fall Conference and Dencil was voted to the AANR-Midwest Board of Directors. Bennett was assigned to the Hall of Fame Committee and attended a committee meeting. Drakes Ridge played and participated in many of the activities and tournaments. Dencil hosted fun-filled rounds of Egg Russian Roulette with Karin assisting. The conventions are like being at camp for the weekend but there are a lot more people in attendance. Plan now to attend the 2022 convention at Fern Hills Club in Bloomington Indiana.

## President's Report

We are right in the middle of the best part of the year at DR, but sometimes our priorities can change on a dime.

Our first priority is to share this paradise with as many people as we can and make their visit a comfortable, memorable experience. While our stepping-stones may change on occasion, we just need to make sure they are all leading to the same place. At the AANR-Midwest Convention this July, we won the bid to host the AANR-Midwest Fall Conference (i.e. AANR-Midwest Board of Directors Meeting). I believe this is a bigger stepping-stone than we are used to, here at DR, but it will create many more stepping-stones to help us reach our lofty goals. I will be asking for all hands on-deck to host the AANR-Midwest Board of Directors meeting. These will be some of the people that will help us land an AANR-Midwest Convention, which will be a huge stepping-stone for us. I would love to show them how well we do what we do here at Drakes Ridge and be the best host we can be!

I will start having our fall planning meetings early this year to help get us ready for the conference. I will be having planning meetings every Saturday morning at 8:00 am, following our morning coffee. Please come and see what you can do to help us be a great host for our regional affiliate's board of directors.

## Weather and Nature Report

We've had quite a roller coaster of weather this season, from cool and wet, to some of the hottest, most humid weather, making the pool very attractive to visitors and members alike! Trees overshadowing the pool and hot tub have been removed, along with others ready for the "tree cemetery" and are located around the property.

One afternoon in front of the Clubhouse, I thoroughly enjoyed watching as two rabbits took their time going back and forth, first exploring, then chasing each other, starting on the volleyball court, going up to and part-way around the pool, finally ending somewhere between the basketball slab and the far picnic table. While they were doing that, unknown to them, another rabbit was carefully making its way from the other side of pool up to and across the road. Finally, when I went out the next morning, I startled another (or one of the three from the day before??) into gracefully leaping away through the underbrush, white tail sticking straight up in the air. I had no idea there were so many rabbits here!

## Real Estate Report

Karin has been moved into her cabin since the end of the Spring Season. Brad, Jody, and trailer have now enjoyed their site in the old main tenting area for a year including a roof over the trailer. Joe and Loretta have settled into their permanent site with their trailer under a new roof, and a new deck beside it. Steve and Vicki have a permanent site for their RV now as well. Meanwhile on the blue cabin, renovations are still half done towards making it a Drakes Ridge rental. Deb and Pat (Jim) bought The Drake in 2019 and have re-named it the Daisy Dell. Don bought Fran and Jonathan's cabin and has worked to get it ready for renovations. We've also cleared spaces for more RVs and continue to work on the former main tenting area to turn it into an RV area.

## Bulletin Board

The Bulletin, AANR's monthly magazine, which members receive through their AANR membership, is always looking for articles to publish. If you have the writing bug, write a story about nudism and get it published, so it can be shared with the rest of the nudist world. See the ad in most any Bulletin for more information.

### **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

**Carl F. Harbour, II**

(Of Carl and Jane/Nina)

Friday, August 13, 2021

11:00 AM

Christ Church Cathedral

318 East 4th St.

Cincinnati, OH 45202

### ***CATERED RECEPTION***

12:00, 12:30 PM

Cincinnati Athletic Club

111 Shillito Pl.

Cincinnati, OH 45202

## Upcoming Local Community Events

The Swiss Wine Festival is August 26<sup>th</sup> through August 29<sup>th</sup>. You can check out the festival's website here: [swisswinefestival.org](http://swisswinefestival.org)