

Bare Facts

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Second Annual Dagorhir Battle

After their success last year, Lane and Beth say they expect even more participants this year. Eduners will recall this was, perhaps, the first-ever nude re-enactment of medieval-style battle using (padded) period weapons. It was a great learning experience for all Eduners and a great time for all participants.

Nude battles are well documented in European history. Unfortunately, they have gone the way of the original Olympics and are no longer commonly nude among re-enactors. At lake Edun, we strive for historical accuracy.

This is the battle group Lane and Beth have talked about for years. If you missed the event last year, be sure to join us this Labor Day. For more information, visit their website: www.2fight.homestead.com.

Another Way to Help

Ever been in the mountains and wonder what it would take to start an avalanche, or get a boulder to roll down the slope? Dynamite you may answer. Not really. Just the right trigger at the right place can do it with minimal force. The same is true in the social arena. Masses of people are not needed to start the momentum for change. Rosa Parks in the back of the bus comes to mind.

In our case perhaps a half dozen people could make the difference. Here's how. If the half dozen all contact the ACLU in Kansas City about how the city and county governments are attempting to limit our freedom of assembly, etc., and how they are using less than straight-forward methods to achieve their objective, perhaps they would be more disposed to assist.

The ACLU may be contacted at: Mr. Dick Kurtenbach
American Civil Liberties Union
706 West 42nd Street
Kansas City, Mo 64111

Random Thoughts And Reflections

With winter approaching, we turn our attention to those projects best done in the cooler months. We have lots of Cedar trees to cut and we must, once again, remove trees from the dam. If you can assist with these projects, and others, please let us know. Rather than plan work days in the Winter, it is probably better to just schedule them on short notice when it looks like the weather will co-operate.

Mark Hofgard, who was scheduled to play at our Picnic at Edun, was forced to cancel at the last minute. He did, however, send a number of CD's which are available at the barn: \$15 for members; \$18 for non-members.

As we wind up the season, we will take another load of aluminum to the recycler. If you have been saving your aluminum, please bring it with you on your next visit so we have a good load.

Don't Miss Labor Day At Edun

Weather this year has been nothing less than spectacular! All our crops and especially our trees are growing like weeds. If you have not been to our special place recently, don't miss what could be one of the few remaining good-weather weekends of the year.

Yes, like all things, this wonderful summer must come to an end and Labor Day customarily marks the beginning of that annual change in weather. But, not to worry. In customary Eduner fashion, we will have a weekend fitting of our great summer. Expect good friends, a great pot-luck, and don't forget the Dagorhir Battle on Sunday.

Garage Sale

Please don't forget the "Garage sale" for the Labor Day weekend. We need your treasures. Bring whatever things you have set aside to our Labor Day weekend garage sale. We need to raise money for the legal defense fund, but also this is an opportunity to have people come by to see Lake Edun for themselves.

Remember, clothing, household decorating items, kitchen utensils, appliances, tools, bathroom items, etc., are always popular sale items. We look forward to seeing you there.

Canuding

Our canuding trip is scheduled for September 10-12. We expect this will be a fairly small group that will meet at our destination river about noon on Saturday. It is open to all LEF members. Participants should expect it to cost around \$100-150 each. If you have an interest in joining us, either send us an email or leave your name at the barn.

DON'T FORGET

Activities designated HN are sponsored by Heartland Naturists

Sept 4; Sat; 10-12; Board of Directors Meeting

Sept 4; Sat; Labor Day @ Edun

Sept 5; Sun; Dagorhir

Sept 6; Mon; Labor Day

Sept 10-12; Fri-Sun; Canuding trip

Sept 17; Fri; 8-10; HN Swim

Sept 18; Sat; Fall Equinox

Sept 18; Sat; 8-10; Sauna

Sept 25; Sat; 8-10; Sauna

Sept 26; Sun; Harvest Festival

Sept 30; Thurs; 7-9; Closed for educational presentation

Oct 2; Sat; 8-10; Sauna

Oct 9; Sat; 10-12; Board of Directors Meeting

Oct 9; Sat; 5 on; Main meadow closed for private party

Oct 9; Sat; 10-12; Sauna

Oct 15; Fri; 8-10; HN Swim

Oct 16; Sat; 8-10; Sauna

Oct 23; Sat; 8-10; Sauna

Oct 30; Sat; 6:30; Halloween Party; Annual Meeting

follows Halloween Party

LEF Legal Defense Fund

By: James

Another autumn is upon us and soon after another winter. This winter, LEF is preparing for another legal battle in the courtroom to protect your rights as naturists and to keep our beautiful natural wonderland open for our guests and members. Winning this case is critical to making it possible for us to look ahead, unencumbered by this cloud over our future. We could then think about spending our hard earned money on improvements.

Unfortunately, some of this year's fundraisers were not quite as successful as we had anticipated. We certainly appreciate all that each of you contribute every year for your membership dues. However, this source of funding is not adequate to meet the present challenge. Therefore, we are asking you to open your hearts and your wallets in support of your rights and freedoms once more.

Our legal defense fund is seriously depleted at this critical moment in time. In order to make certain you are fairly represented in court this winter this deficit must be filled.

When a sizeable number of guests and members contribute a relatively small sum, for example \$100, this soon adds up to a significant amount. Certainly, some can afford to donate larger sums, others less. The important thing is to pledge what you can to make it possible for us to have our attorney press the battle for the protection of our freedoms and our lifestyle in court.

Please make your pledge now! A phone call, e-mail, or return it with the survey form in this issue, or in person, or by carrier pigeon – we don't care. How you pay your pledge is also important for us to know. A lump sum; \$25 a month for four months; payment with a check; cash, Visa credit card; are all acceptable as are a series of post dated checks. Whatever works for you will work for us.

Let's pull together and not be pushed around. What unites us is far more important than the forces arrayed against us.

Challenge Grants Make Dollars Go Further

Our legal defense fund received two challenges which, make our tax-deductible donations go further and together, will help make it easy to reach our goals. The first, from Born Nude, will match, dollar for dollar, the first \$100 of the first ten gifts greater than \$100. So, if you donate \$500, it becomes \$600; if you donate \$200, it increases to \$300.

The second is open-ended. An anonymous donor will make a gift equal to 150% of the average of the five largest pledges received by October 15. So, if we receive five pledges totaling \$5,000, we fleece Mr. Anonymous an additional \$1,500. Best of all, whatever members force Born Nude to contribute counts toward this average.

So, hopefully all Eduners and friends (including YOU) will reach deep into their pockets and make generous, tax-deductible gifts or pledges early so we can maximize the effects of these two generous challenges.

**See more of your friends
At Lake Edun**

Chairman's Report

By: Born Nude

Members are always welcome at Board meetings. The next one will be at 10:00 am, Saturday, September 4 at the barn. Anyone wishing to serve on the Board, or in any other capacity, is certainly welcome to volunteer. We are in particular need for donations for the Garage Sale this weekend and help in marking items. If everyone would just take 1 hour of this long weekend to assist in the parking lot, there should be more than enough help for what is traditionally a very big weekend.

Please take note of the request for contributions for our legal defense fund included in this newsletter. It is exceedingly important we raise enough money to properly present our case.

The Board of Directors met on August 14, 2004 at the Barn. Mike C conducted the meeting and Webb, Jon, and Ernie were present to establish the quorum. The Treasurer's Report reflected we have available less than half the funds normally available to us at this time of year. The mild weather, coupled with inaccurate reports of our existence, have hurt both membership and day visitor totals.

Recently expired and soon to be expired memberships were discussed. All persons were approved for renewal. If you are not aware, everyone's membership must be approved for renewal by the Board every year. Ernie has begun a program of contacting former members to both encourage renewal and try to determine reasons for non-renewal. Additionally, ways to increase the value of membership were discussed. Should we not be able to afford capital improvements until our legal battles are behind us, perhaps activities, such as having a dermatologist come to the land, having a naturists walk around the lake, inviting other groups to the lake, etc., were discussed. Ernie agreed to contact Heartland Naturists to see if a beneficial mutual arrangement could be made. Jon suggested including a free pass with Birthday Cards to encourage visits to the lake. Mike is currently working on a survey to obtain membership input into what members would like to see. This will be included in a newsletter and be placed on the website.

Although our legal position is sound, as indicated elsewhere in the newsletter, we are in need of funds to progressively pursue our legal actions. A meeting is being arranged between representatives of the Board and our attorney. Within a very short time, we will need to inform our attorney if, as a group, we intend to pursue this case enthusiastically. Bluntly put, that requires a financial commitment on the part of anyone who is interested in protecting our special place.

Various other items were discussed by the Board including personnel matters, the canuding trip September 10-12, return to the more successful format for Return to Edun for next year, the Garage Sale this weekend, the 3 winners of our play writing contest and how to present them, etc. Anyone interested in further information about the Board Meeting should feel free to contact a Board member. Also, once again, all members are welcome at all Board Meetings. Very rarely confidential issues, such as personnel matters or complaints about a member's behavior, are discussed only by the Board.

Our Special Place

Ernie C.

I was new to naturism. The mere thought of being socially nude was almost overwhelming! What of all that my parents, and grandparents had taught me about modesty and keeping covered so as not to offend! Yet the idea was appealing! I searched the internet often looking for information and testimonials of the goodness that can come from dropping ones inhibitions about being naked in from of others! Yet all of the clubs, resorts and nude beaches were on the coasts, a long way from Kansas.

I chanced upon the TNS website. It had a section that allowed you to search for facilities near you. I clicked on Kansas, hoping to find a place, but knowing the conservative nature of the state was probably against it. The query came back with three places in Kansas! Unbelievable! It only took moments to note the closest place to me was in Topeka, Kansas. Lake Edun they called it. A link took me to Lake Edun's website. One click later the homepage appeared. I read everything. I knew I had to visit this place. Have any of you had a similar experience? I have heard similar stories from members and visitors alike.

So I came to Lake Edun, sixty wonderful acres of rural land with walking paths, two beaches and many camping areas. But best of all people of like mind concerning their desire to enjoy the great outdoors free from clothes!

During my search on the internet it became apparent to me that this choice of lifestyle was not without those who would feel it was evil and degrading. After all, I was one of them myself before I came and gained an understanding! I made sure my kids were never uncovered in front of the family, much less others! I was one who could not understand how anyone could be comfortable, much less modest in front of others without clothes! Now thanks to you at Lake Edun, I am a nudist! A nudist!

Mike, who edits this newsletter, wants more first time stories to appear in the pages of "Bare Facts". Over the years Lake Edun has been the catalyst for many of us to embrace the possibilities that an au natural state can produce. We call the lake, "our special place". But with the converts also come the detractors.

Recent times have shown a decrease in the membership at Lake Edun. Economic and work related issues seem to top the list of reasons given for not renewing membership at the lake. Also high on the list are uncertainties about the continued existence of the lake because of law suits. The board can do little to overcome the first set of circumstances. We all face them from time to time. But we have addressed and are continuing to address the second issue.

Time and space do not allow a complete play by play of the current state of legal affairs regarding Lake Edun. You can get more information from board members when you visit the lake, but please be reassured we feel we are on the right track. Our attorney believes we have an excellent opportunity to finally put most of the legal issues to rest. We believe we will be able to continue our use of Lake Edun as it is.

However, mounting such a legal challenge is not without

its attendant expenses. Good legal representation comes with a price tag. Over the course of the past several years this legal expense has been borne out of the Lake Edun Foundations bank account with several large donations from dedicated members helping to fill the gaps. It has always been the hope and desire of the board to cover the expenses of operating Lake Edun Foundation with the membership dues which so many of you have willingly paid. Many discussions have occurred as we try to make the ends met between what we need to do and what we want to do with the funds available.

Included with this newsletter is a survey. Hopefully you will take the time to respond to it and help us better direct our future. We hope to also have the survey available on the website for your convenience as well. The board of directors wants Lake Edun to be a good place, a safe place, a joyful place for you and your families to come to.

During our last several meetings the legal costs have been a main concern to us. We frankly need to have more funds to continue the battle. The recent economic downturn has diminished our membership. That downturn has also diminished our ability to pay for the legal expenses we are incurring. With that in mind, and being mindful that we all have only so much to spend, we on the board would ask you, our faithful, to consider donating a little more to our legal defense. We firmly believe we will win this case and secure Lake Edun. One time donations marked for the legal defense are welcome. Monthly pledges of 5, 10 or 20 dollars or more for the next year would also be of great assistance. We will appreciate you letting us know of your willingness either in person at the lake or via e-mail at lefmember@yahoo.com or benude@lakeedun.com.

We will be visiting with the attorney to firm our plans sometime in the middle to the end of September. It would be nice to have some idea of the monetary support by then to be able to tell him how aggressively we want the case pushed forward.

It will be wonderful to know that the lake we all love and enjoy will continue to be "our special place" in the future. Your consideration on this matter is appreciated.

Call for Articles

For a number of years Bare Facts has been the most visible for of information, education, and outreach for the Lake Edun Foundation. There is a great deal of pride that has gone into this publication. Those that have read it over the years have been treated to intelligent commentary and analysis about naturism, personal stories, travel reports, letters, and who will ever forget the contribution of Biology Bill.

In this tradition of excellence, a call is going out to the women of Lake Edun to more fully make your voices heard in the pages of Bare Facts. An issue of Bare Facts largely from women's perspectives is the needed kickoff for what is hoped will be ongoing contributions from the female half of the membership. Lake Edun and naturism needs to hear your voices.

Nashville Gets New Statue

Recently, Nashville, TN unveiled a massive tribute to creativity now permanently placed at the center of the busy Music Row intersection. The green-gold group of nine dancing figures drew loud cheers and uniformly positive responses. If anyone didn't like what they saw, they kept it to themselves. There was no booing, picketing or any other sign of displeasure despite an awareness that the unclothed figures might offend some viewers.

"It really embodies the spirit and liveliness of music," said Marjorie Boerema, 52, a musician who lives down the street. "I like the fact it's in the round like this. It's a perfect setting."

Stan Schklar, 42, who works for an accounting firm, was holding his 3-year-old nephew, Brandon Coleman. "It's a great piece of art, a great thing for Nashville." He said he had no concerns about the nudity, which is considerably softened by the figures' rough surface texture.

"Nudity is a part of life," he said.

New York City artist Greg Decker, who has closely followed LeQuire's career and traveled to Nashville for last night's event, praised *Musica* as the best work yet by the Tennessee native who also created the Parthenon's 42-foot-tall *Athena Parthenos*.

"This is the culmination of a lot he's been working on," said Decker, who especially admired the sense of motion and interaction of *Musica*'s dancing figures.

[One wonders why this even made the news?]

Items We Need

- Wood for the sauna
- Wheel Barrow
- Tops for trash cans
- Pitch Forks
- Variable speed, reversible drill
- Chipper/shredder we can use about once a month

More Random Thoughts And Reflections

Thanks, Brian, for bringing a load of wonderful wood from your wood shop in Minnesota. With weekly saunas scheduled, we will go through a lot of wood this sauna season. If you have scrap lumber, please bring it with you and leave it by the barn or in the parking lot.

We have put out additional trash cans. In order to use them effectively, we should have tops on them that keep the rain out and the trash in. If you have such lids, please bring them with you on your next visit.

Its time to change the lock on our gate once again. Members will find a new combination enclosed which will take effect Monday, September 6.

Under the continual contact with the pebbles my feet have become hardened and used to the ground. My body, almost constantly nude, no longer suffers from the sun. Civilization is falling from my little by little. I am beginning to think simply, to feel only very little hatred for my neighbor – rather, to love him.

- Paul Gauguin, Noa, Noa: The Tahitian Journal

Nude is Normal

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Membership Application Change of Address Form *Please Print*

Name: First _____ MI _____ Last _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ DOB _____ E-mail Address _____

All information provided is strictly confidential. If you are joining as a couple, include names for both people. If, you are a couple not living together, make a copy of this form for the other individual. (NB: a couple is defined as one male and one female.) Those willing to assist with upkeep a minimum of 10 hours per year may deduct \$50. One

subscription to our newsletter *Bare Facts* is included with membership. A subscription only to *Bare Facts* is available for \$20.00. New members will receive a Waiver and Release which must be completed before membership is finalized. Visitation restrictions apply to Associate Membership.

Membership Fees:

	Single	Couple	Amount
Lake Edun Foundation Membership	250.00	300.00	_____
Associate Member (Over 125 miles away) - deduct	(100.00)	(100.00)	_____
Working Membership (Discount)	(50.00)	(50.00)	_____
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