

SAHNOAN STAR

Stand Not Between Me and the Sun

BIG WEEKENDS AHEAD



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President's Message

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Well, we are hanging in there despite the extreme heat. We have had very active week-ends when we half expected people to stay home in the AC. The big hit during the hot times has been sorbet! Thank you Gail for having the foresight to purchase a machine to make the tasty treat and to the ladies who mix up batches and get it sold at the pool. I really believe that the sorbet cools you from the inside out. Thanks to sales of sorbet, we are on track to redo the pickle ball courts this fall. I am pleased to report we have not had any serious heat related issues during the triple digit days. Keep hydrating and keep cool!

Other projects are getting done, albeit slowly. Cabin 5 is getting done, but every time a water line breaks we have to divert all hands for that. Bluebonnet installed the new power pole to expand our 50 amp service in the pines. We are now working on ordering the equipment to move on to the next stage of the project. Thanks to Ronnie for being the point person for this! I am grateful for progress, large or small! We are ecstatic about the chip seal on Eely Road! Less dust and a smoother ride are very welcome. Thanks again to Mike W. for working with our commissioner to deliver on this long promised road work.

Tim and Moe are working to get rid of the abandoned trailer on Wanda's Way. They have had to beg off a little due to the heat, but it is coming right along! Thanks to Steve O. for doing demolition on the other abandoned trailer on Long Long Trail. The new steel poles and extra shade sails are up at the pool. I know I am grateful to all the volunteers who got that high wire act accomplished. I am also grateful to not have "hot foot" in the shower area. Thanks to Gail for purchasing the wonderful shower heads that were installed at the pool showers. They are very nice!

Lease signing is progressing at a slow steady pace. If you have not come in to sign your lease please come to the office and get that done. All the documents are ready to go. If you want a copy in advance to review just send an email to the office and they can send you one.

Just a reminder we are under a burn ban. If you can refrain from adding to the burn pile it would be much appreciated. We hope to be able to manage the backlog that already exists before the Chilly Cheeks run in October. We are also under water restrictions from AQUA, our water provider. We are in Stage 2 drought response which limits watering to Monday and Thursday to between midnight and 10 am and between 8 pm and midnight. If we have excessive water use could result in installation of a flow restrictor or termination of water service for up to 7 days. We all need to be very aware of the fire potential, which means be aware of where you are operating equipment that might spark dry grasses and not tossing cigarette butts into dry vegetation. Hopefully we only have a few more weeks of triple digit weather. It is bad when you wish for hurricane season to bring some much needed rain.

We are eager to welcome our members who have been globe trotting back home and to hear about their adventures from the Bare Necessities cruise in the Mediterranean. Hope to see you all soon by the pool!

Crystal

Celebration of Life

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Rodney Dean McClanahan on July 10, 2023. Rod, 72 years young, was surrounded by family, friends, and his favorite music for his final days. Born October 21, 1950, Rod had many interests in life. From drag racing and building cars, to writing and playing music. He even wrote an autobiography about his life, "One Man's Journey". Rod will be remembered most for his smooth classic country voice and his will to fight every medical issue he faced with a positive outlook.

Rod was preceded in death by his parents Loye and Patricia McClanahan, and stepson Eric Ludwick.

Rod leaves behind his wife of 36 years, Pixie McClanahan, daughter Melissa McMahan (John), son Rodney Bryan McClanahan (Laura), stepdaughter Andrea Ludwick (Paul), stepson Jason Ludwick (Dawn), brother Gary McClanahan (Dee), and 7 grandchildren.

Life celebrations for Rod will be September 24, 2023. Details will be posted soon. Contact Pixie for address at rrboys295@gmail.com.

Next installment of The Beginning and History of the Sahnoans and Star Ranch by Myrl and Ditto S.

Back to ASA - AANR

During our independent operation, many ASA-AANR representatives visited the Club to get us to rejoin the National Organization. Due to our past experience with the ASA, the governing body remained independent. After the reorganization of ASA and renamed AANR with new rules, regulations and having both 100% and affiliate clubs, the "Sahnoans" voted to rejoin AANR. AANR wanted the "Sahnoans" on their roster because of our cabins, number of sites and amenities that other Texas clubs do not have. Star Ranch has developed into a large residential community, which helps AANR's reputation.

Sad News for the Nudist World

ClothesFree.com - After 30 years of being a clothes-free resort, the new owners of **DeAnza Springs Resort** in Jacumba, California have decided to adopt a clothing mandatory policy. The resort was sold to non-nudists in 2020 who have slowly changed their focus into what they call a nomadic wellness experience and started making certain areas of the resort clothing mandatory. That was the beginning of the decline of body acceptance. They have now announced the whole resort will be clothing mandatory by September 1. We will all find out if that if that works out for them financially. They sent a letter to all the current members, announcing this decision.

A portion of that letter says:

After careful deliberation, DeAnza Springs Resort has reached a significant decision to become a "Textile" park. In the coming weeks, more detailed information will be unveiled. Starting 9/1/2023 clothing will be required at all times within the park premises. We understand that change can sometimes be met with mixed feelings, and we empathize with those who might feel upset or uncertain about the introduction of this new clothing rule. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, we kindly request you to set up an appointment by sending an email to luke@deanzasprings.com.

Sincerely,

DeAnza Springs Resort Management





From the Council

What a fun Blind Golf Cart Race!!! Started this race driving backwards as well as blindfolded!!! It was as much fun to watch as it was to participate (I think!) Congratulations to Jamie M and Chris for the winning performance!!

Next Saturday, 5 August, right after a poolside breakfast, we will have a water volleyball game at noon, Super Soaker at 3PM, and Corn Hole at 5PM. Come on and join in the fun!



Saturday, 12 August at 10:30 is our next Council Meeting in Tara Hall. The Council wants membership input/ideas for different games, maybe evening or water games; If you know of something, please share with us!

We will do our best to get it on the calendar!!! Also on 12 August will be our Horse Races at 7PM followed by karaoke at 8PM.

Don't forget, Star Ranch 66th Anniversary is coming up in September (with a live band — X-Factory). We hope to have a fun-filled day to celebrate!! Check our web calendar for scheduled activities and times.

AUGUST BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN: Friday, August 18, 2023

TIME: 6:00pm

WHERE: Scale's Cafe



August, September, & October Birthdays

August	
8/1	Cat W
8/1	Phyllis Z
8/2	CM J
8/4	Stephen C
8/4	Vicky I
8/5	Barbara K
8/5	Jonathan T
8/6	Joe R
8/6	Melissa C
8/7	Jennifer M
8/7	Christina T
8/11	Bill B
8/13	Robert N
8/13	Beverly C
8/14	Tim V
8/23	Earl H
8/24	Mike M
8/24	Ardeth S
8/25	Maureen "Mo" V
8/31	Myrl F. S
8/31	Genie C

September	
9/1	Craig B
9/6	Jennifer H
9/6	Crystal W
9/9	Belinda A
9/10	Mark B
9/10	Kim D
9/13	Dina P
9/16	Thomas L
9/17	Ron E
9/18	Jamie M
9/19	Joe W
9/21	Brandi T
9/23	Adam C
9/25	Mike W
9/26	Cathy S M
9/28	Pat W
9/30	Bob R

October	
10/3	Glenn G
10/3	Cinthia M
10/7	Cody H
10/7	Donna S
10/8	Catherine N
10/8	Bill G
10/8	Stephanie M
10/14	Michelle L
10/14	Lottie H
10/15	Teresa R
10/15	Laura G
10/17	Gregory S
10/18	Patrick L
10/19	Heather K
10/19	Ethel M
10/24	Rob D
10/26	Mike G
10/27	Kathy J
10/29	Steve O
10/29	Jason A
10/29	Ronald F

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, August 4

7:00pm Wine & Cheese & more!

Saturday, August 5

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot
12:00pm Water Volleyball
3:00pm Super Soaker

5:00pm Cornhole
8:00pm DJ Dance at the Pavilion

Sunday, August 6

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot

Monday, August 7

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, August 11

7:00pm Wine & Cheese & more!

Saturday, August 12

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot
10:30am Sahnoan Council Meeting
2:00pm Snacks at the Pool

7:00pm 10th Running of Sahnoan Downs
8:00pm KARAOKE!

Sunday, August 13

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot

Monday, August 14

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, August 18

6:00pm Birthday Dinner "Scale's Cafe" in McDade. Delicious! Check the [menu here](#).
7:00pm Wine & Cheese & more!

Saturday, August 19

PARROTHEAD CELEBRATION

(More info and contest rules coming in the weekly updates)

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot
10:00am COG Board of Directors
12:00pm Beach Jungleball
1:00pm Hat Contest
2:00pm Drink Contest

4:00pm Parrot On Your Shoulder Contest
5:00pm Shirt Contest
6:00pm Cheeseburgers in Paradise @ the Nekkid Parrot
8:00pm Parrothead Dance @ the Nekkid Parrot w/ DJ Mike Love

Sunday, August 20

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot

Monday, August 21

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, August 25

7:00pm Wine & Cheese & more!

Saturday, August 26

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot
8:00pm DJ Dance @ the Pool

Sunday, August 27

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot

Monday, August 28

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, September 1 Labor Day Weekend 7:00pm Meet & Greet	
Saturday, September 2	
Labor Day Weekend More details coming soon	8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot 8:00pm DJ Dance @ the pool
Sunday, September 3 Labor Day Weekend 8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot	
Monday, September 4 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED	
Wednesday, September 6 12:00pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests	
Friday, September 8 7:00pm Meet & Greet	
Saturday, September 9	
8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot 10:30am Sahnoan Council Meeting	8:00pm DJ Dance @ the pool
Sunday, September 10 8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot	
Monday, September 11 OFFICE CLOSED	
Friday, September 15 6:00pm Birthday Dinner location this month is the Farmhouse Diner in Paige. 7:00pm Meet & Greet	
Saturday, September 16	
8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot 10:00am COG Board of Directors	8:00pm DJ Dance @ the pool
Sunday, September 17 8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot	
Monday, September 18 OFFICE CLOSED	
Wednesday, September 20 6:30pm Tunes at Tara Hall	
Friday, September 22 66 th Anniversary of Star Ranch 7:00pm Meet & Greet	
Saturday, September 23 66 th Anniversary of Star Ranch 8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot 8:00pm Dance w/XFactory @ the pool	
Sunday, September 24 8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot	
Monday, September 25 OFFICE CLOSED	
Friday, September 29 7:00pm Meet & Greet	
Saturday, September 30 8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot 8:00pm DJ Dance @ the pool	

This & That



Sahnoan Crew represents at McDade Watermelon Festival.

I hope you've all recovered from a fun, but hot, day at the Watermelon Festival Beer Booth. It seems like everyone had a good time and represented Star Ranch in a very positive and productive way. I have been advised that through our sales of beer, soft drinks, water and koozies, we collected \$4,587.00 for the Watermelon Festival and the good causes it supports.

I spent yesterday recuperating and thinking of how I could best express my appreciation for your work on Saturday. Frankly, I couldn't come up with anything more expressive than a simple "Thank You!". So, here it is: Thank You! Your willingness to devote your time and effort to supporting the Watermelon Festival has made our volunteer efforts legendary among those who have been around the Festival for a while.

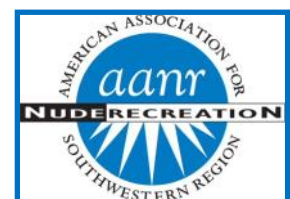
I learned that the first Sahnoans to volunteer for the beer booth were Myrl and Ditto, the builders and original owners of the house now occupied by Jody and CM. Myrl and Ditto haven't been active at Star Ranch for twenty or so years. (I understand that Ditto has passed away.) Who knows how long before that they were volunteers at the Festival. Bottom line is that Star Ranch has been volunteering at the Watermelon Festival for several decades.

Let us hope that at some point our newest generation of Sahnoans will see the value in volunteering and will enable this long tradition to continue.

Thank You!

Larry S

**The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for
Saturday, August 19, @ 10am @ Tara Hall**



Mark's Musings

It's Official

Sandi and I moved to the Texas Hill Country in October of 2021. We moved our fifth wheel into lot J6 at Star Ranch in December of 2021. We had it towed there by Dan Hawkins who is on the AANR Southwest board of directors with Bob R from Star Ranch. The subsequent 19 months have flown by. We have added a cover, a deck, upgraded our electrical feed and gained a ton of friends. We have come to love our Star Ranch family.

Thinking about our early days at Star Ranch brings back memories of our first Thanksgiving meal. We didn't know many of you back in the day but that didn't deter us. We brought a dish and sat down to eat. The couple that sat down at our table to eat with us? Pete and Lisa Titus. I still thank them periodically for that.

The modifications to our lot have generally been done to keep Sandi happy. She can be rather high maintenance on occasion. A railing on the deck is next, followed by a storage shed. What comes after that has yet to be determined but I am sure she has a list. The modifications to J6 have been done without any official relationship between us and Star Ranch. I know what you are thinking: we have a spot that alone establishes a relationship. You are totally correct. But what kind of relationship exists? Who owns what? All good questions. I have heard many of you say investing without a lease is crazy. While that may be true, we tend to be trusting people.

Thanks to the board and primarily to Crystal that uncertainty was eliminated this past Saturday at 2:15PM. That is when Sandi and I reviewed and signed the lease governing J6. We are official now. 20+ pages of legal this and that. This was not a small undertaking on the part of the board. We want to express our gratitude in dotting the i's and crossing the T's.

Many of you have already signed, those of you that have not done so will be asked to do so shortly. Naturally the leases only involve those of us that either live at Star Ranch or have a weekend place there. It is a huge relief to have an official lease. No more guessing about what was said, implied or otherwise.

Mark S

C.O.G. Board of Directors

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 Jean M
 Bart W

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 Mike W & Jennifer M
 John M
 Bob R
 Mike & Linda G
 David Mc & Pete T

Star Ranch Staff

General Manager	Linda McC
Front Office	Melissa S
 Maintenance	 Mike M
	Bruce R
 Housekeeping	 Paula T

Thoughts

And

Prayers

Classified Ads

The Board recently approved the reinstatement of ads in the Sahnoan Star, our monthly newsletter.

Please send your finished ad as a .jpeg file to Jennifer at jkm8765@gmail.com

Ad rates are as follows:

Full page ad—\$80

1/2 page ad—\$60

1/4 page ad—\$40

Business card ad—\$25

The Sahnoans at Star Ranch is a family-oriented nudist community/club that has been in operation since 1957. Dedicated to maintaining a wholesome and safe environment for the enjoyment of nudist activities, the Club is a member in good standing of the American Association for Nude Recreation (AANR) and AANR-Southwest. You have received this Newsletter because you are either a member of the club or you have opted-in on our website. Please let us know if you do not wish to receive future editions.

**The next Council meeting
 is scheduled for
 Saturday, August 12,
 at 10:30am @ Tara Hall**

STAR RANCH



McDade, Texas

Note from the Editor

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 25th of each month. If you have an idea or submission for the newsletter, please email me at jkm8765@gmail.com. Jennifer M.

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