

# SAHNOAN STAR

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## THE STARS CAME OUT!!!

BY MIKE W.

This past month the glitterati of Star Ranch past, slowly made their appearance known to the assembled crowd. We welcomed back people like Myrl S. (our last living founder), Mike A., Dick and Peg L., Mike and Carolyn M., Richard B., Bill and Carolyn C., Diane H., etc.



Friday night everything got kicked off with a Wine and Cheese Meet and Greet at the Pool. Lots of wine and cheese, and a whole lot of talking going on...and many friendships renewed.

Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe started the day on Saturday, followed by a Washers Tournament.

We then took a break for Snacks by the Pool. We didn't expect so much food. We had to haul our two 8 ft. tables from the Hall to accommodate all the goodies.

A rousing Water Volleyball Tournament followed the snacks. The STAR STORE was open as well, selling the usual selection of "priceless" Anniversary items to the visitors. Thanks to some strong last minute sales we nudged over the \$3,000 mark in 2018 Big Nude Boat Raffle Ticket sales.

146 people booked a reservation for the FREE catered Mexican Dinner. Everyone said the food was good, but the company was better. We had people eating in the Hall, in Margie's Nekkid Cafe, outside on picnic tables, even to go! Hard to beat the price! Two beautiful cakes were decked out in the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo, chocolate or vanilla as desired.

Also during dinner the TV in the Hall was fed a photo montage put together by Jennifer M. Since everyone couldn't see it, we will be sending it out in a future email, just as soon as she adds some of the pictures that just showed up this weekend.

Right after the dinner everyone migrated to the pool to hear me read a not-so-brief history of the early days of the Ranch, originally penned by Myrl S. back in the mid-60's. Some things have changed, but the basics set up by Tom Knight and the gang are still in operation. I then let Myrl talk a little about the old days and followed that up with a couple of questions. We even had a number of past members come up and relate a story or two. We presented special Anniversary towels to Myrl S. (the only surviving founder), Courtney M. (longest travel by air), Peg L. (longest travel by car), and to Dick L. (oldest member in attendance)

This ceremony was followed by the Reunion Dance, led by DJ Au Natural Heather spinning what else - the 60's! Still a lot of talking going on...

Sunday morning a larger than normal crowd gathered for breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe for good food and a few fond farewells. That afternoon, for the few left, the leftovers from Saturday night's dinner were pulled out and we used the Hall's two microwaves to feed a nice group.

Thanks to the Board, the Council, Rod and his crew and the SAP Committee (That's all of YOU!) for making this one of the best events ever! Now get ready for 2027!!!

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## Don't Forget!

- \* Every Saturday at 2:00 PM Snacks at the outdoor pool—bring your favorite to share
- \* 2nd Wednesday of every month 6:00 PM potluck in Margie's Café followed by music from Phil & Phriends
- \* Every Saturday & Sunday from 8:30 to 10:00 AM breakfast in Margie's Café

Saturday, September 2nd at 8:00 PM

Come listen & dance to music by "First Class"

First Class



## Back on track

Capital Metro and its freight contractor by early next year plan to begin running freight trains on a stretch of improved track between Elgin and Giddings. That section of track has been dormant for decades.



Source: Capital Metro

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Capital Metro & its freight rail contractor plan to reopen a stretch of track between Elgin & Giddings that has been dormant for decades.

Freight trains, probably carrying rock primarily, could be running on the refurbished rail line, which runs through McDade & Paige as well as Elgin & Giddings, by December.

Be **extra cautious** when crossing the railroad tracks on Waco Street in McDade.

## Star Ranch Annual Ice Cream Contest

It was sunny and triple-digit hot at the pool on August 19, but nothing stops our annual ice cream contest. This year's entrants included Carolyn M, Judy M, DA G, and Debbie J. With Ivan M representing the Council and running the show, the churning began at about 4 p.m. By that time, it was 101 degrees and everyone was ready for some ice cream!

The judges - Larry S, Jerry C, Jeani C and JT waited patiently for the ice cream to be done so they could dig in and offer their "professional" opinions. Finally the ice cream (well, in DA's case, it was more like cold syrup. He couldn't get it to freeze!) was ready and the judging began. After tasting all the entries - some required more than one tasting - the esteemed panel decided that Carolyn M, with her Cherry Cream ice cream was the big winner, followed by Judy M with Big Red strawberry ice cream, DA with his Heath Bar Heat not-so-icy cream and Debbie J with her scrumptious Dreamsicle ice cream. Once the judging was done, everyone was invited to have a taste - and they did.

The ice cream contest is one of the most enjoyable events at Star Ranch. If you haven't entered before, next year be sure to get your name on the list and do some churning. You might win a prize and we'll all get to eat more ice cream. That's called a win-win!

## Labor Day Weekend Schedule

### Saturday, September 2

**8:00—10:00 AM** Breakfast in Margie's Café  
**10:00 AM** Petanque  
**12:00 PM** Snacks at the Pool Pavilion  
**1:00 PM** Water Volleyball  
**3:00 PM** Washers  
**6:00 PM** Burgers at the pool (\$5.00)  
**8:00 PM** Dance with live band—*First Class*

### Sunday, September 3

**8:00—10:00 AM** Breakfast in Margie's Café  
**10:00 AM** Petanque  
**12:00 PM** Snacks at the Pool Pavilion  
**1:00 PM** Water Volleyball  
**3:00 PM** Washers  
**6:00 PM** Hot Dogs at the pool (\$5.00)

### Monday—September 4

**8:00 AM—10:00 AM** Breakfast in Margie's Café  
**10:00 AM** Cash Petanque

# September 2017

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

					1	2 See Page 2 for the Labor Day Weekend Schedule
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10 8:30—10 AM Break- fast	11 Stop & say a silent prayer in memory of those who gave their lives on this day in 2001	12	13 6 PM Potluck Music with Phil & Phriends	14	15	16 8:30—10 AM Breakfast 10 AM Board Meeting 2 PM Snacks at Pool 5 PM Frozen T-shirt Contest 6 PM Luau 7 PM Tacky Tourist 8 PM Dance
17 8:30—10 AM Break- fast	18	19	20	21	22	23 8:30—10 AM Breakfast 2 PM Snacks at Pool 4:30 PM Judging for Road Kill begins 6 PM Road Kill Cookoff Potluck 8 PM Willie Nelson Dance 9 PM Raffle Drawing
24 8:30—10 AM Break- fast	25	26	27	28	29	30 8:30—10 AM Breakfast 2 PM Snacks at Pool

# OCTOBER 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:30—10 AM Breakfast 4 PM Beer Tasting & Brats
<b>8</b> 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6 PM Potluck Music with Phil & Phriends	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8:30—10 AM Breakfast 6 PM Poker Lesson 7 PM Poker
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<b>22</b> 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8:30—10 AM Breakfast 9 AM Council Meeting 6 PM Potluck with Free Hot Dogs 8 PM Halloween Party
<b>29</b> 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

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# November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 8:30—10 AM Breakfast
5 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	6	7	8 6 PM Potluck  Music with Phil & Phriends	9	10	11 8:30—10 AM Breakfast
12 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	13	14	15	16	17	18 8:30—10 AM Breakfast
19 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	20	21	22	23 OFFICE CLOSED 1 PM Thanksgiving Potluck	24	25 8:30—10 AM Breakfast  6 PM Left Overs Potluck
26 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	27	28	29	30		

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# December 2017

Sun

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Sat

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8:30—10 AM  
Breakfast  
11 AM Decorate  
Tara Hall  
2 PM Cookie  
Contest

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8:30—10 AM Breakfast

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8:30—10 AM  
Breakfast  
10 AM Board  
Meeting

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8:30—10 AM Breakfast

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6 PM Potluck  
Music with Phil &  
Phriends

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8:30—10 AM  
Breakfast  
5:30 PM Site  
Judging  
6 PM Potluck  
6:30 PM Gift  
Exchange

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8:30—10 AM Breakfast

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8:30—10 AM  
Breakfast

24 8:30—10 AM  
Breakfast

OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON

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OFFICE CLOSED

1 PM Potluck

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8:30—10 AM  
Breakfast

31 8:30—10 AM

Breakfast  
5:30 PM Progressive  
Dinner  
8 PM New Year's Eve  
Dance

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## “There ain’t no music like Texas music”

That’s a quote from a somewhat illiterate, but devoted fan of the best music in the world. Saturday night, August 19, was Texas Music Night at the Star Ranch pool and pavilion. Before an enthusiastic crowd of swimmers, dancers and chair dancers, DJ’s JT and Larry spun some fantastic tunes written or performed by Texas musicians. Songs included such favorites as “Pretty Woman” by Roy Orbison (Vernon), “That’ll Be the Day” by Buddy Holly (Lubbock), “She’s About a Mover” by Doug Sahm and the Sir Douglas Quintet (San Antonio), “London Homesick Blues” by Gary P. Nunn (Brownfield) and “Tighten Up” by Archie Bell and the Drells (Houston)

Or how about “I Fought the Law (and the Law Won)” by Bobby Fuller and the Bobby Fuller Four (Baytown). Or “Wooly Bully” by Sam the Sham and the Pharoahs (Dallas). Or... well you just should have been there. It was terrific music and we only got to hear a fraction of what was on the playlist. It’s hours and hours of one classic song after another.

Due to the positive feedback received by JT and Larry, it’s quite possible that there will be a repeat of Texas Music Night sometime in the fall or winter, indoors this time at Tara Hall, with a real dance floor. Keep an eye on the calendar!

By the way, if you have a request, these DJ’s will be glad to add your favorite song to the list. Just make sure it’s either written or performed by a Texas musician, or is about Texas or some Texas location, or there is some other link to Texas that makes it special.

## Labor Day Fun Facts

Five interesting facts about that special first Monday in September:

1. The first Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882 in New York City in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union.

2. The first state bill was introduced into the New

York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During the year, four more states, Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey & New York, created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment.

3. There is a bit of a dispute who founded Labor Day. Some records point to a Union guy named Peter J. McGuire who wanted a day to “honor those who from rude nature have delved & carved all the grandeur we behold” - in other words, the American worker. Recent research points to Matthew Maguire who proposed the holiday in 1882. A picnic & demonstration was planned to celebrate.

4. After the first eight states created their own Labor Day holidays, by 1894 23 other states adopted the holiday in honor of workers. That same year Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia & the territories.

5. We’ve all heard about the old school etiquette rule about not wearing white after Labor Day. The Time magazine posts that it had to do with the well-heeled wearing white during their summer vacations & then changing back to dark colors when they returned to their sooty, dusty, city. What we say is “wear whatever the heck you want!”



## September 16th 6:00 PM in Tara Hall

\$10.00 per plate for adults  
\$ 5.00 per plate for kids 10 & under

Broccoli Salad  
Pea Salad  
Tossed Salad  
Macaroni Salad

Ham with Pineapple  
Brisket  
Pulled Pork  
Grilled Fish

Mushroom Supreme  
Rice  
Fried Green Beans  
Hawaiian Rolls  
Sweet Potatoes

Pineapple Upside Down Cake  
Pineapple Coconut Surprise  
Hawaiian Wedding Cake

Be sure to bring your appetite!!



The Council meeting schedule has changed.

From now on the Council will meet on the 4th Saturday every other month.

The next Council Meeting is October 28 at 9 AM.

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**FORGET POWERBALL OR MEGAMILLIONS.  
 YOUR BEST CHANCE IS AT STAR RANCH!  
 RAFFLE IS ENDING SOON!**  
 by Mike W.



Time is running out to get your Raffle Tickets for the 2018 Big Nude Boat Cruise! The Carnival Victory will be the site of this cruise next February 2-12, to/

from Miami, FL. The drawing of the winning ticket will be on September 23<sup>rd</sup> during the Willie Dance with DJ Lightin'. The Raffle drawing is at 9PM. The prize is valued at \$9,998!!! Buy yours today. Much better odds than those other two contests!!!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**September Birthdays**

Jordan N 9/1  
 Belinda A 9/4  
 Mike Mc 9/5  
 Paul O 9/5  
 Crystal W 9/6  
 Peggy L 9/6  
 Gary C 9/9  
 Kim D 9/10  
 Nikki L 9/10  
 Dina P 9/13  
 Craig B 9/15  
 G Mike W 9/17  
 Jamie M 9/18  
 Joe W 9/19  
 Mike W 9/25  
 Pat W 9/28  
 Bob R 9/30

**October Birthdays**

Luke T 10/2  
 Jeanie O 10/6  
 Cody H 10/7  
 Bill G 10/8  
 Tyler L 10/9  
 Lottie H 10/14  
 Greg S 10/17  
 Ethel M 10/19  
 Heather K 10/19  
 Charlotte M 10/29

**November Birthdays**

Diane H 11/1  
 Russell S 11/1  
 Judy L 11/2  
 Carolyn F 11/10  
 Lynn D 11/12  
 Paul P 11/12  
 Caleb L 11/13  
 Kat S 11/15  
 Allen N 11/18  
 Pam W 11/19  
 Mike An 11/19  
 James R 11/22  
 Nan B 11/23  
 Carlos G 11/23  
 Ann D 11/25  
 Bill H 11/27  
 David Phi 11/30

**December Birthdays**

Russell N 12/5  
 Benny B 12/6  
 JT T 12/8  
 Terry P 12/12  
 Heather N 12/12  
 Jean M 12/15  
 Libia C 12/16  
 Travis L 12/16  
 Steve G 12/17  
 Roy F 12/18  
 Pete T 12/20  
 Richard G 12/21  
 Terry C 12/22  
 Tommie N 12/27  
 Judy M 12/28  
 Robbie M 12/28

