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'Buckle bunnies' and Lynyrd Skynyrd's BBQ in Las Vegas

No wonder the Sweet Home Alabama band Lynyrd Skynyrd -- Gary Rossington, Johnny Van Zant, Rickey Medlocke and cohorts in the group's current incarnation -- chose this time to celebrate the grand opening of the Lynyrd Skynyrd BBQ & Beer joint inside the wallet-friendly Excalibur Hotel & Casino.

I stopped by Thursday as members of the band were greeting fans (couldn't miss the flowing hair) and chomping on ribs. They were getting ready for Thursday night's benefit concert at the joint, which is down-home with paper towels on tables and plank flooring from barns.

Add the Free Bird band to the roster of music stars bringing their lifestyle to Vegas eateries and bars. Jimmy Buffett's new [Margaritaville casino, eatery and bar](#) and [Mickey Gilley's Vegas saloon](#) with mechanical bull come to mind.



Meanwhile, a music star from Ireland chose Thursday night as her Vegas wedding day. Sinéad O'Connor married her therapist beau at a wedding chapel here, ensconced in a pink Cadillac, [People magazine](#) and others report. Who knows what will happen here today.

Meanwhile, what stars would you like to see open a joint in Vegas?