



Hello to all of you. My name is Jim Binneboese and I am the current President of MAAC. I appreciate the opportunity to write this note to our members. It is likely that many of you are still sequestered inside your houses and depend on daily information from news sources or information that you may read. We, as Motorola or Freescale ex-employees, have not been able to meet. So far we have had to cancel our annual spring picnic and also our general membership meeting in May. I do hope that we can get back together in time for the August meeting, but until that time all our members are encouraged to write a little about themselves so we can substitute our one-on-one time at the meetings with a short BIO as a substitute and learn a little more about each other.

My original home town is just west of Chicago in the suburbs around O'Hare airport. For those of you who know a little about Motorola, Schaumburg was just about 5 miles north of my house. In fact, the property Motorola chose to build on in Schaumburg was part of my step-grandfather's farm. When I was growing up, the property had field corn growing on all 4 corners at the intersection of Algonquin Rd. and Meacham Rd. Since that time, Motorola has sold all that property and it has been changed into general industrial land and multi-family housing.

I graduated from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL with an Engineering degree in 1969. Engineering was my major, but my minor was Aviation Technology. My main hobby is aviation and I am part owner of an airplane and have been for over 50 years. I flew my first solo flight in 1965. As many did in my age group, I spent time in the military – in my case the Army. I enlisted for 6 years just out of college and flew helicopters for awhile. I never did go to Viet Nam, but many of my friends did.

Joining Motorola in 1974 was an experience. The company did not scare me, but the job took me to Plantation, Florida (1300 miles from home) where I worked in the Portable Products Division. These were 2-way hand-held radios – some know them as Handi-talkies. I worked in the marketing group and was a product expert to the sales teams. I married my wife Kathy in 1976 and we had a daughter born in Ft. Lauderdale. In 1981 I had the chance to take a transfer within Motorola to the Semiconductor Products Sector here in Austin . . . another experience. It had been a long time since my college engineering training and frankly I forgot a lot of the lessons I learned about Semiconductor theory. My first supervisor was Allan Alaspa and my assignment was an applications engineer in Logic and Special Functions at Ed Bluestein. He spent time with me to bring me up to speed and I worked in that capacity for about 4 years. Marketing was combined with applications engineering and I got to manage a group of good people for several more years. The division name changed several times under Pete Bingham who was V.P and General Manager at the time. After Pete

retired, our group was absorbed into one of the Microprocessor divisions and we were doing designs and marketing products using the Power PC architecture. I was moved from a Marketing position to one of Program Management. Our GM at that time was Tom Gunter. I worked for Greg White.

Travel was one of the most enjoyable parts of my job. I did a lot of work with the design centers around the world and lived the equivalent of two years in Japan. During that time travelling, I met a lot of very good people, not only in Japan, but also in Israel and India. Watching schedules and working with the design teams was my major job as PM and I enjoyed that role immensely. After 31 years with Motorola, I decided to retire in 2005 and re-aquaint myself with the family.

I currently do a lot of volunteer work and spend time doing work inside and outside the house. One of my volunteer roles was with SCORE – a nationwide group that helps people start small businesses. I try to balance the time at home with my time at the airport. I am still flying and also have an FAA mechanics license.

If we can continue to communicate with each other in MAAC, we can get through this period of captivity and meet again as a total group. Those meetings we have at the Senior Events Center are a very good time to talk about our work friends and all of our funny, but interesting stories. I look forward to the time we can get together again.