

# MOTOROLA LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB OF TEXAS

## LONE STAR NEWS

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**Reminder --** The next Regular Club Meeting is Tuesday, **May 14, 2002 at 10:00 A.M.**

at the Senior Center on North Lamar at 29<sup>th</sup> St.

RSVP is not required for Lunch

The following meeting is August 13th, 2002

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### **Agenda for the May 14th meeting**

10:00 Call to order and General Business Meeting

Business:

Approval of Minutes of February Meeting  
Treasurer's Report  
Committee Reports

11:00 Speaker: Virginia Kappler, Director, Seton Medical Center Volunteer Services

Speaker: Jerry Horton, Ph. D., Director, Down Home Ranch

Topic: Down Home Ranch Mission:

Building a rural, self-reliant community for adults with mental retardation.

12:00 Adjourn, Social Time, Lunch

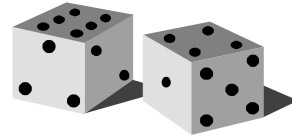
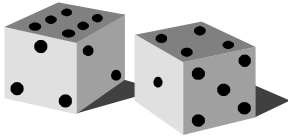
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### **NOTICE**

New Club mailing address

MLSRCT  
PO Box 10252  
Austin, TX 78766.

# Coushatta Grand Casino Tour



**Motorola Lone Star Retirees Club of Texas will offer an overnight trip to the gaming tables of the Coushatta Grand Casino in Kinder, Louisiana.**

**Date: Tuesday and Wednesday, June 25-26, 2002**

**Cost: \$37.00 per person (double occupancy). This**

**Includes bus, room, 2 buffet meals, tip,  
Tailgate coffee, and sack snack.**

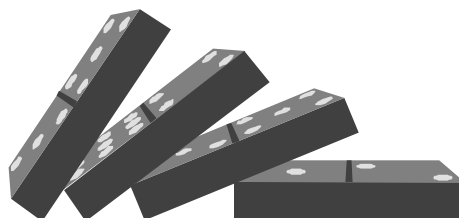
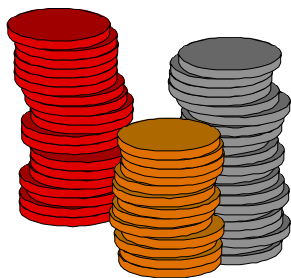
**Time: 8:00 A.M. from "V" building parking lot at**

The Ed Bluestein facility

The first 40+ people to pay will have seating; others will be put on a waiting list.

**Sign up/pay deadline is "NOW" or at the May 14 meeting. Checks made out to Betty Temple and mailed to 12426 Deer Track, Austin, TX. 78727, will be accepted now.**

This trip is open to all those who are interested, so sign up and pay early to ensure yourself a seat on the bus to fortune! Call Betty at 258-6960 if you have questions or other concerns.



## **MLSRCT SUMMER FAIR**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2002**

**10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

**MOTOROLA PARMER LANE FACILITY - OUTDOOR PAVILION**

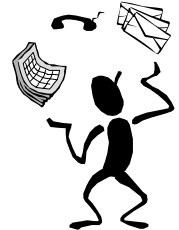
**\$5.00 per MEMBER**

**\$10.00 per NON-MEMBER**

**PLEASE PAY AT MAY 14 MEETING**

**Or send check to Betty Temple**

**ADULTS ONLY PLEASE**



**DEMO'S BY KNOWN ARTISTS AND CRAFTSMEN:**

**BLACKSMITH**

**LARRY CRAWFORD**

**JEWELER**

**MARTHA DAVIS**

**METAL ARTIST**

**BONNIE RAMIREZ**

**ELTON WOOLSEY**

**WOOD TURNING**

**STACEY HAGER**

**FLY CASTING**

**STACY TRIMBLE**

**Pottery wheel throwing demonstrations, leather work, egg dying, gourds society representative, furniture painting, old card, and an antique tractor, plus many more things to tickle your imagination.**

**Some of the above demonstrators will be offering items for sales, so bring your checkbooks or some cash to the picnic. This is a good way to thank these talented volunteers for their time and effort on our behalf.**

**HELLO OUT THERE ----- ANYONE HOME ????????**

**WE SURE DO MISS YOU !!!!!**

This is your ol' Membership Chair talking to y'all. At this time I have (according to my records) 52 people that were dues paying members in 2001 but have not yet submitted their 2002 dues. There are 47 additional folks that were dues paying members at some time prior to 2001 but are not currently in the Club. My records also show that there are 22 spouses that are not currently dues paying members.

Now this means that ----- give me a minute to do the math ----- the Club could be grown to 274 dues paying members in 2002. The more members the more fun activities that can happen.

Even given the possibility of some redundancy (God forbid) in my numbers there is tremendous potential to grow the Club this year.

Come on folks, this is your Retiree's Club. Let's get those dues in for 2002. If you have any questions as to YOUR membership status please:

Call me: (512) 528-8972 (home) or (512) 497-1059 (cell)

e-mail me: [fwtax@texas.net](mailto:fwtax@texas.net)

snail-mail me: 1504 Rio Bravo Loop, Leander, TX 78641

Or better still; send your check (payable to MLRST) FOR \$10.00 (\$20.00/couple) to me (Fred) at the above Leander address or to the new Club address, PO Box 10252, Austin, TX 78766.

Thanks and I hope to hear from you soon!

Fred Thomas, Membership Chair

**Motorola "Books are Fun" Book Fair**

This year the Lone Star Retirees Club will be sponsoring the Book Fair within Motorola. We will be working with Gary May of Books are Fun. If you are interested in purchasing any of this quality merchandise you can go to one of the facilities on the dates below. At Parmer, the location is in the hall outside of the Credit Union. At Oak Hill, the location will be at the cafeteria exit. The location at Ed Bluestein will be on the bridge between the buildings.

The remaining dates for the book fair are as follow:

Parmer -	August 26 & 27	Nov. 11 & 12
Oak Hill -	August 21, 22 & 23	Nov. 14 & 15
Ed Blue -	Sept. 4, 5 & 6	Nov. 26 & 27

**Motorola Marathon, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Volunteer Chairman Ted Burke:** Thanks to all those who volunteered for the Motorola Marathon events. Your help assisted in making it a great success again this year.

## **Whooping Crane Tour**

Submitted by Betty Temple

Watching a white-feathered, 5-foot tall whooping crane with a 7-foot wingspan glide to the ground to feed is like seeing a small experimental aircraft come in for a landing. Our enthusiastic group of travelers spotted over 25 of these endangered whooping cranes. This overnight trip included viewing old churches a Victorian homes, lunch, and shopping in the quaint community of Cuero. An evening cocktail party in Rockport had everyone ready for dining out. The boat trip the next day to see the cranes (plus many other species of birds) was made perfect by our smooth water and warm weather. The first overnight trip of the MLSRCT tour group was deemed a success by those that traveled with us mostly because of the privilege of seeing so many whooping cranes where other travelers have missed out seeing any.

## **Trip to Warrenton**

Submitted by Betty Temple

Show and Tell on the way home from the antique market days in Warrenton had everyone laughing and having a grand time. Silver and bakelite jewelry, quilts, planter stands, a vintage wall paper book, a pottery rooster, an Aladdin's lamp, and an almost purchased old radio by George Hawkins, were just a sampling of the wondrous treasures that filled the belly of our tour bus. Mike Temple kept us entertained with his stories of riding his mountain bike in and out of all the booth spaces. He says there are 936 booths, but I say there are many more! Every time I saw Ezelle Tutt he was carrying a dated sewing/jewelry box for Vessie. When I asked him if he planned on filling it up with vintage jewelry his answer was, "Vessie owns it all!" So with our wallets a little lighter but our spirits high we headed back to Austin.

## **Just Another Day in Paradise!**

Submitted by Rose Lee Stratton

Living on the longest barrier island in the world has definite advantages. The Laguna Madre, the largest hypersaline lagoon in the world and one of the best places for recreational bay fishing of red drum, black drum, and spotted sea trout in North America, is in our back yard! Also, the wind-tidal flats and barrier island beaches are home to many threatened and endangered species in addition to being the winter home for the redhead ducks.

On one particular early morning while enjoying coffee on our deck overlooking the main channel, we decided it was too perfect a day not to venture out to enjoy it. The tide was right and the birds were working! With the flick of a switch, the boat was in the water and fishing equipment was on board. In five minutes we were in the Intracoastal Waterway and on our way to our favorite drift-fishing place--the King Ranch shoreline.

While setting up our drift line, we spotted tailing red fish along the shoreline so we abandoned our drift and slowly approached the spot where the water was boiling with redfish gorging themselves! Our limit for the day came too soon and we headed for home to clean fish and have a wonderful grilled redfish dinner.

## Minutes of February 12, 2002, General Membership Meeting

The MLSRCT General membership meeting was held at the Austin Senior Activity Center. The Club President, Jeanne Morris called the meeting to order at 10:20 AM.

### **Greeting by the President**

#### **Treasurer's report by Shambu Pai:**

Money Market	-	\$11,969.82
DIV checking	-	6,884.85
Share Savings	-	68.13
Total	-	\$18,922.80

**President's question:** Where did you go in 2001 or where are you going in 2002? We would like to hear about your trips, etc. Articles don't have to be long; we'll even do spell check before putting them in the newsletter.

**Introduction of new Program chairman,** Louis Struble. Please share your ideas with Lou for future programs.

**Membership chairman** - Fred Thomas reported 120 paid up members for 2002. New members were introduced. Fred urged us to remind prior members of the need to pay their dues.

**Scholarship** - Jim Wilson reported that signs are up at the three plants, applications are being turned in, and he is expecting around 15 or 16. FYI: Two \$1000 scholarships are given to graduating seniors (children of Motorola employees).

**PresProTem** - Mike Temple noted that photos of doll making handcrafts created by Barbara Racino and Betty Temple during an intensive 3-day workshop were left out of the printed newsletter (didn't print well), BUT could be seen in the e-mailed version.

**Tour Chairman** - Betty Temple elaborated with great details on upcoming tours. The first one was a two-day trip to Rockport, March 5th and 6th to view the Whooping cranes. Sounds like lots of fun! Cost is \$142/person; sign-up today to secure a spot; Betty will call each of us to confirm departure time. 35 people minimum. (Refer to January's newsletter for additional details about this tour).

The second trip is a day shopping tour to Warrenton (collector's market), scheduled for Wednesday, April 3rd, 8a-6p. \$40/person, 25 people minimum.

**Sunshine** - Susan Lightle reported a total of 19 cards have been mailed to date.

**Volunteer Chairman** - (Open). Ted Burke is filling in temporarily to solicit volunteers for the Motorola Marathon on February 16th & 17th. Sign up sheets are available.

**Events Chairman** - (Open). This is the person who coordinates our picnic and Christmas party. Betty Temple has done this for years, but she would like to concentrate on being Tour chairman. The question at hand is our annual picnic, which has been held at Camp Mabry for the last few years. Betty has suggested having a Fair instead of a picnic. Possibly using the Motorola parking lot for an area where vendors could have demonstrations for hobby ideas, etc.

Talk to Betty with ideas/suggestions. This would take place in the same time frame as the picnic. There will be food.

**Honor for a Great Supporter** - Mike Temple Presented Cindy Presence, our Motorola Advisor with an appreciation gift for her support to the club. Nancy Cherwitz was introduced as our new Motorola Advisor.

**Book selling Project for 2002:** Parmer sales to date are about \$3100. Need someone to go over to Ed Bluestein and help set up signs at the plant. Oakhill sale is going on now. Refer to newsletter for dates. Volunteer at your convenience.

**DOOR PRIZES:**

1st was won by Jeanne Morris

2nd was won by Bud Hesch

**Guest Speaker:**

Bill Wodarski, CTC, MCC, Above & Beyond Travel, Inc. (Full service agency).

Meeting adjourned and a spaghetti lunch was served.

Prepared by Pearl Burke, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of Executive Officers' Meeting, April 9, 2002**

The MLSRCT Executive Officers meeting was held on Tuesday, 9 April 2002, in the Parmer Facility in the Activity Center conference Room from 1000 to 1200 hours. Meeting was called to order by Jeanne Morris, President.

Those present were: Jeanne Morris, Al Alaspa, Shambhu Pai, Mike & Betty Temple, Fred Thomas, Danna Redford, Nancy Cherwitz, Susan Lightle, Ted & Pearl Burke.

**Plans for 2002 Christmas party**

President Jeanne Morris initiated plans for the Christmas party. Time: 5p-8p (3 hrs). Date: Second week in December (depending on site availability). More details will be presented, as they become available, possibly by the next meeting or the newsletter.

**General Meeting lunches and special meeting site for the August meeting**

Discussion of lunches for meetings is an ongoing topic. We have had no volunteers; therefore, the decision was made to serve pizza at the May 14th general meeting and again present the dilemma to the membership. Jeanne will do the ordering from Mr Gatti's. Several suggestions were made and a couple of Board members have volunteered to check out alternate meeting sites for August's general meeting.

**Membership** - Fred Thomas reported that we are at 152 paid-up members.

**Treasurer** - Shambhu Pai reported the increase of \$6900 in the checking account is the only change in his report, everything else is the same.

**Tour Chairman** - Betty Temple reported that 26 persons went on the Whooping Crane tour in March and 25 on the Warrenton tour. **She turned over a \$100 profit to the Treasurer!**

**Picnic/Fair** will be held on 29 May at Motorola Parmer Facility (Pavilion). See the announcement in this newsletter for time, cost, and other details.

**Casino Trip** to Kinder, LA, is scheduled for 25 - 26 June. The cost is \$37/person (which includes bus, room, dinner buffet, and tip). We need a minimum of 40 people in order to confirm this trip. (Details are available in this newsletter and at the general meeting).

**Newsletter** - Danna Redford reported that deadline for submitting newsletter info to her is April 26th. Volunteers are needed for newsletter folding on Wednesday, May 1st from 1000-noon in Parmer in Activity Center Conference room. Alan Alaspa and Jim Heinchon will volunteer to prepare the newsletter while Danna is out of town in July and August.

**New Club Mailing Address:** In order to ease the officer and committee chairmanship rotations, we agreed to acquire a post office box. Jeanne Morris accomplished this for us and the Club\_ **mailing address is now PO Box 10252, Austin, TX 78766.**

Prepared by Pearl Burke, Recording Secretary



#### A QUESTION FOR THE MEMBERSHIP:

As you know, we've been struggling with the assumed need to provide lunch at our general meetings. HOWEVER, we decided the smart thing to do was to ask you what the real "draw" is for your attendance.

There will be a brief questionnaire for the May attendees, but if you can't make the May meeting, you can email your responses (see below) to any officer.

1. List in order of importance, the top three reasons you attend the club meetings (speaker, food, friends, and fellowship, other...)
2. How important IS lunch, really?
3. How much would you be willing to pay for lunch?
4. Any other suggestions for the meetings?



## **Motorola Lone Star Retirees Club of Texas 2002 Officers and Board Members**

### **Elected Officers:**

President      Jeanne Morris, 2007 Millay Dr, Austin 78752, [jeanne.morris@att.net](mailto:jeanne.morris@att.net), 454-6908

V - President   Al Alaspa, 9713 Tree Bend Dr, Austin 78750, [aalaspaa@austin.rr.com](mailto:aalaspaa@austin.rr.com), 258-1408

V - President   Lester Formby, 2550 West 1<sup>st</sup> St, Lampasas 76550, [lformby@n-link.com](mailto:lformby@n-link.com), 556-0159

Secretary      Pearl Burke, 12902 Iron Gate Ave, Austin 78727, [Peace69@aol.com](mailto:Peace69@aol.com), 339-2431

Treasurer      Shambhu Pai, 1908 Holly Hill Dr, Austin 78746, [shambhuanjali@yahoo.com](mailto:shambhuanjali@yahoo.com), 327-2602

### **Board Members:**

News Letter    Danna Redford, 3416 Hillview Road, Austin 78703, [djredford@earthlink.net](mailto:djredford@earthlink.net), 371-7332

News Letter    Jim Heinchon, 11922 Brookwood Cir, Austin 78750, [jheinchon@aol.com](mailto:jheinchon@aol.com), 258-2193

Membership    Fred Thomas, 1504 Rio Bravo Loop, Leander 78641, [fwtatx@texas.net](mailto:fwtatx@texas.net), 528-8972

Tours            Betty Temple, 12426 Deer Track, Austin 78727, [mbtemple@earthlink.net](mailto:mbtemple@earthlink.net), 258-6960

Volunteers     Open – need a volunteer

Events          Open – need a volunteer

Scholarship    Jim Wilson, 1208 Wilderness Dr, Austin 78746, [aggiejim57@email.msn.com](mailto:aggiejim57@email.msn.com), 327-3040

Program        Louis Struble, 11802 Buckingham Rd, Austin 78759, [lstruble@inetport.com](mailto:lstruble@inetport.com), 258-2742

Sunshine       Susan Lightle, 9414 South Hwy 183, Austin 78747, 243-2430

Pres Pro-Tem   Mike Temple, 12426 Deer Track, Austin 78727, [mbtemple@earthlink.net](mailto:mbtemple@earthlink.net), 258-6960

Motorola Advisor   Nancy Cherwitz, at Parmer PL14, [nancy.cherwitz@motorola.com](mailto:nancy.cherwitz@motorola.com), 996-4031

Return Requested  
P.O. Box 10252  
Austin, TX 78766

## MOTOROLA LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB OF TEXAS

### Application for membership

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS OF SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

RETIREE'S BIRTHDAY: \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE'S BIRTHDAY: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MLSRCT**

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**MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

JAN ---- DEC \$10.00/MEMBER OR NEW MEMBER      APR --- DEC \$7.50/NEW MEMBER

JUL --- DEC \$5.00/NEW MEMBER      OCT --- DEC \$2.50/NEW MEMBER

LIFETIME \$100/MEMBER or NEW MEMBER

Don't forget that Spouses need to be members also. We need your other half as part of our club, so sign them up!

**MAIL TO: MLSRCT at P.O. BOX 10252, AUSTIN, TX 78766**