

**MOTOROLA/FREESCALE* LONE STAR RETIREES
CLUB**

LONE STAR NEWS

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Reminder -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, August 12, 2014**

Meeting will be at 10:00 A.M., **in the Norris Conference Center, Anderson Lane & Burnet** (in the old Northcross Mall)
Specific directions on page 5 of this newsletter

A chicken fajita lunch will be served at 11:30

The following meeting is Tuesday, November 11, 2014, back at the SAC

Speaker: Gary Phillips, Texas Ranger

Subject: The past, present, and future of the Texas Rangers, the oldest state law enforcement body in America

Rangers ended the criminal careers of Sam Bass, Bonnie and Clyde, Wesley Hardin and many others

Speaker: Wayne Harned and Perla Santillan, Disaster Program Specialist for the Central Texas Region of the American Red Cross

Remember **spouses of club members are always welcome** at any of our meetings.

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Minutes of the General Meeting, May 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Al Scholin, at 10:10 A.M.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the prior meeting and the board meeting were published in the newsletter and approved by the members present.

Treasurer's Report: Obie Hasty reported that we collected \$655 for the picnic and \$110 from membership. We subsidized \$233 of the picnic costs, half the amount as last year. Our expenses were \$1367.

Membership Report: Loy Buley reported that the prior membership report was inaccurate. We have 29 paid in February, including 2 new members, but 48 not renewed.

Programs: Gary Daniels introduced our speaker, Kelli Reyna from TxDOT Public Information Office.

The Austin office is responsible for 11 counties including Williamson, Travis, Hayes, and surrounding counties. In 2013, over \$378M was spent on 108 projects. Kelli described major projects in development including 71/US290/Tx45, 183N, and I-35 from San Marcos to Georgetown. There is no funding for Loop 360, but studies are considering overpasses and additional lanes. In the future, at least 6 lanes must exist before adding toll lanes.

Gasoline taxes have not been increased since 1991, so revenues have declined due to more efficient vehicles. However, raising gasoline taxes would be political suicide and won't likely happen.

Status of specific projects can be found at: http://www.txdot.gov/apps-cq/project_tracker/projects.htm?view=dist&dist=Austin

News: Since the Senior Center will be undergoing renovation, the next General meeting will not be held there. An alternate venue is under consideration and will be announced in the Newsletter. We hope to return to the Senior Center for the November General Meeting.

Freescale no longer has privileges at Parmer Lane, so the board meeting will be held at a private home, and the 2015 Picnic may have to relocate elsewhere.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 A.M., and Bingo was played until Pizza arrived for lunch.

Respectfully Submitted, Jules Campbell, Secretary, MFLSRC

2014 Dates to Remember

General Membership Meetings (2nd Tuesday of the 2nd month of the quarter)
August 12 November 11

Board Meetings (2nd Tuesday of 1st month of the quarter)
October 7 January 6

Annual Picnic for 2015: Probably at the Parmer Lane Pavilion

Christmas Party: Tuesday, December 9 at Freda's Seafood Grill

Newsletter Article Deadlines: October 31
Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, July 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Al Scholin at 10:08AM. In attendance were Al Scholin, Mike Coley, Obie Hasty, Danna Redford, Wayne Harned, Loy Buley, Gary Daniels and Jules Campbell

Treasurer's Report: Obie Hasty reported that we had an income of \$66.08, Expenses of \$297.04, giving a net decrease of \$230.96 in the last quarter. Our remaining assets (deposits) are \$13,186.31.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the General Meeting and the prior Board Meeting were emailed to the board, and approved after a minor amendment.

Membership Report: Loy Buley reported that in 2014 we have 26 paid members, 66 life members, 1 new member, and 20 not renewed, giving us a total of 92 (down from 141 in 2013). Our highest membership year was 2005, with 216. We need to renew our PO Box, \$65/year.

Program Report: Gary Daniels asked everyone to email their friends to invite them to the retiree meeting in August. We need at least 40 to attend the general meeting to be held at the Norris Conference Center in Northcross Mall (a chicken fajita lunch, dessert, tea and coffee will be provided), which holds 50-80 people. Our speaker will be from the Texas Rangers. We have to make a \$500 deposit and the cost for 56 attendees will be \$640. We will request round tables, to facilitate conversation. We need a firm headcount by Aug 8th.

Gary also contacted Dr. Johnson, head of the new UT Medical School, and will try to schedule him for the November meeting.

The Alamo Draft House was considered, but projection of the speaker's materials would have been more difficult. Al Scholin mentioned that he is a member of the Ben Hur Shrine, and that might be a possible location for meetings, in case we ever need another one.

Newsletter: Deadline for submissions is August 1st. Danna asked that any death notices be emailed to her, for inclusion in the newsletters.

Activities: Wayne reported that we may still be able to use the Parmer Pavilion for a fee. Betty Temple will no longer organize the Christmas Party. We are considering other locations, such as, Freda's Seafood (near Lakeline Mall), Abuelo's (Barton Creek Mall), and may investigate the Great Hills Country Club. Other venues were mentioned but dismissed for now. In 2013, we charged \$20 for members, and \$30 for non-members, with the remainder subsidized by the club. We propose increasing members to \$25 for this year, since, in addition to the food, there is ~20% tip and ~8% sales tax. Loy was asked to estimate a potential headcount for the Christmas Party, based on historical attendance.

Other News:

Mike Coley raised the issue of Charitable Contributions, since we did not make one in 2013. Possible organizations mentioned were Hospice Austin, and the Red Cross. The board recommends we donate \$500 to the Red Cross, and will ask membership approval at the general meeting, since only \$250 was placed in the budget.

Brent Brown has albums full of photos and would like to know what to do with them, as he doesn't have time to edit them.

We will open nominations for new officers at the August 12th meeting and plan to hold the election at the November general meeting.

Al Scholin adjourned the meeting at about 11:35 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, Jules Campbell, Secretary MFLSRC

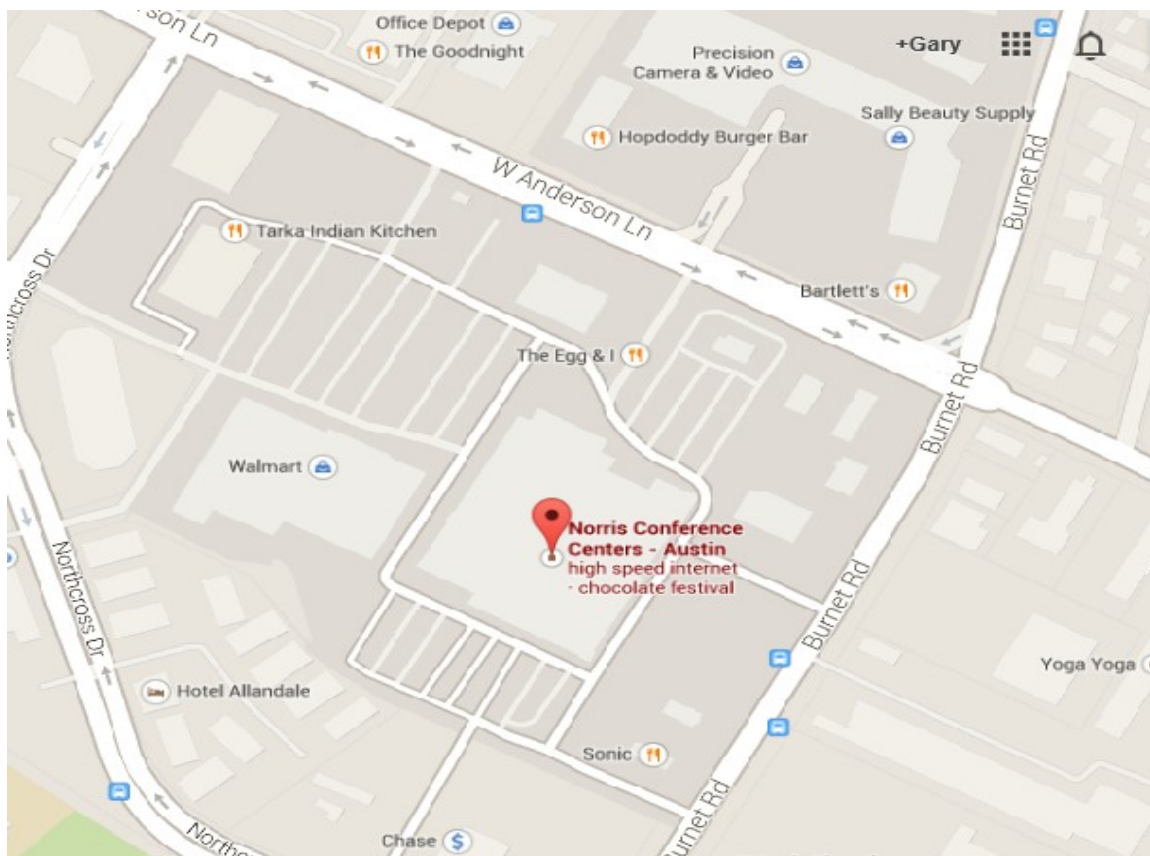
In Memoriam

Kirk Holden
Ivan Johnson, Jr.
Ray Burgess

August Meeting Location

Directions to the Norris Conference Center at Anderson Lane & Burnet (in the old Northcross Mall):

- 1. Exit MoPac Expy onto Anderson Lane and proceed east**
- 2. Turn Right on Northcross Dr**
- 3. Turn Left to enter WalMart Parking lot**
- 4. Norris Conference Center is in the building just east of WalMart – look for the signs**
- 5. Park and enter the SE end of the building**
- 6. We are in the Pecan Room**



Tidbits That Are Good to Know

November 2008

In the year the Motorola/Freescale retiree turns 65, there are changes in the medical/dental/vision insurance. My understanding is that the retiree and their spouse's existing policies are basically cancelled. The retiree signs up for the Humana PFFS plan and the under 65 spouse is automatically put on new Aetna medical, Humana dental, and Vision plans. The spouse's new plan resets to zero dental and vision coverage used for the year. This means that if you used some or all of the dental and vision coverage before the retiree turns 65 you will receive another full set of coverage for the rest of the year. You should check this with Humana and the Vision plan before you try to use this. I'm not sure if the same thing happens when the spouse turns 65 and the retiree is less than 65 years old.

August 2008

- 1) Set-up meeting at Social Security office – you can wait for hours to be seen if you just go into the social security office and get a number. It's possible to call ahead of time and get an appointment for a specific time on a specific day. Early in the day and after lunch are good times for the meeting.
 - a. Sign-up for Medicare (this happens at the Social Security office)
 - i. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 to set-up appointment
 - b. Sign-up for Social Security and for problems
 - i. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 to set-up appointment
- 2) Age 65 and over retirees, Humana PFFS "Evidence of Coverage" booklet
 - a. In the initial information that Humana sends when you sign-up for this plan, they say that after you enroll you will receive the "Evidence of Coverage" booklet. I never did receive this booklet and I would bet that I am not the only one who did not receive it.
 - b. Call Humana at the number on the back of your membership card and request the booklet. I have done this and it has much more information than what you got with the sign-up forms.

May 2009

When I looked at my 2009 Notice of Appraised Value from Travis County, the school taxes had not frozen at the 2008 tax amount, as they should have. The exemptions were shown correctly for both 2008 and 2009. I went to see someone at the Travis Central Appraisal District Office at 8314 Cross Park Dr. and after checking into this they said the projected tax information I got was wrong. The person I talked with said this was caused by a software glitch and it has also happened to other taxpayers. She changed the school tax to the correct amount and gave me a printout of what she had done.

Note: This will be a recurring feature in the newsletter to help any of us solve a problem. If you have an item to put in here, please send it to any board member and they'll get in for you. The above items were submitted by Jim Remedi.

Motorola/Freescale Lone Star Retirees Club 2014 Officers and Board Members

Elected Officers:

President Al Scholin, 102 Lampasas Pass, Georgetown, 78628, alscholin@gmail.com, 864-9493
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V-Pres. Brent Brown, 708 Minturn Ln, Austin, 78748, BBrown841@aol.com, 292-0147
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Treasurer Obie Hasty, 1610 Northumberland Rd, Austin, 78703, Obiehasty@yahoo.com, 771-8579

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Doug Wilkerson Colorado group doug.wilkerson@comcast.net

Motorola/Freescale Contact List

Name	Phone	Loc	MD	Service Center
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	996-4054	PL		Food Works – Parmer Lane
	895-2699	OHT	OE 11	Security
Shawna DeShazo	895-3096	OHT	OE 342	Manager, Austin Activity Centers
<u>Activity Centers:</u>	895-3069 (OHT)		934-6228 (EDB)	996-7129 (PL)

Credit Unions: Howard Lane 252-6000 Riata Trace 249-4800
Legend Oaks 421-3400

(The Parmer Lane branch closed December 24, 2008)

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

**MOTOROLA/FREESCALE LONE STAR RETIREES CLUB
Application for membership**

NAME: _____ YEARS OF SERVICE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____
(Please note if you do NOT have computer access or email)

SPOUSE'S NAME (If applicable): _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE CLUB? _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MFLSRC

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MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 per year, due by February's meeting. NOTE: The dues are no longer pro-rated.
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: \$100

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: MFLSRC at P.O. BOX 10252, AUSTIN, TX 78766