

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

LONE STAR NEWS

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Reminder -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, November 11, 2014**

Meeting will be at 10:00 A.M., again **in the Norris Conference Center, Anderson Lane & Burnet** (in the old Northcross Mall)
Specific directions on page 7 of this newsletter

A chicken fajita lunch will be served at 11:30

(PLEASE NOTE: cost for this venue will be \$5 / person)

The following meeting is Tuesday, February, 10, 2015 (back at the SAC)

Speaker: Dr. Mark McDermont, who is on the staff of the University of Texas and is a former employee of both Apple and Motorola

Topic: Advances and limitations of Portable Electronics Today and Tomorrow

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

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2014

Where : **Freda's Seafood Grille** *See website for directions
10903 Pecan Park Blvd
Austin, Texas 78750
512-506-8700

Time: **11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

Cost:

Members	\$20
Non-Members	\$30
Cash Bar	

Pay at the November meeting or mail checks and menu preferences to the MFLSRC at the PO Box 10252, Austin, TX, 78752. **Sign up deadline is November 28.**

Menu

Mixed Green Salad with cotija cheese and Raspberry-Walnut Dressing

Pecan Talapia – pecan crusted tilapia, topped with crawfish pesto sauce, served with rice and green beans

Or

Basil Pasta with Grilled Chicken –Tomatoes, spinach, and mushrooms tossed in a light basil sauce (without the chicken becomes a vegetarian option)

Or

NY Strip – A USDA Angus steak served with compound butter and herb roasted potatoes

Dessert

NY Cheese Cake or Chocolate Mousse cake

Iced tea, coffee, or soft drink included

Please select your entrée when you sign up (and include your spouses). We'd hate to run out of something at such an important event.

Motorola/Freescale Lone Star Retirees Club 2014 Christmas Lunch Sign Up and Payment Form

Name: _____
Lone Star Club Member: YES: _____ NO: _____

Menu choices: Entrée: _____ Dessert _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____
Lone Star Club Member: YES: _____ NO: _____

Menu choices: Entrée: _____ Dessert _____

Contact Information:
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **MFLSRC**
Member: \$20.00 per person
Non-member: \$30.00 per person
Total amount of check included with this mailing: _____

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

Minutes of the General Meeting, August 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Al Scholin, at 10:05 A.M., in the Norris Conference Center at Northcross Mall, while the North Lamar Senior Activity Center is undergoing renovation.

Programs: Because of our speakers' schedules, Gary Daniels introduced our first speaker. Gary Phillips of the Texas Rangers was born in Orange, but went to school in Silsbee where he graduated from High School in 1985. He had a variety of prior jobs, including the Marine Corps where he was a machine gunner and sniper. He later served in the Victoria Police Department for 5-1/2 years before joining the DPS as a trooper in 1999. Gary served on Gov. Perry's Protection Detail before becoming a Texas Ranger in September, 2009.

There are only 144 Texas Rangers serving in 7 regions with Headquarters in Austin. The Texas Rangers provide deterrence and crime scene investigations (CSI) on cases such as homicides, police use of deadly force, public corruption, catching felons, prison riots/escapes, surveillance, and terrorism. They also support local law enforcement. Each Ranger carries a carload of equipment to do collection of evidence from crime scenes. The Rangers also have special units for SWAT, Explosive Disposal, Recon, Special Response Teams, Crisis Negotiators, etc. The Ranger's Creed is "No man in the wrong can stand up against a fellow in the right, that keeps on a-coming."

Ranger Gary described several of the assignments he had over the years and then answered several questions. One of our members asked about using vigilantes to help secure the border with Mexico. Gary said that the Rangers have specific rules of engagement, while the Vigilantes do not, which causes problems.

Next, Wayne Harned and Perla Santillan presented the Red Cross Disaster Services. Generally, the Red Cross supports military personnel, blood supplies, international service, and health & safety training, e.g., CPR, First Aid, Swimming and Life Guards.

The Disaster Services use Emergency Response Vehicles to reduce human suffering from events such as Hurricane Sandy, the Bastrop Forest Fires, Oklahoma Tornados, the Explosion in West, Texas, etc. The Disaster Action Team are the first responders to help the victims. The service provides food, shelter, medicine, clothing, blankets, toiletries, and counseling. Depending on circumstances, they may give "debit cards" for routine expenses and then refer the people to various client services. For extremely large disasters, they establish shelters for people to stay.

The aid is given freely and relies on donations from the public. Volunteers are welcome at <http://www.volunteerconnection.org> or the local Red Cross Office (24/7) at (512) 928-4271.

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 had \$12, 696.85, which is a decrease of \$720.43.

Membership Report: Loy Buley reported that the 2014 membership is down about 50 people, and 39 attended the August Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11: 28 A.M., and we enjoyed a catered buffet lunch before playing bingo

Respectfully Submitted, Jules Campbell, Secretary, MFLSRC

2014 / 2015 Dates to Remember

General Membership Meetings (2nd Tuesday of the 2nd month of the quarter)

November 11 February 10 May 12 August 11 November 10

Board Meetings (2nd Tuesday of 1st month of the quarter)

January 6 April 7 July 7 October 10

Annual Picnic for 2015: Probably at the Parmer Lane Pavilion

Christmas Party: Tuesday, December 9 , 2014 at Freda's Seafood Grill

Newsletter Article Deadlines: January 30 April 1 July 31 October 30

Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

Slate of Officers

All have agreed to serve another year, but only under duress so if anyone else is interested, the position is available.

PRESIDENT	Al Scholin
VICE-PRESIDENT	Mike Coley
VICE-PRESIDENT	Brent Brown
SECRETARY	Jules Campbell
TREASURER	Obie Hasty

In addition to the elected officers, the board members who have agreed to serve another year are Loy Buley (Membership and email accounts), Wayne Harned (Events), Gary Daniels (Programs), Pat Haner (webmaster), Brent Brown (Photographer), and Danna Redford (Newsletter).

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, October 14, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Al Scholin at 10:12AM.

Attendees: Al Scholin, Mike Coley, Obie Hasty, Danna Redford, Wayne Harned, Loy Buley, Brent Brown, Pat Haner and Jules Campbell.

Treasurer's Report: Obie Hasty reported that our income was \$200 for Christmas Lunch, \$70 for Dues, and \$0.92 interest. August Meeting expenses were \$140+deposit of \$500, and \$60 for gift cards. Deposit for Freda's was \$200. Our current reserves are \$534.13 in checking, \$12,033.63 in savings.

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: Loy Buley reported that we currently have 33 paid members, 66 life members. Membership peaked in 2005 (at 216) and has declined since 2008 (at 174) to the current 99. We plan to call the 42 who didn't renew, and ask why more don't come or join.

Programs: Gary Daniels was unable to attend, but the speaker for November will be Mark McDermott (former Motorolan) on "Advances and Limitations of portable electronics". Someday, Al Scholin will show photos from his Panama Canal Cruise.

Newsletter: Deadline for submissions is Oct 31. Danna asked that any death notices be emailed to her, for inclusion in the newsletters.

To see if we can improve general meeting attendance, it was suggested that we should have members answer a survey about activities, etc. of interest. Pat Haner will work up the survey.

Photos: Brent Brown reported that he has many photos on Flash Memories. Digital photos will be made available on the website or a site like Shutterfly or picasa.com, where prints can be ordered.

He won't be able to attend the Christmas party, so Mike or Pat will take pictures. Al Scholin discussed with Mike and Betty Temple about all the old photo albums. The club doesn't want to keep them, so it was proposed to bring them to meetings and let people take any they want.

Elections: New officers will be elected at the November 11, 2014, General Meeting. Pat Haner would like to be replaced as webmaster. We would like new candidates to volunteer before or at the meeting.

Other News:

Motorola Pension-- Motorola Solutions has transferred the pension management to Prudential Insurance. Mike Coley made the following comments relative to this issue:

- No major insurance company is insolvent.
- If problems develop, they merge.
- States all have departments that monitor Insurance companies.
- Unlike banks, Insurance companies must maintain a reserve of \$1.03 per \$1.00.
- The AIG problem was their investment division, not insurance.
- Annuities (Pensions) pay the amount guaranteed (purchased). They invest in long term bonds and sell them to make pension payments.

Humana is holding a meeting for retirees on Oct. 31, 2014, at the Austin Guidance center, near Breaker and 183.

Al Scholin adjourned the meeting at about 11:30 AM.
Respectively Submitted, Jules Campbell, Secretary

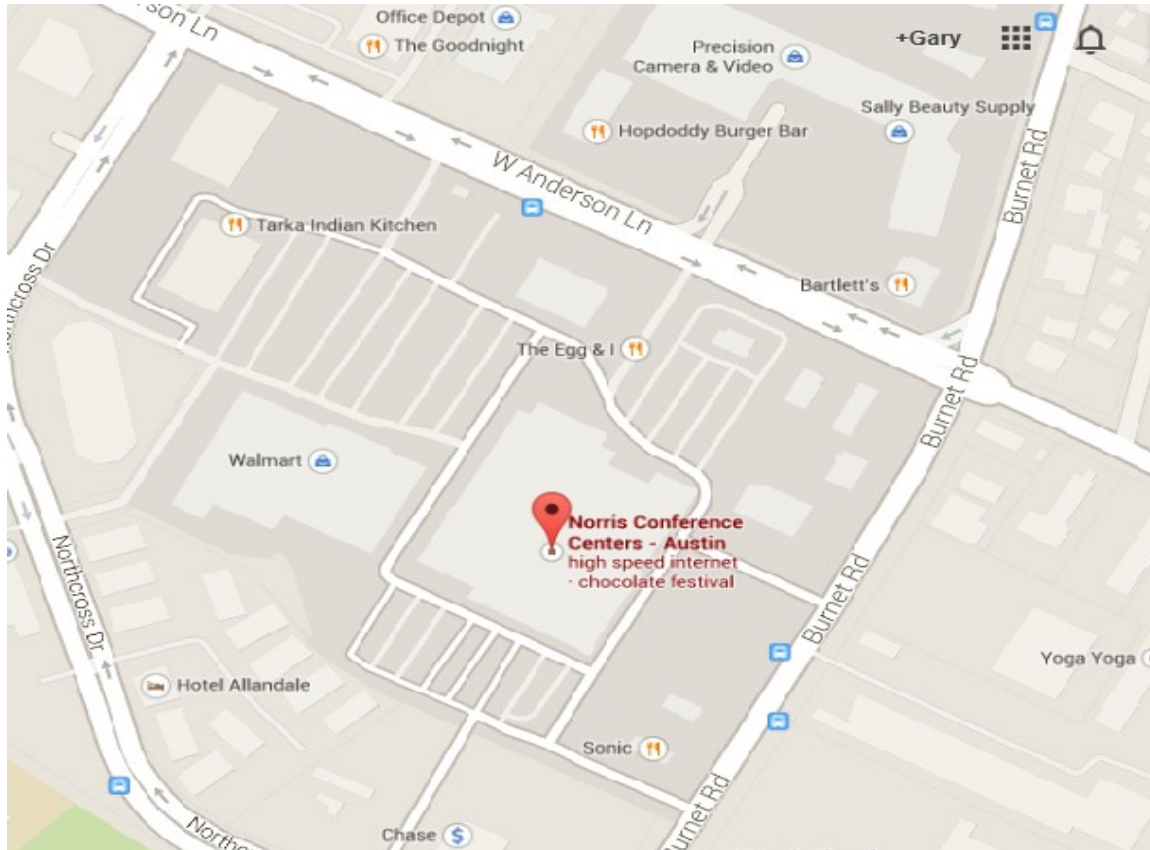
<p style="text-align: center;">In Memoriam</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Paul Shannon</p>

November 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
V-Pres. Mike Coley, 10811 Redmond Road, Austin, 78739, mcoley@austin.rr.com, 965-3232
V-Pres. Brent Brown, 708 Minturn Ln, Austin, 78748, BBrown841@aol.com, 292-0147
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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? _____

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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