

# MOTOROLA AUSTIN RETIREES CLUB

## LONE STAR NEWS

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**Reminder** -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, November 15, 2016**

### ***NOTE THE DATE CHANGE***

(The 8<sup>th</sup> is election day, and the SAC is one of the polling places.)

Meeting will be at 10:00 A.M., at the Senior Activity Center on Shoalcrest Ave  
(29<sup>th</sup> and Lamar)

Coffee and Lunch will be provided

The following meeting is Tuesday, February 14, 2017

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**Speaker:**           **Mark Lenz, Senior Service Hydrologist**  
                          **Austin/San Antonio National Weather Service Office**  
                          **New Braunfels**

**Topic:**               **Feast or Famine:**  
                          **What's up with weather across South Central Texas**

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

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## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016

**Time:** 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

**Place:** Maggiano's Little Italy In the Amarone room  
10910 Domain Drive, Suite 100.  
(512) 501-7870

**Cost:** \$30

**Menu:** Crispy Zucchini Fritte and Spinach/Artichoke alForno  
(Served on appetizer table)  
Chopped salad

Mom's Lasagna with Marinara Sauce

or

Oven-roasted Pork Loin, Balsamic cream sauce

or

Rigatoni "D", Chicken, Mushroom, Marsala

Dessert Choice of Tiramisu or Gigi's Butter Cake

All served with freshly baked Ciabatta Rolls, coffee, hot tea, iced tea,  
and soft drinks

Pay at the November meeting or mail checks and menu preferences to the MARC at PO Box 10252, Austin, TX, 78766. **Sign up deadline is Friday, December 9.**

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 Austin Retirees Club

## 2016 Christmas Lunch Sign Up and Payment Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Menu choices: Entrée: \_\_\_\_\_ Dessert \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Menu choices: Entrée: \_\_\_\_\_ Dessert \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **MARC**

\$30 per person

Total amount of check included with this mailing: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

**MARC, P.O. BOX 10252, AUSTIN, TX 78766**

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### Minutes of the General Meeting, August 9, 2016

Jim Binneboese called the meeting to order at 10:08 A.M.

**Programs:** Mike C. introduced our speaker, Clay Bales, of the Texas A&M University Forest Service (TFS), a state agency begun in 1915. Texas timber was important in WWI & WWII. During the 2011 drought, 301 Million Texas trees died.

Clay mostly works with rural land owners and conservation. The Forest Service goals are:

- To establish trees on navigable waterways;
- Promote fire prevention and tree planting;
- Research and demonstrate best forestry practices, e.g., create wind breaks, seed orchards, fight insect outbreaks, and manage/prevent oak wilt.

Wildfires occur in East Texas about every 2-3 years, where the TFS is the first responder. East Texas also has problems with the Emerald Ash Borer, so green cut firewood should not be moved for one year. The other Texas wildfires occur every 7-10 years, but in central Texas fires, the TFS must wait for county judges to request their help.

In Austin, about 20 percent of property value comes from trees, and Oak Wilt is mostly an urban problem. Red Oaks begin the Oak Wilt process by developing fungal mats in the springtime. The mats appear as cracks in the bark and smell of rotten cantaloupe. Beetles crawl in the mats and then seek the sap from fresh cuts in other oaks. Once a Live Oak is infected, the tree will die within 3-9 months, and the fungus spreads to other trees through the co-mingled root systems. Symptoms of the disease are Venial Necrosis, i.e., the leaf veins are dying, and the leaves become "blotchy" and then drop when dead.

To minimize the risk of Oak Wilt:

- Don't prune between February 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>;
- Paint all cuts and wounds
- Wait until firewood is "seasoned" before moving
- Destroy any dead Red Oaks, before fungal mats can develop
- Trench 4 feet deep (i.e., a 54-60" rock saw) 100 feet from a diseased tree, and remove that tree and others near the trench
- White Oaks (e.g., Burr, Post, Lacey, Chinquapin and Shumard Oaks) are more resistant to Oak Wilt

Other hints:

- Pull or mow over root sprouts, don't use chemicals
- Don't weed and feed around trees (fertilizer for St. Augustine grass has Atrazine herbicide, which also kills Bermuda grass, and is toxic to trees and other broad leaved plants)
- Weed and Feed for Bermuda has 2,4,D herbicide and kills St. Augustine
- The old "Weed-B-Gone" had 2,4,5 T herbicide (a.k.a., "Agent Orange"), which kills woody vines (poison ivy) and trees, and has been banned since the 1980's
- Ball Moss (related to Spanish Moss) does not harm trees.

Useful Links: [www.TexasConservation.org](http://www.TexasConservation.org) (e.g., how to clear Cedar Trees);  
[TexasTreePlanting.tamu.edu](http://TexasTreePlanting.tamu.edu) for a list of trees for your yard;  
[TFSweb.TAMU.edu](http://TFSweb.TAMU.edu), click "manage forest land" or "urban forest" for information  
[TexasOakWilt.org](http://TexasOakWilt.org)

His email: [cables@tfs.tamu.edu](mailto:cables@tfs.tamu.edu), Phone: (512) 339-3772

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes were published in the newsletter, and approved by the members present.

**Treasurer's Report (May-Aug): (Mike Coley for Obie Hasty)** In 2015 we were losing about \$130/month. Due to our attempted "pay as you go" for special activities, this year we are losing about \$100/month. Our current reserves are \$8,236.58. The Spring Picnic cost \$1014.38

**Membership Report: (Loy Buley)** We have new members: Pat Laviolette and Ron Katchinowski, and George Konig. Twenty nine were in attendance at this meeting.

Year	Paid Members	Life Members	Total	Not Renewed	
2014	33	66	99	5	
2015	36	67	103	4	
2016	28	67	95	11	

**Activities: (Wayne Harned)** Our April Picnic was delayed because of heavy rains to June 7<sup>th</sup>, still at Bartholomew Park. Everyone had a good time.

**New Business:**

We are raising dues to \$15/year for regular members, \$10/year for "life members"  
The constitutional changes (name, etc.) were approved by 2/3 of members present.  
The Christmas Party will be at Mangiano's in the Domain on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Information**

Jim Binneboese contacted Ron Cope, VP of the Phoenix Club. They have 200-300 members in Phoenix, from ON Semi, former GEG, Chandler, etc. They meet monthly with catering and entertainment, except during the Summer months. They hold a 50/50 raffle for \$20 tickets. The one winner gets 50 percent of the “pot”, and the other 50 percent goes to fund their scholarship program.

NXP is willing to promote the club to departing employees.

A 68,000 (High End Micro) potluck party will be 9/16/16, from 7-10 P.M., at the Zilker Clubhouse.

Warren Wiemann will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.  
Volunteers are welcome to help with organizing activities.

The meeting was adjourned for pizza and Bingo at 11:34 A.M.  
Respectfully Submitted, Jules Campbell, Secretary, Motorola Austin Retirees Club

**2016/ 2017 Dates to Remember**

General Membership Meetings (10 A.M., the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month of the quarter)

November 15                      February 14, 2017                      May 9 August 8                      November 7

Board Meetings (10 A.M., the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of 1<sup>st</sup> month of the quarter)

January 10, 2017                      April 11                      July 11                      October 10                      January 9, 2018

Annual Picnic for 2017 – May be held at Bartholomew Park again.

Christmas Party: December 13, 2016 – at Maggiano’s in the Domaine

Newsletter Article Deadlines:                      October 28

Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for address

**Slate of Officers for 2017**

<b>President</b>	<b>Mike Coley</b>
<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>Jim Binneboese</b>
<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>Warren Wiemann</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Jules Campbell</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Obie Hasty</b>

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, October 11, 2016**

President Jim Binneboese called the meeting to order at 10:07 A.M.

**In Attendance:** Jim Binneboese, Mike Coley, Obie Hasty, Danna Redford, Wayne Harned, Loy Buley, Warren Wiemann, and Jules Campbell.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes will be mailed to the Board.

**Treasurer's Report:** Obie reported that from May to August we had an income of \$125.38 from: the Picnic (\$45), Dues (\$80), and Interest (\$0.38). We had August General Meeting Expenses of \$188.86 for the Pizza at and \$36.86 for gift cards and supplies. We refunded \$75 for people who couldn't attend the picnic, as a result of the date change. Thus, our reserves declined by \$175.34. Obie still needs to change the club name with the IRS.

**Membership Report:** Loy changed the email. (We can't change the domain name until the first of next year.)

**Programs Report:** Mike C. said that Gary Daniels is not in a position to organize programs and for health reasons needs a ride to attend meetings. Our November speaker will be from the National Weather Service office in New Braunfels. Tom Honigschmidt will introduce the speaker. Potential future speakers may be Austin Planning or CAMPO (regional transportation). Jules will try to identify speakers from UT or the IEEE.

Mike Coley was asked to speak about policy types, changes in insurance, and using Aon. Medicare open enrollment began 10/15/2016 and will end 12/7/2016.

**Newsletter:** Danna needs inputs for the newsletter by 10/28/2016 to publish in early November.

**Events Report:** Wayne reported that 44 people signed up, but only 37 attended the picnic. We are trying to recover the second payment for Bartholomew Park, resulting from the weather caused date change. Food and Supplies were \$469.34, Prizes \$250, and Wayne's expenses of \$254.34, for total expenses of \$779.34 Total collected was \$600, including 18 paid at the picnic.

**New Business:** Election of Officers - Nominations from the floor are welcomed. We would also like new members and others to consider chairing committees or acting as members at large on the board. Current slate is shown in this newsletter.

The board decided to investigate the interest in initiating a raffle, similar to the one the Phoenix Club holds, at all events (general meetings, Christmas Party and Picnic). Initially, ticket prices will be \$5 each with no limit on quantity. The winner will receive a percentage and the club will receive the remainder to build a fund for scholarships of club members relatives. The percentage (tentatively 60/40%) and other rules will be presented by Jim B. and discussed at the November general meeting.

The meeting was adjourned around 11:40am.

Respectfully Submitted by Jules Campbell, Secretary, Motorola Austin Retirees Club  
(Please submit corrections and additions by email)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>In Memoriam</b> <b>Don Hollister</b></p>
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## **Motorola/Freescale Lone Star Retirees Club 2014 Officers and Board Members**

### **Elected Officers:**

President Jim Binneboese, 14306 Terisu Lane, Austin, 78728, jklbinn@gmail.com, 251-8622  
V-Pres. Mike Coley, 10811 Redmond Road, Austin, 78739, michaelcoley67@gmail.com, 965-3232  
Secretary Jules Campbell, 11015 Conchos Cove, Austin, 78726, jules-campbell@att.net, 656-8516  
Treasurer Obie Hasty, 1610 Northumberland Rd, Austin, 78703, Obiehasty@yahoo.com, 771-2579

***Our Website:*** <http://www.mflsrc.org>

***Our Email address:*** [mflsrc@yahoo.com](mailto:mflsrc@yahoo.com)

### **Board Members (Committee Chairs):**

News Letter Danna Redford, 3416 Hillview Road, 78703, danna.redford@gmail.com, 371-7332  
Membership Loy Buley, 9400 Cedar Forest Dr, Austin, 78750, loylbuley@sbcglobal.net, 258-7465  
Tours [We've not had anyone willing to take this position since Betty resigned several years ago.](#)  
Events Wayne Harned, 16227 Oxbow Trail, Buda, 78610, wharned@austin.rr.com, 295-7041  
Program Gary Daniels, [rgd00111@yahoo.com](mailto:rgd00111@yahoo.com)  
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Photographer Brent Brown, 708 Minturn Ln, Austin, 78748, BBrown841@aol.com, 292-0147  
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Warren Wiemann, 2001 Golden Bear Dr, Round Rock, 78664, whwnsx@aol.com 238-7353

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Don Harrison Phoenix [dnhar@cox.net](mailto:dnhar@cox.net) (480) 892-6598  
*PNX Website:* <http://motorolaretirees.org>  
James Kirk Schaumburg (815) 455-2469  
Doug Wilkerson Colorado group [doug.wilkerson@comcast.net](mailto:doug.wilkerson@comcast.net)

### **TruWest Credit Unions - main number for all: (512) 996-4000**

Howard Lane (13609 Interstate 35, Frontage Rd #4)

12221 Riata Trace Pkwy

Legend Oaks (6001 W. William Cannon Dr., Ste 100)



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

MOTOROLA AUSTIN 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: MARC**

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MEMBERSHIP: **\$15.00 per year**, due by February's meeting. NOTE: The dues are no longer pro-rated.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: **\$10.00 per year**, also due by February's meeting.

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: MARC at P.O. BOX 10252, AUSTIN, TX 78766**