

MOTOROLA AUSTIN ALUMNI CLUB

LONE STAR NEWS

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REMINDER -- The next Regular Club Meeting is **Tuesday, November 13, 2018**

PLEASE SIGN IN AT THE MEETING!

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

Coffee and Lunch will be provided

The following meeting is Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Speaker: **Bill Pfaff, long time Motorolan, lifelong runner and big believer in staying fit.** He has run in all 41 of the Capitol 10K races here in Austin and, even in his 60's, has completed 5 marathons, a Spartan race, and a triathlon. He won the 60-69 age division in the 2018 Austin Distance Challenge.

Topic: **Senior Fitness, the benefits of staying fit and how to do so (no running required).**

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

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2018 Christmas Luncheon

PLACE: Maggiano's Little Italy at the Domain
10910 Domain Drive
Austin, TX 78758
(512) 501-7870

DATE: December 11, 2018

TIME: 11:00 – 2:00

COST: \$35 per person

Sign up at the November meeting or mail the form (with a check) below to Obie by December 1st.

MOTOROLA AUSTIN ALUMNI CLUB Christmas Luncheon Sign-up

NAME: _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS/ PEOPLE ATTENDING _____

PHONE: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **MAAC**

MAIL TO: Obie Hasty, 1610 Northumberland Road, Austin, TX 78703

2018/19 Dates to Remember

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

February 12, 2019 May 14 August 13 November 12

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

January 8, 2019 April 9 July 9 October 8

Annual Picnic for 2019 – May be held at Bartholomew Park again.

Christmas Party: December 11, 2018 – At Maggiano’s again

Newsletter Article Deadlines: February 1 May 3 August 2 November 1
Submit articles to any Board member – see Newsletter for addresses

General Meeting: August 14, 2018, at the North Lamar Senior Center

Mike Coley called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

Programs: Mike introduced our speaker, Len Hause, a 30 year Motorolan. Len’s presentation was “Digital Transformation ... My Endless Summer.” Len discussed how historically products were implemented with Analog technology, e.g., telephones, transistor radios, Walkman’s, TV’s, etc. Over time, products have transitioned to digital technology. In 1969, we landed on the moon. In 1974, engineer’s slide rules were replaced by TI’s scientific calculator, the SR-50. While earning a BSEE from Lehigh, Len’s first summer job was converting relay (Ladder) logic to semiconductor gates. He worked for Leeds & Northrop, an Analog company, but joined Motorola in 1977. In Motorola’s Memory group, Len began learning about quality and later helped with Six Sigma and achieving the first Malcomb Baldrige Award for quality. He began working in Networking in the 1980’s and eventually went to corporate as an “Internetologist”, to leverage Motorola on the web. Bob Galvin sponsored the MIT Media Lab, and Len met Google in 1998/9. Len left Motorola in 2007 and began working with an IEEE fellowship as a congressional ambassador for Smart Grids and other technologies. Len is now a technology advisor for the US State Department, advising various governments on Cybersecurity, etc. Len’s email is Len@mashbrain.com,

Secretary’s Report: The **Minutes** of the previous general and board meetings were published in the newsletter, and approved by the membership.

Website: <http://www.maacweb.org/index.html>. Our newsletters are posted there. Also, please let us know of any changes in your name, address, email, phone, etc.

Scholarship: Jim Binneboese thanked the membership for supporting the program. We had four, highly qualified applicants. After committee members, Jim Binneboese, Bill Pfaff and Mary Jane Harned reviewed the applications and held telephone interviews with the applicants, the award was granted to Aaron Barlow. Aaron is studying Electrical Engineering at the University of Texas at Dallas. The scholarship was presented to Aaron by Sheri Montgomery, granddaughter of Gary Daniels.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jules Campbell, Secretary of Motorola Austin Alumni Club

Watch out for these phone-call scams.

Seniors can be vulnerable.

Over the years, an incoming telephone call has changed from a surprise curiosity of the unknown caller to a fearful intrusion of privacy and concern for a possible fraud. Most of the “scammers” target seniors in these activities because seniors do expect calls from family/friends and most seniors still use easy to scam land-line phones. You need to be aware of the possible common threats or scams when the phone rings.

Here are 10 of the most popular current day phone scams:

1. Never answer “yes” when your phone rings and a caller asks, “can you hear me”. Many times, this single word is recorded and used by the scammer as your voice prompt when something is purchased by the scammer. It is your voice the scammer uses to validate a transaction.
2. Scammers use fear tactics and threaten callers claiming to be from the IRS. They want to collect money from you or claim you are delinquent in something. For the record, the IRS NEVER makes a telephone call to a tax payer. The only communication you will ever get from the IRS is a mailed letter to the address on file when you send in the IRS Form 1040.
3. Perhaps you will get a call . The caller will ask you to confirm if certain transactions are legitimate. You can answer the question, but never give any information other than a yes or no to questions. They may ask for an account number or your social security number. Never give your SS# to any caller. Ask to speak with the branch manager if you can.
4. Never rush to answer your phone, especially if it only rings once. Robo calls can spoof local area codes and the numbers sometimes look familiar. Calling back the number only verifies your number belongs to a real person. Scammers will surely call back another time now that the number is known to be real. Never call back the number, it may be a number that charges for the call.... sometimes a lot of money.
5. You may get a phone call from someone claiming to be a kidnapper who has a family member. They want money as a ransom and will only let the person go if the money is paid. First, try to contact the family member. Be skeptical if the kidnapper tries to keep you on the phone to make sure you have the cash. Hang up immediately. If you can remember the telephone number, call the authorities and report it.
6. Tech support people, who are scammers, may claim to be from Microsoft, Apple or another tech company. They claim that they can help you with the virus in your computer. No one on the outside watches out for your computer and potential viruses. Just say no and hang up when you get a call like that. Many time these calls originate in a foreign country so a language dialect you hear from the caller may be a clue.
7. In recent years, there has been a “grandparent scam” when seniors are called by someone claiming to be a grandchild who is in trouble. The caller, usually having a very noisy connection to mask the voice, will ask for money because they are in trouble. Sometimes the caller will claim to be out of the country. As a priority, confirm your grandchildren’s safety. If you already know the grandchild is safe, hang up on the caller immediately.

8. If you get a call from someone congratulating you for winning a million dollars, it is probably a scam. Even if you did enter the lottery you will not get a call from the prize sponsor, tax collector or anyone else wanting to help you with the earnings. If you did not enter any lottery, you will know for sure it is a scam. In either case, hang up on the caller immediately regardless of the telephone number. If you have a winning lottery ticket, the only to collect is to take it to the lottery supervisor. They never call a winner because they do not know the telephone number.
9. Watch out for callers from charities, political parties and lobbyists requesting donations over the phone. Tell them to send you something and then review it. Never donate over the phone using your credit card number. No one should ever have your credit card number for a donation. It is an open invitation to charge much more than you authorize.
10. It is a new scam for callers claim they're from the jury commission. The caller will usually ask for your Social Security number to confirm if you are eligible for jury duty or on the available jury list. Don't give away any information...especially your SS#. Again, the county clerk will probably not make a call for jury duty. These inquiries are only communicated via mail.

Scam calls are EPIDEMIC and getting worse. Fraudulent cellphone/smartphone calls have increased to 30% and expected to raise another 10% next year. Fraudulent landline calls seem to be declining slightly. Forecasts show that calls to landlines may only be about 25% next year. This is probably because fewer people are using landlines. Watch the area code of the caller. Scammers have found a way to make the calls using a local area code. Answering the call with a known area code fools a lot of people who assume a local call is probably legitimate. There are software programs for cell phones, smartphones and I-pads to help block scam calls. It is much harder to stop scam calls on landlines. Most of the landline call blockers, including those advertised by the phone companies, do not work. Phone companies get revenue from phone line traffic, so they do not have any serious interest in stopping the calls.

Executive Board Meeting, October 16, 2018 at the Lamar Senior Center

(Note: All members are welcome to attend: 2nd Tuesday of Jan, Apr, July, Oct., at the Senior Center, 29th & Lamar)

President Mike Coley called the meeting to order at 10:20 AM

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

Treasurer's Report: Obie reported we received \$0.15 interest and \$165 for the scholarship fund. Expenses were \$155.36 to Papa John's for Pizza and \$500 deposit to Maggiano's. Current Balance is \$755.14 Saving, \$8,893.59 Checking, for a total of \$9,648.73. The scholarship fund is \$2,895.52 and the club has \$6,753.21.

Newsletter: Articles should be submitted to Danna by the end of November 2.

Programs:

Speaker for November Meeting: Bill Pfaff on "Senior Fitness ... Aging in Place"

Christmas Party: December 11, 2018, from 11am-2pm at Maggiano's

We need a volunteer(s) to organize the Christmas Party, menu, etc. Menu selection is due by 11/12/2018. Headcount is due early December. In 2017, we charged \$30/person and final expenses were \$39.44 total. Because of price increases we need to charge \$35/person this year, and the club will subsidize the remainder. Please pay at the November General meeting, or mail a check to Obie by 12/1/2018.

Program Chair: We need a volunteer to coordinate speakers for our meetings.

Old Business: The High End Microprocessor alums held a party at Zilker Clubhouse on 9/29/2018. Tom Munn and Colleen Collins organized the party and approximately 100 people signed up to attend. Highlights were the view of downtown, a 68000 cake, posters of historical High End chips, and a memorial list of deceased co-workers. They shared their “member list” with us, and we will get the AMCU alumni list from Brian Wilkie.

New Business: Our slate of officers for 2019 will remain the same, except we need someone to replace Jules Campbell as secretary. Nominations from the floor are always welcome!!

FYI: As you age, having a push-button, combination lock on your front door can allow EMS/Fire/Police to enter in case of an emergency.

Please pay your 2019 dues at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 am.

Respectfully Submitted by Jules Campbell, Secretary, Motorola Austin Alumni Club
Please inform me of any additions or corrections.

What to do if your wallet or purse is stolen

It happens all too often. You are in a crowded restaurant, on a train or just walking down the street. When you need it, you reach for your wallet and it is gone. Someone took the wallet from your pocket. Carrying a purse over your shoulder is not really a good deterrent for theft – someone running fast down the sidewalk can cut the purse leather strap in seconds and take the purse. The theft is staged such that the sidewalk is crowded and running after the thief is impossible. Most people carry identification and money in their wallet/purse. Many carry credit cards and medical id's. Losing all this is a disaster for most people.

Follow these steps if your wallet/purse is stolen: You should take care to do these things immediately before someone can use the credit cards, charge a lot of debt or steal your identification to open new accounts or loans.

1. Call the local police. Report the crime with as much detail as possible.
2. Close all your credit and debit cards. (Hopefully, you have made a copy of the front and back of the cards and have that copy in a safe place). Report them stolen. They will be replaced with a new number. Many times, the companies can do this in one day and any charges made to the card may be waived.
3. Place a fraud alert with all 3 credit bureaus.
4. Freeze your credit with the 3 credit bureaus. Doing this will keep the thief from starting a loan using your SS#.
5. Keep an eye on all your accounts. Watch all your credit card statements for any wrong charges until you get the new replacement cards. Most card companies will not put the charges on your statement if you let them know.

6. Change all your automatic credit or debit card monthly payments.
7. Call the Department of Motor Vehicles and let them know your driving license has been taken. They will issue a new one with a different number, notify the police and take an updated photo.
8. Ask for help from family if you do not have the time to make all the necessary telephone calls or email inquiries. Time is of the essence when reporting theft.
9. Watch all your financial activity very carefully and report anything irregular. Notify your bank to watch for unauthorized account withdrawals.

Follow these steps if you lose your cell phone, I-pad or smartphone:

Protect your cell phone, I-pad or smartphone. Don't carry it on your waist. Use a front pocket in your pants. Back up all the information on the phone every night and consider theft insurance for the unit. Turn off your phone after using it. Place a lock on the unit with a password that goes into effect every time you turn off your phone. Notify the carrier when a phone is missing so they can begin an internal search. Retrace your steps after you notice your phone is missing. If someone hasn't picked up the phone, it may still be where you left it.

Motorola Austin Alumni Club 2018 Officers and Board Members

Elected Officers:

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

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

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Austin, TX
78703

MOTOROLA AUSTIN ALUMNI 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: MAAC Rev: 11/21/17

MEMBERSHIP: **\$15.00 per year**, due by February's meeting or \$7.50 if joining after July (new members only)
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!

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