



Western Carolina A&M Club

SUMMER 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS...

FUNDRAISER BBQ

Saturday, September 6
Lake Julien Park
11am—4pm
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT SOCIAL HOURS

August 6: Thirsty
Monk Tavern, Biltmore
Town Square
5:30 - 7:30pm
September 3: Scully's
5:30 - 7:30pm
October 1: Wicked
Wood 5:30 - 7:30pm
November 5: High-
land Brewing Co.
5:30 - 7:30pm

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

October 11, Aggie
Service Project ABCCM,
Asheville 10am-2pm

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Message from the President



Howdy! Thanks for being a part of the Western Carolina A&M Club. We are a growing and active group of Aggies who make our home, seasonally or full-time, in Western Carolina. We gather and serve not only to honor and remember our times in Aggieland, but to share the Aggie Spirit with newly met Ags and their families here in the Carolinas.

I'm honored to serve as President this year, and to have serve with me a fantastic Club board and set of officers. As a means of introduction, I completed a BS in Biochemistry in '87 and later an MBA Texas A&M's May's Business School. My family, Beth (Class of '91) and our five children (now ages 21 - 11) moved to the Asheville area in 2006.

During the last few years, in addition to our annual Muster gathering, the club has started a scholarship program for local students who attend A&M, taken road trips to away games, hosted numerous game watch events, completed a service project for our veterans and enjoyed family picnics.

This year I am very excited to announce our first Western Carolina Scholarship Fund-raiser BBQ which will benefit our aforementioned scholarship fund for local students attending Texas A&M. We'll have authentic Texas style BBQ, fun, fellowship and perhaps a few games of '42'. More details on this exciting event may be found on page 2. Other activities planned through this year are listed on page 4. We hope that you'll find that we're developing an active, vibrant community in which you can share fun, fellowship and your love for our Aggieland.

Lastly, I am writing to ask for your engagement and assistance in helping us connect with other area Aggies. The Association of Former Students tells us that there are over 200 Aggies in WNC, but we only have email addresses for half of you. Our normal distribution is by e-mail. We are appealing to you to forward this note to other Aggies in the area with an encouragement to contact us with their e-mail such that they can be made aware of upcoming club events. Most importantly, please insure that we're able to keep you abreast of our activities by letting us know of updated contact information. Send contact information to Arlana Peterson, '93 at arlana93@yahoo.com.

If you haven't joined us at an event yet, please read further to learn of what's ahead and come out! We'd love to meet you and share together the "Spirit can ne'er be told". Gig 'em Aggies!

— Chris S Smith '87, President

Texas BBQ Fundraiser, Saturday, September 6



- ◆ Relishing a family outing at a beautiful lakeside pavilion on Lake Julian with lots of space and activities

Net results: more fun, more proceeds and all the Texas style BBQ you can eat, plus the prospects of winning some nice prizes.

So, what could you win? The fundraising will be two pronged; a silent auction and a raffle. The first will consist of higher-end items such as gift cards, vacation rental, or professional services. Participants can browse the postings for each item and add their bid at their leisure. The highest bid wins.

Raffle items will be displayed on tables with individual collection pots for the raffle tickets. We will sell multiple tickets (they will be priced by the arm length) so that everyone will have plenty of tickets to use for different goodies. You will be able to load each collection pot with as many tickets as you want (depending on how much you want to win it). At the drawing, we'll have a volunteer (a child) draw the winning number from each collection pot.

We're very fortunate to have two of our own as BBQ aficionados; Tim Tucker '81 and Steve Torres '80. Both have lots of expertise and enthusiasm in BBQ preparation and a keen interest in this new project. Steve is a master of BBQ and prides himself in his "super chicken" that he will prepare at the event. Tim makes his own BBQ spices that he sells and are used by many high profile people. He has also competed and judged BBQ competitions and he is heavily involved in the online BBQ forum at <http://www.letstalkbbq.com>.

We will definitely need some helping hands to make this a big success, so please offer to help in preparing the BBQ, running the silent auction/raffle, set up, etc...or say "yes" when asked. With your support this will become an annual Aggie event that we can all look forward to.

Guests welcome!

— Bob Coffey '58, VP Communications

This year the WCAMC is trying something new; combining the scholarship fundraising activity with our annual picnic. The benefits are:

- ◆ Separating the fundraising from the Muster ceremony, thus shortening the program
- ◆ Providing more resources for the fundraising aspect to increase the proceeds
- ◆ Establishing a second major event for the WCAMC
- ◆ Eating some great Texas style BBQ that will be prepared by our own accomplished BBQ chiefs
- ◆ Socializing with fellow Aggies



Club Scholarship

One of the club's main goals is to encourage local students to love and attend A&M. About 4 years ago, the club created a scholarship award and advertised the scholarship to high school counselors in the area. It has since been named the John Humble Memorial Scholarship.



*Humble Scholarship Recipient
Duke Sawyer*

Through your generous donations, we awarded a \$1000 scholarship to Duke Sawyer, for the third year in a row. Duke is a Junior in the Corps, Company K-2. He plans to major in Urban and Regional Planning and hopes to design healthy, sustainable communities with his degree.

This past year, Duke stayed very busy. His Company selected him as the guidon and gave him the additional responsibility of training all incoming Fish. He was also selected as the Safety Coordinator / "Brown Pot" for Bonfire and wrestled in A&M intramurals. During his "time off" this summer, he even went to local ROTC groups, speaking about his experiences at A&M. The scholarship committee met with Duke in Asheville over his Spring Break and were blown away by what an amazing young man he is. He is a stellar example of why we have a scholarship program. We are pleased to have him as our first ever scholarship recipient and to support him for three years now.

Traditionally, we've raised money solely through individual donations and a silent auction at Muster. In response to people's requests to shorten the Muster program, we've moved the scholarship fundraiser to the Fall. So, please join us for the fundraising BBQ Saturday, September 6. Many of you made generous donations at Muster, but we are still short of our \$1000 goal. The picnic will be a lot of fun, and raise money for a worthy cause!!! There is even a special part in the program reserved just for the kids.

Ultimately, we'd like to keep the scholarship program going strong by raising enough to give away multiple scholarships, or to have enough in the bank that we're not fundraising on a year-to-year basis.

— Arlana Peterson '93, Immediate Past President

How You Can Support the Scholarship Fund

We need your help to make this fundraiser a success. You may contribute in several ways.

- ◆ Ask your favorite restaurant or store for a gift certificate. (A solicitation letter is available on request from Arlana Peterson or Bob Coffey.)
- ◆ Donate an unused item for the raffle (value over \$10) and receive a chance to win a \$50 gift card from College Depot in College Station.
- ◆ Donate a happy weekend. Do you have a mountain cabin or beach cottage that could be auctioned?
- ◆ Aggies are talented!!! Donate your professional or special talent/ service.
- ◆ Make a cash donation – no amount too small.

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SUMMER 2014

Activities and Programs

Steve Ude's Activities and Programs team has been busy planning a variety of social activities and events. Starting this week with a Wednesday Night Social Hour at Thirsty Monk Tavern in Biltmore Town Square.

FIRST WEDNESDAY NIGHT INFORMAL SOCIAL HOUR — wear your Aggie colors and get together with your fellow Ags at a local pub and share your daily gossip. Locales and dates:

August 6: Thirsty Monk Tavern at Biltmore Town Square
5:30 - 7:30pm

September 3: Scully's 5:30 - 7:30pm

October 1: Wicked Wood 5:30 - 7:30pm

November 5: Highland Brewing Co. 5:30 - 7:30pm

December 2: Westfield Pub 5:30 - 7:30pm

EVENTS



August 28: Football Game against USC at Columbia, SC Yell practice, August 27 on Capital steps; for information on free tailgate check out www.aggienetwork.com/eventgameday.aspx

September 6: Aggie BBQ and Scholarship Fundraiser at Lake Julian; 11:00am - 4:00pm; Texas BBQ; silent auction; raffle; volley ball; cornhole, horseshoes, fishing, boating



September 27: Aggie Football Game Watching Party at Wild Wings for the Arkansas Game

October 11: Aggie Service Event at ABCCM in Asheville 10:00am - 2:00pm



October 18: Aggie Football Game Home Watching Party (TBA) Alabama Game



November 8: Aggie Football Game Home Watching Party (TBA) Auburn Game

December 1: Aggie Family Skiing Event Cataloochee Ski resort's "Can-U-Ski Food and Coat Drive" Bring 24 cans of food or 2 warm, winter, quality jackets and receive your free lift ticket on that Sunday; a \$62 value. http://www.cataloochee.com/activities_events/

Additional information will be announced as venues and details are finalized. To host a game watch or suggest an outing, contact Jonathan Johnston at 828.421.2722 / jjohnston05@gmail.com or James Ewing at jewingdds@gmail.com.