



# Western Carolina A&M Club

SUMMER 2015

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### FUNDRAISER BBQ

September 12  
Lake Julian Park, Arden  
11am—3pm

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SOCIAL HOURS

**Sept. 2:** Ben's Tune Up  
6 - 8pm  
**Oct. 7:** Creekside Tap-house  
6 - 8pm  
**Nov. 4:** The Wicked Weed  
6 - 8pm

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## Fundraiser BBQ, Saturday, September 12



*Join us for a family outing at a beautiful lakeside pavilion on Lake Julian with lots of space and activities.*

### Lake Julian Park

**11am—3pm Pavilion #1**  
**\$10 adults \$5 children under 12**

Last year's picnic was fantastic. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy some great Texas-style BBQ by our own BBQ aficionados, Michael Savage '74 and Steve Torres '80 while socializing with fellow Aggies and supporting our WCAMC scholarship fund.

Last year, we discovered a talented auctioneer (Lee Thornhill), had our first-ever corn hole tournament, exceeded our goal of \$2000 raised,

raffled off a photo signed by Kevin Sumlin, and ended the day with a live auction of an A&M corn hole set, beautifully handcrafted by veterinarian Dr. Bill Snyder (woodworker extraordinaire). This year, activities also will include a play ground, paddle boats to rent, horseshoes, volleyball, dominoes, and corn hole tournament.

The fundraising will be two pronged; a silent auction and a raffle. Auction items this year include a sightseeing flight around Asheville in Ken's plane; tennis lessons; a portrait sitting or photo instruction; a signed Benjamin Knox print; Aggie-related memorabilia and artwork; Aggie-wear, locally handcrafted items; and gift certificates to local restaurants, AND much, much, more!

We will definitely need some helping hands to make this a big success, so please offer to help with set up/clean up, silent auction/raffle, etc...or say "yes" when asked.

**Cost: \$10 adults \$5 children under 12**

The club will provide BBQ, dessert, and tea, soda, water. Sorry, no alcoholic drinks are allowed in the park. **Please bring a side dish** (non dessert) to share.

**RSVP by September 9** — Make check payable to WCAMC and mail to:  
Bob Coffey '58, 108 Benhurst Court, Hendersonville, NC 28791.  
828.595.5000

**Guests welcome!**

# 2014 BBQ – *and a good time was had by all*



*Clockwise from left: Selling tickets by the yard and "The winner is..." - Lee Thornhill, Nancy Humble, Master Chef Steve Torres, Ted Humble, Jim and Velma Burnett. Their happy faces tell the story!*

## 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.

During the last few years, our Club's activities have expanded. In addition to our annual Muster gathering, we have increased the number of activities the club has begun to develop. These include a successful scholarship program for local students who attend A&M, recurring "Happy Hours", shared activities e.g. Sierra Nevada brewery tour, game watching on the road, at homes and local restaurants, and more.

In this Summer Update, I am very excited to announce our second annual Western Carolina Scholarship Fundraiser BBQ. Last year's inaugural event was very successful and well attended. With your support, we created an opportunity for two scholarships. This year, your fellow Western Carolina Ags will be serving up some fantastic BBQ. We'll also have a silent auction providing you a chance to bid on A&M "swag" as well as items and services from local businesses. You'll want to come and join in a few games of '42', perhaps recalling fun times on the "North side". Most important, you'll have the opportunity to share fellowship with fellow Ags, enjoy a great meal and engage in a worthy cause. See pages 1 and 6 for details about this exciting event as well as other activities planned throughout the year. You can also keep up with your club by following us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/wncamclub>. We hope that you'll come join this active, vibrant community of Ags in which you can share fun, fellowship and your love for our Aggieland. We'd love to meet you and share together the "Spirit can ne'er be told".

Gig 'em Aggies!

— Chris S Smith '87, President

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## 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 your professional or special talent/ service.
- ◆ Make a cash donation – no amount too small.      Contact Arlana at [arlana93@yahoo.com](mailto:arlana93@yahoo.com).

## WCAMC Scholarships



Tye Smarjesse

**One of the club's main goals** is to encourage local students to love and attend A&M. About 5 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. Through your generous donations, we were able to award two \$1000 scholarships this year, to Tye Smarjesse and Kallie Thornhill.

Tye is a third year Political Science major in the Corps of Cadets. Outside of the classroom, he spends most of his time in military activities and has received numerous awards. He traveled to Westpoint, NY this summer to represent A&M in the Ranger Challenge, a competition in military skills such as navigation, physical fitness, problem-solving, and adaptive leadership. Past accomplishments include being selected for the US Army Air Assault School and graduating from the US Army Airborne (parachute jump school). He also helps lead worship at a local church and serves as squad leader for his outfit, D-2. He hopes to have a long and successful career as an Army Officer and leader. He is the son of Vincent and Lynn Smarjesse, from Fletcher NC.

Kallie is a third year Wildlife and Fisheries Science major. In high school, she was active in soccer, softball, Girl Scouts, and National Honor Society. She earned several honors in Girls Scouts, including the Bronze and Silver Awards. At A&M, she was a leader in the Big Event, a campus-wide day of community service. She is a go-getter with determination and resilience. While at A&M, she says she has gained a passion for learning, and she has had to overcome and persevere, despite many challenges. She comes from a long line of Aggies, including our very own Lee '89 and Cindy Thornhill '89, from Asheville NC.



Kallie Thornhill

The scholarship committee met with Tye and Kallie over their Spring Break and were blown away by what amazing young people they are. **We are pleased to have them as our first ever "dual" scholarship recipients. Thanks to the extra funds raised at last year's picnic, we were able to support them both for this upcoming year.**

Traditionally, we've raised money solely through individual donations and a silent auction at Muster. Last year, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> annual fundraising BBQ Saturday, September 12. The picnic will be fun and it will 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 every year, or to have enough in the bank that we're not fundraising on a year-to-year basis. We made that goal this past year and we hope to increase our fund even further this year.

— Arlana Peterson '93, Immediate Past President

## 2015 Muster Report



Chris '87 and Beth Smith '89



Beth Snyder '79 and Beth Smith '89



Steve Luse '75

**We had an excellent** turnout for our 2015 Muster, which was held on Sunday, April 19, at the Biltmore Forest Town Hall. A total of 52 Aggies, family members and guests enjoyed the traditional Muster program, followed by a fine meal featuring barbecued beef brisket and all the trimmings.

Our speaker this year was Rebecca Westfall '07, who was a multiple All-American and Big XII Champion on the Aggie Women's Swim Team. Rebecca provided an inspiring talk that offered some great insights into this aspect of the A&M athletic program.

Thanks to the excellent support from area Aggies and a successful fundraising effort at last September's club picnic, we were able to award John Humble Memorial Scholarships to two current A&M students for the 2015-2016 school year: Tye Smarjesse '16 who is majoring in Political Science with a minor in Leadership, and Kallie Thornhill '17, who is majoring in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences.

— Jim Burnett '73

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KEN HAWKINS '65

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## Activities and Programs

**First Wednesday Night** of every month Aggie Social Hour; 6-8pm.  
Wear maroon and get together with your fellow Ags!

**Asheville Baseball:** Look for Aggies in the general admission section MM (third base side) at the Tourist games.

Please check our website at <https://wncamc.aggienetwork.com/> and like and favorite us on Facebook at Western North Carolina A&M Club <https://www.facebook.com/wncamclub>

RSVP to Jonathan at [jjohnstonag05@gmail.com](mailto:jjohnstonag05@gmail.com) if you are attending game watching parties.

### CALENDAR

**August 14:** Tourist Baseball Game—Dollar Hot Dog Night and Post Game Fireworks

**September 2:** Aggie Happy Hour at Ben's Tune Up; 6 - 8pm  
195 Hilliard Ave, Asheville

**September 12:** Fundraiser BBQ; Lake Julian Park; 11am-3pm  
RSVP [bobcoffey@aol.com](mailto:bobcoffey@aol.com)

**September 26:** Arkansas Game Watch Party; Wild Wing Café,  
Arden; RSVP [jjohnstonag05@gmail.com](mailto:jjohnstonag05@gmail.com)

**October 7:** Aggie Happy Hour at Creekside Taphouse; 6 - 8pm  
8 Beverly Rd., Asheville

**October 17:** Alabama Game Watch Party; Need a host; RSVP  
RSVP [jjohnstonag05@gmail.com](mailto:jjohnstonag05@gmail.com)

**November 4:** Aggie Happy Hour at Wicked Weed Brewing; 6-8pm  
(downstairs) 91 Biltmore Ave., Asheville

**November 7:** Auburn Game Watching Party; The Smith's house in  
Fletcher; RSVP [jjohnstonag05@gmail.com](mailto:jjohnstonag05@gmail.com)

**December 4:** Aggie Happy Hour at WALK (West Asheville Lounge  
and Kitchen); 6-8pm 401 Haywood Rd., Asheville

Feel free to contact any Activities Committee member with social activity ideas.

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