



Western North Carolina A&M Club

SUMMER 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

TOURISTS BASEBALL

Friday, July 28
7:05pm please RSVP

HOWDY HOUR

Friday, August 4
Highland Brewery
6-8pm

FUNDRAISER BBQ

Saturday, September 9
Lake Julian Park
11am-4pm
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AGGIE FOOTBALL

Saturday, Sep. 23
Wild Wings Café
South Asheville
Time TBD

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Message from the President



Howdy Ags,

We have had an event filled year at the WNCAMC and we are just getting started. Our club has seen tremendous growth and activity the first part of 2017 and we are looking forward to riding the momentum we have experienced into the summer and fall. The club had a successful and well attended Muster thanks to the hard work of the committee and volunteers. I wanted to personally thank Beth Snyder for chairing the committee and Jim Burnett for sharing his wonderful experiences from Texas A & M and as a Ranger in the National Park Service. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the program and the fond and funny memories from a lifetime of service to others.

Our goals as a club are to serve our community here in Western North Carolina, support young Aggies from the area who want to attend Texas A & M with scholarships and have fun at club events. We have several WNCAMC events planned for the remainder of the year which can be found on our website wncamc.aggienetwork.com. I would encourage anyone who wants to know when the Aggies are meeting next to click the "Club Activities Button" on the site and get involved! Jonathan Johnston has done a fantastic job putting together some Howdy Hours and we are looking forward to arranging a day at the ball park with the Asheville Tourists.

The next big event for the club will be the annual fundraiser and BBQ which will be here before you know it. We will be gathering at Lake Julian on Saturday, September 9th for the BBQ and festivities. The club uses this time to ramp up our fund-raising efforts for the year, which allow us to give scholarships to deserving Aggies from Western North Carolina. The club awarded scholarships to Cody Thornhill and Kallie Thornhill this year. Cody begins his freshman year at Texas A & M this fall and Kallie will be pursuing her Master's in Fisheries Science in the upcoming 2018 school year when she finishes undergraduate studies this winter. A big Gig'em and congratulations to them both. We look forward to hearing about their success in the years to come.

Our club has done a fantastic job of representing the traditions and spirit of Aggieland right here in Western North Carolina. The dedication to Texas A & M and the principles which make Aggies great are alive and well at the WNCAMC. I look forward to spending some time with each of you this year and growing and improving our club as the year progresses.

Gig'em

Trey Cupp, '91

Lake Julian Club Picnic, Saturday, September 9



Annual Picnic & Scholarship Fundraiser

11:00am—3:00pm

Please join us for this annual event which features Texas BBQ, family fun activities, and fundraising for our A&M scholarship that is awarded each spring.

We invite you, your family and your friends to join us for an

afternoon of food, fun and fundraising at Lake Julian. We have a beautiful lakeside pavilion reserved and lots of fun activities planned including horseshoes, volleyball, dominoes, a corn hole tournament plus there is a playground nearby and paddle boats available for rent.



Texas BBQ & Picnic—Bring your appetite and a side dish to share. The club will provide the meat and drinks (tea, water, soft drinks). Vegetarian option is available **with advance request**. Requested donation of \$10 for adults, \$5 for children aged 12 and under to help cover the cost of event space, BBQ, and food.



One of the club's main goals is to encourage local students to love and attend A&M.

In support of this key philanthropic effort is the sponsorship of the John Humble Memorial Scholarship, which honors a long-time Asheville

resident and club member from the Class of 1946. The scholarship is awarded each year to at least one worthy student from western North Carolina to assist in his or her education at Texas A&M.

We will have a raffle, silent and live auction with Aggie gear and local vendor gifts. Keep on the look out for the list of items. We will also have a doubles corn hole tournament (\$5 entry per person). Make sure to bring your cash/check and hearts ready to help us raise money for our club's scholarship fund.



Guests are welcome and encouraged! Please RSVP and include the names of everyone in your group so we can have name tags ready.

RSVP or Questions: Contact Trey Cupp at treycupp@gmail.com

John Humble Memorial Scholarship Update

In 2013, our club established the John Humble Memorial Scholarship in honor of long-time Asheville area resident John Humble '46. This year, we were pleased to award two \$1000 scholarships. The recipients were Kallie and Cody Thornhill, whose parents are Lee Thornhill '89 and Cindy Thornhill '89 of Asheville.

Kallie is a senior Wildlife and Fisheries Science major, graduating in December 2017. Last summer she completed an internship with Virginia Polytechnic Institute and the U.S. Forest Service, where she helped with research on seven different projects in the southern U.S.. She currently serves as President of the Texas A&M Fisheries Society and participates in various research and volunteer projects on campus. She hopes to attend graduate school at A&M in the spring in her same major.



*Siblings, **Cody & Kallie Thornhill***



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*Scholarship Committee Chair, **Arlana Peterson '93** awards a scholarship to **Cody Thornhill '21** with his parents, **Lee '89** and **Cindy '89***

Cody graduated from A.C. Reynolds High School in May, where he played Varsity Soccer and served as Senior Class Vice President. Cody achieved A-B honor roll all four years of high school and was actively involved in soccer refereeing community. He is also passionate about the environment. He worked on a grant proposal to get solar panels for his school and wants to research easier to grow, nontoxic turfs for playing fields and arenas. Cody intends to pursue a degree in sports management this fall.

Scholarship applications are due March 30 of each year. Applicants must currently live in the western North Carolina region. To apply, contact Arlana Peterson '93 at arlana93@yahoo.com or download an application from our club website.

How You Can Support the Scholarship Fund

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

- ♦ We all have our favorite spots in Asheville. Next time you go there, remember to ask your preferred restaurant, shop or service for a gift certificate. (A solicitation letter is available on request from Chris Buehler or Trey Cupp.)
- ♦ Donate an unused item for the raffle (value over \$10)
- ♦ Donate a weekend getaway. Do you have a mountain cabin or beach bungalow that could be auctioned?
- ♦ Aggies are talented!!! Donate your professional or special talent/ service.
- ♦ Make a cash donation – no amount too small.
- ♦ Attend the BBQ Fundraiser on September 9 and bring lots of friends



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Activities and Programs

Come join us for some great fun and fellowship with other Ags. Friends, families and significant others are more than welcome to join any of our club's events. Make sure to wear your favorite Texas A&M apparel. The most up-to-date information can be found on our Facebook page or by contacting the **Activities Chairperson**. **To host a game watch or suggest an outing, contact Jonathan Johnston at 828.421.2722 or jjohnstonag05@gmail.com**



Asheville Tourists Game | Friday, July 28

Its \$1 Hot Dog and Fireworks Night! Game time is at 7:05pm. General Admission (not under the awning) is \$8 per ticket. Most convenient way for anyone wanting to go the game is to buy your tickets at the park or online ahead of time. Please RSVP to Jonathan by Thursday, July 27th. Let's Maroon Out the seats together.



Howdy Hour | Friday, August 4 | 6-8pm

Highland Brewery is a great venue with both inside and outside seating areas. The outside area typically has a couple of food trucks and a meadow for watching a live band and kids/dogs to run around. Please join us!. Wear your Texas A&M Maroon so we can find each other. Friends and family welcome!



Aggie Football | Saturday, September 23

vs. Arkansas
Wild Wings Café
South Asheville
Time: TBD

Treasurer's Report

Our club finances are sound, thanks to your ongoing support each year for our fund raisers for scholarships and by your voluntary payment of dues each year. A key activity for our club is the John Humble Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded each year to one or more deserving students from WNC to help with their expenses at Texas A&M. The scholarships are funded through donations and by money raised at our annual fall picnic. The club maintain two separate accounts, one for scholarships and one for operating expenses, and any donations and funds raised for scholarships are used only for that purpose.



As you'll see elsewhere in this newsletter, the club offers a number of activities throughout the year, and we help keep the costs of those activities low by paying some of their expenses from our operating account. That account relies upon annual dues from our members, and if the balance in our operating account exceeds our needs, the club officers can transfer the surplus to the scholarship fund.

Our annual dues are \$25 for individuals and \$30 for families. You're welcome to pay your dues or make a donation to the scholarship fund by mailing a check payable to WNCAMC to our treasurer: Jim Burnett, 20 Red Cedar Dr. Hendersonville, NC 28792. Please indicate on the memo line whether your check is for dues or the scholarship fund, although Jim says with a smile that it's usually easy to distinguish your generous donations for scholarships from our modest dues.