



Home of the AmTryke



We meet
Each Thursday at Noon
At Cace's Restaurant
1501 East Marshall
Avenue
Longview, Texas

THE BOCCANEER

LONGVIEW AMBUCS

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Presiding: Sec'y/Treas John Durst

Prayer Pastor Bill Smythe

Pledge: Dennis Rand

ROLL CALL

Members: 30

Guests: 3 Guest of:

Pastor Bill Smythe Don Hendon

Ellie Miller Jack Miller

Jim Cogar Club

Drawings:

Attendance: \$27 Keith Barber

50/50: \$32 Charlie McGregor

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

23 Oct Doug Fouse

30 Oct TBD

06 Nov Michael Tubb

13 Nov Various Veterans

Scholarship Committee

Mon, 20th @ 5:30

World HQ

Everyone Welcome

"Supporter Program"

(new approach to sponsorships)

Tue, 21st @ 5:30

World HQ

Everyone Welcome



Jim Cogar

**Chairman of Democratic
Party of Gregg County**

Recently elected to his chairman position, Jim oversees the 21 Democratic Precinct Chairmen in Gregg County.

One major goal is to educate and encourage people to "vote smart", not necessarily to vote a straight party ticket. He wants people to question candidates and incumbents as to what they mean and really believe, rather than to just accept the "party line", particularly with respect to platform issues, which are not binding in the first place.

Another major goal is to encourage voter turnout...very important, even in a non-presidential election.

Bob Graham reported that three concrete contractors may be going to donate some/all of the concrete, possibly saving as much as \$200K in construction of the field for **The Miracle League!**

Contact Bob if you know any other suppliers or professionals who may be willing to make "in kind" donations.



Danny Lee reminded us that it's Annual Branding Contest time, and that we need to bring in five new members before the end of November. Now's the time to ask someone to visit a meeting ...just like someone asked you.

This Saturday, 17th, we're building a ramp for an 8-year-old boy. Meet for breakfast on **Saturday, at 7AM** at the Butcher Shop and/or leave from World HQ at 7:45.



Steve Rogers reported that he and **Bob Graham** gave away six AMTRYKES at last weekend's *Buddy Walk for Kids with Down's Syndrome*.



Social, Monday Night Football
 October 27th, at World HQ
Cowboys vs. (does it matter?)

Secretary John Durst read a very gracious Thank You note from Martha McGregor, Sister-in-Law of club member, Charlie McGregor. The note expressed her appreciation for the club's care and concern with the recent passing of her husband, Charlie's brother.



Chuck O'Neal is collecting license plates and aluminum cans (rinsed and crushed) for the Scholarship Fund. Bring 'em to Chuck, at a meeting, or leave them inside World HQ....let Chuck know you've put them there!



Perhaps concerned that he wouldn't get credit for bringing a guest along with B7, **Don Hendon** brought Pastor Bill Smythe as his guest/witness! Pastor Smythe was a welcome addition to the meeting; he asked the blessing on our meal, and everyone felt a little better about eating whatever that was in the last chafing dish on the right. Don passed B7 on to Jack Miller.

2014 AMBUCS National Conference Saint Louis, MO

October 29th - November 1st

Paul and Faye Herring, along with Bob Graham and three members of AMBUCS Too, will be boarding the train on Tuesday evening to make the trip to the National Conference. With them will be the two jazzed-up, hot rod AmTrykes that were featured at the recent 2014 Mobility Bash. The Trykes should make a great impression at the conference, and will hopefully encourage other clubs to keep the AmTryke program going strong. Several other AMBUCS are driving or flying to the conference, and all three Longview clubs will be well represented.

After working hard in business and in his club for many years, an AMBUC went on to his final reward.

There was considerable excitement in heaven when he reached the pearly gates. The arrival of a long-time AMBUC was considered something of an event in heaven. Saint Peter himself came right over and insisted on giving the AMBUC a tour. Things were real pleasant until the AMBUC spotted half-a-dozen guys tied to a rail, like horses.

"Why are all those men tied like that?", he asked Saint Peter.

Saint Peter replied, "Those are AMBUCS. Every time we let them loose, they try to go back to a meeting."