



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: Prez Doug Fouse
Prayer Chuck O'Neal
Pledge Richard Fuhrman

ROLL CALL

Members: 37

Guests: 6 Guest of:

George Doss Doug Fouse
Mayor Jay Dean Club
Judge Bill Stoudt Club
Councilman R. Manley Club
Richard Lazarus Club
Dist 6I Governor J. Thomas Club

Drawings:

Attendance: \$249 Adam Ailand
50/50: \$54 Bob Graham

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

20 Nov Prez Doug Fouse
27 Nov Thanksgiving Day
04 Dec Danny Lee
11 Dec Jay Barnes
18 Dec White Elephant Party!
25 December Merry Christmas!



Longview Mayor Jay Dean

Jay is proud that the current city council members each want the best for the community, not just to focus on their individual hot topic.

Longview's Comprehensive Plan for the next 15-20 years is still being developed, and residents are encouraged to contact Richard Lazarus with questions and suggestions.

There will likely be a major announcement by the end of the year, concerning the next step in the I-20 Corridor improvement at the old Holiday Inn site.

Much roadwork is being done because of citizens' choices in 2007 and 2011 bond elections.

No Ramp Build this Saturday

But, on the 22nd, meet at 7am at Butcher Shop, and/or be at World HQs, to leave at 7:45.



Danny Lee, Head Trail Hand for this year's Branding Contest, announced that we exceeded our quota of branding five new members during Oct and Nov.

Be sure to meet and welcome our newest AMBUC members:

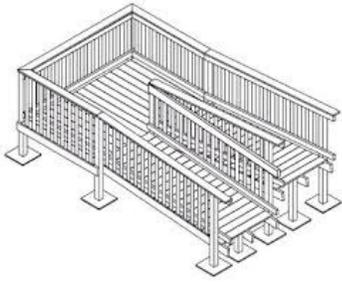
Adam Ailand
Brad Caraway
George Doss
Dane Eitelman
Doug McKinny
Michael Suggs

→ All members invited to the fun of the New Member Orientation on Monday 17th @ 5:30...followed by Big Hat sponsored Monday Night Football

At World Headquarters
All members welcome!

TONIGHT: Nov 13th

5:30 PM Sponsorship Program
6:30 PM District Board Meeting
Nov 19th
5:30 PM Club Board Meeting



Last Saturday, we built a ramp for a 39-year old man who had recently suffered a stroke and undergone cancer surgery. He was very appreciative of our help, and specifically asked that everyone sign the ramp after it was complete. This was very meaningful to our members, and especially so, as we had been helped by the sons of two members, Al Goettle and Steve Rogers. The morning was good for the man, good for the members, and good for the sons to see what we're all about.

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**Chuck O'Neal** is collecting license plates and aluminum cans 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! RINSE THE CANS, BUT DON'T CRUSH 'EM!

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B7 wasn't at today's meeting. But we're sure he was with his current buddy, **John Durst**, seeking a great guest to bring to a future meeting.



Steve Rogers announced that we'll have ten AmTrykes to assemble after Thanksgiving, and that most of them will be going to Tyler. Get ready to help!

President Doug Fouse read two Thank You notes; one from the parent of a young girl who recently received an AmTryke, and another from a 12-year old girl who received an AmTryke herself. The notes, and the pictures enclosed with each one, were great reminders of the impact we have on many people in our community, state and nation.

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**Bob Graham** let us know that the Miracle League continues to close in on its goal to build the field next summer. Contact him... he has sponsor packages and will even help you present one to a contact you have.

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Why does mineral water that has trickled through mountains for centuries have a *use by date*?

If dentists make money from unhealthy teeth, why trust a product that 4 out of 5 of them recommend?

Corporate Sponsor Program

Contact Allen Lizza or Billy Hagenbuecher, and get involved early, and we can make this thing go easy and fast!

The new style sponsorships will give advertisement/recognition to sponsors at all events, trailer signs, etc., as well as give golf teams, Bash tickets, etc., according to the sponsor level.

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*With full admission that this info was snatched from Sally Denhart of Greater Champaign County AMBUCS, and the National website, and combined with my own observations....*

### **The 2014 AMBUCS National Conference in a Nutshell**

- Held in beautifully renovated Union Station in Saint Louis
- 32 AmTrykes to Vets
- 50 AmTrykes to children
- 17 (or 18?) clubs added in past 15 months, and two more in the pipeline
- Much appreciation and respect paid to outgoing President, Jack Bellware
- Patty Vannoy installed as new President
- Al Bedell installed as new President-Elect
- Introduction of dollar-a-Day Wish List Club
- Equal focus on AmTrykes, ramps and scholarships
- Major focus on recruiting and engaging younger AMBUCS