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 Each Thursday at Noon
 At Cace's Restaurant
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Home of the AmTryke

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**ROLL CALL**

**Members: 38**

**Guests: none** Guest of:

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Drawings:

Attendance: \$100 ~~Brad Caraway~~

50/50: \$56 Dick Allen

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**SCHEDULED PROGRAMS**

**15 Jan** Randy Rose  
**22 Jan** Doug Fouse  
**29 Jan** Don Dingler  
**05 Feb** TBD  
**12 Feb** Judge Bill Stoudt



**Heath Hamberlin, Sr. VP  
 Texas Bank Holdings  
 Economic Update**

Heath gave us insights into factors that may positively our local economy in 2015.

Population growth drives many positive results, and Gregg County continues at approx 1% annual growth. Baby Boomers, especially, are impacting car and home sales, and we are just at the beginning of a 23-year wave of them reaching 65 years old. However, until population increases significantly, our overall economic situation won't change much.

Median Annual Income (\$44k) is more stable than in some surrounding communities.

Residential Construction rate, very stable in Longview, is a major economic driver.

While manufacturing jobs have declined in Gregg County, construction jobs have increased some, and they have a fairly good ripple effect.

The drop in oil prices should not affect our small local banks and oil producers as much as larger banks and oil corporations. This is partly because of many of our local wells are already paid for. They can produce profitably with oil at an even lower price/barrel than the current \$50. However, local service companies will be affected (probably during the next 6 months), as their employees are sent back from other parts of the state that are more impacted by further drops in the price.

Interest Rates - Despite earlier signals from the Federal Reserve, TBH thinks economics and politics will keep rates from rising much/ at all in 2015.

### Ramp Build

Cancelled this week, due to expected rain/cold on Saturday. Save next Saturday morning on your calendar!

Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 5:30 World HQ



Thank you to **Al Goettle** for getting the new water heater installed in World Headquarters. While we're excited about the hot water, many of us are more excited that the "sulfur smell" is gone!

**FREE MONEY for AMBUCS!**

Monday, Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, 5-7PM  
Chipotle's Mexican Grill  
415 E. Loop 281  
(Behind Harley Davison)  
50% of profits to AMBUCS

**New Member Orientation**  
& old members who forget stuff  
Tue, 3 Feb, 6PM World HQ

**B7** wasn't with **Tom Myers** today, his current buddy. Hopefully, B7 will inspire Tom to bring a potential AMBUC to next week's meeting. (If not, a fine is probably looming in Tom's future.) In the meantime, you could bring a guest, and show Tom how it's done!

**Steve Rogers** reported that we presented two AmTrykes during the holiday period, and that we have a couple more lined up. One is for a 7-year old girl who has undergone "rotationplasty", a surgery/amputation that removed her upper leg, reversed her lower leg, and reattached it with the ankle serving as a knee. Now, THIS is a kid we will take great pleasure in helping to ride a bike with her friends!!

**Dick Allen** reported that the Big Hat Club made \$300 from the recent Football Pool, and that the next fundraiser will be the **Annual Fishing Tournament**. Organizational meeting for that will be next Wednesday, Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6PM at World Headquarters.

**"Running for Those Who Can't Run"**

**Cruz Mendez** reported that the Half-Marathon committee has recently received three more sponsors:

- Acme A/C \$1,000
- McCarthy Hoses \$500
- Lgvw News Journal \$1,500

If you get this info in time, and you can get there, Cruz would like your help selecting t-shirts, trophies and medals this evening, 5:30 at the Starbucks in the Alberson's / PetCo / Baron's shopping center, on the loop.

**WOW**

Robert McGowan told us about an upcoming fundraiser for Longview **World Of Wonder**.

"WOW is a non-profit organization seeking to inspire a life-long love of learning by giving children the opportunity to imagine, create and explore in a hands-on educational environment."

The fundraiser is 7 February, so be alert for more details in the newspaper, or from Robert.

**NOTICE**

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a Roast of Jess Ingram, for his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. DON'T TELL HIM, but come with a funny Jess story...that you can tell in front of the ladies.

Stupidity is far more fascinating than intelligence, after all intelligence has its limits

The most important thing in life is not knowing everything; it's having the phone number of somebody who does!

Some days; you're the pigeon, some days you're the statue. Just live with it.

In America, it is not important how much an item costs. It's more important how much you can save when you buy it.

A penny saved is ridiculous.

Killing spiders makes the spider genetic pool sneakier and more deadly.

Your stomach believes that all potatoes are mashed.

"Go to bed, you'll feel better in the morning" is the human version of, "Turn it off and turn it back on again."

We will never hear about the truly perfect crime.

There are two theories to arguing with women. Neither works.

It cost 7 million dollars to build the Titanic, and 200 million to make a film about it.