



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

Home of the AmTryke

## THE BOCCANEER

# LONGVIEW AMBUCS

P. O. Box 3092 - Longview, Texas 75606-3092

December 11, 2014

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**Presiding:** Prez Doug Fouse  
**Prayer** Jay Barnes  
**Pledge** Joe Knox

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**ROLL CALL**

**Members: 42**

**Guests: 4** Guest of:  
 Jay Barnes Club  
 Jim Johnson Jack Miller  
 David Fisher Jack Miller  
 Bill Owens JB McCaleb

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**Drawings:**

**Attendance:** \$120 Forest Williams  
**50/50:** No drawing today

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**SCHEDULED PROGRAMS**

**18 Dec** White Elephant Party!  
**25 December** **Merry Christmas!**



**Rev. Jay Barnes**  
**Winterfield**

**United Methodist Church**

As guest speaker for our annual Clergy Appreciation Lunch, Jay presented some pointers on dealing with grief/sadness, especially during the Holiday Season.

- Organize your time; pace yourself; set realistic goals
- Don't focus on one day, remember the season
- Mend some fences, make life simpler
- Eat, sleep & drink properly
- Exercise, but don't overdo
- Be around children!
- Don't isolate yourself
- Realize emotions are OK
- Seek help if you need it
- Do something new and good

B7 and his current buddy, Don Esch, weren't at today's meeting. We're looking forward to seeing Don at next week's White Elephant Party, and we'll probably give him a pass if he doesn't bring a guest to that particular meeting. But, we know B7 will be working with him to invite a guest to the meeting after that...

And you can do that too!



Surrounded by several of our Big Hats, Fouse inducted our newest members, George Doss and Doug McKinney

**Welcome Guys!**

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**Sad News**

Jeff Thorpe's brother passed away this morning. Keep Jeff in your prayers and thoughts.

**Ramp Builds**

**7am Breakfast Butcher Shop**  
**7:45 Leave World HQs**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> - 1 ramp**  
**Near Hwy 80 Mission**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> - 2 ramps**  
**The Longview Running Club is joining us as a way to thank/help us, just like we help them with their Half-Marathon.**

**Christmas Party**  
**At Cruz and Rocio's Home**  
Saturday December 20<sup>th</sup>  
7pm

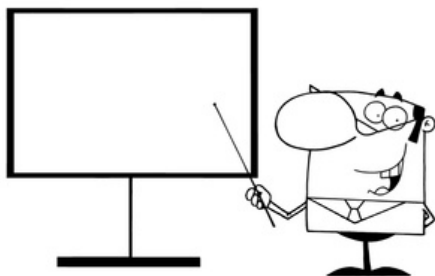
Contact Tommy Knight for what  
**YOU** can bring

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**TONIGHT!!**  
**Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**6-8PM @ Bootleggers**  
**Kick Off party for 1/2 Marathon**

→ → **New Year's Eve** ← ←

Community AMBUCS  
Challenge @ Oak Forest  
7PM-Midnight  
Dallas Band, "Plush" at 9PM  
\$50/person, cash bar.  
Tickets from Community  
AMBUCS members



**Board Meeting**  
**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30PM**  
**Everyone Welcome!**

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Windridge sent a very nice  
Thank You note for our support  
throughout 2014.



**Santa came early for seven  
folks in Tyler!**

Last Saturday we gave away  
seven AmTrykes at the Jack  
O'Diamonds car dealership.

Of course, John Dimond was  
there, along with Doug Fouse,  
Dick Allen, and AmTryke Chair,  
Steve Rogers.



The man on the left is one of the  
Jack O'Diamonds employees,  
and also John's cousin. He, along  
with his two sons (also in the  
picture) assembled the  
AmTrykes for us!

A good job, done well by all  
involved!

**Danny Lee, Head Elf and  
Parademiester**, thanked all  
those who helped in last week's  
Longview AMBUCS Christmas  
Parade. The parade went off  
well, with the dignitaries on the  
reviewing stand commenting to  
Danny that the approximately  
100 entrants were spaced and  
paced the best they had ever  
seen in this annual event.

And MANY thanks to you,  
Danny. It wouldn't have  
happened without you!

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**Congratulations to Bob  
Graham, Allen Lizza, Mike  
Bishop**, and everyone  
associated with the East Texas  
Miracle League. In last week's  
Christmas Parade, their float  
won First Place in the Non-Profit  
Category!

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**NEXT WEEK**

Bring a wrapped gift (real  
or joke) to the meeting, for  
our annual White Elephant  
Gift Exchange.

We want to start right at  
noon, because it takes time,  
and it's a lot of fun!