



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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**Pledge** Jack Crawford

### ROLL CALL

**Members: 39**

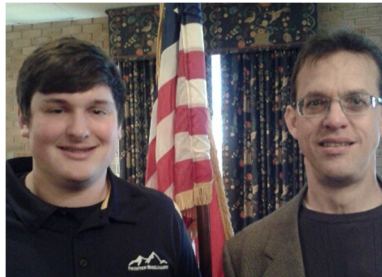
**Guests: 4** Guest of:  
 Bob Mocarsky Jack Miller  
 Laney Newman Jay Gordon  
 Ryan Emfinger Club  
 Norman Reece Club

### Drawings:

**Attendance: \$185** Tom Davis  
**50/50: \$51** Randy Rose

### SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

26 Feb President Doug Fouse  
 05 Mar Richard Manly  
 12 Mar Cruz Mendez



**Ryan Emfinger and  
 Assistant Professor  
 Norman Reese  
 Frontier Wheelchairs**

For the third year, we've learned of the on-going student projects to improve the availability, reliability and cost of mobility in developing nations.

Ryan updated us on this year's project and the upcoming trip to Guatemala to test the prototype. A rough terrain tryke, providing transportation beyond the shorter range of wheelchairs:

- Inexpensive/locally buildable
- Adjustable to growing person
- Reverse capability!
- "Converts" to wheelchair width for tight spaces

Absent the Prez & both VPs, the members voted to allocate \$1,600 to the project.

## FUTURE MEETING LOCATION???

**Thursday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>**

First United Methodist Church  
 400 N. Fredonia St.

Possible location for future meetings

**Come check it out!**

Use 1 of 3 side & back doors on Green or Whaley

**Thursday, Mar 5<sup>th</sup>**

**The Summit Club  
 Hwy 259 North**

**Come check it out!**

**Thursday, Mar 12<sup>th</sup>**

The Bistro, 106 E. Tyler St.  
Another possible location for future meetings

**Come check it out!**

Extra parking south of RR tracks

## Ramp Builds

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, Mar 21<sup>st</sup>, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 AM @ Butcher Shop

7:45 @ World HQ

**District Meeting Feb 26<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 @ World HQ

**1/2 Marathon Mar 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Fishing Tourn. April 11<sup>th</sup>**

On average, 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens every year.... sign-in carefully.

Larry Day's attended 3 meetings in a row. Could that be a record for him during the past 20 years?



**Rampin' it up!**

We've done EIGHT ramps in the past three weeks. That's a lot of people helped, and a lot of sad situations brightened!

**Why Babies are better than kittens...**

- Babies are rarely known to shed on furniture.
- No one's allergic to a baby.
- For an initial investment of a camera, you can convince a baby's grandparents to buy all the expensive clothes, toys, furniture, and major appliances s/he will ever need -- a good photographer can buy nothing but diapers for a year. Cats never buy their grandkittens anything.
- Babies don't have fleas.

**This week's word from Guru Steve Rogers**

Lamprophony

lăm-prŏf'-ə-nē

Noun: loudness and clarity of enunciation

After the AMBUC's forth beer, half of his lamprophony increased, and half decreased.

**Tommy Knight** reminds us about the new sponsorship program, where a sponsor makes a large donation that is applied to all of our fundraising activities during the year. That helps us; and it helps the sponsors, by them not being approached repeatedly for small donations.

Tom Brown has professionally designed packages for your use in talking with potential sponsors.

Call **Tommy** or **Alan** for more info about this program.



**Tommy Knight** reported that he gave an AmTryke to a young boy last weekend in Texarkana. There were 4 generations of his family present, and it was a great event for them to see the 10-12 year old ride despite his Muscular Dystrophy. He hopes to ride a mile in our 5k Run, and Tommy encourages us to cheer him on.

**Bob Graham** reported that he and **Steve Rogers** will be presenting a specially configured AmTryke tomorrow, to a girl in Harmon, TX. She has lost one leg to amputation, and this special tryke will let her "pedal" with two hands and one leg!



**2015 SOUTHWEST AMBUCS REGIONAL CONVENTION**  
**April 23 - 25, Arlington, TX**  
 Plan to attend!

**THEY'RE COMING!!**

**Fishing Tournament**

P/U yard signs from Tom Brown  
 P/U applications from Al Goettle  
 Look for some good door prizes.

**Half-Marathon**

We need to fill 600 goodie bags .  
 We need pens, band-aids, stress balls, hand sanitizer, beer Koozies, and so on.

**AND,...**

**of course, we need SPONSORS!!**

**It's several weeks away, BUT,.....**

because The 2015 Mobility Bash is such an important fundraiser for all of our work in the community, we need to get motivated way ahead of time!

**Next meeting:**  
**Tuesday, 25 Mar, @ World HQ**

Talk to Billy H, and ask what **you** can do to help.

**May 9<sup>th</sup> - Skeet Shoot**

Raising funds for a 17-year old girl who has been in The Mayo Clinic for a year. See Steve Warner for flyer & application.

**So I've been told...**

Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite

When the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers play football at home, the stadium becomes the state's third largest city.