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 Each Thursday at Noon
 Heritage Room of
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 400 N. Fredonia St.
 Longview, Texas

Home of the AmTryke

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LONGVIEW AMBUCS

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**ROLL CALL**

**Members: 36**

**Guests: 1** **Guest of:**  
 Chris McGee George Doss

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Drawings:

Attendance: \$34 Don Nimmo
50/50: \$36 Joel Johnson

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**SCHEDULED PROGRAMS**

23 April Andy Mack  
 30 April Kaia Stitz  
 07 May Richard Manley  
 14 May Tommy Knight



**Secretary John Durst**  
**April Business Meeting**

Showing us how it's done, Smilin' John led this month's business meeting.

Steve Gordon reported on last night's Board Meeting:

- \$8k to ramps
- \$8k to AmTrykes
- \$4k to scholarships
- \$2k to "Run for the Wall"
- \$1k for table at ARC fundraiser, to use as "Thank You" to our own sponsors.

Eight members were present, and all members are welcome at each month's Board Meeting.

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 If something "goes without saying", why do people still say it?

26th Annual AMBUCS Fishing Tournament

Al Goettle thanked all who helped last weekend; and hopes for a financial report from Randy Rose at next week's meeting. (Good luck, Al.)

Ray Bostick
AMBUC of the Day

Ray is the Maintenance Manager of the Longview Parks Department, and has been with the city for almost 25 years. He owned a small A/C company for a short time, and also ran a commercial poultry business for 16 years.

Ray's been married for 26 years, has 3 children, and (I think) grew up in Longview.

He was active in Rotary, and despite that organization's good works, he appreciates the commitment and successes that he sees in our club, in meeting needs locally.

Welcome aboard, Ray!

Social/Orientation

➔ Tuesday, April 28th ←
 6PM @ World HQs

Next up: Golf Tournament

Co-Chairs **Tommy Knight** and **Chad Hinton** remind you to keep looking for \$100 Hole Sponsors, and \$500 4-man team applications. Contact Tommy with leads for larger sponsors NOW, to get names on banners.



Texas Hold 'em
7-9:30 PM @ World Hqs
 Wednesday, 22 April
 \$10 Buy-in
 Everyone Welcome!

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**Steve Rogers** reported that **Bob Graham** has created a video of a recent AmTryke giveaway, and plans to expand on the video for use at functions showcasing the AmTryke program.

➔ On Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, Steve and Bob will each be representing us at a different school. Contact either of them if you're able to help at one of the schools.

Contact Steve if you'd like to help at an AmTryke give away.  
 281-797-9938



**T-Bone Walker Blues Fest**  
 First Fri/Sat of June  
 Like last year, our club will run beer booths. And, we've already "cleared" \$5k from sponsors!

So, plan to help set-up, work and/or tear down. Any way you participate will be fun and benefit the club....and you'll hear some great music.

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

Invidious

Adjective:

1. Tending to rouse ill will, animosity, or resentment (Even a good umpire can be invidious to some baseball fans.)
2. Offensive and unfair (Some of us have worked for an invidious boss.)
3. Envious (Are you invidious of the lottery winner?)

**2015 SOUTHWEST AMBUCS  
 Spring Training Conference  
 April 23 - 25, Arlington, TX**

**Longview AMBUCS in  
 charge of Ramp Build on  
 Thur, 23<sup>rd</sup>!**

At least a couple of us are going early, and coming home on Thursday. Contact Dennis Rand if you can do that, even if you aren't staying for the conference.



**"Hold it! IRS. I want 35% of every dime you just stole, plus 15% self-employment tax!"**

**Dennis Update:**

Walking 4-6 mi/day, and "cut down" on beer. Lost 2 lbs.

**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 info.

**Breaking News!**

Several of the newsletter staff have reported rumors that Joe Knox will address the story of B7's disappearance in a news conference at next week's meeting.

Come for the information.  
 Come for the drama.  
 Come to help set the fine!



We're helping ARC of Gregg County, by sponsoring a table at the fourth annual Mudbugs and Music fundraiser.

The idea is to invite some of our own sponsors, at no cost to them, as a way to thank them for what they've done for us.

Contact Chapin Miller if you have a sponsor to suggest, and he will make the invite if we still have seats available.

The event is Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:30pm-11pm at the Gregg County Fairgrounds' Exhibition Center. There'll be crawfish, margaritas, beer, gumbo, bread pudding and more! There'll also be a live Zydeco band, dancing, and auction items to bid on.