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 Each Thursday at Noon
 Heritage Room of
 1st United Methodist
 400 N. Fredonia St.
 Longview, Texas

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Home of the AmTryke

LONGVIEW AMBUCS

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**ROLL CALL**

**Members: 32**

**Guests: 3** **Guest of:**

Diane Rogers Steve Rogers  
 David Dunnaway " "  
 Tim Hood Randy Rose

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Drawings:

Attendance: \$66 apx. John Hagens
John not here, so rolls forward!
50/50: \$56 Robert Lee

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**SCHEDULED PROGRAMS**

30 April Kaia Stitz  
 07 May Richard Manley  
 14 May Tommy Knight

**Social/Orientation**

➔ Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> ←  
 6PM @ World HQs

**Board Meeting**

Board meeting at World HQ  
 May 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm.

Happy Birthday to James White today!!! He keeps the HQ grounds mowed! A big thanks to you!!

**Spring Roundup**

April & May is our push for new members. Invite!!  
 Danny Lee says you can win \$\$\$ if you sponsor the most new members.

Albert Goettle said that profit from fishing tournament was almost \$4,000!



Steve Rogers reported that the Mar-Tex Evening Lions Club in Marshall (pictured above) gave him a \$1,000 check to buy an AmTryke.

Some of our members are in Grand Prairie today at spring training, building a ramp to train Ambucs members there.

Speaking of ramps, no ramp build this Saturday, but on

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will both repair an existing ramp and build a small new one.

Bob Graham reported that the Police Officers Association contributed \$5,000 for the Miracle League Ball Park, and that for the Mud Run this year, they are converting the obstacles from last year to a more portable style for ease of transport. Revenue last year was \$90K with a net of \$70K, and they are projecting \$100,000 net this year. 1,600 runners are expected this year, with \$1,000 in pre-registrations already collected, before we've even begun advertising. Way to go!

**Golf Tournament June 26th**

**Chad Hinton** reminds 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.



**Mayoral Candidate Andy Mack**

Dr. Mack, D.D.S. spoke to us today. He has been married to his wife for 30 years and they have 3 grown children who are currently studying dentistry. Dr.

Mack studied at Stephen F. Austin University and at the Baylor College of Dentistry. He owns East Texas Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Associates, has served on the City Council from '97 to '05, serves with the Vision 2015 Task Force, and is a Legacy Longview board member.

Andy discussed his platform comprised of 5 things.

1. Public Safety – he is determined to reduce crime in the city and is endorsed by the Police Association.
2. Pro-Business Atmosphere – he wants to attract new business and promote existing businesses in Longview by improving the laborious process of obtaining building permits, and investment opportunities.
3. Fiscal Responsibility – he vows to never spend more money than the city receives. If there is \$100 in tax revenues to spend, he will not spend \$120.
4. He desires that young people come back to Longview after getting their education. For this goal, he wants to attract high tech companies that pay high

wages. He wants to educate businesses concerning the business friendly environment of Longview.

5. Close the Gap – Dr. Mack believes that certain sections of the city, such as the south and west sides are declining, as opposed to the north side. He wants to unify the city, not by school districts, but by our common city limit boundaries

He also talked about his passion for the city and for the mayor’s job. He stressed that he does have the time to be mayor, and that his successful business will not interfere with the mayoral office.

He fielded several questions concerning water distribution, LEDCO attraction of new business, and the current relationships between LEDCO, the Chamber, and the mayor. He also answered questions about donations he had received, and stated that all expenses generated and monies received were reported openly.

He stated that in Longview, 75% of high school graduates don’t go to college, and that he envisions cooperation between city and school governments to invest in a technology center that could teach a trade to young people, enabling them to support their families with higher wage jobs.



**T-Bone Walker Blues Fest**

**The Date - June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**

Like last year, our club ran beer booths at the Blues Fest. 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.

**Breaking News!**

Joe Knox addressed the story of B7’s disappearance in a news conference at this week’s meeting. We still don’t know exactly where he is, but Joe introduced us to B7’s wife, and gave her to Robert McCown for safe keeping. Robert said that he would be sure that she received a splinter today at the lumberyard.

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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 2nd, 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.