



Home of the AmTryke

# THE BUCCANEER LONGVIEW AMBUCS

We meet  
Each Thursday at Noon  
Heritage Room of  
1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist  
400 N. Fredonia St.  
Longview, Texas

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

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**Presiding:** Allen Lizza  
**Prayer:** J.B. McCaleb

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**ROLL CALL**

**Members: 36**

**Guests: 2**

**Guest of:**

**Colton Goettle**

**Albert Goettle**

**Roy Clark**

**Steve Gordon**

**Speakers: 1**  
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**Drawings:**

**50/50 \$45**

**Robert McCown**

**Attendance \$65**

**Charlie McGregor**

**No winner**

**Future Programs:**

**6/18**

**Business Meeting**

**6/25**

**Partners In Prevention**

## Club News

Charlie McGregor recently cleaned up and organized HQ grounds.  
Thanks!

Joel Johnson 59 years married.  
Jack Crawford 61 years married.

Doug Fouse asked for someone to take over for Chuck O'Neal in collecting the license plates from dealerships. Chuck is having some temporary health issues.

Allen Lizza announced that recognizing membership anniversaries and BD's will be improved.

Allen read a thank you card from the family at Jasper who had received an AmTryke for their son from Steve & Dianne Rogers. The boy was recently able to pedal with his arms for 1 mile in their park trail, which was a major accomplishment for him. The AmTryke has also given him the gift of mobility.

Randy Rose - presented Jay Gordon with a 5 yrs service certificate.

Randy also said that a current membership roster is available. He asked that you get one and correct any inaccurate info listed for yourself.

Charter member Tom Davis was recognized for 25 years service.

### Ramps

Billy Hagenbucher said a ramp was built last Saturday at Union Grove, and that a small 3 box unit will be installed this Saturday. He praised Albert's grandson Colton for being a big help in ramp builds. A week from this Saturday at Elysian Fields there will be a 9 box ramp built. On July 11th, another one is scheduled.

Billy H. also informed the editor that the July 4<sup>th</sup> cookout at HQ will begin at 7pm and that there will be delicious hamburgers and hot dogs. Bring your lawn chairs and your favorite beverage.

### Big Hatters

There is a Big Hat meeting at lot NS46 next Thursday the 18th at Tommy Knight's house at 5pm.

### TBone Walker Festival

Duke Owen reported that there were 3500 people outside & 1500 inside. There was \$18K in groce beer sales. He thanked everyone who helped and will have final net profit figures next week.

### Fines

Steve Warner began a new fine of 25¢ for saying "Uh" in a meeting.



**Linda Laminack  
Genealogist & Historian**

Our speaker shared a history folder she had created and historical books about Gregg County and the colony years of the United States. It was interesting and informative.

She created a Dewey decimal system that lists all genealogy books on the shelf of the Longview library. She has books and publications dating back to the 1500's, and deeds and abstracts of land records from 1623 and forward. Linda said that surveying techniques from olden days included marking land by trees and measurement chains. She said cavilers and pioneers transported people from England for a fee, and it typically took 3 or 4 years for the transported to pay off their fee. She said there are 7 volumes of Maryland and Virginia history revealing the names of those transported and their fee that was charged in British currency. Linda stated that the early British settlers in the colonies didn't care for the Church of England mandating bible study and church attendance requirements. These early settlers had farm duties which took most of their time, and they resented being told when and how to worship. Men had to pay for a bride with 40 lbs. of tobacco, and the family of the girl would decide whether or not to give their daughter to the suitor. Regardless, the tobacco was required if a man even hoped to find a bride. She said that census records of Virginia date back to the 1600's.

A Texas book shows county land ownership in Nacogdoches county with maps and original purchaser's names. There is a Texas confederate directory of soldiers who fought for the south available for reference. It gives additional information such as their health, religion, where they worked, etc. Ms. Laminack said that any relative of ours who received a military pension has a record of it even as far back as the Revolutionary War. She stated that wives are listed as being in receivership of the pension if the husband had been killed in a war. Linda said that there are 20

40 volumes of immigration records both before and after Ellis Island.

Census records contain info about citizen's occupations and addresses, etc. This varied info is available about your relatives born in years 1900-1976. The Privacy Act changed easy access for anyone born after 1976. Much more rigorous research must be done if the relative you are interested in was born after that year. She said that 1840 was the first census in Texas.

She will do genealogy research for anyone in the United States, and has access to local newspapers dating back to 1871.

#### **Miscellaneous News**

Bubba Banana was not here. Betty Banana was given to Steve Warner from Steve Gordon. Mr. Gordon was punishing Mr. Warner for such harsh fines levied today.

Don Williams (former member) passed away in west Texas. The club will send some measure of condolence to Don's family at his funeral.

Danny Lee asked that we continue to invite others to an Ambucs meeting. We had 18 new members last year, so let's try and do it again!

#### **Headquarters Meeting**

This meeting is open to leaders and members at 5:30 Wednesday.

#### **Awards Banquet Winners:**

Robert Lee - newcomer of year.

Project Manager of the Year - Billy Hagenbucher for his work on the mobility bash.

Committee Chair of the Year for Membership Recruitment - Danny Lee.

Community service award for the

year was also Billy Hagenbucher.

Horses's Ass Award - Thomas Meyers.

Community Service Partner - TB&T

ABC Award - Bob Graham

Golden Hammer Award - Tom Brown

Ambuc of the Year - Danny Lee.