



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

Home of the AmTryke

LONGVIEW AMBUCS

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ROLL CALL

Members: 37

Guests: 1 **Guest of:**
 Tom Newton Hewitt Wheless

Drawings:

Attendance: No drawing today
50/50: \$40 Jeff Bishop

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

Oct 22 Billy Jivetti PhD.
Oct 29 To be determined
Nov 5 Michael Tubb
Nov 12 Police Chief Mike Bishop
Nov 19 Allen Lizza

Prez Allen Lizza led this month's Business Meeting, with his usual charm, poise, humor and token amount of control.

- **Ramps** - Billy Hagenbeucher reported that we built two ramps last weekend (Easton and Kilgore) with the help of 5 Physical Therapy Assistant students, and despite the help of Dennis Rand.
- **AmTrykes** - Steve Rogers reported on the success of our support of last weekend's Buddy Walk for Downs Syndrome kids, and that we gave away four AmTrykes at the event.
- **Scholarships** - Forest Williams reported that 24 recipients have been selected for award of scholarships on Nov 5th. The committee is aiming for a streamlining/elimination of paperwork, as well as a "scoring system" to assist in evaluating applicants.

Reporting on the recent National Conference, Allen recognized the impact of Past President Doug Fouse in leading our chapter to the many recognitions and awards received at the conference.



As part of that recognition, Allen presented Doug with a token of appreciation from our chapter.

In other news from the National Conference, Bob Graham reported that 80 AmTrykes were assembled on-site, and presented to 50 Veterans and 30 children. One impact of those actions is that it appears that a local club will be starting up!

Billy H reported that our ramp build at the conference involved and inspired six other clubs, particularly one in Pennsylvania.

TOMORROW Fri, Oct 16th
 Golf Tournament!!
 Call Tommy Knight, NOW, to see how you can help.

Tuesday, Oct 20th, 6:30pm
 Community AMBUCS giving away two AmTrykes at WHQ.

Wednesday, Oct 21st
 Board of Directors Meeting
 5:30pm at World Headquarters

Yes, it is a long way off,
but start planning now to attend
the regional conference,
April 22-24th, in Bedford, TX.



Rumor has it that the next Big Hat Social will be planned soon. So, be ready to save the date, and spend some fun time with club members. This social will be for all member...it's just sponsored by the Big Hatters.



Under the watchful eyes of a host of Big Hatters, new member Doug Bernard was sworn-in by President Allen Lizza. Being duly inducted, incorporated, conned, mesmerized, and otherwise propagandized, Doug is now one of us, and we're glad to have him! Apologies are offered from the newsletter Editor and the complete staff, but we can't get the picture out of the phone and onto this page. :(



Steve Rogers has a cool new innovation for delivering AmTrykes to kids on the Wish List. Just tell him what city/town you'll be visiting for a holiday (or whatever reason), and he can line you up with a kid, a tryke and a therapist, ...all you have to do is get there with the AmTryke.

And, Steve will be delivering three AmTrykes to Tyler next week. Call him if you'd like to help.

Michael Garza

is a fairly new member, and was our AMBUC of The Day.

Michael grew up in Texas, and attended the University of Houston, before moving to Longview 5-6 years ago. He works for the Social Security office, has 3 children, and enjoys photography and writing. During the Columbus Day weekend, he visited Houston, and delivered two AmTrykes! Both children have Downs Syndrome, with significant weakness in their legs. For each of them, receiving the tryke was an exciting time, and hopefully they'll each get stronger and continue to be excited about riding.

Michael participates in obstacle runs, and learned about AMBUCS at this year's Mud Run. He joined right away, and has gotten right into the thick of things. Welcome, Michael!



Be thankful we're not getting all the government we're paying for.

Will Rogers

Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read.

Groucho Marx

When a massive power outage struck southern California in the 1990s, Los Angeles residents reportedly called 911 to express alarm about strange clouds hovering overhead; they were seeing the Milky Way for the first time.



Miracle League

Bob Graham reported receipt, just this morning, of a \$1,000 donation from the Volunteer Auxillary of Longview Regional Medical Center.

Plans are still to start construction of the field in December, and the board is confident that the remaining \$120-140,000 needed, can be raised if we make an individual effort to contact likely donors. So, contact Bob if you have someone in mind; he has excellent printed information, and will help you speak with the person if you'd like him to do that.



Tom Newton visited us at lunch today, and spoke sincerely and warmly of his appreciation for the club's effort during his recovery from partial leg amputation due to complications from diabetes. He appreciated the flowers, visits and prayers, and is certain that they all contributed to his recovery. And, he wanted to be sure we know that his Occupational Therapist had been a recipient of one of our scholarships!!