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# LONGVIEW AMBUCS

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**Presiding:** Allen Lizza

**Prayer:** Steve Werner

**Pledge:** Jason Scott

### ROLL CALL

**Members: 37**

**Guests:** 1      **Guest of:**

Darien Swann Robert McGowan

### Drawings:

**Attendance:** \$34 David Cowley

**50/50:** No drawing today

### SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

**Nov 19** Allen Lizza

**Nov 26** Thanksgiving Day!

**Dec 3** Danny Lee

**Dec 10** Pastor Appreciation Day

### Food & Football

Noon, Sunday, 22 Nov

At Allen Lizza's

4202 Eric Lane

Beer, wine & food provided

Bring your own game snacks

Cowboys vs. Whoever

### Wanna build something?

Ramps: Nov 21st

AmTrykes: Nov 14

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



Whether he was busy shuffling papers, or just giving you "what-for" with his special grin, Randy Rose has been working for the good of our chapter for 27 years.

With his passing early this morning, we have lost a good friend, as well as a mentor and example of what it means to be a good man, a good community member and a good AMBUC.



At today's meeting, several members shared their memories of Randy, and represented all of us in our grief. Among them, Allen Lizza spoke of Randy's positive attitude and strength of character. Robert McGowan spoke of Randy's strength and serenity as he, Bob Graham and Billy Hagenbuecher were at Randy's side when he passed away. David Dean spoke of the compassion Randy had shown him during a long period of problems in David's career.

There were others who shared memories with the group, and others who shared with only those around them. But, all of us have good memories of Randy, and will carry them forward, even as we pray for strength and peace for Linda and Kate, his wife and daughter.



**Billy Hagenbuecher** was going by Allen, Texas, anyway. So he stopped to deliver an AmTryke to this little girl.



**Dennis Rand** was going to Fort Worth anyway, so he delivered this AmTryke to a boy on the Wish List.



And the first delivery went so well that Dennis took another AmTryke to this family near Dallas.

**Way to go, Guys!**

**Steve Rogers** can fix **you** up to make one of these deliveries on your trip to almost anywhere in Texas!

Please remember to keep Amelia Bishop in your thoughts and prayers this week, as she begins recovery from knee replacement surgery.

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Novemeber Board meeting is next Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm at World Headquarters. Everyone is welcome.

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This Saturday, at 7pm, injured active and veteran servicemen will be honored by the "Combat Warriors", at the Satterwhite Ranch. Contact **David Cowley** for details.

**David Dean** is actively trying to form a group of Michigan transplants who now live in our area. They gather to watch sporting events (and relive snow shoveling exploits?). If you know anyone from Michigan, tell 'em to get in touch with Dave.

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

**Save the date: December 3rd**

The Annual Longview AMBUCS Christmas Parade is coming to town, and we're the ones that make it happen!

Plan now to be one of the 25 volunteers that evening. We gather before the parade, make it happen, and then share pizza and beer at Pizza King. Be there!

As we closed the meeting, Allen Lizza read the following poem as a way we might each think of Randy's death.

**I'm Free**  
Don't grieve for me,  
For now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for  
me.  
I took his hand when I heard him  
call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone will stay that way;  
I found that peace at close of day.

If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I, too, will miss.  
But not burdened with times of  
sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of  
tomorrow.  
My life has been full,  
I've savored much.  
Good friends, good times,  
A loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all to brief.  
Don't lengthen it now with undue  
grief,  
Lift up you hearts and share with me  
God wanted me now.  
He set me free.  
**-Janice M. Fair-Salters**