



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

Home of the AmTryke

# THE BOCCANEER

## LONGVIEW AMBUCS

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

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**Presiding:** Allen Lizza  
**Prayer:** the prayer guy  
**Pledge:** whoever said it

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**ROLL CALL**

**Members: 38**

**Guests: 3**

**Don Esch** Matt Coffee

**Duke Owen** Mark Deteau

**Dan Harrington** Brian Brooks

**Speakers: 1**

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**Drawings: \$62** Billy Hagenbucher

**Attendance: \$36** Don Esch

**Upcoming Speakers:**

**12/17** White Elephant Gifts

**12/24** No Meeting

**12/31** No Meeting

**Club News:**

Several club members have accepted the challenge to personally deliver AmTrykes to children in Texas as they visit family members for the holidays. Talk about a GREAT Christmas present to THEM, but to YOU also. Thank you! Gentlemen, we encourage you to find someone on the Texas wish list, and deliver an AmTryke!

December 5<sup>th</sup> was our last ramp build this year, being built for a terminal cancer patient at his

home in Hallsville. Plenty of workers showed up and it is a good looking ramp!



**Speaker - Dr. Dale Lunsford**  
**President - Le Tourneau University**

Dr. Lunsford spoke of the history of the University and the diversity of their student population with pupils from 36 countries.

He spoke of the visionary man that R.G. LeTourneau was, founding the LeTourneau company and the college. Mr. LeTourneau had a difficult young life, losing a brother at a young age and a son. When he tried to join the army in World War I, he was rejected due to physical limitations, but worked hard in San Francisco at a loading dock. R.G. had what

Dale called "grit". Dr. Lunsford defined this word as a very determined spirit. Mr. LeTourneau had grit and was determined not to play the victim card. With only a 7<sup>th</sup> grade education, he tried to concentrate on the big picture instead of the many setbacks he had endured. He designed huge mechanical equipment that moved tons of earth and coal at a time. His inventions were instrumental to the military in World War II to prepare military bases around the world. Today, these monster machines are used around the world to harvest coal, move earth, and move/lift heavy objects in construction of towers, buildings, and other infrastructure. Mr. LeTourneau knew only one size when designing machines - BIG.

Dale went on to say that as an educator, he is called to develop "grit" in his students. To develop a tenacious and determined spirit in students, he believes that academics should be difficult. Only then can young people learn the exhilaration of conquering their fears and developing grit.