



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

# LONGVIEW AMBUCS

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**Presiding:** Vice Prez Chapin Miller  
**Prayer** Dan Herrington  
**Pledge** Joe Knox

**ROLL CALL**

**Members: 35**

**Guests: 2** **Guest of:**  
 Mark Deteau Duke Owen  
 Cameron Dimond John Dimond

**Drawings:**

**Attendance:** No Drawing Today  
**50/50:** No Drawing Today

**SCHEDULED PROGRAMS**

**Dec 24** Christmas Eve  
 No Meeting  
**Dec 31** New Year's Eve  
 No Meeting

**Ya'll come back now, ya heah!**



**Vice Prez Chapin Miller**

Foolishly thinking he had control of the situation, Chapin tried feverishly to get us to the main event of the day, our....

**Annual White Elephant Christmas Gift Exchange!**

**But first**, several of us had to share some information:

- We built our final ramp of 2015 last Saturday, another good job.
- Our Christmas Party at Fritz' Restaurant last Saturday was a success, with a lot of good food and fellowship.
- Last week, Billy Hagenbuecher delivered an AmTryke, and made this family very happy.



Big Hat President, Danny Lee, introduced Chad Hinton as our newest Big Hat, and presented him with the hat and initial three pins. Then Danny suckered Chad into his first fine, by letting him put the hat on without the required material inside it. Welcome, Chad!



VP Chapin Miller expressed the gratitude of all club members to the ladies providing our meals. The Board authorized Christmas "tips", and we hope the ladies can use them to make their Christmas Seasons merrier.

**Steve Rogers' Trykes Across the State Program** is working well to get many trykes to kids during the Christmas Season. If you're going anywhere in Texas, during the Christmas Season, contact Steve..... 281-797-9938





**Tryke Meister Steve Rogers** gave an update on the program to get as many Texas kids off the Wish List as possible before the end of the Christmas Season. His multi-media presentation and golden tones of oratory enlightened us to understand that we've already delivered 17 AmTrykes recently, and a few more are in the works between now and Christmas.

Three members **Michael Tubb, Robert McGowan** and **Don Esch** each gave heart-felt accounts of their recent AmTryke deliveries, and each one of them emphasized the personal emotional satisfaction of seeing the joy in the children and their families. All three encouraged us to get involved in an actual AmTryke presentation, especially if we've not been involved before.

We recently received two Thank You notes, one from Mike Bishop's wife, Emilia, and one from Randy Rose's wife, Linda. Emilia is recovering from surgery, and Linda is dealing with Randy's death. So, please keep both of these ladies in your prayers.

**Secretary John Durst** reported the major items from Wednesday night's Board Meeting:

- Mobility Bash netted \$73K
- Golf Tournament netted \$7.1K
- Thank You to **Robert Lee**, for taking over next year's Christmas Parade, carrying on his Dad's tradition.
- For 2016, **Prez Allen** wants to see....
  - more use of social media
  - more local community donations
  - more new members
  - and further website upgrades

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**VP Chapin Miller** took the time to thank each member who participated in providing another successful Christmas Parade to the Longview Community. The parade went well, and the traditional post-parade gathering at Pizza King was every bit as fun. Good job!

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Sadly, the past week included the death of Hal Inman, Tommy Knight's Father-in-law. He was a good man and community member, as well as a great supporter of AMBUCS. As the real "Pizza King", he and his family, including Tommy's wife, Lisa, have made many events and committee meetings much more enjoyable with a great supply of pizza. Please keep Lisa and her family In your prayers.

**Finally**, we got to the main event of the day, and Tom Myers performed his annual ritual of overseeing our White Elephant Christmas Gift Exchange..... often referred to as our Chinese Fire Drill Gift Swap.

There were many surprises among the gifts, and many gifts were "stolen" then "frozen". There was the expected amount of annual turmoil over the rules for stealing and freezing, but that's just part of the routine for a group of AMBUCS.

As they say (whoever "they" are), a good time was had by one and all. And we're grateful to Tom for once again heading up the party.

As we close out the 2015 season of AMBUCS meetings, the Editor, Assistant Editors, Reporters, Copy Boys, Administrative Assistants, Clerks, Accountants and Janitors of The Buccaneer Newsletter join together to wish you and your family a blessed season, as you celebrate Christmas and the beginning of the New Year.

