



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

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

January 28, 2016

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**Presiding:** President Allen Lizza  
**Prayer:** Jack Miller  
**Pledge:** Forest Williams

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**ROLL CALL**

**Members: 44**

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| <b>Guests: 5</b> | <b>Guest of</b>       |
| Blake Beard      | John Dimond           |
| Wayne Tramel     | Kevin Ingram          |
|                  | (Wayne joined today!) |
| Tom Holyfield    | Allen Lizza           |
| Jay Dean         | Club                  |
| Chris Malen      | Club                  |

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**Drawings:**

**Attendance: \$234** Robert Lee  
**50/50: \$67** Jay Gordon  
**\$25 Gift Card** Paul Herring

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**SCHEDULED PROGRAMS**

**4 Feb**  
 House Candidate David Watts

**11 Feb**  
 County Agent Randy Reeves

**18 Feb**  
 Senate Candidate David Simpson

**25 Feb**  
 Senate Candidate Red Brown



**Jay Dean, Candidate  
 District 7 Representative**

- Having been Longview's Mayor for ten years, Jay thinks it's important that voters elect a person with experience in the system, and in working with others, rather than elect a candidate with a just a vision that the voters agree with.
- Jay feels that his advocacy for Longview equates to most of District 7 (Gregg and Upshur Counties), so moving up to District Representative is the logical and most beneficial step he can take for East Texas.
- Jay is Pro-life, enjoys a 100% NRA rating, and thinks teachers should teach, not be collecting bureaucratic data.

**Annual Scholarship Meeting**  
**TONIGHT** Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 5:30 @ WHQ  
 Need you there!

**Freeze Your Fanny**  
 February 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Volunteers covered!

**New Member Orientation**  
**For 3 Longview Chapters!**  
 5:30 pm, Tue Feb 16<sup>th</sup> @ WHQ

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**Tommy Knight** encouraged us to start talking to potential "Annual Sponsors", who receive many perks for one-time donations that cover a year full of events. Contact Tommy or Allen, if you want help in talking with your contacts.

This plan works well....  
 help with suggested sponsors!

**5:30 TONIGHT @ WHQ  
 to brainstorm**

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 The **Board of Directors** reports good progress on finding a replacement for Randy as our Treasurer. It's expected that the final decision will be made at the next Board meeting.

**Paul Herring is 73 Today!**  
 (Will be tomorrow, too.)

**Dennis Rand** reported setting up an AmTryke Rodeo for five Wish List Kids, to be held in San Antonio, and sponsored by Lowe's. There is a foundation that may also support the Rodeo. Date to be announced

**Our current goal is 50 AmTrykes by the end of May!**

If you're going anywhere in Texas, contact Steve Rogers, as far ahead of time as possible.

281-797-9938

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Combined **Super Bowl Party**, with Community AMBUCS, at Faye Herring's, 700 Merrills Lake Road, Sunday, 7 February.

Call Danny Lee 903-238-5022, or Paul Herring 903-235-0675, if you didn't get into the count at today's meeting.

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**Tim Hood** reminded us that the Half-Marathon is on 12 March, and that now is the time to start collecting "giveaways" for the gift bags. It's also time to get \$150 Sponsors for Mile Signs.

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Head Recruiter, **B7**, was at today's meeting, but neither he nor his current buddy, Dave Dean, brought a guest. So, we're looking forward to who they might bring next week.

Remember:

B7 (Bubba, Big Brother of Big Bad Bobby Banana) is a great recruiter. But, he does his best work when we help him.

Prez **Allen Lizza** thanked all the members who helped set-up, run, and tear down our publicity booth at the East Texas Builders' Home Show last weekend. We worked with the Miracle League, in the next booth, and got some good visibility for both organizations.



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Big Hat President **Danny Lee** presented **Duke Owens** with his Big Hat, plus TWO Spur pins for bringing in two members during the recent Branding Time contest.

Congratulations, Duke

(A Community Service request is being considered, to provide a stool for Danny's use in these ceremonies.)

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There's a story that there may be a chapter started in San Antonio soon. There's another story that one started just last month. This is AMBUCS....take your pick, or combine 'em, or ignore 'em both. We'll put our top-notch investigative team to work on this story. (Translation: We'll wait around like you, until we hear something else.)

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AMBUCS:

Amusing Men Building Unstable Complicated Systems

**WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

**AMBUCS Visibility Month**

February - May

(Where else but AMBUCS could you have a 3-month Month?)  
Take the time to let your friends and new acquaintances know about AMBUCS!

**Southwest Regional Conference**

April 21-24

Make plans to attend our AMBUCS Regional Conference

Holiday Inn @ DFW Airport  
West Bedford  
3005 Airport Freeway  
Bedford, TX  
(817) 684-6300

Questions:

Allen Lizza & Paul Herring

*We have a convention fund that will help with your cost of registration and hotel stay.*

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**Ramping It Up**

Butcher Shop @ 7:00

World Headquarters @ 7:45

Saturdays

February 6

February 20

March 5

March 19

April 2

April 16

April 30

May 14

May 28

Pick a couple of dates, and Help make a difference One Ramp at a Time!