



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

## THE BOCCANEER

Home of the AmTryke

# LONGVIEW AMBUCS

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**Presiding:** President Allen Lizza  
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### ROLL CALL

**Members: 42**

**Guests :3**                      **Guest of**

Red Brown	Club
Kenneth Dean	Don Esch
Keith Pfeffer	Wayne Tramel

### Drawings:

**Attendance: \$395** Ken Hartley  
**50/50: \$52** James White

### SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

#### 3 March

Tim Hood - Half Marathon & 5K

#### 10 March

Longview Steering Committee

#### 17 March

Allen Lizza - Monthly Bus. Mtg



### "Red" Brown

#### Texas Senate Candidate

As an Aggie, a businessman, and a career soldier, Red entered the race for Kevin Eltiffe's vacant Texas Senate seat, focusing on three areas:

1. Public Education - Texas is 45<sup>th</sup> in per student spending, and he wants to see schools funded adequately and fairly, with not public funds going to private or home schooling.
2. Border Security - Wants to secure Mexican border from criminal activities, while developing a good system for the workers we need.
3. Economic Development - Wants any NE TX water reservoirs to be for our own need, not dictated by metropolitan area legislators.

Red is Pro-Life, a NRA Life Member, and fully opposed to any legalization of marijuana.

### TONIGHT @ 5:30!!

First meeting to kick-off planning for this year's Mobility Bash. We've the chairman in place....we want your ideas and energy, so we can get up to speed for another great event.

Be there tonight at World Headquarters to share your ideas, and help us flesh out other people's ideas.

**Our current goal is 50 AmTrykes off the Wishlist 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

We'll excuse **Robert Lee** for his absence today. At the same time we were meeting, he was in Garland, delivering an AmTryke during a business trip to the Dallas area.

Thanks, Robert!

### Correction

With intense groveling, the Editorial Staff apologizes to **Michael Garza**. He was the Michael who took 3 AmTrykes to Houston several days ago, not Michael What's-his-face.

### 5 Feb - Help Build a Ramp!

Butcher Shop @ 7:00  
 World Headquarters @ 7:45

Last weekend we built a ramp for a double amputee.

## South West Regional Conference

→ 22-24 April ←

Make Reservations Now!

(Club covers most of the cost)

Contact Billy or Allen for info.

**REAL IMPORTANT for NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

### ONE MORE WEEK!!

**Tim Hood** reminded us that the 5K and Half-Marathon Races are on 12 March. This is our first year to manage the event by ourselves, and we'll need a LOT of help.

It's a one-day deal... so, sign up!

Also, look for promotional items for gift bags (200 or 400 each), and \$200 "shirt sponsors".

AMBUCS are such problem solvers that it's obvious we have all the tools...

Arithmetic

Multi-variable

Bisector

Upper quartile

Cartesian coordinates

Straight angle



### Spring Round-Up

Bring a guest and sign up a new member between 1 March and 30 April. Our goal is **115** members



Head Recruiter, **B7**, was at today's meeting with **Wayne Tramel**, and they brought a guest. So, here we see B7 with his new buddy, **Chief Mike Bishop**.

Remember:

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

**Tommy Knight** reminded us to take the initiative to talk with someone about becoming an "Annual Sponsor". The benefits of a one-time donation gets that person/company name associated with all events throughout the year. That's a lot of publicity, and someone you know may be very interested in that.

Thank you to **Danny Lee**, for providing office space for Harry Barth to work on our AMBUCS financial books and accounts. And thank you to **Harry** for taking on the task after our loss of Randy Rose, and to **Joe Knox** and **Allen Lizza** for working with Harry during the transition.

**See any Big Hat** for a National BH Fundraiser raffle ticket. You could win your choice of cash or great prizes, and you'll help to reduce the Wish List to zero!



**Larry Day** delivered T-shirts to the nine AMBUCS who served chili during the recent 2016 Freeze-Your-Fanny Fun Run.

We've benefited the Special Olympics by serving the community at this annual event for many years. Good job guys!

**Allen Lizza** reported that United Healthcare is helping to sponsor our upcoming Half-Marathon and 5k, and that he's hoping to expand their participation to become an Annual Sponsor.

He also reported that the Breakfast Club (to which 4-5 other AMBUCS also belong) are contributing \$300 toward our AmTrykes, Ramps, Scholarships.

An AMBUC was repeatedly falling while trying to walk down the street. A cop pulled up and said, "I've got to take you in, pal. You're obviously totally drunk."

The AMBUC asked "Officer, are you absolutely sure I'm drunk?"

"Yeah, buddy, I'm sure your drunk," said the cop. "Let's go."

Breathing a sigh of relief, the AMBUC said, "Thank goodness, I thought I had two broken legs."