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 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

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**Presiding:** President Allen Lizza  
**Prayer:** Joel Johnson  
**Pledge:** Mike Tomanio

**ROLL CALL**

**Members: 42**

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

Judy Moffet	Club
Carolyn Ramirez	Club
Tom Barnett	Jeff Thorpe

**Drawings:**

**Attendance:** \$559 ~~Robert Lee~~  
**50/50:** \$50 Danny Lee

**SCHEDULED PROGRAMS**

**31 March**

Officer Elections for 2016-17

**7 April**

TBD

**14 April**

Dr. Hodges - Texas Oncology

The highly complex computer system controlling newsletter preparation here at AMBUCS World Headquarters is on the blink, and some photos from today's meeting can't be retrieved. So, imagine a good picture of Judy Moffett in this space.

**Judy Moffett**  
**POWER**

Judy visits us each year, due to a long collaboration between our organizations. She heads up *People On Wheels Encouraging Responsibility*, an organization that is focused on supporting, encouraging and bringing together people with disabilities, in order to foster a positive mindset and a higher quality of life.

POWER focuses on each individuals capabilities, not disabilities, and utilizes many outdoor activities to challenge and inspire people. These include camping, archery, kayaking, pellet gun / handgun / rifle / shotgun marksmanship, bowling, etc. All activities focus on discovering capabilities and individual limitations, rather than accepting limitations

imposed by well meaning, but often mistaken, friends and families.

Our chapter supports the Annual Adaptive Sports Fest, the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each September, at Lake Gladewater. It's a great time, and the officers and Board encourage you to plan to attend. Also, consider contacting Judy if you can assist in any of the other activities, even if it would be just occasionally. 903-295-0926

Now, imagine another good picture... this one of Carolyn Ramirez from the Pilot Club of Longview.

The Pilot Club focuses on helping people with brain disorders or injuries, and supports many related programs in the Longview area.

Their major fundraiser is the annual **Taste of Longview**, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at Maude Cobb, from 7-9PM. For \$15 (\$20 at the door) you can sample treats from over 30 great area restaurants. And there is a FANTASTIC raffle, with tickets at \$2 each.

Call Carolyn: 903-234-8877

**2 April Help Build a Ramp!**

Butcher Shop @ 7:00

World Headquarters @ 7:45

**4/22-24 Regional Conference**

Contact Allen Lizza for info

**Thursday 31 March @ 5:30!!**

Next meeting for this year's Mobility Bash. We've started working on many items to get up to speed for another great event.

Be there next week, at World Headquarters, to share your ideas, and help us keep going.

**AMTRYKE Update**

**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 **Larry** for his absence today. Just a few days ago, he delivered two AmTrykes in Houston. Thanks, Larry!

**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**



**Spring Round-Up**

Danny Lee reminded us that we need only 6 more members by the end of May.

Let's get 'er done!



Head Recruiter, **B7**, was at today's meeting with **Jeff Thorpe**, and they brought a guest. So, here we see B7 with his new buddy, **Tom Gordon**

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.

On Good Friday, Steve Warner will take two identical AmTrykes to two identical twins, who sadly have the identical terrible physical impairments. We hope the trykes will bring some happiness and physical improvement to them both.

Steve Rogers told us today that our club will be giving three AmTrykes at the Conference in April. It's a great thing to be part of... yet another good reason to be there!

**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.

**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!

President Allen Lizza read a gracious thank you card from a 91 year old lady who received a ramp a short time ago. With the note, she enclosed a generous donation and told us that her sister had been hospitalized in 1935, and was helped tremendously by riding a tricycle!

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