



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

Home of the AmTryke

THE BOCCANEER

LONGVIEW AMBUCS

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ROLL CALL

Members: 42

Guests: 9 **Guest of**

Randy Reeves	Club
Pat & Merritt Fort	Club
Kathy Tittle	Club
Leslie Hill	Club
Sarah Urbanek	Club
Gerald Rincher	Dave Dean
Paul Green	Jay Gordon
John Coppedge	Jay Gordon

Drawings:

Attendance: \$312 ~~Dan Eitelman~~
50/50: \$52 Jeff Thorpe

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

18 Feb
 Senate Candidate David Simpson

25 Feb
 Senate Candidate Red Brown



Randy Reeves
County Agricultural Agent

Randy came to Gregg County in 2015, with 32 years of experience, twenty of them in neighboring Harrison County. He's heavily involved with 4H Club, farmers, homeowners, ranchers, Master Gardeners, and bee keepers.

Randy deals with lawns, timber, forage and gardens. So, he spent a lot of time answering questions about lawns, gardens, bees, mosquitos, dollar weed, as well as the difference between the St Augustine problems of Brown Patch Disease and Take All Patch.

Apply pre-emergent weed killer by 15 March. Fertilize in/after early April. Refresh water in bird baths weekly.

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

Ray Bostick is taking an AmTryke to Texarkana on Friday. Next week, **Steve Warner** is taking one to Spring and one to Humble. **Michael Tubbs** is taking three AmTrykes to Katy, TX.

Thanks guys!

South West Regional Conference

➔ 22-24 April ◀

Make Reservations Now!

It's easy to do on-line.

Contact Billy or Allen for info.

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".

20 Feb - Help Build a Ramp
 Butcher Shop @ 7:00
 World Headquarters @ 7:45



Merritt Fort received his AmTryke at today's meeting, and is surrounded by his two therapists and Kathy Tittle, President of Community Bank. Kathy's bank provided the funds for Merritt's tryke, and she was treated to seeing the difference it made from Merritt being stuck in a wheelchair.

President **Allen Lizza** read two thank you notes received by the club.

One was from Ashley Layton, a Panola PTA student, thanking us not only for the funds, but for believing in her and her fellow students.

The other was from Candice Gleason, President of Donated Medical Compassion. She thanked Dick Allen and a crew of AMBUCS who transported 14 hospital beds and 5 wheelchairs to storage.

(It's looking like our partnership with DMC will benefit many local residents!)

New Member Orientation

Tuesday 16 February
5:30 @ World HQ
New and Old members invited!

AMBUCS are so in-grained into Longview, that you could say we are elemental...

- Aluminum
- Mercury
- Boron
- Uranium
- Carbon
- Silican



We were honored to be visited today by Paul Green, Texas Supreme Court Judge for the past twelve years. He hopes to continue serving after the upcoming election. (He's being challenged by Rick Green!)



Speaking of Elections

The nominating committee (five Past Presidents) will meet on Wednesday, 17th, at 5:30 PM at World HQ. There are 3 open slots on the Board of Directors, and YOU are invited to let them know if you'd like to help with the inner workings of the club. Contact Allen or any Past President for information, or just show up to ask questions.



Michael Tubb pointed out that this Saturday's "Death By Chocolate" fundraiser at Maude Cobb is for Keep Longview Beautiful. He supports that organization and encourages you to attend if possible.

Call him for information.



Head Recruiter, **B7**, was at today's meeting with Dave Dean, and they brought a guest. So, here we see Dave passing B7 to his next buddy, Michael Tubbs.

Remember:

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



Chad Hinton thanked the nine volunteers that served at the Freeze Your Fanny Fun Run that benefited Special Olympics. (Because he's one of our newsletter editors, we won't mention here that he himself didn't work that day...Oh, did I say that outside my head?)



Big Hat President **Danny Lee**: The goal of the National BH Fundraiser raffle is to reduce the Wish List to zero! Buy a ticket?