



AMBUCS

Longview Chapter TM
Creating Mobility and Independence For People With Disabilities

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

Home of the AmTryke

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LONGVIEW AMBUCS

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Presiding: President Allen Lizza
Prayer: Charlie McGregor
Pledge: Ray Bostick

ROLL CALL

Members: 40

Guests:	Guest of
Kevin Wellman	James White
Jesse Ribas	Allen Lizza
Steve Pirtle	Tom Davis
Eric Bowman	Bill Fishburn

Drawings:

Attendance: \$664 Dave Dean
50/50: \$N/A No drawing today

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

28 April
 Longview PD K-9s

5 May
 Jack Miller
 Disaster Response Team

Several members are headed to the Regional Conference this weekend. They'll teach others to build ramps, and will give away three AmTrykes at the Rodeo!



Prez Allen Lizza

May Business Meeting

With just a few weeks left in this AMBUC year, Allen led this month's Business Meeting that contained a lot of good news:

- We built two ramps last weekend: four boxes in Jefferson & five in Hallsville
- We've awarded \$50K in scholarships, including one to the daughter of member John Dimond
- We've grown the Big Hat Club by 3 new members, and have added over 20 regular members during the past two years...great numbers!
- A major corporation is heading toward public announcement of extremely substantial support of AMBUCS...hang on!

Annual Awards Banquet

Doug Fouse reminds us to sign up for the banquet, so that you can select your menu choice.

Thurs 26 May
 Bistro on Tyler Street
 Cash Bar 6-6:30
 Dinner at 6:30
 Program at 7:00



B7 was with us today, and brought his friend for the past week, Bill Fishburn. B7 also brought a guest, Eric Bowman. Then he picked Steve Warner as his new buddy, and we're looking forward to seeing who he'll bring as a guest when he comes back with Steve.

Big Hatters Danny Lee and Kevin Ingram earned Stars for recently recruiting Fichard Fleet and Ed Salabar

Go out for Supper on 4 May!

Pick up a flyer from Tommy Knight and turn it in when you eat at Panera Bread on that Wednesday evening.

Community AMBUCS will receive a donation for each meal purchased; and they'll use it for the same good things we do.



WELCOME!

Watched over by many of our Big Hatters, President Allen Lizza inducted Richard Fleet and Kevin Wellman. In the middle of the ceremony, Allen paid his traditional fine for not having the pledge memorized. But, hey! He's a tax CPA who's probably not slept from 10 April 'til now.

If you quit rationalizing, who could you ask to come to next week's meeting?

Which one of these new 2016-2017 officers can you offer to help?

- Prez Chapin Miller?
- VP1 Dick Allen?
- VP2 James White?
- Secretary John Durst?
- Treasurer Harry Barth?



Ace camera man Steve Gordon will help you get your info into his system for the new member directory. Please see him.

OR

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click on ABOUT AMBUCS
click on MEMBERS INFO FORM

We learned a bit about two of our newer members;

Kevin Wellman spent 12 years as a Navy Cryptologist, assigned to the NSA. He's been active with the club as far back as the Christmas Parade, and has also been on ramp builds. After the Navy, he's had careers in running a Super Computer company and two other technical companies. Now he's in the insurance industry. He and his wife moved to Longview from Athens, Texas, just over a year ago, and they have a grown daughter living in Henderson.

Richard Fleet is a 13-year Marine veteran, and now owns two companies in Longview: *Creative Natural Stone* and *Upper Cuts Hair Salon*. He has three children, two of them twins, and he is anxious to help AMBUCS with some of our projects.

The teacher asked the three 3-year old boys if there were any religious objects in their houses.

The son of a Knight of Columbus said, "Yes. We have a picture of a lady holding a baby, and my Dad stands in front of it and prays to the lady every morning."

The son of a Rotarian said, "Well, we have a statue of a short fat man who's sitting with his legs crossed. Every morning my Dad stands in front of it and chants some words I don't understand. Then he burns incense for the statue.

The son of an AMBUC said, "Yes, we have a religious object, too. It's a box full of numbers that we keep on the floor in the bathroom. Every morning my Dad stands on it, then looks up to heaven and says, 'Oh, God!'"

I'm all in favor of keeping dangerous weapons out of the hands of fools. Let's start with Facebook.

People are like steel. When they lose their temper, they lose their worth.



AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Annual Awards Banquet
Thursday 26 May
6PM @ Tyler Street
BistroContact Doug Fouse for your reservation, and to select your main course

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