



Home of the AmTryke



We meet  
Each Thursday at Noon  
in the Heritage Room of  
1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist  
Church  
400 N. Fredonia St.  
Longview, Texas 75601

## THE BOCCANEER

# LONGVIEW AMBUCS

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**Presiding:** Chapin Miller  
**Prayer:** Duke Owen  
**Pledge:** Colton Goettle

Members: 35

Guests: 2

Colton Goettle of Albert Goettle  
Jerry Hood of Tim Hood

**Attendance:** James White did not win  
the \$66 so carryover to next week.

**50/50:** Jeff Bishop won \$39

### Speaker Today:

#### **Randall Webster**

Randall is a marine who was here to talk about his involvement with homeless people in this area. He is with the North East Texas Homeless Coalition & Community Healthcare. He said that it is cheaper to house a homeless person than to allow them to stay homeless, averaging \$40,000 per year to keep them homeless. The best way to help the homeless is to withhold giving funds to them directly, as they will blow all this money, but instead to give to organizations set up to help the homeless.

### **Longview Ambucs Too**

Billy was selling tickets for their fundraiser, a play, on July 8. Let's get behind this cause and support them.

### Ramps

2 ramp build weekends scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. These will be the last ramp builds until October. Billy urges you to plan for them and attend.

### Mobility Bash

September 10<sup>th</sup> is the date, mark your calendars. We will have 500 tickets available July 1<sup>st</sup>. Next weeks meeting we will be discussing the event. **Be there or get volunteered for something.**

### Run It Like It's Hot

The mud run is coming up August 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7 AM. Let's promote this thing & get some major participation. Alan reported that sign ups are down this year & we need more. Find the facebook page & take the time to "Like" or "share". We are looking to get the participant level up to 800-1,000 again this year. There will be new obstacles on the course this year! Several sponsors have already committed to this great cause.

### Prayer Requests

- \*Al Bingham - muscle atrophy has him down.
- \*James Howard - At the Trevicio Rehab clinic.
- \*Pearl Thorpe - battling cancer.

Sonya - Billy was going too fast for me to catch her details. But pray for Sonya.

### Member Info on Website

If you haven't done this already, go to the Longview Ambucs website & fill in your membership information. This is beneficial to all members, but especially to our newest members.

### B7

Tim Hood brought in his dad instead of his other son that we were expecting. He gave the banana to Joe Knox, who quickly whipped out \$\$ & handed off to Danny Lee!

Here's a pic of Duke & B7 for scaling purposes.



## **Legendary History of B7 (author unknown)**

I won the original Banana years ago at a festival called Wurstfest. You can research it year:

<http://wurstfest.com/>

Basically a 10 day drinking festival with tons of beer and sausage with live music and a carnival atmosphere located in New Braunfels. I won the original Banana, (which had dreadlocks and looked stoned) by throwing baseballs at milk jugs. I then brought the Banana to our White Elephant Christmas Party and gave it away. It was then that the club decided to turn him into a membership drive and named him B4(Big-Bad-Bobby-Banana). Well, our great friend Randy Rose had B4 in his vehicle one day and someone broke into his vehicle and stole B4!

He was never seen or heard of again so Randy told me to find a replacement and he would pay for it. I found B7(Bubba-the-Big-Boy-Brother-of-Bad-Bobby-Banana) in Maine. He cost \$180! Randy said buy it, so I did and he paid his \$180 to replace it. B7 was lost for a bit and someone brought in his sister Chiquita Banana for a short time, but then B7 re-emerged. I know some of you might get tired of B7 and the membership drive, but he does serve a purpose. A vital purpose to our club, because without new members, we would not sustain. Not only that, everytime I see B7, I think of Randy Rose. Which Randy's personality would probably match right up with B7's.(fun, care-free, and willing to do whatever he needed to do) So, it's kinda like he's still here and attending our meetings!

## **Membership**

Need more. Bring a guest.

## **Big Hat Chilli Cookoff**

This year the club will be putting on a chilli cookoff. October 29<sup>th</sup> with cooler weather, beer, possibly

bow hunting, beer, chilli, did I mention beer?, etc.

## **Upcoming National Conferences**

-2017 will be October 18-21 at Tantara Resort at Lake of the Ozarks. Early bird signup going on through July 18<sup>th</sup>. Hotel code AMB002.

-2018 will be October 3-6 at Peppermill Resort Spa & Casino in Reno. Always be planning ahead.

## **Amtrykes**

Steve Rogers has put together a 6 AmTrykes day giveaway at our meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup>. He needs volunteer teams to work on putting the trykes together & personalizing each for the kids. His email address is [steve@sdrogers.com](mailto:steve@sdrogers.com).

## **Party 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**

At World HQ, burgers & dogs to be served at 7. Water & softdrinks will be provided. BYOB. Fireworks to start at 9. Invite family, friends, & prospective new members. A dunking booth, NOT a drinking booth, will be on site for added entertainment.

## **Infinity Plates**

Tommy Knight showed off the infinity plates that Randy put together before his passing. They will be posted at World HQ for years to come.

## **Upcoming events**

-July 4<sup>th</sup> - Burgers, Fun, & Fireworks (7-10)

-July 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> - Ramp Build

-August 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup> - Mudd Run work days

-August 27<sup>th</sup> - Mudd Run

-September 3<sup>rd</sup> - Bash Work Day (7:45 - 12:00)

-September 9<sup>th</sup> - Bash set-up day (8-5)

-September 10<sup>th</sup> - Bash (9-2 set-up) (6-12 Bash)  
-September 24<sup>th</sup> - Power Sport's Fest  
-All ramp & work days start @ 7:00 at Butcher Shop, 7:45 at World Headquarters  
Tighten your belt, mark your calendars!  
Let's do this Longview Ambucs, Kicking Butt!

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