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We meet
Each Thursday at Noon
in the Heritage Room of
1st United Methodist
Church
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LONGVIEW AMBUCS

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Presiding:	Chapin Miller
Prayer:	John Durst
Pledge:	Anson Evan
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<b>Members:</b>	42
<b>Guests:</b>	1
<b>Guest of:</b>	Steve Warner
<b>Guest:</b>	Anson Evan
<b>Speaker:</b>	Kristen Ishihara
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Attendance:	\$194 previous + \$41 carryover. Duke Owen
	Next week's drawing \$235
50/50:	\$60 Charlie
8/11/16 Presentation	
	Coach King from Longview Lobos Football will be here next week.

Run It Like It's Hot

The date is August 27th for our mud run this year, beginning at 7am. Michael Garza will be at HQ Saturday at 7am to assess current obstacles, make repairs, and brainstorm new obstacles. The monkey bar materials are in and need to be assembled. Join Michael and we should be done by noon. We will move these obstacles to the park the weekend before the event (20th), and move them back to HQ on Sunday the 28th.

The Facebook page has been updated so take the time to "Like" or "Share". We are hoping for 800 to 1,000 participants this year.

Mobility Bash

September 10th is the date, so mark your calendars. Early bird sellers competed for the \$100 prize and it was awarded today for absent member Jess Ingram. He has sold about 64 tickets so far.

When you sell tickets, make SURE that you write their cell phone on the stub, and also write your name as the salesman.

We only have 5 silent auction items so far. Bring more to HQ.

Big Hat Chilli Cookoff

This year the club will be putting on a chilli cookoff in cooperaton

with the other Longview clubs on October 29th. James White will give more info next week.

Upcoming National Conferences

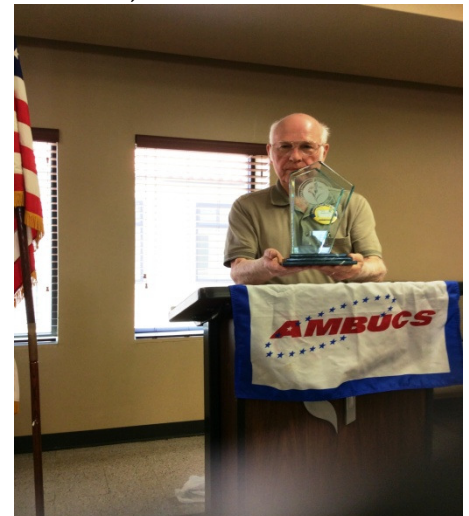
For the 2016 conference, you have until August 29th to register. It will be September 28th thru October 1st at Loews Ventana Canyon in Tucson, AZ.

In 2017, it will be October 18-21 at Tantara Resort at Lake of the Ozarks.

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

AmTrykes

2 Trykes are here for assembly and will be delivered to Mississippi. Another is here for delivery to New Braunfels, Texas.



Jack Crawford presentation

New Member Orientation

Tommy Knight will be leading orientation training at the Country Tavern on Tuesday, August 9th at 6:30pm. New members and their sponsors should attend. There is no cost to attend.

Wine, Wine, Wine

Please bring bottles of wine to our meeting on August 18th. We do this to defray the cost of wine given away at the Mobility Bash. Be a wino!

Ramps

Temporary ramp scheduled at Lake Cherokee right after lunch today.

Jack re-presented a plaque from June 5, 2003 that our chapter was awarded. It was one of 3 highly coveted awards given out in Texas that year for community service. We competed against 6 other prestigious community service organizations and won!! Frank Adams had kept it all these years, because at the time, we had no HQ building in which to display it. Therefore, Jack officially represented it for permanent display.

Mobility Bash T-Shirts

Tom Brown mentioned that he has red T-shirts available advertising the Mobility Bash at \$15 each.

Free Food!

Remember, guests eat FREE until the end of year. Invite, invite, invite! The survival of our chapter depends on new members.



Speaker Christen Ishihara

Christen is an attorney, also serving on the City Council as District 4 representative. She talked about various traffic and road issues, and economic developments in which LEDCO has played a lead role.

She spoke of the Page Road development, which required a developer from Austin to meet with residents, because the land would

have to be rezoned to do so. She mentioned that 6 to 7 council members must agree in order for land to be rezoned. The residents overwhelmingly rejected the project and signed a petition regarding such. The project would have entailed affordable housing apartments with 80 to 90 units. It had specific requirements for tax credits, having to be built in Longview city limits in Harrison County. This project has therefore been scrubbed and another location is being sought.

Mrs. Ishihara also spoke of the Tyron Rd. project where the Alpine and Eden streets intersect 259. Texas DOT wanted to change from 6 roads currently intersecting 259 to just 4. Again, residents in the area opposed it and brought their objections to the City Council.

Christen said that on August 9th, there will be a hearing in Municipal Court to discuss properties that are deserted and an eyesore in the city. She said that typically, owners are court ordered to either tear it down or remedy it in 30 days. There are currently 250 properties on the list, with 6-8 per month being worked by current staffing. There is inadequate staff and funds to move any quicker on these blighted properties.

She spoke of the Comprehensive Plan from 2 years ago, with one area of concern being urban blight. The City Council is seeking input from citizens about these properties, specifically downtown and the I-20 corridor. Public forums with the City Council are ideal for citizens to discuss their ideas.

She spoke of the softball fields at Hensley Park, which are going to be replaced with the Judson Rd. project for a price tag of \$6M by a private developer at his expense.

Upon completion, the Hensley Park land will be sold back to the family who gave the land, whereupon they can repurpose it with a new development.

Christen also discussed traffic light issues which will be updated as finds allow. She stated that the full-time traffic engineer needs specific intersection issues of which you are concerned. She said to report road maintenance and unsafe road and traffic signaling issues to the city, and strongly recommended the **City Send** app for your phone. This app allows you to instantly report these issues to the City. Of course, please do so when your vehicle is NOT moving. A work ticket is automatically generated with the city when you use the app. She encouraged us to report it to a City Council person as well. Of course, she emphasized that limited staff and budgets often delay these corrections and asked for patience.

She addressed the frustration expressed to her today about the Pegues Street 20 mph speed limit, and why it was so slow. Mrs. Ishihara explained that the City Council responded to the residents on that street who were upset about 3 accidents per month in their neighborhood, tearing up their yards. That is why the speed limit was lowered.

Christen spoke of LEDCO and their work with new industries looking at Longview for the 1-20 corridor and the North Business Park. She was not at liberty to divulge these companies, but said that Longview was under serious consideration.

Mrs. Ishihara mentioned her husband's company called Ultimate Night Vision. This could interest the hunters in our chapter.

She said her term will end in May and she plans to run again and begin her campaign in January next year.

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Please attach this to the weekly newsletter:

August 6th, 13th, & 20th - Mudd Run work days
August 27th - Mudd Run
September 3rd - Bash Work Day (7:45 - 12:00)
September 9th - Bash set-up day (8-5)
September 10th - Bash (9-2 set-up) (6-12 Bash)
September 24th - 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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Longview Chapter of AMBUCS receives the Frank M. Adams Outstanding Volunteer Service Award For Community Service

Today, our chapter of Ambucs was awarded the Frank M. Adams Outstanding Volunteer Service Award, in the “Community” category, at the 18th Annual Texas Community MHMR Centers Staff and Trustee Training Conference held at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Houston, Texas. Representing our Chapter and accepting the award were **Mark Coffman** and **Jack Crawford**.

The Frank M. Adams Outstanding Volunteer Service Award, established in 1990, is a joint initiative of the Marketing and Public Relations Consortium and the Texas Council of Community MHMR Centers in honor of the late Frank M. Adams, a founding member of the Texas Council.

The Adams Award is presented in three categories of service: Individual, Community and Media. The Award recognizes a level of volunteerism that is representative of long-term commitment and is exceptional and far-reaching in scope, diversified in effort and over and above that which is recognized at the local level.

The first Frank M. Adams Outstanding Volunteer Service Award was awarded in 1991 with only one award being given each year. We received the 11th Community award since its inception. No Community awards were given in 1992 and 1994.

Our Chapter was nominated for the award by Jill Taylor at the Sabine Valley Center to whom we have extended our thanks and appreciation for so doing.

Each member of The Longview Chapter of Ambucs, both past and present, is highly commended for his continued service and effort put forth to achieve the record required to receive this highly coveted award. We were grouped with six other organizations, scattered over the state of Texas, and some tough decisions were made by the judges, but because of the determination and hard work continually done by this club in the past years, we rose to the top of the heap. Well done, Everyone!!!!