



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

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LONGVIEW AMBUCS

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Prayer: Forrest Williams
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Members: 42

Guests:

-None

Attendance: \$341 ~~Dane Eitelman~~

50/50: \$42 Ray Bostick

Birthdays & Anniversaries

James White will be 65 Saturday, and the Voyles anniversary is this week. Congrats!

Board Meeting

The next and last board meeting chaired by Chapin Miller will be May 17th at 5:30 at HQ.

Mud Run

This year's Mud Run is scheduled for August 19th, and Mr. Garza is one of the planners this year. Help out this year and contact him.

T-Bone Walker Blues Festival

The event will begin Friday June 2nd through Saturday June 4th. We will be manning the beer booths from 5 - 11 on Friday and 2 - 11 on Saturday. Last year, they paid us a flat \$5,000, but this year Tom negotiated a 25% take on beer sales. Contact Tom at longviewprint@att.net to sign up.

Ramps

We built 1 ramp in Hallsville last Saturday for an older couple who needed a ramp for the wife. Due to the complexity (2 different angles), the ramp was completed in 4 hours. It looks great!

Ambucs 2016-2017 Banquet

Our banquet will be Thursday May 18th at Gerald's downtown beginning at 6PM with the bar open. No free booze - pay up!

Ambucs National Directive Improper Secual Conduct

Chapin read us the directive from Ambucs National, which stressed the buddy system. This means when serving children, youth, special needs people, or senior adults, it is imperative that you never be alone with them, but always have another adult Chapter member with you.

Ambuc Prayer Request

Al Bingham's doctor recommends that Al be evaluated for a heart transplant at Baylor Hospital. After evaluation, it is likely that he will be placed on the waiting list, as he neither smokes or drinks.

Texas Governor Visit

Greg Abbott will be here May 5th and 6th, celebrating with Scout Troup 201 at Teague Park. Ambucs is committed to building a ramp for the wheelchair bound Governor.

AmTrykes

Steve Rogers reported about the Van ISD Special Needs Field Day meet yesterday attended by he, Dick, & Billy H. Special needs kids participated in the meet & raced AmTrykes in one event. He said that he will be at Longview ISD today at a similar event that is recognizing service clubs, including Ambucs. Pics below.





John Dimond said thank you to the club for the \$1,000 scholarship given his daughter, and that she has decided to go in to Pediatric medicine. John also said that he is again writing and applying for a grant with the Meuller Building Co. for a new 4,000 square feet building to be built on HQ property. The grant application must be received by May 15th, and if granted, Ambucs will supply the slab and the building will be donated as the grant winner. Thank you John, for applying once again for this grant!

John Durst read the board meeting minutes which included these items:

The 1/2K/5K marathon netted \$2,750. The fishing tournament is still receiving funds, and has not yet been finalized, but it appears that the tournament only met expenses so far. The treasurer's report was accepted and passed.

An update was given concerning the upcoming Blues Festival, where we will receive 25% of the beer sales this year.

\$1,000 was allocated to John Dimond's daughter to be used in her education in the medical field.

The Wall Veterans Motorcycle Group was allocated a \$1,000 donation. During the meeting today, Charlie McGregor said thank you to the club for helping out our veterans with this generous gift.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Check these dates out, going to send sign-up sheets to Kilgore and Panola.. Please respond with an OK or changes that need to be made.

April 29th - Ramp Build
May 13th - Ramp Build
May 27th - Ramp Build
June 10th - Ramp Build
June 24th - Ramp Build

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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