



Home of the AmTryke



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

THE BOCCANEER

LONGVIEW AMBUCS

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Presiding:	Chapin Miller
Prayer:	Bob Graham
Pledge:	Allen Lizza
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<b>Members:</b>	35
<b>Guests:</b>	None
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Attendance:	\$371 Hewitt Wheless
50/50:	\$33 Harry Barth

sales. Tom passed around a signup sheet for volunteers.

Ramps

We built 1 ramp in Hallsville on the 15th, and due to the 2 complex angles, it was completed in 4 hours, and looks great! This Saturday, the 29th we will be working in cooperation with Community Ambucs, building 2 ramps. Ours will be north of Diana on FM 726.

New Members Needed

Danny Lee reminded us of the necessity of inviting new members, and encouraged the Big Hatters to do the same. He stressed that more members equals more fund raising and project volunteers. Invite someone for a free lunch thru May, and if they can't make a lunch meeting, tell them that Community Ambucs meets during the evenings.

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!

Ambuc Prayer Request

Al Bingham's doctor recommends that Al be evaluated for a heart transplant at Baylor Hospital. He is feeling good and optimistic of being placed on the waiting list. He recently had a liter of fluid drained from around his heart.

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 Update



Steve Rogers

Mr. Rogers reported about the progress made in giving away AmTrykes this fiscal year. He shared a video of special needs kids competing in an AmTryke race on a high school track, and several photos of kids receiving their own Tryke. He said we gave away 66 AmTrykes this fiscal year that cost \$667 each, all free of charge to the families.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Richard Fuhman will be 82, and John Dimond will be 54 this week.

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, with Mr. Garza and Paul Herring being two of the planners this year. This year, there will not be a mud hill to slide down, due to some minor injuries last year. Paul will be designing some new obstacles and challenges. Help out this year and contact them.

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. We were paid a flat \$5,000 last year, but this year Tom negotiated a 25% take on beer

Ambucs volunteers personally delivered many of these bikes as far west as El Paso, and as far east as Mississippi. Several were given away in various Texas cities such as DFW, Houston, Austin, Midland, and others. Several were given away to local recipients from DeSoto Parish, Louisiana who came to our luncheon. Next year's goal is to give away a Tryke a week. He anticipates requesting at least \$40K from the board to make it happen.

Thanks!

A special thanks goes to Kevin Ingram who has mowed and trimmed weeds at HQ's recently. This is a thankless taken-for-granted job, and his efforts are so appreciated. Kevin, way to go!

Dave Dean's Appetite



True to form, Dave was late, but then he ate! Dave often gets teased about his voracious appetite, and you might call him our human garbage disposal. Thanks to Dave, there are never any leftovers! Thanks for sacrificing your time, Mr. Dean, and for showing us how Michagan folks dine. Dave, blame Billy Hagenbucher for this picture!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

April 29th - Ramp Build

May 13th - Ramp Build May

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!

Billy Hagenbucher

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