



Home of the AmTryke



We meet
Each Thursday at Noon
in the Heritage Room of
1st United Methodist
Church
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**Members:** 38  
**Guests:** 2  
T.C. David, guest of Don Esch  
Lance Slaten, guest of somebody

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Attendance: \$252 Jim Bartlett
50/50: \$44 Jeff Thorpe

Birthdays & Anniversaries

On 8-27, Dan Herrington will be 42. Michael Tubb will have his 13 year anniversary next Monday. Tom Davis is 66 on Sunday.

Al Bingham's status

Bob Graham reported that Al Bingham is recovering nicely at Baylor in Dallas. Al had a partial replacement of his heart.

Mud Run Success

Mr. Garza reported that the mud run was a success. There were 20 obstacles, and he received many compliments from the runners who said the obstacles were great and that our course was better than other ones they had ran. Garza appreciated all the help, and praised the Longview Parks & Recreation Department for their assistance. We gave out all of our 650 bibs, so we had at least that number of runners. Final net profit

numbers will be forthcoming hopefully next week.

Ramps

Billy H. said that we will build our next ramp on September 2nd, then another one on the 16th. He said we have a backlog of 10 ramps, so we need your help.

Amtrykes

Steve Rogers said that we gave away 7 AmTrykes at the mud run. Therapists sent Steve videos of the recipients. Earl Dillon's family sent their thanks to us.

Mobility Bash

Dick said that we need your silent auction items now. Bring them to lunch on Thursdays, or bring them to HQ's. He said on the 7th and 14th to bring a bottle of wine or money to buy wine for the mobility bash.

Joe Knox talked about making extra money this year with pre-sales of raffle tickets. He predicted that we could make up to \$100K more this year, if we would get busy.

Team captains, please get your tickets distributed to your team members.

Paul Herring announced the winning teams that had sold the most tickets so far, and the losers served the winners their lunch today. It was reported that Danny Lee continued his plea for everyone

to ask more visitors to our Thursday luncheon. He is recovering from his accident, and even so, he sold 4 Mobility Bash tickets flat on his back. Danny said hello, and that he misses being with everyone.

National Conference

Friday is the last day for early registration for the national conference at Osage Beach, Missouri. It takes place at Tan-Tar-A Resort (Lake of the Ozarks).

LHS Coaches Speak Today

Coaches John King, Don Newton, and Robert Cochran spoke to us today about LHS athletics. Don Newton is the boys basketball coach, Robert Cochran is the girls basketball coach, and John King is the football coach.

On Friday, the football team has a scrimmage game with Pine Tree at Pirate Stadium. There are 152 players on the LHS football team this year. 40 lettermen returned, including 13 sophomores who will be with us a couple of more years.

9 are returning on defense, including 1 senior. Special teams have 2 good kickers that are returning, and also returning are a deep snapper and ball holder.

Coach King said he graduated most of the offensive line last year, but

that he feels like he can rebuild this year with 4 juniors and 1 senior returning. He said there will be a new QB this year, with 3 young men vying for the job. He would not mention the boys' names. He mentioned that we have 4 receivers and a good mix of players and tacklers. He said there are 6 or 7 strong running backs on the team.

Coach King is working hard organizing the offensive line and QB. He said that 3 home games will open the season, and that 4 out of 7 district games are away. He mentioned Tyler Lee, North Mesquite and Rockwall Heath as district home games. He said that the 11 6A is a tough district.

Coach King mentioned that single wing play is making a comeback with some teams. King said that he has a full staff hired, including a new spring coach for all sports. King stated that the defensive line is not as big as last year. He also said that there has been an uptick in the number of good players, due to the last 3 freshmen classes having produced some talented boys.

Don Newman talked of the boys basketball program. He encouraged us to attend basketball games on Tuesday and Friday nights during the winter. Don stressed his passion for high school athletics, and how important it was to building character in his players. He is working hard to overcome some losing seasons in previous years. Coach Newman is from Corsicana, and has previously coached in Texas and the Carolinas. He said that he has some tall players at 6',5", 6',6", and 6',8".

Coach Robert Cochran is from Texarkana, and talked about the girls basketball program. Mr. Cochran has developed a summer basketball league for girls. He

developed it 20 years ago, at one of his first coaching jobs. To do so, he sought advice from other girls basketball coaches of that day. He asked us to come see the girls play. Don said there will be a memorial tournament Dec 28th thru 30th in honor of a particular coach who has passed away.

Board Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for September 20th at 5:30 at World HQ. Everyone is welcome.