



Home of the AmTryke



We meet  
Each Thursday at Noon  
at the Winterfield  
United Methodist Church  
Longview, Texas  
You are welcome  
to join us.

# THE BOGGANEER

## LONGVIEW AMBUCS

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**Presiding:** James White  
**Prayer:** Don Esch  
**Pledge:** Tim Hood

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**Members:** 37

**Guests:** Eric of Rader Funeral Home was a guest of Joe Knox  
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**50/50:** \$49 Bob Graham  
**Attendance:** \$138 Tommy Knight

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Ramps

We will have a ramp build Saturday, October 27. Be at HQ at 7am and help a family with a 58 feet ramp. Be a blessing to someone you don't know.

#### Amtrykes

Steve reported that there are 23 trykes within a 500 mile radius of Longview. Please let him know if you're able to deliver to one of these locations during the holiday season. Steve also gave a \$5K check to be used with the stipulation of Tryke trailer improvements and trailer graphics. Mr.

Rogers is working with Austin funding sources to cover the costs of delivering 13 Trykes in that area. When funding is provided, he will work with local PT's in the Austin area to assemble and train them in the Tryke's features and benefits for the recipients of same.

#### Special Planning Session

On the evening of November 15<sup>th</sup>, Paul Herring, the board, and all members are needed to brainstorm ways to overhaul and improve our budgeting process. It will be in our regular meeting place at Winterfield Methodist Church.

#### Orientation Training

For our new members with 3 or less years of service, we will have orientation training on November 29<sup>th</sup> during our regularly scheduled meeting.

#### Christmas Events

The Christmas parade will be December 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8. Robert Lee said he is meeting with city officials on November 13<sup>th</sup> to plan the safety for the event, and that on the 28<sup>th</sup> he will plan the staging. After the parade, all volunteers are invited to Pizza King for food & beer.

Our Christmas party this year will be December 8<sup>th</sup> at Tubb's home. So, bring a covered dish when you come. See the flyer advertising this event.

December 13<sup>th</sup> will be our Minister Appreciation Day, so invite your "person of the cloth".

On December 20<sup>th</sup>, we will have our traditional white elephant gift party, and it is always a load of fun.



***Roy Miller – East Texas  
Regional Airport Director***

Roy spoke about the airport's history since its 1947 inception, and the various improvement projects since then, which have made the Longview airport quite impressive for a community our size.

Mr. Miller stated that under the leadership of former county Judge Adkinson, the airport expanded the runway length to 10,000 feet. It was designated as a 3<sup>rd</sup> landing site for the space shuttle, if needed.

Roy told us of recent improvements to the airport. There is now a 150 seat holding area with restroom for passengers waiting for their flights. This is significant, because in the past, passengers who

had already been cleared through security, had to go through security again when returning from the restroom. There is also a new holding bridge which enables passengers to board the aircraft out of the weather, with enough room that 2 planes can be boarded at the same time. This bridge cost \$700K.

The airport has several hangars, which house small planes, fuel & maintenance areas, a private aircraft refurbishing company, emergency equipment, and helicopters. Three new hangars were recently completed, and plans are drawn for the construction of two more with taxiways to the runway. There are three fire fighting trucks housed at the airport, each containing 1,500 gallons of foam, dry chemical, and water respectively. One of the trucks is designed for rough terrain, if an accident occurred off airport property. An Emergency Medical Services (EMS) helicopter is housed at the airport, as well as a Civil Air Patrol chopper which is currently serving with border patrol units along the Texas/Mexico border.

LeTourneau University offers a 4-year degree in

aviation and aviation maintenance. A multi-engine plane is used by the University for students to receive their certification in multi-engine aircraft.

He said that the control tower has not been privatized, being an FAA ran tower. The FAA provides 90% of funding for airport projects and fire control trucks, which amounts to \$3 - \$4M per year. This funding is paid for by ticket taxes, and the remaining 10% is funded from county taxes. Roy said that parking will remain free, and this is an anomaly for small regional airports. Landing fees have been waived so that American Airlines will continue to serve this airport.

Recent projects underway include core sampling of the runway by KSA Engineering (to insure the integrity and safety of the landing surface, paving of the airport perimeter road (4,000 feet still needing paving), a 30,000 sq. feet hanger with taxiway under construction funded by grant money, and replacement of a 1947 drainage culvert that funnels water away from the runway.