



Home of the AmTryke



We meet
Each Thursday from
12:00-1:00pm at the
Winterfield United
Methodist Church which
is located at address:
2616 Tryon Rd,
Longview, TX 75605
**You are welcome
to join us!**

THE BOCCANEER

LONGVIEW AMBUCS

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EDITOR: Bo Bruyere, 903-720-1135

Presiding: Tommy Knight
Prayer: Steve Newcomb
Pledge: Barry Eaton
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**Members:** 32  
**Guests:** Steve Newcomb – John Durst  
Frances Day- Larry Day  
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Attendance: \$91 – Larry Day –
Carries over
50/50: 59 – Mike Tomanio
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### AMBUCS Orientation

Tommy Knight lead the newcomer (3 years or less) orientation having switched the venue from last year's spot held at Bodacious on 42. I know this because Doug Barnard and myself were struck in I-20 traffic for an hour afterwards. Tommy discussed the importance of what all AMBUCS has done since its inception, with our chapter having been created in the Chinese year of the pig, 1983.



Pig / 猪 (zhū)

Tommy shared that since 1994, our club has given away \$600M in scholarships, which is truly an amazing feat and is one of the many reasons AMBUCS makes such a huge impact in our community and around the world. Altogether, there are 155 chapters in 30 states with around 5,000 members.

TK pointed out the fact that the idea and creation of the Amtryke was conceptualized and soon after created by our very own chapter, something that I will forever share with anyone who is interested in joining the club, or curious as to the multitude of awesome things AMBUCS are responsible for nation wide. Steve Rogers elaborated on the topic of Amtrykes including:



- Last year our club purchased , assembled and donated 50 Amtrykes and gave away an additional 20 that had been refurbished.
- The average cost being \$750.
- The four leading requests for Amytrykes are for children with Cerebral Palsy, Spina bifida, Autism and early development delay.

After the meeting, a number of our members stayed to assemble four Amtrykes with Steve's assistance because it ain't easy doing it solo (could be a Marvin Gaye song)



Kevin Ingram (Ramp Master) discussed the evolution of ramp builds and what we as a club accomplished last year helping any and all individuals with mobility issues and the overwhelming relief and joy experienced by the men and women we help with said ramps. So far, the club has built 20 ramps this year and all have been with the new technique of using planks rather than plywood. Planks have a number of benefits as compared to plywood (more easily replaced/repared/more slip resistant) and it was reaffirmed that our ramps are ADA compliant.

### Christmas Parade

*If you are able to assist and were not at today's meeting, please get with Danny or Robert Lee to sign up as it is next Thursday!*