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LONGVIEW AMBUCS

Presiding:	Vice-Prez Doug Fouse
Prayer	Chapin Miller
Pledge:	Wes Blalock

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ROLL CALL

Members: 41

Guests: 3	**Guest of:**
Tom Newton	Hewitt Wheless
Danny Dubose	Cruz Mendez
Rocio Mendez	Cruz Mendez

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Drawings:

Attendance:	**$38**	~~Jeff Thorpe~~
50/50:	**$65**	Don Nimmo
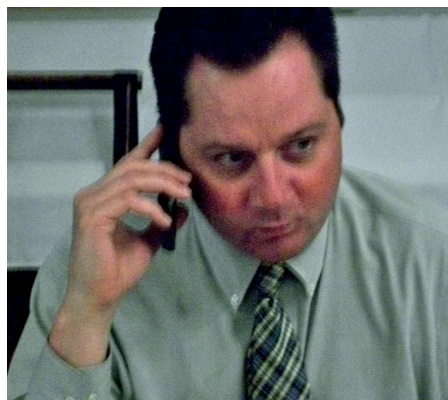
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SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

27 Mar -	Dr. Greg Powell
3 Apr -	Mike Lieberman
10 Apr -	Don Esch

We have three new members toward our **Spring Round-Up** goal of five. We only need two more before the end of April!

Vice Prez Doug Fouse
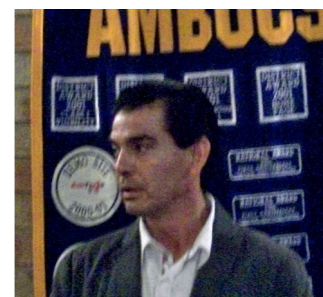### *March Business Meeting*
(Piece o' cake for a salesman!)

March 19th Board Meeting:

- 3 schoalarships waiting for approval at National
- Approved $3,900 for leg brace, for lady we also helped several years ago.
- "Ramping Up!" - starting new program of 2 ramps, every second weekend. Cruz and Dennis will lead a team each time. Jeff will lead the pre-builds.
- Approved $300 for wheelchair batteries for person in Gilmer.

AMTRYKES

VP Doug read a thank you note from the family of a young child in San Diego, Ca. The boy is now able and thrilled to ride bikes with his friends.

Bob Graham said that this is just one of the approximately 15 AmTrykes that have been awarded from our most recent contribution of $20,000. He gave a lot of credit to the National Wish List Coordinator, who is making a big difference in managing the list.

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Cruz says…

½ Marathon went flawlessly, and he plans for an AMBUCS committee to take the lead in marketing next year. This will aid the Longview Running Club's excellent work, by bringing more runners to the event.

Spring Conference
April 25th & 26th
Embassy Suites, Love Field

Check out the flyer that you should have received in the mail recently…. And go if you can! And remember:

- There may be better room rates on the hotel's website.
- Contact Billy H. about the special "Texas Ramps" program on Friday, 24th

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And, the Big Hats said, …

Big Hat Prez Paul Herring reminded all Big Hats that we're carrying the ball to help Randy Rose, the Regional Big Hat Coordinator, while he's recovering from his cancer treatments. So let Paul know that you're going, so that you can help out with the Big Hat Breakfast.

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News about Our Friends…

- Friends of Windridge Horse & Rider Event, April 5th, noon - 3:30pm
- Family Fun Day for Autism, April 12th, 10am - 3pm, Teague Park
- Longview Community AMBUCS made a generous contribution in memory of Kim Dimond.
- Combat Warriors sent a Thank You note for our donation. (This project was headed-up by John Dimond.)

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Tommy Knight & Michael Tubb survived the ½ Marathon … and made us proud!!

Sadly, B⁷ (Bubba, Big Brother of Big Bad Bobby Banana) was at today's meeting, but there was no visitor sitting next to him.

But his buddy for the past week, Tommy Knight was quick to point out that this was not B⁷''s fault, and that he (Tommy) would be sure that B⁷ has a guest with him next week.

We hope B⁷ enjoys his second week with Tommy, and that they bring a good guest with them next week.

Remember, B⁷ is a good recruiter, but he'll do his best work if we all help!

Tommy Knight told us that flyers & posters will be here next week for the May 16th tournament. Now's the time to contact previous sponsors, and you can help do that. Call him

Ramps

Billy Hagenbuecher explained the new "Ramping Up" program, and introduced the two team captains, **Cruz Mendez** and **Dennis Rand**. Starting on March 29th, we'll build 2 ramps every other Saturday. Meet at 7am, at Mi Casita on Spur 63, for breakfast. Then we'll split into teams before going to the jobs. Cruz's team will receive free Spanish lessons; Dennis' team will receive free etiquette lessons.

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Lutz Kuenhoefer reminded us to keep digging for door prizes for the Fishing Tournament, April 5th. Flyers and applications are available, and there is a radio ad being aired.

TELL somebody about AMBUCS!