



Home of the AmTryke



# THE BUCCANEER

## AMBUCS OF LONGVIEW

P. O. Box 3092 - Longview, Texas 75606-3092

We meet  
Each Thursday at Noon  
At Cace's Restaurant  
1501 East Marshall Avenue  
Longview, Texas  
You Are Welcome

March 27, 2014

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**Presiding:** President Mike Bishop  
**Prayer:** Forrest Williams  
**Pledge:** Dennis Rand

### ROLL CALL

Members: 32                      Guests: 1

### GUESTS

Guest                                      Guest of  
William McCrary      Tommy Knight

### DRAWINGS

**Attendance:** \$74 Sherry Lambert  
**Sherry gave it to Lutz for the fishing tournament!**  
**Convention:** \$75      No winner

### SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

4-3                      **Mike Lieberman**  
**Gen. Mgr. of Pumpjacks Baseball**  
4-10                      **Don Esch**  
**2CP USA - Credit Card Security**  
4-17                      **Mike Bishop/Lutz**  
**Fishing Tournament**  
4-24                      **Laura Hill**  
**PARD Dept. Head; Train Depot**

### Club News:

Prez Mike Bishop congratulated the club on a successful 1/2 marathon.

Lutz announced that the fishing tournament is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>, and that door prizes are needed. The committee is meeting April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 5:30 at HQ to plan the event.

The board meeting is April 16<sup>th</sup> at HQ @ 5:30.

Tommy Knight said the golf tournament is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>, and the flyers and entry forms are now available.

Spring training will be April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites Luv Field. There will be a ramp build training session Friday morning with Texas Ramps.

Billy H. explained that in cooperation with our sister club, there will now be 4 ramps built a month, every other Saturday. Cruz and Dennis are competing team captains. Meet at 7am at Mi Casita if you want BF, or meet directly at HQ at 7:45.

Bob Graham said that 2 Am Trykes recently given away to a Lufkin and Gladewater girl have enabled them both to regain hope and mobility!

Believe it or not, planning for October's Mobility Bash begins April 8<sup>th</sup> at HQ @ 5:30. All are welcome.

Prez Mike presented Allen Lizza with a pin for sponsoring a new member, Dr. Jay Gordon.

Mike also updated us on our club points, saying we are in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, behind Irving. In 3<sup>rd</sup> place is southwest Texas. Because we spark plugged a new club, our points have climbed dramatically. He challenged us to finish # 1 in the nation like we have done so many times.



**Dr. Greg Pyle**  
**President of Panola College**

Dr. Pyle spoke of the recent improvements there, most notably being their new Health Sciences building, financed by a \$35M bond program. Even though it amounted to a tax increase of 39%, an overwhelming 84% of voters approved it. It opens in July 2015.

This shows the faith of the community in supporting the college, especially the nursing and health sciences. The last bond election was in 1948.

He spoke of the many medical and vocational programs available, and the current student enrollment of 2,700 credit students and 1,600 continuing education students. 250 students reside on campus in 3 dormitory halls built in 2005, and a 4<sup>th</sup> completed in 2013. Building renovations are scheduled, including a new Student Ctr & Gym.

He was proud of the fact that scholarships are split evenly between athletics and academics.