



Home of the AmTryke



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

## THE BOCCANEER

# LONGVIEW AMBUCS

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**Presiding:** Prez Mike Bishop  
**Prayer** Robert Black  
**Pledge:** Mike Tomanio

### ROLL CALL

**Members:** 37

**Guests:** 0 Guest of:  
Business Meeting --no guests

### Drawings:

**Attendance:** \$88 ~~Steve Warner~~  
**50/50:** \$52 Thomas Myers

### SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

**5 June** Enoch's Stomp Winery  
**12 June** Sammy Brasher



### President Mike Bishop AMBUCS Year 2013-2014

Mike thanked the members for the many accomplishments that helped our community this year:

- 25 scholarships, local and national, totalling \$52,000
- 38 ramps stretching over 1,000 feet, costing over \$18,000
- 100+ AmTrykes given away, costing over \$46,000. 31 for the children waiting longest on the national wish list
- \$17,000 shared with organizations benefitting our community

- Spark Plugged a new chapter in Lufkin, which is active, growing and going strong
- Recruited 8 members!

Mike reviewed the four major fundraisers that contributed to those accomplishments, and thank all who helped make them work.

1. Golf Tourn. \$10,000
2. Mobility Bash \$90,000
3. Half Marathon \$17,000
4. Fishing Tourn. \$5,500

Thanking Board Chairman John Dimond, each of the Board Members, each fundraiser chairman, and each committee chairman, Mike pointed out that AMBUCS working together are better than any individual person, and that we are all valuable to our club.

Mike closed by thanking each club member for the year of their support, which gave him insight into the club's depth and significance.

**Thank you, Mike!**

**Annual  
Installation Banquet  
Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Pine Crest Country Club**  
6 PM Happy Hour - cash bar  
7 PM Dinner Served

**\$25/person  
Dress?**

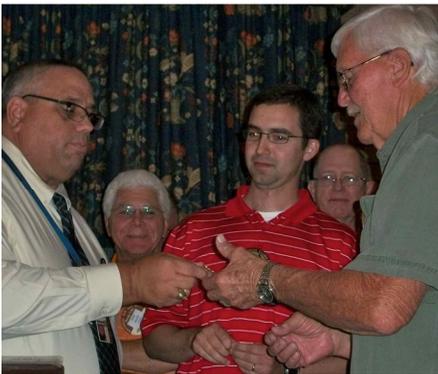
**Like for a dinner date!**

**Ramp Build - May 31<sup>st</sup>**  
 7am at **Butcher Shop** on  
 Spur 63  
 → change of breakfast location!!



**Chapin Hinton and Wes Blalock** are surrounded by Big Hatters as they take the AMBUC oath. And yes, after a year Prez Mike was still reading the oath, so he paid a fine...again.

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**Big Hatter Hewitt Wheless** receives a hat pin for recruiting another new member.

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Long-time **Longview Police Officer Cedric Davis** is on the waiting list for a kidney transplant. His fellow officers recognize his dedication to the department, as well as to his family and church. So they are raising funds to help his family. See or call Mike Bishop for a raffle ticket for a Bushmaster AR 15. The drawing is July 15<sup>th</sup>.

# B7 Missing!

B7 (Bubba, Big Brother of Big Bad Bobby Banana) wasn't at today's meeting, and several members are concerned that he may be suffering trauma at having been rescued by a Police Officer last week. They're afraid he may be withdrawing from the cold cruel world.

However, B7's current buddy is Forrest Williams, and we know that being an investment counselor, Forest is in his element in the cold, cruel world. So, it's a pretty safe bet that Forrest is taking good care of our Head Recruiter, and that we'll see them both soon.

Remember, B7 is one great recruiter; but he's even better with your help!



**Bob Graham** reported that the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Mud Run to benefit The Miracle League is shaping up well. There's already \$2,000 in preregistrations; and donors have already contributed a total of over \$20,000.

We'll need help building the obstacles at World Hqs from late June through July. And please put it on your calendar to help get things assembled and organized on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

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## The moral to the story...

The AMBUC was a pilot in Desert Storm, and his plane got hit. He had to bail out over enemy territory, and all he had was a flask of whiskey, a pistol, and a survival knife. He drank the whiskey on the way down so the bottle wouldn't break, and then his parachute landed right in the middle of 20 enemy troops. He shot 15 of them with the pistol, until he ran out of bullets, killed four more with the knife, till the blade broke, and then he killed the last enemy with his bare hands.

And the moral of the story?  
 Stay away from an AMBUC when he's been drinking.



## Every Week

**Tue - Wed & Fri @ 10:30am**

Chief Ramp Pre-builder, Jeff Thorpe leads his merry crew in fun and frolicking; and somehow gets some ramp boxes built. Come to World Headquarters, and help one of the crews.