

LUBBOCK MONTEREY BUC & BULL



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Invite a guest to the Monday
Luncheon Meeting.

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

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AmTryke Recipient Katie Gallegos with family at our Regular Monday Luncheon on October 24

It's always inspiring to see an AmTryke recipient get their new bike, but even more so when they have their family share that excitement, and that was the case when 13-year-old Katie Gallegos was joined by her Mom & Dad, Yuri & Santiago and her younger sister Corgima & older brother Urieo.

Katie was also joined by three therapists who have worked with her at UMC Rehab – Kylee Stegall, Hannah Stuart, and Amber Nichols.

Katie, an 8th grade student in Plainview, said her favorite subjects are reading and theater, and she is excited about being able to ride outside with her little sister as she recovers from a recent stroke.

Additionally, Ben Thoennes, owner of Verde Landscaping who Sponsored the AmTryke after seeing a similar presentation at SummerFest was there - seeing firsthand the blessing of his generosity.

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The same thing happened when we gave away the AmTryke to Remi Caldwell. The Sponsor for this AmTryke was Stephen & Dion Siegel, and when they arrived for lunch, not knowing who the bike was going to, realized they were long-time friends of Remi's grandparents, Danny & Paula Knox, who also attended the presentation.

Remi was also accompanied by her mom Jessica and little sister; plus her OT Madi Presnell from Achieve Pediatrics.

Madi says, *“Remi will greatly benefit from an AmTryke to keep up with her peers as well as siblings. She is the sweetest, sassiest girl around, and some new wheels is just what she needs!”*



AmTryke Recipient Remi Creswell with family at our Regular Monday Luncheon on October 10

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

11/07/2022—Constellation Energy / Rotary Invited

11/14/2022 – Toni Krebbs with Career Closet TTU

11/21/2022 – NO CLUB / Have a Happy Thanksgiving

11/28/2022 – Michele Campbell – Lubbock Law Librarian

11/29/2022—Board Meeting, **Saltgrass Steakhouse** 12:00 Noon.

Here are some quick NEWS BRIEFS.

- **THE LUBBOCK MONTEREY BIG HATTERS** have teamed up with “David Jordon Homes” and “Ike's” to raffle off 4 Lady Raider tickets for the Tech / Oklahoma game on January 11, along with a \$100 gift card to Ike's. Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50. This would make a wonderful Christmas Gift for the winner; drawing will be held on December 19 at our regular scheduled Club Meeting at Merket. For members who wish to purchase tickets – it can be added to your monthly billing. Individuals who are paying by check – it should be made out to Lubbock Monterey AMBUCS, memo line: Big Hat Raffle. We have 400 tickets to sell before the December 19, deadline.
- **NEW MEMBER WHO NEEDS TO FILL OUT A PROFILE? EXISTING MEMBER WHO NEEDS TO UPDATE THEIR PROFILE,** look for the Profile attachment in your emails from Elizabeth Middleton and follow the instructions. When you finish, please email it back to emiddleton7@aol.com
- **IT IS BRANDING TIME: *Goal: 5 new members.*** Branding Time is through November 30, 2022. So, bring a prospective guest. Finished with your National AMBUCS Magazine? Please mark out your name and address on the label and bring them for Stacy Creitz to use in the Members packet.
- **A big thanks to Josh Sanders for arranging to have our LUBBOCK AMBUCS TRAILER wrapped as a donation by Signs on the Go, and *we also want to say a big thanks to Discount Storage for providing a donated space in which to store the trailer.***

Orlie Roach, the Technical Marketing Director for Gargoyle Inc. shared with Elizabeth Middleton that Discount Storage offers 5 self-storage locations, 3 RV & Boat locations, and 7 shop rental facilities in Lubbock, and **is offering the following awesome benefit to our Club Members:**

“We love serving our community and helping local organizations. We would like to offer everyone in the Lubbock Monterey AMBUCS a free month of storage. They can use it at any time.”

Locations:

Discount Storage: 3511 Ave Q

Discount Storage: 9602 University

Discount Storage: 14416 Indiana

Discount Storage: 1601 N Frankford

Discount Storage: 7801 FM 179

Discount RV Storage: 7801 FM 179

Discount RV Storage & Shop Rentals: 13209 Frankford

Discount RV Storage & Shop Rentals: 15820 CR 2100

Discount Shop Rentals: 5710 122nd Street

Discount Shop Rentals: 4013 N Frankford

Discount Shop Rentals: 12611 Indiana Ave

Discount Shop Rentals: 8801 Valencia Ave

Discount Shop Rentals: 12104 Highway 87

We had a great group of Luncheon Speakers in the Month of October



On October 3, we had Melissa Sharp, who teaches both Chemistry and Astronomy at Lubbock High, along with coaching the Jr. Cheer Squad. She shared with our club about the outreach program she started after losing both her 20-year-old daughter Miranda and her 24-year-old son Morgan to suicide.

Melissa shared, *“Rather than wallow in my sorrow, I decided to give back”*, and noted she has personally been involved in the prevention of several potential suicides among her students at Lubbock High – noting that in Texas, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among the age group 10-24.

She also shared she began growing sunflowers in her backyard, because that was a favorite of Miranda’s and now is the special focus for others dealing with potential issues, with everything from growing and providing real sunflowers to artwork of all kinds depicting sunflowers, and hence the name of the organization – [Sunflowers Over Suicide](#).

Melissa says. *“It is our mission to increase suicide awareness and prevention and to offer support to others who have suffered the unthinkable loss.”* The contact number for the National Suicide Prevention Hotline is 1-800-273-8255.



Our speaker for October 10 was John Burke, owner of CompuTech. He is involved in Cyber Security, but his talk was not on that topic. It was rather a more inspirational talk, with John sharing both stories of his own personal growth as well as insights he has gained thru various sources.

He said we all need to work on our depth perception – we usually think we are farther away from where we can be than we really are, and the best way to save others is to collectively pool our time and dollars - much like we recently did with the Bikers for a Cause.

John shared, *“Your history doesn’t define you – your mess is your message.”*; and he quoted Edwin Cole in sharing *“God doesn’t call the qualified, He qualifies the ones He calls!”* It was certainly a different message than the one most of us thought we were going to hear from a cyber security guy, but one we all need to be reminded of more often. 😊



Pictured above are our President, Bobby Sanders, and our Speaker for our October 17 Luncheon, Brad Glenn, along with his wife Hope. Brad is the owner of BG Boot Shop and the Cactus Alley Hat Shop, and shared information, not only about making boots, but also about his personal conversion story, which he says is always a part of what he shares, or he doesn't share!

He said he has more of a ministry than a boot shop, recalling that at 21 he was into drinking and drugs, with 5 DWIs, and was a cowboy who was broke, busted, and disgusted. At this low point, he learned the leatherware trade and bought a \$3000 boot shop for \$2800, letting the owner know \$3000 was all he had and that he needed the other \$200 to live on.

He managed to build the shop up, drawing on his cowboy culture for his clientele, learning to build a pair of boots in 2 weeks; but unfortunately, he fell back to his old ways of drinking and drugs and ended up in Teen Challenge in Midland, where he says he found the Lord, and has been clean and sober to this day.

After getting out of Teen Challenge, he got a 12x20 shop in Cactus Alley from his parents who own the center, where he would build a pair of boots, sell it and have the money to build another plus a little profit to keep going. A year ago, Texas Monthly named John one of the TOP 5 bootmakers in Texas, and his clients are now gladly on a 4-year waiting list for a pair of his unique boots and pay thousands of dollars a pair.

John said if someone ever gets a pair of his boots, they'll throw their store-bought boots away because each pair is individually measured and built, and therefore much more comfortable. He also added that he now has a brand-new facility, not just a hole in the wall anymore, and he is blessed to do what he does, and humbly adds that he gives all the credit to God! Quite a story.



Not one of our Luncheon Speakers, but an inspiration all the same was Member Scott Piercy when he recently won the Marble-O pot and walked away with \$65 – not bad for a minimum \$1 donation each week.

[See Details of just how Marble-O \(a fund raiser of the Big Hatters\) works later in this Newsletter.](#)



At our regular Monday Luncheon on October 24, most of us probably learned for the very first time about a facility that exists right here in Lubbock to catalogue the history of the Vietnam war from the Associate Director of the Vietnam Archive Special Collections Library, Amy K. Mondt.

The Center was founded by Vietnam veterans Jim Reckner, Phil Price, David Shelley, John Buesseler, and others; and was officially established by the TTU Board of Regents in 1989. It is a unit of the Institute of Peace and Conflict in the College of Arts and Sciences, and gets guidance and support from nationally prominent Vietnam veterans and scholars.

Amy shared that the facility houses 3,000 discrete collections of letters, journals, photographs, slides, official government and military documents, newspapers, printed materials, posters, maps, film, video, audio recordings, and artifacts; and adds an average of 300 material donations per year. At present, they have approximately 30 million pages of material and 15,000 catalogued book titles.

The obvious current need is for more space and fund raising for a permanent museum began just as Covid did and is planned to launch again in the Spring of 2023

As Elizabeth Middleton noted in one of her recent incredible weekly Friday email updates (thank you Elizabeth) *“They are online and you can find out an unbelievable amount of information. They have been very astute in gathering various photos, papers, etc. This library will be one of the largest of its type when completed.”*



And speaking of history, we all got a bit of a history lesson this last Monday, October 31, from the former editor of the Lubbock Avalanche/Journal (A/J), Terry Greenberg, who now owns Greenberg Media, which as Terry shared has nothing to do with Public Relations, a career he pursued for several years.

He shared a couple of personal stories, one involved Jack Elway (father of football great John Elway) in which Terry was stood up by a local reporter for a key interview he had arranged with the elder Elway, and after getting a rather sharp tongue lashing from Mr. Elway, decided to not be involved in PR work anymore.

Terry said the two most significant stories he dealt with as editor of the A/J were the Mike Leech firing because it became more than just a sports story, and the Tim Cole story (a young black Tech student falsely accused of rape), because it led to the first posthumous pardon in Texas history.

He says that now he enjoys simply doing “journalism-style” stories about Lubbock and shared his personal Greenberg Version of James 1 from the Bible. “It’s gonna happen. How are you gonna deal with it?”

And, Saving the best for last, here's what happened at the

Bikers for a Cause Ride on Saturday, October 8

It all started simply enough – Josh Sanders, son of our Club President, Bobby Sanders, and one of our newest Members invited a fellow motorcycle rider, Stephen Liford, to our new fund raiser SummerFest and Stephen saw the presentation of an AmTryke to a young girl and was instantly hooked on our mission.

Stephen, known as “Old Man” in the biker community shared with Josh that they should organize a ride with local bikers and donate the proceeds to our Club for AmTrykes. At best, they were expecting to raise a few hundred dollars.

However, their small idea grew, a website was created by the fund-raising company GiveButter, T-shirts were printed up and the local bike sales shop of Red Dirt Motorcycle Company at 2401 S. Loop 289, managed by Melinda and Rudy, provided the facility as the registration and starting point of the ride.

Starting at 9am on Saturday morning, Red Dirt Motorcycle Company became the meeting place for Members of our Club and riders from the Wind Therapy Freedom Riders, who learned more about our mission. We were honored to be joined by the National AMBUCS Big Hat Chair, Wendy Bond, from Beckham, Oklahoma.

Around 10am, there was a loud rumble in the parking lot and a dozen more riders came in, having ridden the day before from Austin. They were led by Luis Rodriguez, the National President of Worldwide, who got everyone together in the showroom and laid out the “rules of the road” for the ride around the Loop.

The ride ended at Last Call at 1720 Buddy Holly Ave, along with a bouncy house and face painting for the kids and live music for the attendees – all donated by Red Dirt. It was a fun day for everyone who attended and certainly drew welcome attention to our mission.in a big way!

Rainy weather reduced the number of riders from outside of Lubbock, but the one club that rode up from Austin said they were also now hooked on the mission, and that next year the word will definitely get out and numbers should increase in a big way!

Despite the weather, the Bikers for a Cause raised almost \$3000 for our club to give away AmTrykes, so thanks to everyone involved, especially to Josh and Stephen for turning a small idea into a huge success!



Robbye Hendryx, Elizabeth Middleton, Stephen “Old Man” Liford, Club President Bobby Sanders, National Big Hat Chair Wendy Bond, and Oscar Will gather at the Red Dirt Motorcycle Company to get things organized early Saturday morning. We had some awesome looking t-shirts created just for the event.



Melinda and Rudy, Managers of Red Dirt Motorcycle Company with one of their employees, Crystal opened up the company's facilities to host the First Annual Bikers for a Cause Ride for AmTrykes



Club Members Richard Hamilton, Oscar Will and Jim Berrier with National Big Hat Chair, Wendy Bond



Our bikes on display with their bikes. They made quite an impression on the assembled riders.



Our newly-wrapped AMBUC trailer sure looks much more professional and tells our story well.



Stephen Lider and Josh Sanders being interviewed by a local TV station. Great visibility for our mission,



Luis Rodriguez, National President of Worldwide, from Austin giving Rules of the Road to a packed house of riders, most of whom were only hearing of our AmTrykes for the first time.



Riders from the Austin Club mounted and ready to go.



The procession heads out onto the South Loop from Red Dirt parking lot.



The ride over, bikers parked and prepared for a fun afternoon of food, fun and fellowship.



The few kids who were there had fun, but we expect to see this bouncy house packed next year!



Face painting was a huge success, with some really neat designs to show off.



**Everyone joining together at Last Call to celebrate a huge success for a First Annual event that should only get bigger.
A big thanks again to everyone from Bikers for a Cause that was involved in the planning and we as Lubbock Monterey AMBUCS are certainly grateful that you have chosen to support our cause and our mission in this special way going forward.**

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**Bobby Sanders asked all AMBUCS members to remember the phrase:
“YES I CAN”**

Marble-O

Marble-O is a fund raiser for the Big Hat Club. The monies raised go to auctions at the Regional and National Conventions to purchase AMTRYKES. Richard Hamilton has recently added a new marble to the bag...a shiny white and blue marble. Should you draw that one, you'll receive \$10.00. Draw the cat-eye marble, you'll receive \$5.00. Draw the white marble, you'll receive one-half of the PROGRESSIVE MONEY COLLECTED to that date. To participate and have a chance to draw, you **must** purchase a ticket(s) from Richard. GOOD LUCK!!

Had a change in your phone number, home address, email address, etc.? Please email Elizabeth Middleton, emiddleton7aol.com, and provide the changes so we can update the member directory, mailing lists, email list, etc. Thank you.

THE HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION CORNER

Our Fire Extinguisher Birthday Wishes Go To



Debbie Summers 11/04
Anthony Brocato 11/05
Tom Owens 11/06
Robbye Hendryx 11/09
Donna Rose Shattuck 11/10
Scott Piercy 11/14
Oscar Will 11/15
Jason Kennell 11/16
Steve Fannin 11/19
Rusty Thoma 11/21
Jim Berrier 11/24
Kadee Harcrow 11/25
Brett King 11/29

Anniversary Wishes Go To

None for November

But, with all the November Birthdays,
it looks like there was possibly
a lot of marital bliss happening
in several past Februaries!
Maybe Valentines fun?



HAND SHAKER PROGRAM

The hand shaker program is designed for you to get to know your fellow AMBUC, and it is also a fundraiser for the Amtryke program. Each member puts a dollar into what is referred to as the "Hand Shaker Pot" when they come into the meeting. At the end of the meeting if your badge number is drawn you are eligible for half of the monies collected for that meeting.

To be eligible to win half of the pot you must do the following:

- Put in your \$1 (that is no option)
- Before you sit down to eat, you are to go around the room and greet each member who is already seated and call them by their first name (i.e.: Hi Richard). If it is a guest, you are to introduce yourself to the individual.
- Each member's badge has a number applied to the back of the badge. At the end of the meeting, usually our speaker is asked to pull out a chip with a number on it.
- If that person is present at the meeting they are eligible for half of the pot, **provided they shook or into today's world - did an elbow or fist bump with the mystery hand shaker.**
- If they did not make contact with the mystery hand shaker, then the money rolls over to the next meeting.
- The "Hand Shaker Program" raises around \$480 during our fiscal year or half of an Amtryke.
- It is the responsibility of the Sargent-at-Arms to pick the mystery hand shaker for the meeting.



PRAYERS FOR:

Let me know if there are any special prayer requests to post.

Special blessings for elected officials.

Special blessings for City, County, State, National and International leaders.

Special blessing for our AMBUCS Officers.

Special blessings for November Mid-term Elections to be free of corruption

Dave Hallberg is our AMBUCS Southwest Region Director and he is a "hands-on" type of guy!! He is our go-to support person when we need information, assistance, and/or guidance when it comes to the operations of our Chapter. *Dave has lots of resources to help for all who just ask.* He has great ideas and has a terrific success record. Should you have questions, you can give him a call: (817) 247-0494 or email him at swrambucs@gmail.com. Thanks Dave for being so "hands-on".
"Shoulders Together".

MISSION STATEMENT:

Inspiring people to conquer challenges related to mobility and independence, through a nationwide network of volunteer chapters, working in partnership with physical, occupational and speech therapists; by providing AMTRYKE adaptive trykes, scholarships for therapists and many forms of community service.

How can you help? You can become a member, a sponsor, or make a donation to the Lubbock Monterey Chapter of AMBUCS.

For more information, please visit our website:

montereyambucs.org

