

**GREAT PLAINS
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NEWSLETTER**

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THIS WEEK

The May 10, 2021 club meeting was called to order by Kent Jester. Jeff Dunning led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPEAKER

We didn't have a guest speaker, so club President-Elect Kelly Harris spoke to us about our chapter committees and some plans for the 2021-22 club year.

Everyone at the meeting was given a committee preference sheet to complete. Every member needs to serve on at least one of these committees: Membership, Programs, Socials, Ramps, AmTrykes, Projects or Publicity. Every committee will have a chairman. There will also be an executive board. It will meet once per quarter to discuss the club's direction. The meetings will be in addition to monthly board meetings. The Past President will be chairman of the board and conduct board meetings. The President will set the agenda.

Fall Branding Time and Spring Round-Up are our big recruiting drives for the club year. Kelly is going to create a monthly contest to keep us thinking about recruiting all year. A points based system will be used. Bring a guest and you earn 1 point. If the guest returns you earn 2 points. If he joins you earn 4

points. The one with the most points at the end of the months wins a modest prize yet to be determined.

Kelly said he has lined up 32 people to be guest speakers, the dates aren't specific yet. The Hilton has been improving our meals. Good speakers and good food are key things for guests to enjoy meetings, as is meeting people. Kelly said it just takes asking people to attend. We're not Amway. The AMBUCS mission sells itself. The question is if a person can meet Mondays at noon and spend \$150 per quarter. That comes out to about \$12.50 per meeting. It's easy to spend more at most restaurants. Kelly said we may look at adjusting by laws to allow more associate members. It's hard for some people to meet on Mondays. He said we might look at doing an evening meeting once a month.

The SARS-CoV-2 pandemic has started to wind down in the US. More of us are fully vaccinated. That means we can start having more socials. We'll have at least one big social per quarter. Kelly also wants to resume small gatherings we had weekly at a local restaurant, at his World HQ or another site.

Sometime this Summer we will have a party to celebrate our chapter's 40th Anniversary. Former members will be invited, such as those were with the club in 1981.

Finally, Kent Jester asked for members to provide updates if any of their contact info has changed.

NEW MEMBER PROFILE

Dan Kite is a new member, but not new to AMBUCS. He works at a local bicycle shop & has been assembling AmTrykes since 2000. Dan was born in Wisconsin, raised in Illinois and served 20 years in the US Army. He is friends with Aimee Carter and worked with other AMBUCS members. Dan decided he could do a bit more by becoming a club member too.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Awards & Installation Banquet will take place this coming Thursday, May 20, from 6-9pm at the Hilton Garden Inn. This is club's first big party in quite a while. And it will be big; as of Monday more than 50 were signed up to attend. The final RSVP number Jenny turned in Thursday was likely a good bit higher. The AMBUCS National President will be in attendance along with a big number of guests. The Hilton will be serving a steak and chicken dinner.

Kelly Harris gave the club more details about the Flag Project. Lawton Rotary has its own flag project covering the West side of Lawton; they lack the manpower to expand it any farther East. Our club can cover the East side of town as well as parts of central Lawton. For \$50 per year we will install American flags in front of homes and businesses for the 5 major flag holidays. Kelly will install a permanent metal sleeve in the front yard and mark the location on the curb with a green stripe. Teams will get up early in the morning, go install flags, eat breakfast then come back later in the evening to collect the flags. Kelly wants to start out small, 50 flags in the first year then expand from there. After hearing the proposal the club voted to approve the project.

We will not have a meeting on Monday May 31 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

50/50

Mark Glenn drew the 10 of Hearts. The pot was left standing at \$40.

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Gordon Shaw had the winning ticket and his copy of AMBUNK.

GUESTS

No Guests this week.