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### THIS WEEK

The June 21, 2021 club meeting was called to order by Kelly Harris. Jeff Sadler led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### GUEST SPEAKER

Jace Zacharias, Field Representative for US Senator James Inhofe, spoke to the club this week about various legislative issues on the federal level, including some that may directly affect us at the local level. Jace earned a BBA degree at SW OK State University and is working on his MBA there now. Jace is originally from Frederick, OK. He and his wife are expecting twins in August.

Jace gave the club an update on various federal legislative issues and Senator Inhofe's stance on those issues. Some but not all Democrats want to end the filibuster. Jace said if the filibuster is eliminated a flood of progressive bills would be passed.

Another bill that appears DOA is Democrats legislation to offset a tide of new voting regulations in states with GOP controlled legislatures.

Inhofe opposes the push for a new assault weapons ban. Jace said 94% of gun homicides are committed using handguns. So-called assault rifles are no different in operation than many semi



auto hunting rifles. They just look more scary. Jace said banning AR style rifles would do nothing to reduce the rise in gun homicides over the past year.

Later in the week a tentative agreement or framework was reached on a major infrastructure bill. It faces a lot of trouble from both sides of the aisle. Progressives want things like universal pre-K worked into it while GOP members want a much smaller bill that funds only roads and bridges. Lawmakers will have to compromise in ways not seen in many years for the bill to have any chance.

Defense spending affects our local economy. The proposed budget has \$715 billion going to defense. It needs to be closer to \$750 billion to not work as a serious cut. Jace said the FISTA in Central Mall is 100% on Inhofe's radar and is enthusiastic about the project.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The first Freedom Fest in 2 years was held, successfully, at Elmer Thomas Park on Saturday. The stormy weather gave us some trouble in the early evening. We had to shut down for around half an hour. We had to keep eyes on a few *characters* near the beer tent. The rain cleared long enough for the fireworks show to go off on time. The finale was epic. Lots of members participated and

at least a dozen or more worked the duration of the event.

This coming Thursday, July 1, our club will have a social at Cache Road Liquor. It will be a Mixology class/party. You can learn how to make a variety of mixed drinks and even sample some. The cost is \$25 per person. The deadline to reserve seats at the party is Monday, June 28 at the next club meeting. If you want to attend contact David Denham. A group email with a flyer attached was sent to members on Friday.

There is still time to buy/sell various sponsorships in the Bags for Cash Cornhole Tournament. See the Great Plains AMBUCS web site for the current sponsors list and the remaining slots available.

Our chapter's 40th anniversary party will take place within the next couple or so months. Dates in August or September are being considered. The party will have a 1980's theme. Members will be encouraged to dress up as some kind of 80's pop culture character. Past chapter Presidents and original charter members of the club will be honored at the party.

AmTrykes: the unit we ordered finally shipped. Our club will have two AmTrykes to assemble, and will do so at Mark Glenn's house (SW corner of E Gore Blvd and SW 75th St) on Tuesday evening, 6/29, at 6:00pm or 6:30pm. Dan Kite told us about a stationary trainer device for AmTrykes that he could make for a good bit less than similar devices we would order.

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No drawing this week.

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### GUESTS

Jace Zacharias  
Guest Speaker