

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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## AUGUST 2011

### **THE PREZ SEZ...**

(President Larry Turilli)



I spent the last couple nights preparing Cornbelt AMBUCS™ annual award applications. For those of you that didn't know it, each AMBUCS™ Chapter can compete for District awards, with District award winners competing for National awards later in the year. I know we don't do what we do to get awards or to compete with other clubs, but documenting last year's accomplishments was a very enlightening exercise.

Naturally, our biggest impact in the community came from the 22 ramps we built. The estimated value of the materials and labor in those ramps is almost \$47,000. Add to that

almost \$9,000 in AmTrykes® and \$4,000 in scholarships and you can see that our club had a large economic impact in our community. On a personal level our impact was equally large. If you got to see someone take a 'maiden voyage' on a ramp, see a child take his or her first ride on an AmTryke®, or witness a scholarship presentation at our annual awards banquet, you know what I mean.

We also did some new things as a club last year. The ones I'm most excited about are the ramps we built with volunteers from State Farm and from NICOR Gas. These partnerships with local businesses helped us to increase our reach and our exposure in the community, and really benefit both organizations.

Save The Date - Fall Conference this year is in Springfield on Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1. We'll get more details out in an email in a couple weeks.

Larry Turilli



### **Mark your calendars!!!**

#### **Next Saturday Meeting**

When: Saturday, August 20, 2011  
Time: 7:15 a.m.  
Place: Shannon's Restaurant

#### **Next Noon Meeting**

When: Wednesday, September 7, 2011  
Time: Noon  
Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



### **Bill Buchie's Babbles...**



Hey, All you ramp-builders -

We built two ramps in July... and even went "green" with one of our ramp projects! We got a call from the Ermantrout family in Bloomington as Sue was being dismissed from her services at the hospital a bit early. We were able to pull together a great group of volunteers, including some fantastic neighbors, and built a ramp for Sue on July 1st at her home in Bloomington. Thanks to all the volunteers, Sue is able to get in and out of her home... and live at her own home for years to come.



The second ramp project started out as a "recycling project" by dismantling a ramp that we previously built in Normal. Kristin, the new homeowner, called us and wanted to donate a wheelchair ramp... and we gladly removed the ramp and even left her with a fine looking porch! We took our ramp sections up to Towanda on Friday evening and started our ramp "building" project on Saturday morning. Mrs. Grady had been in the hospital this past fall and had her leg amputated. She has been patiently waiting as her son had called our organization asking for some help with a ramp at her home. Well, Mrs. Grady got her new ramp, with some fine looking railing and ballisters, too. A hot day for sure... but all the smiles were well worth the effort as Mrs. Grady sat on the corner of her new ramp that Saturday morning. Thanks, again to all the volunteers who made this happen!



We've got more ramps to build... and volunteers ready to help... along with Mother Nature starting to smile on us... so I'll keep you posted on the next ramp projects. If you get the e-mail reminders for our ramp projects, you're "on the list"... and if not... give me a call or send me your e-mail... and you can easily get on the list.

Thanks again for all your help and see ya' at the ramps!

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### **Cornbelt Buc-etin Delivery**

We now post all our monthly newsletters on our website at [www.cornbeltambucs.org](http://www.cornbeltambucs.org). When the newsletter is posted I send a link to everyone's email address so they can click on the link to take them directly to the newsletter. So to get your link sent to you, please email Jerry your email address at [JWyrick300@ctechinternet.com](mailto:JWyrick300@ctechinternet.com).



### **Notes from Al...**



### **AmTrykes®**

AmTryke® activity is picking up. We gave away two AmTrykes® in July. We also have placed and received two additional orders for AmTrykes® in July. Both bikes will be delivered on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The first one will be presented at 12:30 at the monthly meeting at Monical's and the second one later that day at Easter Seals.

We also gave a bike to Kaden at Easter Seals. This was another referral from our wonderful therapist at Easter Seals, Jamie Fifarek. Kaden lives in Hudson and loves to try new things. Jamie indicated he loved to ride the AmTryke® at Easter Seals and did very well on his new bike. I have a good feeling we will be placing Kaden on an AM-12 in the near future as he is getting close to the maximum size for the AM-9 toddler bike but still not quite big enough for the Am-12.





Cornbelt AMBUCS™ was again a participant in the AmTryke® Rodeo at National Conference in Memphis. Cornbelt sponsored Micah and he was ready to ride his new bike. He had a hard time waiting for the therapist and mechanical assistant to get the bike adjusted. As you can tell from the pictures he loved his AmTryke® and especially as he left the area. He and his mother thanked everyone there for his AmTryke® several times.

AMBUCS™ Chapters from across the country participated in the rodeo and almost 50 AmTrykes® were delivered and they rode their bikes out of the hotel Saturday morning. At each assembly station there is at least one therapist and two AmTryke® mechanics to help with the final assembly process and fitting before the child leaves with their own bike. Again as in all previous years there we many very wet eyes in the audience and chapters stepped up and sponsored all the bikes. Cornbelt should be very proud to have been a participant this year's rodeo and in the past.



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## NEWS FROM 2011 NATIONAL CONVENTION

By Dennis Strauss

The 2011 AMBUCS National Conference was held in Memphis, TN from July 20-23, 2011. Our chapter had five members in attendance. Tuesday evening, we attended a AAA baseball game for the Memphis Cardinals. The official week started with the Opening Party on Wednesday evening with food, fun, and dancing. During the rest of the week there were educational sessions, many inspirational speakers, recognition of chapters, including the awards ceremony. The Cornbelt Chapter received the following national awards:

- 100% Living Endowment
- 10-24 AmTrykes
- Superior Chapter (27<sup>th</sup> in the nation)
- Public Relations 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Chapter Website 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Saturday was the big day with: the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Trek for Trykes Walk-a-Thon, the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Veterans Ride (22 Bikes given to Veterans), and the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual AmTryke Rodeo (~50 AmTrykes sponsored, including one we sponsored). The week ended on Saturday evening with the Presidents Dinner / Officer Installation. Rick Kerr was installed as the new National President, and Kent Clingenpeel as National President-Elect.



Veterans on AmTrykes



Veterans on Motorcycles



Presidents Dinner

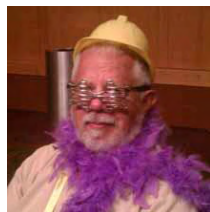


Working the Rodeo

The temperature was hot, the food was great, and we had a great time. Next year the National Conference is in Oklahoma City in July, where the temperature will be hot, the food will be great, and we are guaranteed a great week of fun. Hope to see you there.

Thank You, Thank You Very Much! *(we went to Graceland)*

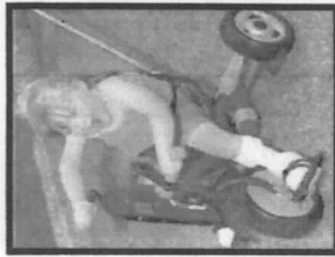
Denny Strauss  
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# Decatur and Lincolnland AMBUCS Annual Golf Outing

Decatur and Lincolnland AMBUCS have once again partnered to bring you our annual golf outing. Thank you in advance for your support, generosity and participation. All profits generated from this event go directly to programs for people with disabilities in our community.

AMBUCS, American Business club, is a national service organization dedicated to creating independence and opportunities for people with disabilities. Decatur and Lincolnland chapters actively provide many community services such as building accessible ramps, donating AmTrykes, assisting with Special Olympics, agency Co-op dances and providing grants to local agencies that help people with disabilities in Decatur and surrounding communities.



## How can I help?

### The Masters

Generously become a **Major Outing Sponsor** and receive your name on the tournaments Green Jacket. **\$500.00** includes outing fees for company team, company listing on the Master's Legend Board & program book, hole sponsorship and 4-cart sponsorships.

### The Senior Tour

Have your company's name seen by every golfer participating as your sign is prominently displayed at hole of choice. **\$100.00 hole sponsorship** includes company signage on hole and listing in the program book.

### The Amateur Tour

Your company will be displayed on the carts touring the outing. **\$25.00 cart sponsorship** includes company signage on cart and listing in the program book.

### The Pro's / Team of 4 Sign-Up

**Lunch begins at 12 / Shotgun start at 1:00**

**\$70.00 per golfer / \$280.00 team registration** includes: Green fees, cart, Mulligan, door prize, boxed lunch, dinner and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please join us for the annual  
Decatur Lincolnland AMBUCS  
Golf Outing  
Friday, September 23, 2011  
Lunch begins at noon  
Shotgun start at 1 p.m.**

Captain name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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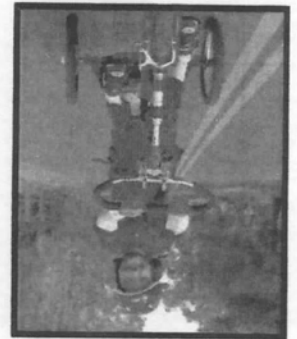
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Creating Mobility and Independence For People With Disabilities



Please join us for the  
Decatur and Lincolnland  
AMBUCS Annual Golf Outing  
Friday, September 23, 2011  
Moweagua Golf Course



Creating Mobility and Independence For People With Disabilities

2731 Cragston Place  
Decatur, IL 62521

## To Moweagua Golf Course

**From North:** US 51 S becomes US 51. Turn RIGHT onto Main Street.

Keep going West on Main St. Follow signs to golf course. End at

**Moweagua Golf Course, 2598 E. 1900 North Rd.**

**From South:** US 51 N becomes US 51. Turn LEFT onto Main Street.

Keep going west on Main St. Follow Signs to golf course. End at

Moweagua Golf Course.

**From East or West:** From I-72, take Business U.S. Rt. 51 South, Exit

#141. Follow U.S. Rt. 51 South to US 51. Turn RIGHT onto Main

Street. Keep going West on Main St. Follow signs to golf course.

YAHOO!

