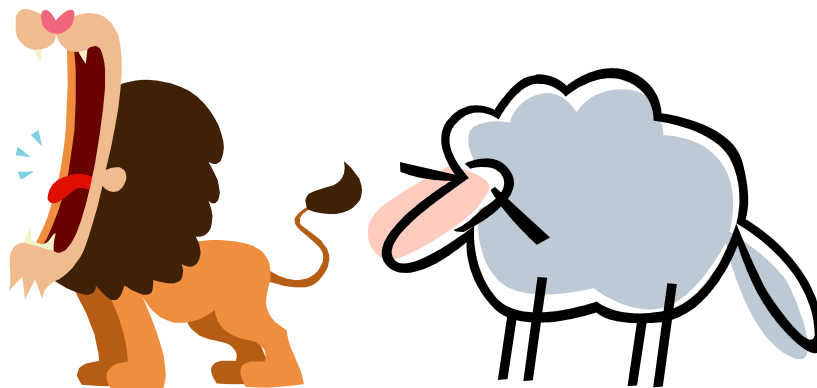


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FEBRUARY/MARCH 2010

THE PREZ SEZ...

(President Denny Strauss)

January was a slow month for Cornbelt. With the cold and snow, we were unable to build a ramp in January. We did give away an AmTryke® on Feb 3rd. We continue to have a speaker at our lunch meetings. We still hope to build a ramp on February 20, which is AMBUCS™ National Service Day. Watch for good weather and for Bill's email with the details.

February is National AMBUCS™ Visibility month. We have received proclamations from Bloomington and Normal, and the State of Illinois, declaring February AMBUCS™ Appreciation Month. We will be on the electronic billboard on Empire during the third week of February. Our ramp trailer will be on display as it has been the last few years.

We will have an article on our Veterans Day ramp builds in the spring edition of the AMBUCS™ Magazine.

Planning is underway for our scholarship program, and for our Pancake and Sausage Breakfast fundraiser.

We have a list of ramps waiting to be built as soon as the weather improves. Hope to see you all then.
Denny



Mark your calendars!!!

Next Saturday Meeting

When: Saturday, March 20, 2010
 Time: 7:15 a.m.
 Place: EAA Hanger, Old Airport

Next Noon Meeting - **NEW LOCATION**

When: Wednesday, April 7, 2010
 Time: Noon
 Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



Bill Buchie's Babbles...

Hey, all you ramp builders -

I think Mother Nature won the first round... but we're still not done with the battle! The weather has made it extremely difficult to build ramps... with all the ice and snow on the ground. We have been very fortunate to be allowed to set our structures "on the ground" instead of digging holes "in the ground"... but the temperatures have not helped melt any of the snow and ice... so we did not get the chance to build any ramps in January. We will try to build ramps again in March... and get back to our schedule of building ramps on the third Saturday of the month... so watch for the e-mail reminders!

Thanks to all of you who have helped us over the past year. If you've been to one ramp... or to all of them... you know what we do and what a difference we can make in the lives of people with disabilities in our community. I hope to see ya' at the ramps this spring!... and watch out, Mother Nature... we'll be back!

See ya' at the ramps!

Bill McHie

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Did you know you can now receive your monthly copy of the Cornbelt Buc-etin via email? *Save a tree*, and save *Cornbelt AMBUCS™* the first-class postage...and get your monthly copy online! Just send Jerry an email at JWyrick300@ctechinternet.com.



Notes from Al...

AmTrykes®

Cornbelt AMBUCS™ continues to provide AmTrykes® to provide therapeutic and emotion impact to children and adults of McLean County.

On February 3rd we presented an AM-16 AmTryke® to John at Bloomington Junior High School. As you can see from the pictures John, age 11, was extremely excited with the new bike. He was quite interested when his mother and the therapist, Karen, were trying to make a few minor adjustments to his bike.

I wish you could have experienced the smile as John rode his new bike up and down the school halls. He was doing were well. John, like most of us, is waiting on warmer weather so he can ride his AmTryke® on his neighborhood sidewalks.

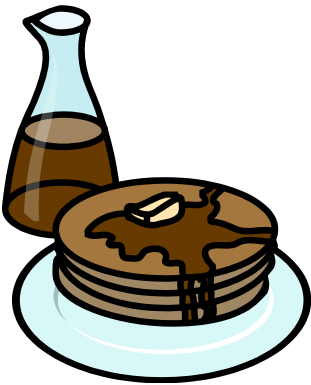
John was a little disappointed when his mother explained to him she was going to have to leave the bike at school for a few days as the bike and his chair both would not fit in her vehicle. However, he regained that contagious smile when he found out we could follow him home with his new bike.

With just a few more bikes provided to children and adults Cornbelt will set a new record for AmTrykes® provided in a year. So, please continue to send me the names of anyone who could possible benefit from an AmTryke®. We currently have a few bikes in stock, especially the toddler bikes, so we can provide these bikes quickly.

Thanks again for all your support. Also, Cornbelt AMBUCS™ will be looking for someone to be the AmTryke® Coordinator next year so if interested please contact Dennis or me.

Alan Bedell
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Annual Pancake Breakfast

Can you smell the sausage and maple syrup? I can, and I can hardly wait. We'll be at Second Presbyterian Church again this year between 8AM and 11AM on April 17 serving the best breakfast in town. This year we'll be working without the help of the youth from the McLean County Diversity Project. While we'll miss their help, their absence makes this an even better opportunity for our club. Besides being our club's primary fundraising event for the year, it's an outstanding opportunity to raise awareness of the great work we do in the community. Naturally, ticket sales are important for this event, but bringing the community out to see our ramp and AmTryke® displays, and to see the fun we have working together, is equally important.

You'll be getting more information and a package of tickets in the mail soon, but if you have any question, feel free to give me a call at 287-3898, or drop me a note at lgturil@yahoo.com. I'll bring the butter and syrup, you bring the guests. Let's work together and make this breakfast a great success.

