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THE PREZ SEZ...

(President Larry Turilli)



Last month in this space I asked you to share your AMBUCS™ story with someone outside the club. Did you talk to anyone about AMBUCS™? I did. My conversation didn't lead to any new members. That would have been great, but that's not the only reason to talk to folks about AMBUCS™.

I was out for lunch last week with fellow AMBUCS™ Jeff Thompson, who was part of a ramp build the previous weekend. While we were eating, we met some folks who live near the house where a Cornbelt AMBUCS™ built that ramp. These folks were very impressed with our ramp building skills, at least that's how the conversation started. However, the conversation quickly turned to the service we performed, and the difference it was making in the life of someone they knew well. Then they went on to tell us that until last Saturday they didn't know there was an organization in town that built ramps. "What a shame," I

thought. It made me wonder how many more people we could help if more people knew about us and what we do.

So I'm going to repeat my challenge from last month. Talk to someone about AMBUCS™. If you keep your eyes open, opportunities present themselves. Be ready to tell folks about the great work we do. I'm proud of that, but I'm not looking for more pats on the back. I want everyone in town to know what we do, so that everyone who needs our help has the opportunity to get our help. Don't miss an opportunity to share the AMBUCS™ story with anyone you meet!

And don't miss an opportunity to help shape the Cornbelt AMBUCS™ story. Our club has an active board of directors, but the real work of the club is done by members working in committees outside the board meetings. Here's the list of committees that do the club's real work:

- Membership
- Information and Public Relations
- Social
- Ramp
- AmTryke®
- Scholarship
- Financial

We need members on all the committees, but since I've used most of my newsletter space the last two months talking about sharing the AMBUCS™ story, you should be able to tell that I'm particularly interested in building a better, more active, Information and Public Relations committee. I want to 'get the word out' so that folks like the ones I met at lunch last week aren't surprised when they see us in action.

If you're not active on a committee, pick one that sounds interesting to you, tell me about it, and I'll get you involved. And if you don't call me, don't be surprised if I call you. I'd like to get more members involved in committee work. It's one of the best ways to meet other club members and make a real contribution to your club.

Got questions about something AMBUCS™ is doing? Or not doing? Or something you want us to do? Have a passion about something and want to serve on a related committee? Call me or send me an email anytime. My phone number is 309-287-3898, and my email address is lgturil@yahoo.com. I'd love to hear from you.

Larry Turilli



Mark your calendars!!!

Next Saturday Meeting

When: Saturday, July 16, 2011
 Time: 7:15 a.m.
 Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, August 3, 2011
 Time: Noon
 Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, All you ramp-builders -

We got a couple of ramps built in June! The first ramp was a project done by another State Farm group.... looking to do some "work" out of the office. The volunteers were mostly from the computer field and had little experience in building... but they learned fast... were certainly committed... and stayed to finish a ramp for Mr. & Mrs. Swigart on a warm Saturday morning. Congrats to the State Farm volunteers for your time and commitment!... you're welcome to join us again... any time!





We also built a ramp for Mr. Gresham in Normal in June. Mr. Gresham has been using a walker and not been able to get in and out of his home without assistance. He finally got a new scooter... but still had no way to get in and out... until we showed up that Saturday. He was quite impressed that morning as the flurry of activity started. I think we were ALL impressed at the end of the project... when he came down that ramp for the first time... a mere 2 hours after we had first started! Yep, we got the picture... and he was told of our famous "guarantee"... and we have another satisfied customer... who will be able to get out and enjoy the beautiful weather this summer.



Thanks to everyone who has been coming to our ramp projects. We continue to see new faces... and make new friends... and give independence to those that need it. Enjoy the summer!... and hope to see you at our future ramp projects!

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Notes from Al...



AmTrykes®

June was typically a little slower month for Cornbelt in reference to AmTryke® activities. Even though we did not provide a child with an AmTryke® in June the board did approve purchasing a 1412 Pro Series bike which should be here in July. We also have a couple additional bikes in the works for possible presentation in July.

The Cornbelt Board also approved purchasing an Amtryke® for the AmTryke® Rodeo a National Conference this July in Memphis. We will try very hard to get a few pictures of the child and AmTryke® in Memphis for the next newsletter. Also, in Memphis on Saturday morning for the first time there will be a Veterans Ride at 9:00. Most of riders will be wounded veterans who will be receiving their own AmTrykes®. This will be one of the highlights of the conference and will definitely make the Memphis news and maybe national news.

As usual, please let me know if you are aware of anyone who could benefit from an AmTryke®.

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