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MARCH 2011

THE PREZ SEZ...

(President Denny Strauss)

It's March already! The year is moving fast as always. Not a lot of activity during the winter months. And with all the snow we got, no ramps were built in February. The snow has melted and the weather is warming up – we still have ramps to build. AmTryke® activity is starting to pick up again.

Pancake Breakfast – The 5th annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be held on April 9, 2011, at 2nd Presbyterian Church. You should have received your ticket allocations from Larry Turilli in the mail. This is our chapters' only fundraiser, so we need to sell lots of tickets this year.



Spread the word to your friends and neighbors – the food is always great, and we will have info displayed about our chapter.

Spring Round Up – March and April are Spring Round Up months. Another push to find new members. We enrolled seven new members during Fall Branding – a record for our chapter. We will be planning a special membership event to help recruit new members. More info to follow. Let's see if we can get five new members this spring. Remember, if you get three new members during a 12 month period, you can become a BIG HATTER! Al and I re-Big Hatted last fall.

Scholarships – Students now can apply for scholarships for the coming year. If you know someone who might qualify, contact Pete Hettinger if you need more info. Or go to our website to find more info.

Socials – We attempted to have an outing at a Bloomington Extreme indoor football game, but there was not enough interest. Greg Beneze and the Social Committee are now working on having an outing at the Cornbelter's baseball game this spring. Last year we had lots of fund and this year we will have a suite in which to enjoy the game and socialize with fellow AMBUCS™. More info to follow.

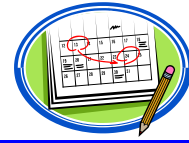


National Conference – The AMBUCS™ National Conference for 2011 is July 20-23 in Memphis, TN. This is within driving distance. If you have never attended the National Conference before, consider this opportunity to attend. It is a good chance to meet AMBUCS™ from all over the country, attend some great training sessions, and have fun in Memphis.

Website – Our chapter website is www.cornbeltambucs.org - we try to keep it up-to-date with meeting and event dates. We publish articles about our ramp building and AmTryke® presentations. You can refer people to it to find out more about our chapter. And there are links to the National AMBUCS™ website. Contact me if you would like to see changes to the website in the future.

Let's have a good ending to the 2010/2011 year – there are only three months left – let's keep up the good work of "providing mobility and independence for people with disabilities".

Denny



Mark your calendars!!!

Next Saturday Meeting

When: Saturday, March 19, 2011
 Time: 7:15 a.m.
 Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting - **NEW LOCATION**

When: Wednesday, April 6, 2011
 Time: Noon
 Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, All you ramp-builders -

We didn't build any ramps in February as mother nature did not cooperate very well with our ramp building activities this month.... but we are planning to build ramps in March... and we are planning to build on the third Saturday... March 19th... I will be sending out an e-mail notice of the location and the details for the "March ramp build"... So get yourself ready to go and watch your email... We do have several more ramps to build before this year is over.

See ya' at the ramps!...

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Notes from Al...

AmTrykes®

Yes, winter is about over and our AmTryke® activities are starting to spring into action again.

We just ordered one bike last month. However, we will be looking at ordering and delivering two or three bikes in March. Please watch your email for updates on the AmTryke® presentations. One presentation will be to Kory Kaeb's daughter at Easter Seals. She is 3 ½ years old and will be getting the Oceana bike. This bike is great for the very small children and has the regular handle bars. At this age both the hand and foot pedals would be too difficult for most kids this size.

The new catalogue and AmTryke® store are available at AMBUC.com. The new store allows for online ordering and list most bikes with all seat options and accessories. This should reduce the number of incorrect orders and unnecessary items being shipped and billed. Please take a few minutes and review both the catalogue and AmTryke® store web sites.

Hopefully we will have pictures of a few children receiving their AmTrykes® in next month's newsletter.

As always, please continue to provide us with the names and contact information for anyone who could benefit from an AmTryke™.

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