

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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THE PREZ SEZ...



Here we are in August already. This has been one hot, busy summer.

August Lunch Meeting

We have a new member! Don Barnard was sworn in as a member at the August lunch meeting. Welcome to Cornbelt AMBUCS™, Don.



We also had a prospective member attending the lunch. If you know anyone who might be interested in joining or can encourage anyone to join, there is always room in the club.

Also, Dennis Strauss, our newly installed District Governor, was speaker at the August meeting. He filled us in on changes to the AMBUCS™ organization which will be occurring at a national level. Thanks Dennis.

Our next lunch meeting will be Wednesday, September 5, at 12:00, at the Monical's near Best Buy.

National Conference

The Cornbelt AMBUCS™ Chapter was well represented at the National Conference in Oklahoma City in July by seven club members. We received awards for:

- Living Endowment giving
- providing more than 10 Amtrykes®
- exceeding the \$50,000 threshold over the last 30 years in Living Endowment giving
- Visibility, third place in the nation in clubs less than 50 members
- Newsletter, second place in the nation in clubs less than 50 members.

Way to go Cornbelt!!





Al Bedell and Vicky and Denny Strauss received awards for outstanding giving to the William L White Foundation. I will write more about William L White in another newsletter.





Our club gave Amtrykes® to the child Jaydon and to the veteran Charles. Denny and Vicky Strauss sponsored an Amtryke® for another child. It was a real heartwarming experience meeting and seeing the joy on the faces of the recipients and their families. The veteran's ride was awesome to behold.

I have now attended two National Conferences. Each time I come away with the assurance that Cornbelt is an outstanding club. We build quality ramps, provide Amtrykes®, provide scholarships, and have very strong and capable leadership.

A winning combination.

Fall Conference

Keep your calendars open for September 28 – 29. We need all you great Cornbelt AMBUCS™ to attend the Fall Conference. We are going to build ramps, play golf, hear national news about AMBUCS™, attend training sessions, eat great food and enjoy the friendship of many other AMBUCS™. You will be getting more details shortly.

Keep cool and we will see you at the ramps.

Don



Mark your calendars!!!

Next Saturday Meeting

When: Saturday, August 18, 2012
Time: 7:15 a.m.
Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, September 5, 2012
Time: Noon
Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, All you ramp-builders -

We got through the heat... took a ramp down... and built a ramp in Bloomington in July. Hopefully, we'll see some relief from the hot weather in the next month. We got several calls for ramps in the past month, so we'll have plenty of ramps to build in the near future.

Our July ramp requests came at the same time. We got a call from Mrs. Bonvouloir, who lives in Normal. She informed us that her husband had passed away and she wanted to donate her ramp back to our organization.

During the same week, we got a call from a nursing agency that Mr. Douglas Parker needed a ramp at his home in Bloomington. I stopped at each home to take measurements... and found that Mrs. Bonvouloir's ramp would fit perfectly at Mr. Parker's home... so we went to work! We had some new volunteers working along with us "old guys" ... and we managed to build a fine looking ramp for Mr. Parker on a Saturday morning. Ya' should have been there for this one... Mr. Parker was overwhelmed with what we were able to do on a Saturday morning with a pile of lumber. We were glad to help... even if he is a Wisconsin fan!



We've got a few smaller ramps to build in the next month... so I'll keep you posted on new building dates for the next few ramps through our e-mail system. Please let me know if you would like to be added to our e-mail list. As always, we enjoy our time together building ramps and if you would like to be a part of it, just come to a ramp-building project. Stay for awhile... or stay 'till the end for the "maiden voyage"... but feel free to join us. And if you need some extra encouragement, I can tell you that Mr. Parker's handshake and his smile on that Saturday morning certainly convinced me... we're doing a great service in our community!

See ya' at the ramps!

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Notes From Al...



AmTrykes®

July was a very busy month for AmTrykes® for Cornbelt AMBUCS™. At national conference in Oklahoma City Cornbelt AMBUCS™ provided two bikes while Denny and Vicky provided another bike. During the AmTryke® Rodeo over 50 kids received an AmTryke® and almost 50 veterans received bikes and rode in the Veterans Ride that beautiful Saturday morning.

Cornbelt sponsored a bike for Jayden Preson from Arkansas. You can see Jayden and several Cornbelt AMBUCS™ along with Jayden's therapist in the blue shirt. Jayden adapted very quickly to his bike and really enjoyed riding it around during the AmTryke® rodeo.



Denny and Vicky individually sponsored another bike for the AmTryke® rodeo. Thanks Denny and Vicky. They sponsored Connor Ecclestorn from Arkansas. The picture below just begins to show the smile on Connor's face with his family during the Amtryke® Rodeo.



Earlier that morning the disabled veterans were provided bikes and prepared for the Veteran's ride downtown Oklahoma City. Cornbelt was very glad to sponsor a bike for Charles Nelson. Don and Vicky are in the picture with Charles. Dick and Kay Lang also helped Charles get his bike ready while I was preparing bikes for the Amtryke® rodeo. Also, you can see Charles in the Veteran's ride, he is number 26.



Later in July, Cornbelt AMBUCS™ networked with the Streator Masonic Lodge to provide two bikes to children in Streator. The first bike went to Alex who is 10 years old. Alex required much assistance with walking but took right off down the sidewalk on the bike. We all had to run to keep up with him and this was one of the 100 plus degree days. Alex and his family were very grateful for Alex to have his own bike to ride. I have a feeling we might get a call indicating he has worn the rubber off the wheels and his sister is becoming a track star from keeping up with him.



The Streator Masonic Lodge also provided the funding for the second bike for Chelsey. Chelsey has a progressive degenerative condition with severely limits her ability to walk independently but she really enjoys being in her pool. She uses a power chair most of the time but was able to ride the bike around the yard with very little assistance. Chelsey and her family were surprised how well she did on the bike.

It was also great to work with the school therapist, Lisa Kelty. I am sure we will get an opportunity to work with her and the Streator Masonic Lodge again in the near future.



As usual, thanks for all your help and please continue to send me the names of any potential candidate for an AmTryke®.

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