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THE PREZ SEZ...



Labor day is past, kids are in school, fall weather is on the way. September will be a busy month for AMBUCS™.

In June, July and August we built 113 feet of wheelchair ramps. Way to go everyone! More coming in September. We will build one during the Fall Conference and maybe another one during the month. Keep

watching for Bill's emails and keep September 15 open. If you know anyone who might be interested in helping out, just invite them along.

We have done well in providing Amtrykes® this summer and have been getting requests for more. We will be presenting at least one at the Fall Conference. An Amtryke® makes a huge difference in the lives of every member of the family.

The Board has approved storing the AMBUCS™ trailer in a locked storage facility. This gives us more security for the trailer and tools but also allows us to store lumber, ramp sections, and other things we need.

Have you turned in your reservation for the Fall Conference? The dates of the conference are September 28 and 29. Kent Clingenpeel, our National President, and Jack Bellware, our National President-Elect, will both be attending our conference. Over 50 AMBUCS™ have turned in reservations for the weekend. More emails about registration will be forthcoming. You won't want to miss this fun weekend!!

The October lunch meeting is October 3 at Monical's near Best Buy. Will you be there? I hope so. And bring a friend for the good food.

It's a great day to be an AMBUCTM!!

Don



Mark your calendars!!!

Next Saturday Meeting

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

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, October 3, 2012
 Time: Noon
 Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, All you ramp-builders -

We built two great looking ramps in August! The weather improved... and we had volunteers willing to help.. so we started in Normal.

Hopes of Hope is an organization that cares for individuals with disabilities in their own homes in the community. We had previously built a ramp for their organization and they contacted us again... as the ramp at their home in Normal was not safe at all! We removed the old ramp and re-built the first platform and installed a new ramp for the folks that live at their home... all in one evening! We had plenty of smiles at the end of the project... and a pretty nice looking, safe ramp for the residents at the end of the day. Well done, AMBUCS™!





The second ramp we built was for a family in Bloomington. Darrell and Pricilla Matthews are both using wheelchairs and needed a ramp at their home. They requested a ramp inside their garage... and we had just enough room to do it. We had plenty of volunteer help and beautiful weather, as well... and we completed the ramp before noon. Mr. Matthews was quite pleased and impressed with our work... and I'm sure they will be able to get in and out of their home safely for many years to come.

Well, the hot weather is behind us... the kids are back to school... and we still have a few ramps to build. I'll keep you posted on our ramp projects... so take a few hours on a Saturday morning, come out and enjoy the company, build a ramp with us, and watch the smiles!

Thanks for your help.. and I'll see ya' at the ramps!

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Notes From Al...



AmTrykes®

We presented a JT-2000 recumbent bike to a school physical therapist assistant. We first met this lady when we did a brief bike demonstration at Normal West over a year ago. The bike needed a few adjustments as she does not have a left upper extremity, which required everything to be within reach of the right hand. We added the curved steering mechanism from the pro-series bikes and had to adjust the one brake handle to work both the front and back brakes. We also added a small basket to the bike so she could use the bike to go to the store. Unfortunately we do not have a picture of her on the bike.

She is very pleased with the bike and was so glad to have the opportunity to ride her bike alone. I got an email from her a few days later and she was quite surprised how sore she was from her lack of exercise in the past. She was so positive about how much this bike was going to be able to help her.

I am sure this bike that Cornbelt AMBUCS™ provided to her will make a significant difference in her life and we have helped her increase her independence. Another job well done.

As usual, please continue to send me the names and contact information for anyone who might benefit from one of our bikes. I hope to see everyone at the Endowment Luncheon at Fall Conference on Saturday, September 29th, when Cornbelt presents another person with their own special red bike.

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