

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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## **THE PREZ SEZ...**



It is definitely Fall: Football, Soccer, Halloween, Baseball World Series, leaf raking, so many things to be busy with. **A big thanks** to all who took the time to work the expos, ramp, Amtryke®, and all other things AMBUCTM style.

## **Fall Branding – Get Free Lunch**

November is the last month for Fall Branding time. Sign up a new member for Cornbelt Ambucs™ and you will get a free lunch at our monthly lunch meeting. So bring someone in and get them to join our crew.

## Local Expos

Cornbelt Ambucs™ were very visible in the community on October 16. Cornbelt had booths at two different sites in Bloomington for the State Farm Community Day expo. Our booths had great displays and were well manned by many Ambucs™. Many people stopped and inquired about Ambucs™ and we had the opportunity to explain our mission. Some folks were potential members, others interested in getting a scholarship, and others in the ramps and Amtrykes®. Below are photos of the booths at State Farm and some of the Ambucs™ who participated.

That evening, Cornbelt Ambucs had a booth at Parenting and Disabilities Expo at Bloomington High School which always has a large turnout. Again, more visibility and awareness of Ambucs™ in the community and interacting with people attending the expo.





## Other Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for the December lunch meeting on December 5 at Monical's near Best Buy. Bring a friend with you. The food is always good as well as the conversation and we all learn what is happening with AMBUCS™!!

And of course, keep November 17 open for a Big Hat meeting and ramp building somewhere in McLean County.

It's a great day to be an Ambuc™!!

Don



**Mark your calendars!!!**

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### **Next Saturday Meeting**

When: Saturday, November 17, 2012  
 Time: 7:15 a.m.  
 Place: Shannon's Restaurant

### **Next Noon Meeting**

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



## Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, All you ramp-builders -

We built two ramps in October... Congrats! We have been busy this year with our ramp-building... and we have a few more to go before winter shows up and slows us down.

We traveled to Chenoa on our regular Saturday building day.. and had plenty of volunteers that day!.. so thanks to everyone that made the trip and made the extra effort to help Mrs. King. We put together about 30 feet of ramp and built a couple of platforms and ended up with a beautiful looking ramp for Mrs. King in record time, again! By the time we were finished, the sun came out, the ramp was finished, and Mrs. King had a big smile on her face as she came down her ramp for the first time! Michael, her son, also thanked us as he has recently decided to purchase the home so his mother can stay at home instead of living in a nursing home. Great job, everyone!... I think we have another satisfied customer!





The second ramp was built inside a garage in Normal... for Mr. Jim Delp, who has a progressive disability and will soon need a wheelchair to get in and out of his home. Brian Burcham and his State Farm crew built a platform and a ramp for Mr. Delp and provided some independence for the Delp family, too. (I think they are getting pretty good at this ramp-building thing!...) Again, many thanks to Brian and the State Farm crew!... Good neighbors indeed!

We have received a couple more ramp requests recently and we would like to get a few more ramps built before the snow flies... so watch your e-mails. I'll be in touch regarding ramp-building dates and locations. As the holiday season approaches, remember what it means to be able to gather and spend time with family and friends. Donating a few hours to help build a ramp is a wonderful way to spend time with your AMBUCS™ family and help another family at the same time! Thank you to all who have helped us in our mission this season. Keep up the great work and I'll see ya' at the ramps!

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### **Notes From Al...**



### **AmTrykes®**

September was National AmTryke® Month for Ambucs™. Cornbelt participated and provided an AM-12 small sized AmTryke® on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Don and Vicky Stogsdill were also at the presentation and helped with the pictures below.

I am not sure I have seen a little girl and mother as happy as Sophia and her mother were when we presented them with the AM-12 small AmTryke® on September 16<sup>th</sup> at Easter Seals. Sophia had just turned 5 the day before so the bike was a late birthday present to her. This bike was in reference to another referral from Jamie Fifarek, a physical therapist at Easter Seals.

Sophia could not wait to get on her bike and ride it around the halls at Easter Seals. She quickly figured out both forward and backward and had everyone watching her go up and down the halls. It was not long before she wanted the steering pin out so she could be 100% in control of her bike.

As you can see from the following pictures Sophia was having a lot of fun with her new bike. Also, she did not seem to have any problems with wearing the wrist brace which really helps with her upper extremity mobility.





Sophia's mother was so happy that her daughter now has a bike to ride. Her mother indicated that in her native country a gift of a bike like this would not have been possible. They were so thankful for the bike and to have permanent residence in our great country. Sophia's mother has been in the USA for over 10 years and loves Bloomington/Normal.

As usual, thanks for all you do which allows our chapter to provide AmTrykes® to children in our community. Please continue to send us the name and contact information when you hear of someone who could benefit from one of our therapeutic bikes.

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