

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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



Well, we are now through the holidays and on into 2013. The snow and cold and winter may be with us but will not slow us down. Just keep reading to see all the activity.

## **Mid Term Elections**

Another great addition to our slate of officers for Cornbelt Ambucs™. Dick Lang was formally inducted at our January 2 meeting as our new vice president. He will succeed Don as club president on June 1. CONGRATULATIONS DICK!



## Guest Speaker at December Meeting

Christy Kosharek shared the functions of SPICE (Services for Parent and Infant and Child Education).

She explained their history as a MarcFirst agency with the vision to "empower people with developmental disabilities". "SPICE is a program which provides pediatric therapy services for families with children from birth through age 14 who have developmental disabilities or delays or who are at risk for delays due to environmental or medical concerns."

She explained that they have therapists and social workers who work out of their facility in Normal and also with the local school systems and children's parents. They address speech/language, motor, and developmental therapy needs. Their offices provide developmental screenings and early intervention play groups.



## National Wish List

Cornbelt Ambucs™ has sponsored an Amtryke® for a child on the National Wish List.

This is an excellent way of getting an Amtryke® to a child somewhere in the US who has been waiting for a long time. You too can sponsor a child on the National Wish List. Contact Al Bedell and he can fill you in on the details.

## Financial

Dues notices will be going out this month so be on the lookout. This is an important part of helping our club serve others with ramps, Amtrykes®, and scholarships.

Also, club members who are **State Farm** employees or retirees, remember to submit the **Good Neighbor Grant** form. Cornbelt Ambucs™ chapter will be awarded \$500 for each employee/retiree who applies. This can mean several thousand dollars of additional income for the club, but it will only happen if you submit the form.

## Christmas Re-Gifting Party

Here is a chance to get together with some fellow *Ambucs*™ and to have some fun. It is time for our annual re-gifting party.

**When:** Saturday - January 12, 2013  
**Time:** 6 pm  
**Where:** Al and Deanna's house

**What to bring:** A wrapped or bagged item to be re-gifted. You should not buy this gift. It should be something that is not your "style" or that you would never use or that you always wanted to give away. It may be a gift that you just received or one that you have had for a while.

Spouses are welcome as well.

Food and beverages will be provided.

Please RSVP to Vicky Strauss.

## Other Upcoming Events

The February lunch meeting is February 6 at Monical's near Best Buy. Will you be there? I hope so. And bring a friend for the good food.

Keep January 19 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!!!

### Next Saturday Meeting

When: Saturday, January 19, 2013  
 Time: 7:15 a.m.  
 Place: Shannon's Restaurant

### Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, February 6, 2013  
 Time: Noon  
 Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



## Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

Well, we got a break for the month of December. We got through our list of ramps to build... so we did not need to build any ramps in December. We have a new storage location for our trailer this year. It's parked... just waiting for us... whenever we need it... to build another ramp!



We have built ramps on a regular basis for the past several months and during the winter months, we will still build ramps, but we have Mother Nature working with us, as well. I am working on a couple of recent ramp requests that we have received and I will send out an e-mail to everyone as soon as I get details worked out and the weather to cooperate. If you are interested in helping with a "winter ramp", feel free to come out and help us. If not, I completely understand.. and we'll see you later on this spring.

As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions about our ramp-building program. I look forward to working with all of you in 2013!

Thanks!

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## Notes From Al...

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### AmTrykes®

In December Cornbelt Ambucs™ helped provide three people with AmTrykes®.

Thanks to a generous donation from Denny and Vicky Strauss, Cornbelt was able to take a child in Illinois off the wish list. The AmTryke® wish list continues to grow and I encourage everyone to take a look at the list on the national website under the AmTryke® tab.

The other two bikes were bikes Cornbelt partnered with the Marseilles Masonic Lodge. The first bike was present to Isaiah at the Masonic Lodge. Cornbelt previously provided Isaiah with a bike several years back and he had outgrown the AM-16. Cornbelt will be getting the AM-16 back and it will be available for another child in the future. Following are pictures of Isaiah getting his bike and a few quotes from his father's Facebook. Rob's comments truly reflect the joys we all have in makes sure every child has a bike to ride plus you can tell how proud Isaiah is of his new hand cycle.





"Yesterday our son Isaiah was able to realize a dream of having a bike that he can grow into. This is a hand pedal bike that was donated to him by some very special people. NOT ONE person, ALOT. It takes work, caring and thoughtfulness to bring something like this to fruition. I want to personally thank, [Alan Bedell](#) of Ambucs® for his dedication to this program. Tom L. of Seneca who took a tragedy and turned it into something special. Charles Wood who took it upon himself to make this happen, and a special thanks to the Masonic Lodge of Marseilles #417. Yes [Stewart W Penoyer](#), you got me. It is what we do. I am proud to be.....a Freemason."

Rob wrote: "To note, Isaiah was the recipient of one of the Amtryke® bikes back in 2008 after his accident. He has since outgrown it. The great thing about Ambucs™ is that his old bike will be taken back in and updated for another disabled child. Paying it forward in the best way....Ambucs™."

The third bike was presented on Christmas Eve to a 4 ½ year old boy in Ottawa. The therapist indicated the boy is doing very well on the bike and we might need to get a front toe leveler to help him. She said the mother told her the boy has been riding the bike everyday in his basement and is really looking forward to warmer weather to take the bike outside.

Please continue to let us know of any potential people who could benefit from one of our therapeutic bikes, AmTrykes®.

Thanks

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