# **CORNBELT BUC-ETIN**



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### THE PREZ SEZ...



#### February is National AMBUCS<sup>TM</sup> Visibility Month

At our January Board meeting, we decided the various ways we would represent Cornbelt Ambucs<sup>TM</sup> with an electronic billboard, street sign, magnetic signs on vehicles and display of the tool trailer. More information and photos will be coming in the next newsletter.

### **Annual Dues**

Dues notices were sent in January. This is an important part of helping our club serve others with ramps, AmTrykes®, and scholarships, so please don't forget to put your check in the mail.

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

The form can be submitted in paper form to our treasurer, Dave DeHaan. Or you can do it online using the State Farm website. But it will only happen if **YOU** submit the form. Contact me via phone or email if you have any questions.

## **Christmas Re-Gifting Party**

We had a good time at our annual re-gifting party. We had a great dinner. And that was followed by a very tasty cheesecake for dessert made by our very own Dennis Strauss!

After dinner, we exchanged the "treasures" with lots of gift swapping and good fun.

A big AMBUC<sup>TM</sup> THANK YOU to Vicky Strauss for organizing this social and to the Bedells' for hosting it.

## **Other Upcoming Events**

The March lunch meeting is Wednesday, March 6 at Monical's near Best Buy. And bring a friend for the good food.

Keep February 16 open for a Big Hat meeting and ramp building somewhere in McLean County.

It's a great day to be an Ambuc<sup>TM</sup>!!

Don



#### Mark your calendars!!!

#### **Next Saturday Meeting**

When: Saturday, February 16, 2013

Time: 7:15 a.m.

Place: Shannon's Restaurant

#### Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Time: Noon

Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

## Bill BucHie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

Well, January has passed. Not too much snow on the ground... but the trailer is still parked. Take a look at the pictures below. Can you tell what's missing?





Yep, you guessed it... there's no ramps at these homes! Mother Nature was kind to us for most of January but got a little upset when we planned to build some ramps. Now that February is here, I will try to schedule building dates during the month for those of you who want to get out. (Hopefully, Mother Nature will cooperate.) We have a couple of 25 to 30 ft. ramps to build along with a short 16 ft. ramp, as well. I'll be in touch with details and building dates... so watch your e-mail for dates and times.

Thanks to everyone who has helped us during the year... and if you want to get out and continue the tradition during the winter months, we would love to see you at one of our ramp projects in February, as well.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me. See ya' at the ramps!

Bill McHie

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