

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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**MAY 2013**

**THE PREZ SEZ...**



Have we had our Spring for the year and I missed it? Cold with lots of rain. Now it is 84 degrees out here on the porch so are we going right to summer? But the weather doesn't slow the Cornbelt Ambucs™. Just take a look!

## **National AMBUCS™ Spring Round-Up**

National AMBUCS™ Spring Round-Up is March and April. We had one new member join us in March and two more in April. We have met our National Blue Chip goal for the year. Way to go Cornbelt!!

All three of these new members will be sworn in at the upcoming Awards Banquet on May 9.

We accept new members any time of year, so bring someone in and get them to join our crew. Sign up three new members within any 12-month period, and become a Big Hat.

## **Pancake and Sausage Breakfast**

This is what Past-President and Breakfast chairman Larry Turilli had to say about this year's pancake breakfast:

“We had a very successful Pancake Breakfast yesterday. We set records for meals served and for money raised. We served 210 guests and raised about \$2,800.

“Thanks to all AMBUCS™ who helped make this a successful event. Ticket sales were strong before breakfast, and anyone who worked at the breakfast yesterday knows how busy we were. Once again, Steve and Shannon did an awesome job in the kitchen. We couldn't do this every year without their help. And this year we had a little extra help from Wild Style Design Company who was painting faces for our youngest guests.

“Great food and lots of fun. I hope you had a chance to join us.”

We appreciate the support we received from Ambucs™ outside of Cornbelt Ambucs™. Past-National President Greg Farris, Regional Director Larry Windingland, as well as several members from Greater Champaign County Ambucs™ were in attendance and contributed to this successful fundraiser.

You can see from these photos that the Breakfast was enjoyed by all.





## **Annual Installation/Awards Banquet**

The Cornbelt Ambucs™ annual banquet will be well-attended Thursday, May 9. At this banquet and with the assistance of Larry Windingland, our Regional Director, we install the new slate of officers and Board members effective with the National AMBUCS™ new year beginning June 1. New members will be recognized, club awards presented to Cornbelt members and scholarships to students. And we are celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year as a club. With all that and more, it will be a fun-packed evening with Ambucs™.

## **Be Content At Home**

Cornbelt Ambucs™ will again be hosting a booth at this exposition for seniors at the Parke Hotel on Monday, May 6. We will have volunteers manning our booth with banners, posters, pamphlets, and ramp models from 9 am – 2 pm. This event is always well attended by people in the community.



## Other Upcoming Events

The June lunch meeting is at noon, on Wednesday, June 5 at Monical's near Best Buy. And bring a friend for the good food.

The next scheduled ramp is Saturday, May 18. We may be building additional ramps somewhere in McLean County during the month of May. So watch your emails as plans get finalized.

It's a great day to be an Ambuc™!!

Don



### Mark your calendars!!!

#### Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, May 18, 2013  
Time: 8:00 a.m.  
Place: Second Presbyterian Church

#### Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, June 5, 2013  
Time: Noon  
Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

#### Installation/Awards Banquet

When: Thursday, May 9, 2013  
Time: 6:00 PM  
Place: Ozark House

#### Be Content At Home Expo

When: Monday, May 6, 2013  
Time: 9 AM – 2:00 PM  
Place: Parke Hotel

## Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

So.. just how did we get so good at building ramps? It's the volunteers! And what a wonderful group of volunteers we had this month! We built a 34 foot ramp with two platforms in just over two hours... with plenty of help from our AMBUCS™ volunteers and our Diversity Project scholars. Mr. Peden is coming to live with his son in Bloomington... and after an accident, finds himself in a wheelchair full time. He will certainly face many challenges in his future... but access to his home is NOT one of them... thanks to all our volunteers this month.



Thanks, again to all our volunteers who came out to help us that Saturday morning. It's amazing what a group of people can do... for a couple of hours... on a Saturday morning. I'll keep in touch as we have been getting a few more calls for ramps, now that the weather has changed. Watch your e-mails and I'll see ya' at the next ramp projects!

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## Notes From Al...



### **AmTrykes®**

In April Cornbelt AMBUCS™ was able to provide two AmTrykes®. The first one was to a lovely eight year old girl in Pontiac. This is the second bike we have presented to a child in the Pontiac Elementary School. Candice has cerebral palsy with significant involvement on the right side. This bike was made available through the Pontiac Lodge No. 294 and they paid for the bike.

The bike Candice received has the ability for someone to steer the bike from the rear. The steering bar on the back actually is able to turn the front wheel and also has the handbrake on the back. As you can see from the picture below, Candice was having lots of fun riding her new bike around her school. All the teachers and students were so excited to see Candice riding her own bike.





The second bike we present was to a 19 year old boy who has never really had a bike he could comfortable ride. He was hesitant at first but after a little help from Karen Kline, his school therapist, he was riding the bike around their drive. This bike was purchased by the parents.

Cornbelt will be hosting a therapist training session at the Holiday Inn and Suites on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Joe Copeland will be training our local therapist on the benefits of our AmTrykes®. We will have the District 4A trailer and almost all the bikes for the therapist to see and become acquainted with the features along with all the accessories. They will also be able to have any potential ride to be evaluated on multiple bikes to make sure we have the best fit for the child. This is an excellent opportunity for us to learn about our AmTrykes®.

As usual, please continue to send me the name or names of anyone who could benefit from an AmTryke®.

Thanks

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