

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



President: Dick Lang
Vice President:
Secretary: Vicky Strauss
Treasurer: Al Bedell
Sergeant At Arms: Larry Turilli
Website: www.cornbeltAMBUCS.org

Bill McHie, At-Large Board Member
Pete Hettinger, At-Large Board Member
Jerry Wyrick, At-Large Board Member
Don Stogsdill, Past President



JUNE 2013

THE PREZ SEZ...



I am relatively new to Cornbelt AMBUCS™. Dennis Strauss introduced me to my first ramp build 2+ years ago and I decided to stay. What wasn't to like?? Breakfast at Shannon's, lunch at Monical's, and a great bunch of guys who tolerate my weak but growing construction skills.

Last summer, Dennis and Vicky Strauss invited my wife and I to go on a road trip with them to the National Conference in Oklahoma City. That was my first real exposure to AmTrykes™. It was a side of AMBUCS™ that I hadn't seen before and deepened my love affair with the

organization even more. I encourage you to attend a National and/or regional conference whenever you can. It really set the tone for AMBUCS™ mission. A life changer for me.

I look forward to getting to know more about the membership this year. I'd love it if you would introduce yourself to me. (dicklang1202@yahoo.com) To get that ball rolling, here are some facts about me. Here is a presidential challenge for you (my first one, by the way): if you send me an email introducing yourself to me, I'll treat you to a Steak-n-Shake milk shake. You even get to choose the flavor.

Born and raised in Sheboygan, Wisconsin
BBA from Whitewater State University; MBA from Illinois State University
Retired from State Farm insurance after 39+ years in the Systems Department Married to Kay for 39+ years, 4 children and 7 grandchildren with one more on the way

Interests: golf, reading, gardening, bike riding
Activities: AMBUCS™, teaching junior high Sunday school, traveling overseas with the International School Project (from Siberia to Central America), and spending as much time as I can with kids and grandkids.

Dick Lang

OUTGOING PREZ SEZ



Be Content at Home

For the third consecutive year, Cornbelt Ambucs™ has participated in the Be Content at Home expo on May 6. Our booth contained posters, banners, ramp models, pamphlets, and business cards to inform the public of the mission of Cornbelt Ambucs™. This year, 5 Cornbelt Ambucs™ manned our booth over a 5-hour period, introducing many to our mission. Cornbelt has already been invited to exhibit the fourth year of this expo. Following are pictures of our booth at the expo.



Cornbelt Ambucs Awards and Installation Banquet

Wow! What a great banquet on May 9 for Cornbelt Ambucs™. We had a near record crowd in attendance, with Larry and Elaine Windingland representing the National officers and Dennis and Vicky Strauss being our district governor.

Cornbelt Ambucs™ celebrated 30 years of service to McLean County residents. A slideshow of old photos and newspaper clippings, a cake, and stories of the “old days” kicked off the banquet in style.



CORNBELT Chapter . . . Chartered November 18, 1982 (Bloomington-Normal, Il.) Larry Roberts, Charter President (left) receives Charter from District 4-C Governor Greg Neaveill. This new chapter with 32 charter members was sponsored by Peoria Noon AMBUCS.



Dinner was a buffet at Ozark House and it was wonderful and plentiful as you can see from the photo.



Three new members were inducted into the Cornbelt Chapter of Ambucs™. Bill Hamann, Seth Bauersfeld, and Dave Kobus received their pins from their sponsors during the ceremony. The other new members from 2012-2013, Rick Milner and Don Barnard, joined in to celebrate the class of 2012-2013.



\$1,000 scholarships were presented to future therapists Amy Malinowski and Beth Prostko. The \$2,000 Huber scholarship went to Mary Lohberg.





As for club awards, Al Bedell was presented the Project Manager of the Year and Larry Turilli was presented the Ambuc of the Year. Pete Hettinger was presented with the Don Huber Spirit Award at the Board meeting the following week.



Regional Director Larry Windingland swore in Dick Lang as our president for 2013-2014. Larry then swore in Vicky Strauss, as secretary, and Al Bedell, as treasurer for 2013-2014.



The at-large Board Members for 2013-2014 are: Pete Hettinger, Bill McHie, Don Stogsdill, and Jerry Wyrick.

Cornbelt Big Hatters

The Cornbelt Ambucs™ Big Hats Club is growing. Several Big Hatters displayed their hats at the Banquet and talked about Ambucs™ Big Hats to inspire the new members and others to invite new members into the club. Cornbelt Big Hatters in the photo from left to right are Al Bedell, Bill McHie, Dennis Strauss, Jerry Wyrick, and Don Stogsdill. Dick Lang, the new president of Cornbelt, has qualified for his Big Hat and will receive it shortly. Other current Cornbelt Big Hats are Sonny Wilner and Connie Oltman.



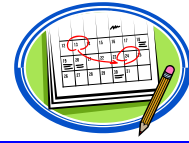
MDS/ALS Expo – May 18

Cornbelt participated in another expo on May 18. This is a new expo at a local medical center. May is ALS Awareness Month, and to honor the ALS Community the MDA-ALS Division will be hosting “Learning For Living,” an informational seminar and expo on ALS. Information topics that will be addressed include: durable medical equipment, van lifts, respiratory care, nutrition, communication devices, home modifications, home health specialists, and much more! Cornbelt Ambucs™ had a booth displaying how we can provide services for individuals.

One Year Ends, Another Begins

Cornbelt had another great year with 19 ramps, over a dozen AmTrykes®, many District and National Awards, new members, and many activities promoting Ambucs™ throughout the year. We can confidently look forward to another solid year for Cornbelt Ambucs™ with Dick Lang as our new president. This is because Cornbelt is consistent and persistent in continued service to McLean County and the National Ambucs™ mission.

Don



Mark your calendars!!!

Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, June 22, 2013
 Time: 7:00 a.m.
 Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, July 3, 2013
 Time: Noon
 Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



Bill BucHie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

The month of May has come and gone... without a ramp built... which is pretty amazing! We have ramp referrals and people asking about our program... but changes on designs and changing health circumstances delayed several ramps this past month. I have several referrals that are back on track for the coming months... and it looks like Mother Nature is finally done raining on our projects (.. I hope..)

Keep an eye on your computer for e-mails on upcoming ramp projects. Thanks to all who have helped with our ramp-building projects and we'll be back in business real soon!

Enjoy the weather and I'll see ya' at the ramps!

Bill McHie

Ph: (309) 662-1347 (work)

(309) 829-9844 (home)

(309) 824-9844 (cell)

e-mail: b.bmchie@frontier.com

Cornbelt Buc-etin Delivery

We now post all our monthly newsletters on our website at www.cornbeltAMBUCS.org. When the newsletter is posted I send a link to everyone's email address so they can click on the link to take them directly to the newsletter. So to get your link sent to you, please email Jerry your email address at JWyrick300@ctechinternet.com.



Notes From Al...



AmTrykes®

With school finishing up we did not see much AmTryke® activity last month. We did make adjustments to Grace's bike in LeRoy. Due to her limited mobility in her lower extremities we removed the pedals from her AM-9 and added a platform to the front of her bike. This transformed her hand and foot bike into a hand cycle. Grace is such a sweet girl we were happy we could make the adjustments on her bike.

In June, Joe Copeland, the Executive Director for National AMBUCS™ will be in Bloomington for a therapist training session on June 3rd. Joe and I will also be doing training sessions in Ottawa and the Joliet area in hopes we can find kids who need bikes and maybe build more AMBUC™ chapters.

As usual, please let me know if you know of anyone who could benefit from an AmTryke®.

Thanks

Al Bedell
2802 Hendrix Rd
Bloomington, IL 61704
(309) 826-0405