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THE PREZ SEZ...



Prez has a new hat

I wasn't sure I wanted to become a "Big Hat". I am not one who commonly wears hats. They just don't feel comfortable on me. But after meeting other Big Hatters at the national conference and

seeing their love and passion for the AMBUC™ mission, I have developed a pride in my hat because of what it stands for. It is not uncomfortable anymore. It is growing on me as I grow as an AMBUC™. I hope you also find the AMBUC™ fever contagious. Besides, I think you will look good in your "Big Hat".

New Member Orientation and Social

On Tuesday, October 1, from 6:30-8:00 pm, the Big Hatters of the Cornbelt Chapter of AMBUCS™ will be hosting an orientation and social for new members. This dessert social will be held at Al Bedell's house. It will give the new members an opportunity to hear what AMBUCS™ is all about and will give us all a chance to get to know each other better. I hope each new member added during 2012 and 2013 can attend. A personal invitation will be sent to each one.

Don Barnard - New Member and Spring Round-up Award

I would like to introduce you to Don Barnard, a new member within the last year. Don and his wife Glenda live just south of Bloomington. He saw us building a ramp in his neighborhood, came over to check out our work, and caught the AMBUC™ fever. Don is a veteran, having served in the Marines. He is active with Relay for Life and also with Special Olympics. Don and Glenda have been married 10 years and each have an adult a son and daughter. They also enjoy two grandchildren. Don enjoys yard work, landscaping, and projects on his house. Don and Glenda also enjoy traveling and head south to Florida and Mexico for the cold winter months. The following is a picture of Don receiving his Spring Round-up boot pin at a Big Hat breakfast at Shannon's. Don, only two more members to go to earn your Big Hat!



Dick Lang

Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, September 21, 2013

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, October 2, 2013

Time: Noon

Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



Bill BucHie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

Nice job on the ramp we built in McLean, Illinois in August! Mr. McCarty was very happy with the results of our efforts and is now able to get out of his home safely. The McCarty's wanted to be sure that all of us knew how appreciative they were for the ramp we built for them. I'm sure they will be out enjoying some of this nice summer weather again. We had quite a crew that Saturday morning... and finished the 36 ft. ramp before noon... including the ballisters on the railing! Thanks to all who helped in our ramp-building that day... you did a great job... and put some big smiles on lots of faces that day!





So... for September, keep your tool belts handy! We've got a couple of ramps to build and a few more smiles to give away. I'll keep you posted on the building dates and locations... so watch your e-mails.

Thanks, again, for all your help in making our ramp-building program a success. And if you have not had many opportunities to help this year, don't worry, we've still got several ramps to build. Hope to see you at the next one!

Bill McHie

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Notes From Al...



AmTrykes®

In August Cornbelt received four request for bikes for four kids at Easter Seals. The bikes have been revived and assembled but you will need to wait until next month's newsletter to see the happy smiles.

Please continue to let me know if you become aware of any person who could benefit from one of our bikes.

Thanks.

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