

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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



Happy New Year! I hope you had an enjoyable holiday season. Rumor has it that the temperature will be warming up soon and we'll be able to enjoy the out of doors again. Go ahead and spread that rumor . . . maybe it will come true.

## Resolution Time

With the new year unfolding, it seems appropriate to offer at least one resolution. As I looked through the hints for presidents sections of AMBUCS™ materials, there appears to be a recurring theme . . . AMBUCS™ should have fun! That seems to be a reasonable goal and I can't think of a better bunch of people to have fun with. Having seen many of you in action, I have noticed that you have the most fun when you are helping others. So, to increase your fun potential, I resolve to make it easier for you to have fun as an AMBUC™.

Fun for many of us has centered round ramp building. Several ideas are being tossed around to give our membership more hands-on time in build preparation and actual ramp building as well as mentoring opportunities with the students who help. Stay tuned for more details.

This year the annual AMBUCS™ conference will be held in St. Louis. Since St. Louis is in our region, our chapter will have the opportunity to be more involved in conference preparations. This past September, a dozen Cornbelt AMBUCS™ got together at Al's house to assemble four AmTrykes®. I think that all will agree that that was a fun time of working together. About 100 AmTrykes® are usually given away at annual conferences. We will have ample opportunity to help assemble some of those trykes. So, it looks like this could be a fun year for AmTryke® building.

If the recent "Regifting Party" was any indication, AMBUCS™ enjoy partying. Be sure to scroll down to see the pictures from this event. Do you have any good ideas for additional party themes? We'd love to hear them.

## Visibility Month

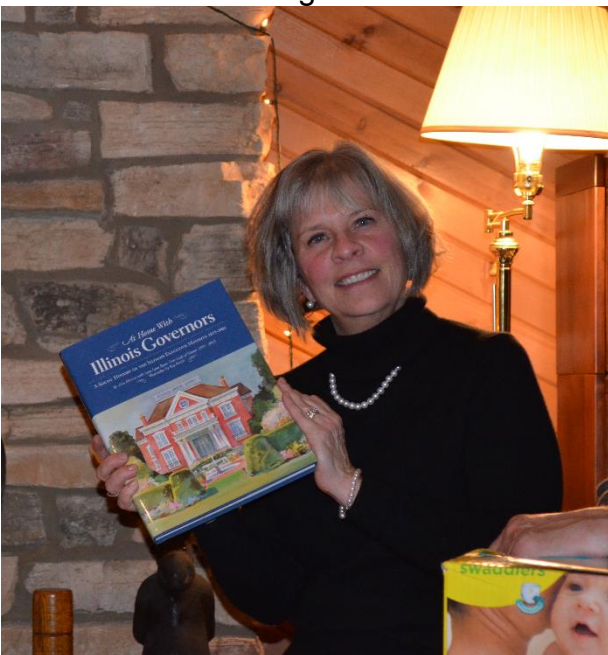
Did you know that February is AMBUC™ visibility month? Don Stogsdill has formed a committee that is pursuing community recognition via mayoral proclamations, a display at the mall, billboard recognition, and positioning our AMBUCS™ work trailer and other signs at Pete Hettinger's Custom Auto Care at the corner of Clinton and Washington. I hope you will also take the opportunity to tell those you meet how AMBUCS™ helps people with disabilities gain mobility and independence.

## AMBUC 2014 Regifting Party

A good time was had by all at this year's "Regifting Party". Thanks to all who added to the festivities by bringing the salads and dressing, bread, lasagna, cheesecake, and adult beverages. Al and Dee were our gracious hosts and certainly set an attractive table. Where do we get all of those good lookin' AMBUCS™ anyway??



And what would a “Regifting Party” be without gifts to open. Here Cathy Wentworth proudly displays her catch, a book about Illinois governor’s homes. If you listen carefully, I think you can still hear her humming “Jail House Rock”.



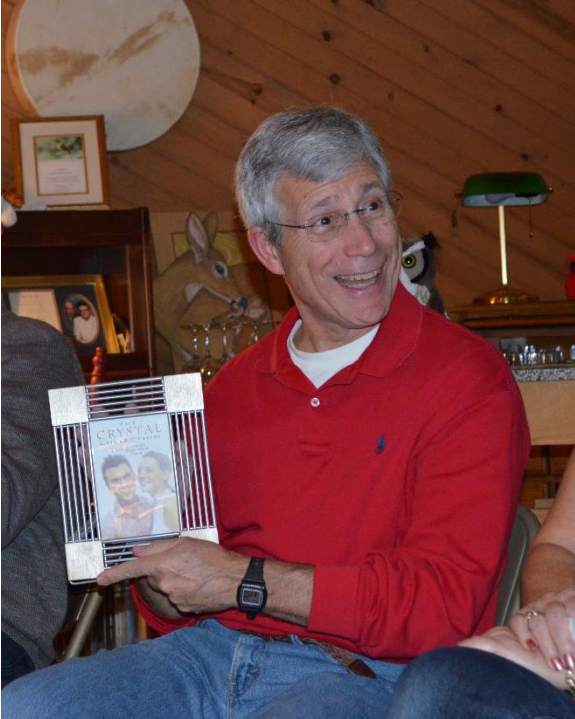
Here you see Cathy and Dennis carefully inspecting the label on a bottle of wine he received. Even in regifting, Dennis wants to be sure the nutritional values meet his standards.



I think Jerry liked his gift. Here he is seen explaining how a Topsy Turvy planter works. First you have to make sure the planter stays upside down even while it is still in the box.



Dick hoped that he too would be able to get a “Wise Old AMBUC” picture for the picture frame he received . . . maybe even an autographed picture!



Dave Kobus didn't receive a picture nor a frame, but he hoped that Nancy wouldn't mind if he “regifted” these scented candles to her. In this picture he is wondering . . . birthday or anniversary?



Vicki Stogsdill was thrilled when she opened a present and found a picture of an AMBUC™ celebrity; our very own “Wise Old AMBUC” - Al Bedell.



Here we see the “Wise Old AMBUC” trying to explain the picture that somehow escaped from his private collection.



After someone stole her “Wise Old AMBUC” picture, Vicki opened this Hershey Kiss Snowman. While Don gave her a “two thumbs up” on the gift, Dan Bedell and Suja Karuppaswami were all smiles hoping that Vicki would throw some kisses their way.



Alas, another regifting disappointment for Vicki when Kay Lang swooped in and stole her kisses. I am sure Kay intended to share those kisses with her loved one(s)!



Dick Lang

### Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, February 15, 2014  
Time: 7:00 a.m.  
Place: Shannon's Restaurant

### Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, March 5, 2014  
Time: Noon  
Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



## Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

Yep, you guessed it no ramps in January. I was hoping for a little break in the weather to build a small ramp somewhere in town but I think the only break we're gonna get will come sometime in March! Yep, our trailer looks a little lonely with no place to go and the snow just keeps coming!







We've still got a couple of ramp requests "on the books" and I did receive a couple of phone calls for ramps "when the weather breaks" so I know we've got projects waiting for us this spring. For now, I think we hang up our tool belts, keep our gloves out, and if you really want to help someone, why not drive by one of the ramps you helped to build this past year and shovel the snow off a ramp or two! It always make me smile when we're finished with building a ramp and we get to see the recipient come down that ramp for the first time but I always wonder about our folks when this weather keeps piling snow on top of our beautiful ramps!

I hope you enjoy the weather! As always, we'll keep you posted on future projects so keep those tools belts handy this snow won't last forever.

If you have questions about ramp projects, want to donate any tools or supplies to our cause, or you just want to tell me how much snow you got in your yard, feel free to give me a call.

See ya' at the ramps!

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