

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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**APRIL 2014**

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



Time to dust off our volunteer clothes after a long-long winter. I am sure Bill will have some ramps for us to build and Al is anxious to get some AmTrykes® in the hands of some kids. There are several opportunities for you to lend a hand (or and AMBUC™ shoulder) coming up in the next month. The question is, where would you like to help? I hope you will consider the following:

### AmTryke® Building Party April 8

An AmTryke® Building Party is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8 at the Midwest Food Bank beginning at 7:00 p.m. Al has four trykes for us to assemble. This will be great practice for building AmTrykes® for the National Conference scheduled for the end of October in St. Louis.

### Pancake Breakfast April 26th

I hope you have been out there spreading the word about our annual pancake breakfast. Shannon's 5-Star Restaurant has once again volunteered to prepare breakfasts for our guests. All we have to do is invite them. Larry Turilli sent each member some tickets to sell. It takes about a dozen AMBUC™ volunteers to serve at this event. Your involvement is essential to making this event a success. Be on the lookout for a volunteer signup email. Thanks for doing your part to help.



Cornbelt AMBUCS™ has one fund raiser each year – the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. The next one is Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 8:00 am – 11:00 am. It is held at the Second Presbyterian Church, 313 N. East St, Bloomington, IL. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. There will pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, coffee, milk and juice.

### Senior Expo May 5th

AMBUCS™ once again has been invited to have a booth at the Be Content at Home Senior Expo at the Parke Hotel on Monday, May 5. The hours of the expo are 9 AM to 2 PM. This is a great opportunity for AMBUCS™ to spread the word on the services we provide. AMBUC™ members are encouraged to volunteer for an hour or two by helping to set up, tear down, or man our booth. An email where you can sign up for a time slot is being sent to each member. This is an enjoyable and rewarding event. I hope you can join us.

### Annual Banquet May 8

I hope you have all marked your calendars for our annual Banquet on May 8, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. We have reserved the party room at the Ozark Steak House for this event. Only \$21 will reserve you a spot at this fun event. Hope you can join us for this enjoyable evening. An email with your invitation has been sent to you. Please RSVP by April 29th.

Dick Lang

**Next Saturday Event**

When: Saturday, April 19, 2014  
 Time: 7:00 a.m.  
 Place: Shannon's Restaurant

**Next Noon Meeting**

When: Wednesday, May 7, 2014  
 Time: Noon  
 Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

**Pancake & Sausage Breakfast**

When: Saturday, April 26, 2014  
 Time: 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
 Place: Second Presbyterian Church, 313 N. East St, Bloomington, IL

**Bill Buchie's Babbles...**

Hey, all you ramp-builders -

The piles of snow have finally faded, the sun has made an appearance, and we will get back to building ramps in April. I have received a few new referrals for ramps and we have a couple of ramps that we need to build from last year's list, as well. I will be sending out an e-mail to let you know of the details, but we'll get started as soon as possible.

I have updated our e-mail list. Feel free to let me know if you want to add someone to our list or if you know of someone that can be removed from the list, as well. I want to make sure we include everyone who wants to help.

We have several opportunities to build ramps this spring. For our "veteran" ramp-builders, please be sure to include any new volunteers when we are building, so we can pass along our expertise and make sure everyone feels welcome and a part of the ramp-building effort. To those "newer" ramp-builders, please be sure to get involved and ask what you can do to help, as we want everyone to feel included in the ramp-building process. Remember, in the picture at the conclusion of the "ramp-building party", we're all standing "shoulders together", "veteran" ramp builders, "newer" ramp-builders, ramp recipients, all to make a difference in our community.

I'm looking forward to a great ramp-building season! Watch your e-mails and I'll see ya' at the ramps!

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### **Notes From Al...**

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### **AmTrykes®**

Even though Cornbelt AMBUCS™ did not give an AmTryke® away last month we were quite active. We received 4 request for bikes and the request was approved by the board. The bikes have been received and will be assembled soon. One of the four bikes is a bike returned to us when the rider outgrew the bike. It will only take a few updates to get it ready for the next rider.

We also received a four wheel bike from a very gracious donor. You can see the bike below. This is the same person that donated a bike to us last year. It may take a while but we will find the right person who needs a bike and can ride this bike comfortably. Let me know if you know of a potential candidate.



I also had the opportunity to work with our National Executive Director, Joe Copeland, in St. Louis last month. We were meeting with therapist in the St. Louis area to inform them about our bikes and to request their assistance in finding kids and disabled veterans for our bike programs at the National Conference in St. Louis the last week of October. It was a lot of fun and we might even have a few people interested in starting a chapter in the St. Louis area.

Also, we stayed at the St. Louis Union Station Hilton and let me assure you it will be a great site for the October National Conference. Hope to see many Cornbelt members at the conference.

As usual, please continue to let us know if you become aware of a child or adult who could benefit from having a bike they can ride.

Thanks again for all your help.

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Check out what our neighboring AMBUCS™ club is doing. Here is the link to the Pekin club's newsletter: <http://www.pekinambucs.org/newsletter.html>