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THE PREZ SEZ...



Every time I say the Pledge of Allegiance with my fellow AMBUCS™ at our Wednesday luncheons, I am reminded of the great country we share as home and the freedoms we enjoy. I am proud of your dedication to provide mobility and independence to our disabled neighbors giving them the freedom to enjoy their lives more. The thankful faces of the recipients of ramps and AmTrykes® is a reward worth relishing. Well done, AMBUCS™, you are doing a great job. Be sure to check out Al and Bill's articles on our most recent activities.

Relay for Life

Once again this year AMBUCS™ had the opportunity to put our shoulders together and help the American Cancer Society with their annual Relay for Life. Besides being an involved AMBUC™ member, Don Barnard also volunteers for the Relay for Life event and organized our Cornbelt AMBUC™ volunteerism. Thanks go to Don Stogsdill, Dick Lang, and Don Barnard for pitching in to help the Relay for Life participants. Don and Don helped lay out campsite locations on Tuesday and Dick also joined them on Saturday to help campers return their camping equipment to their vehicles after the event was over. Here is a picture of the guys on Saturday.



They used golf carts to transport the participants and their equipment. An avid golfer, Dick thought calling out “fore” would get walkers to clear a path for the carts. It didn’t take him long to realize that “please” was more effective.

Save the Date – Tuesday, September, 16

We are working with the Pekin AMBUCS™ to have a joint outing at the Mackinaw Valley Vineyards on Tuesday, September 16 beginning at 5:30. It sounds like fun. I hope you can join us for this enjoyable evening. Details are being worked out so stay tuned.

Dick Lang

Next Saturday Event

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

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, August 6, 2014
Time: Noon
Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

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



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

Thanks to all of our volunteers, we built two ramps in the month of June.

The first ramp was a "memorial highway" in Normal with over 52 feet of ramp with three platforms and ballisters and the Logsdon family is now able to get in and out of their home safely for the first time in months. We started the ramp building a day earlier and got some of our platforms built and prepared for the Saturday crew and we ended up with a very nice looking ramp! Thanks to all our volunteers that helped with our project and a special "thanks" to the Stanley Black & Decker Company for donating 8 new 20 volt DeWalt cordless drills to use!.. (as we didn't have to stop and replace old batteries every hour..). Nice to get recognized for our ramp-building program and for using DeWalt products for all these years! It was especially nice to see those smiling faces from the Logsdon family, too!





Our second ramp was built in Normal, as well. Mr. Dennis Bourgerie has been caring for his wife for many years and she is currently in a nursing home, recuperating, and planning to be home in the next week. A condition of her return was to have a ramp in place, so we built a ramp in one evening complete with ballisters and a little rain in the mix, as well. The 22 foot ramp looks great and will certainly be a big help in welcoming Mrs. Bourgerie home very soon. Again, our new cordless drills were a welcome addition so we're ready for more ramps this season.





As always, if you know of anyone who needs a ramp or you want more information about how our ramp program works, please feel free to contact me. We welcome any new volunteers who want to come and help us and hope you will see how our ramp-building projects affect the lives of people with disabilities in our community. I'll keep you posted on the next ramp project set for the third Saturday in July, so watch your e-mails.

Enjoy the Independence Day holiday and take a moment to appreciate the freedom, liberties, and the opportunities we enjoy along with the privilege we have to help others in our community.

See ya' at the ramps!

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Notes From Al...



AmTrykes®

During June we assembled several bikes. I helped assembled bikes for the District 4A trailer. These were four bikes purchased by District 4A to bring the bikes in the trailer up to date with our current models. Now when we borrow the trailer for bike shows it will have the right bikes and be ready to go. I will be assisting Joe Copeland in St. Louis fitting children and disabled veterans on the bikes that they will receive at the Bike Rodeos at the National Conference in St. Louis the last week of October. Hope to see many of you there.

We also assembled a 1412 Pro Series for Faith. The bike was presented to her at the July 2nd noon meeting at Monicals. Even though there was not a lot of room for her to ride the bike she was sure quick to get on the bike. Faith has significant autism and no verbal communication skills. As you can see from the pictures below she really liked her new bike. Faith previously was riding a smaller AmTryke® which was returned to Easter Seals. That bike is now being used by another child that had outgrown his AM-9. It is always good to see the bikes being used by several kids which speaks to the high quality of our bikes.



I have another bike to be delivered in July to a young boy near Chicago. The bike is being funded by a local dentist for his nephew with Autism. Hopefully we will have a picture next month.

As usual, please continue to contact me with the information for anyone who could benefit from one of our wonderful bikes.

Thanks.

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