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THE PREZ SEZ...



Save the Date – Tuesday, September, 16

Plans are moving forward to have a joint outing with the Pekin AMBUCS™ 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.

2014 AMBUCS™ National Conference - Saint Louis, MO - October 29 - November 1, 2014
 Before you know it and it will be time for our national conference. It is in St. Louis this year. Sure would be great to see a bunch of Cornbelters in attendance. Check it out, mark your calendars, and join in the fun! See www.AMBUCS.org for registration details.



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At National Conference, we choose to celebrate who we are by bringing our mission to the city we visit. This year, we will bring the following events to the St. Louis area as a means of *creating mobility and independence to people with disabilities*:

- **Veteran's Ride**, where 40 veterans and wounded soldiers will receive their free AmTrykes®. Event will take place Wednesday night, October 29, in the Midway at Union Station.
- **Trek for Trykes**, a fun 5K walk through downtown St. Louis. Participants raise pledge money to provide free trykes across the nation.

- **AmTryke® Rodeo**, where 50 St. Louis-area children receive and ride for the first time their free, brand new AmTrykes®. Event will take place Saturday morning, November 1, in the Midway at Union Station.

Dick Lang

Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, August 16, 2014
 Time: 7:00 a.m.
 Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, September 3, 2014
 Time: Noon
 Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

Thanks a million for all your help this month! We built two ramps big ramps!.. and we needed quite a bit of extra help to get them completed.

The first ramp was built for Ms. Donna Thacker in Bloomington. We removed a very short 12 ft. ramp from her back deck and built over 45 feet of ramp, including three platforms! Needless to say, her "12 ft ramp" was not "to code" and was very dangerous for her to use. We had plenty of help that Saturday morning and even recruited past national AMBUCS™ president, Connie Oltman, to help! She's done this a few times and was showing our "future" national president, Al Bedell, just how to get those deck boards installed correctly! There were plenty of laughs and smiles but the biggest smile came from Donna Thacker as she walked up her new ramp for the first time! Nice job, AMBUCS™!





The second ramp in July was built for Merlin and Darlene Peck in Bloomington. Mr. Peck is a veteran and has been in a rehabilitation facility and is planning to come home soon. Mrs. Peck also has a disability and will certainly appreciate the new ramp at their home. We built over 40 feet of ramp at their home and had to remove some awnings from the home so they could use their new ramp. Mrs. Peck was very grateful and thanked us many times and I'm sure she's looking forward to Merle coming home, soon. (We got our name "in print" on her front door that morning. She wanted to make sure we knew how much she appreciated our help) Another job well done, AMBUCS™!





Yep, I've still got more ramps to build, and I'll keep you posted on ramp-building opportunities in the near future. Enjoy this beautiful summer weather and I'll see ya' at the next one!.

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Notes From Al...



AmTrykes®

In August Cornbelt Ambucs™ helped a family in Aurora, IL obtain an AmTryke® for their son. This story began in March with a conversation with Alex's grandparents while Dee and I were visiting friends at The Villages in Florida. They mentioned one of their grandchildren had Autism and I asked if he has a bike to ride. They indicated his parents had tried training wheels and a few other options but no luck.

I sent them a picture of a few of our bikes and they forwarded these to their daughter. She visited with Alex's therapist and they wanted to give an AmTryke® a try. Alex's uncle, who paid the full cost of the bike, and I delivered the AmTryke® to Alex.

Unfortunately, Alex came out of the house, took one look at the AmTryke® and then returned to the house. He demonstrated no interest in the bike. The parents felt bad and were willing to donate the bike to someone else. However, I encouraged them to keep the bike for a few weeks and see what happened.

Two days later I received an email informing me Alex is riding the bike twice a day and loves his bike rides. The parents, uncle and grandparents are so excited that Alex now has a bike he can ride and get some very much needed exercise. I got a note from the grandparents and they are looking forward to getting to see Alex ride his bike this summer.

We have one bike ready to present to a 30 year old man who has never been able to ride a bike before and a couple request for bikes for board approval at this time.

Thanks.

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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>