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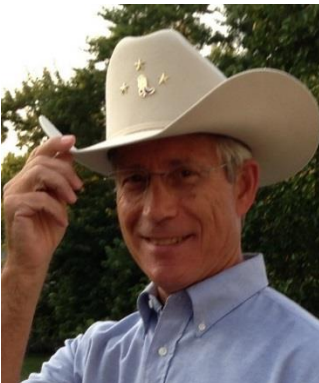
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THE PREZ SEZ...



Inter-Chapter Outing with Pekin AMBUCS™

The Pekin and Cornbelt AMBUCS™ Chapters got together at the Mackinaw Valley Vineyard for an evening of fun and fellowship on September 16. It was a very enjoyable evening for the 21 Pekin and 14 Cornbelt members who attended. Members from each chapter brought appetizers and munchies to share. The Vineyard provided a guided tour of their operation and explained the wine making process. They followed that with a wine tasting demonstration. Delicious!

My thanks to Bill Hamann who helped plan the event and Deanna Frautschi for documenting the evening with these pictures.



Dick Lang

Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, October 18, 2014
 Time: 7:00 a.m.
 Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

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

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

Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We had another busy month of ramp-building! We built three ramps in August and we've got three happy families enjoying this beautiful fall weather along with the rest of us.

Our first ramp was built in rural Danvers for the Nybakke family. Their father is a Navy veteran and has recently moved to their home and needed a ramp in order to get in and out of their home safely. The AMBUCS™ drove out to Danvers, built their ramp, and the whole family was very pleased with the results. We had great weather, plenty of lumber, and just enough help to finish the ramp in record time, again. Nice job, everyone!



Our second ramp was built in rural McLean, Illinois. Mrs. Rutherford called us and asked if we could build a ramp for her father, who is living with them, and has not been able to get in and out of their home for quite some time. We drove out to their home on a Thursday night and got started and came back on a Friday morning and built a 55 ft. ramp up to their back porch. Mrs. Rutherford was amazed at what we could do in such a short amount of time and you should have seen the smile on her father's face as he came down the ramp that day! Well done, AMBUCS™! Another satisfied customer!





The third ramp was built in Bloomington for the Vides family. Omar Vides, Jr. is a young man with a disability who uses a wheelchair everywhere he goes. He has a very supportive family, but they could not easily get him in and out of their home with the 8 inch drop on to the front porch and the two additional steps down to the sidewalk. Our own Brian Burcham and the State Farm crew to the rescue! Brian's group showed up on a Wednesday, had a fantastic lunch together, and proceeded to build one of the best looking ramps we've done in a long time. At the end of the day, Omar, Jr. came down the ramp with his father behind him and everyone was smiling! A special "thank you" goes to our State Farm friends, who have been building ramps with our local AMBUCS™ club for many years. Extra points to Brain Burcham for his assistance throughout the year and for his leadership that day!





So, here's three great examples of what we do in our community to help individuals to have safe and easy access to their own homes. We've still got plenty of ramps to build and I'll be sending out more information on the next projects, dates, and times so watch your e-mails. If you would like more information about our ramp-building program and want to participate or even join our AMBUCS™ club, feel free to contact me.

Enjoy this beautiful weather and I'll see ya' at the ramps!

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Notes From Al...



AmTrykes®

September was another active AmTryke® month for Cornbelt Ambucs™.

We provided three people with AmTrykes® and they all were so excited. Almost as excited as I get in watching them having a bike of their own for the first time in their life. And one they can ride almost independently.

We gave Josie her bike at Easter Seals. Her parents and one set of grandparents were there to watch her ride her bike. We also had a few Ambucs™ there for this presentation. Josie had been riding one of the AmTrykes® at Easter Seals. She is from Farmer City plus this is the first bike we have worked with her therapist, Michelle, at Easter Seals. I think we will see a few more request from Michelle as she get more experience at Easter Seals.

I hope the pictures below capture Josie's joy that evening. I think Michelle was very pleased and surprised how quick the bike arrived after she submitted the evaluation papers to Cornbelt.



About a week later we provide Brandon his first bike, a 1420 Pro-Series with the rear steering kit. Brandon is 30 years old with Cerebral Palsy and lives with his parents. They have tried unsuccessfully a conventional bike with training wheels in the past. Brandon was could not wait for us to get the parking break off so he could take off and it was uphill for the first 60 yards. I have a feeling Brandon's parent will be getting a little more exercise with Brandon having a bike he can and wants to ride. Sorry but I do not have a picture to share.

The third bike was presented to Makkyle at Advocate Medical Hospital in Eureka. Makkyle lives in Minonk and was referred to us by the Pekin Chapter of Ambucs™. Makkyle is also seen at the Bloomington Easter Seals.

Makkyle and his mother were very pleased with how well he did not the bike. I hope you can see the smile on his face in the picture below as mom helped him around the halls. This also was the first time Cornbelt worked with Anna, the therapist, at Advocate Eureka Hospital. She was aware of our bikes and hopes to attend our therapist training the next time it is offered.





As usually, please continue to forward the contact information to me for anyone who could benefit from one of our AmTrykes®.

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>