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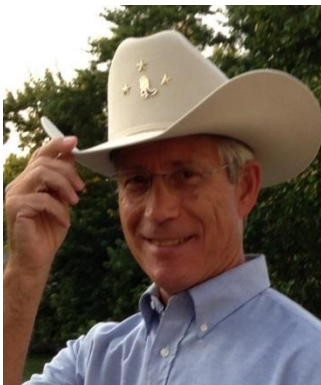
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THE PREZ SEZ...



Holiday greetings and best wishes to you and your family for a wonderful new year!

2014 was quite a year for Cornbelt AMBUCS™. Our chapter was declared a Superior Chapter with distinction, selected as the number one chapter in the nation for Community Service, we

gave away nearly 2 dozen AmTrykes®, built about 2 dozen wheelchair ramps, and our very own Al Bedell was selected as President-elect for National AMBUCS™. That set the bar pretty high for 2015, but I am confident that our members will put their shoulders together and have an even more productive and generous year ... because that is who we are and what we do.

Annual Regifting Party

It is once again time for our annual regifting party. Hope you can join us for the fun.

When: Thursday - January 8, 2015
 Time: 6 pm
 Where: Larry and Laurie Turilli's house
 6 Hearthstone Ct.
 Bloomington

In the event that you need directions or get lost, Larry's phone number is 309-662-4121

What to bring: A wrapped or bagged item to be regifted. You should not buy this gift. It should be something that is not your "style" or that you would never use or that you always wanted to give away. It may be a gift that you just received or one that you have had for a while.

Spouses are welcome as well.

Food and beverages will be provided.

Please RSVP to Vicky Strauss -Cornbelt Ambucs Secretary at vmstrauss5@gmail.com or 309-662-7902. NOTE: The regifting party was cancelled and may be rescheduled. Watch your email And website for future details.

Dick Lang

Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, January 17, 2014
 Time: 7:00 a.m.
 Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, February 4, 2015
 Time: Noon
 Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We got a couple of ramps built in December just before the snow arrived. Thanks goodness for all of our volunteers who braved the cold weather only to have their hearts warmed at both of our projects.

The first ramp was built for Ms. Stewart in El Paso. She recently moved to a home where she has fewer steps to negotiate, but still needed a ramp at her home. We finished the ramp on a cold Saturday morning and Ms. Stewart was pretty happy with the results. We got a Christmas Card from her thanking all the volunteers for her new ramp. Another fine looking ramp! Thanks everyone!





Our second ramp was built for a family in Gridley, Illinois. We worked a couple of days to get this project finished and had plenty of help, students, volunteers, and we even put a bow on the ramp for our picture. What a nice gift for Christmas!!!





We've been pretty busy with our ramp-building projects this year, but the cold weather will certainly "slow us down" a bit, so put your feet up, enjoy the season, and I'll keep you posted on any future ramp projects.

See ya' at the next one!

Bill McHie

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The therapeutic tricycle for children with disabilities

Notes From Al...



AmTrykes®

December was a relatively active month for Cornbelt Ambucs™. Cornbelt began the month with a bike presentation to Max at Sara Raymond School. Max received his own AM-12 bike and rode it all around the gym at the school that morning. Max is autistic and does not show much emotion but I hope you can see his wonderful smile in the following pictures. Max was also recently featured in the sports section of The Pantagraph as Max and ISU basketball player,

Bobby Hunter, have formed a unique bond. Max's parent made a donation to Ambucs™ to help with the cost of his bike.







Cornbelt Ambucs™ also helped out the Danville Ambucs™ with a Bike for Ben in Peoria. Danville Ambucs™ had agreed to take Ben off the wish list and purchased his bike. However, during the process Ben and his family moved to Peoria. Jessica Wall, the national Ambucs™ wish list coordinator, asked if Cornbelt could assemble and deliver the bike to Ben, since he now lives much closer to us in Peoria. We were very pleased to work with Danville in getting this special person his own bike.

You see Ben had a convention tricycle stolen from his front porch and now needed a bike to ride. Ben is a very patient young man and was very happy to unwrap his bike from in front of the Christmas tree. Also, Ben's mom had contacted WMBD and Fox news and they did a very nice segment on Ben getting his new bike.

Here are a couple pictures of Ben on his new bike with his mother in the background. Ben is not able to communicate verbally but let me assure you he let me know he loved his new bike.





Cornbelt Ambucs™ also took two kids off the Wish List with the donation made by Alan Bedell as part of his campaign for National President Elect. Cornbelt provided a bike you a very young child in Maryland and another child in Pennsylvania.

Thus in December, Cornbelt helped 4 people get their own bike. You should be proud of all the bikes we have provided in the last year.

However, please continue to send me the contact information for any child or adult who could benefit from an AmTryke®. Remember all kids deserve their own bike to ride.

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>