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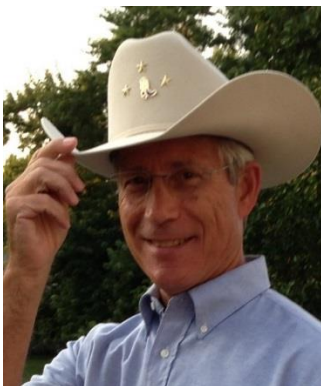
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MAY 2015

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Annual Spring Banquet

I hope you will be able to join us on [Thursday, May 14](#) for our annual Spring Awards Banquet at the Ozark House.

A Visit from our National Big Hat President

We were fortunate to have our national Big Hat President, John Davis, visit us for recent board meeting. In this picture we see John presenting a badge commemorating the occasion. Have you considered becoming a Big Hat? Bring in three new members in a year and join the team.



Shopping makes Cents

It works !!! In our March and April newsletter, we brought fundraising opportunities to your attention. One of those opportunities was the Kroger Community Rewards® Program. We recently received the following email from Kroger.



Dear CORNBELT CHAPTER OF AMBUCS™

Your supporters (2 households) who shopped at Kroger between 01/01/2015 and 03/31/2015 (Cycle 2015, Qtr 1) have contributed to your \$84.61 total donation. Your organization will be receiving a Kroger check in this amount within 30 days from 03/31/2015.

How about that?! In mid-February, two members took advantage of this opportunity and those are the results. Simply by registering their Kroger Plus Card, designating Cornbelt AMBUCS™ as their charity and shopping at Kroger, Kroger is sending us \$84.61. Just imagine what could have happened if each Kroger-shopping AMBUCS™ registered . . . we'd have enough for an AmTryke® or two each quarter! If you haven't already done so, please signup for the Kroger Community Awards Program. Once again, here are the sign-up instructions:

Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com

Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization (Cornbelt AMBUCS™) after you sign up.

If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, you can get one at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

Click on Sign In/Register

If you are a new online customer, you must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.

Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions

You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.

Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.

Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number. Update or confirm your information.

Enter NPO number (73396) or name of organization(Cornbelt Chapter), select organization from list and click on confirm.

To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.

REMEMBER, purchases will not count for us until after you register your Kroger Plus card.

Do you use your phone number at the register? Call [800-576-4377](tel:800-576-4377), select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.

Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Smile.Amazon.Com Fund Raiser

Amazon also has a program where they will donate 1/2% of your purchase price to AMBUCS™. It is really a simple process - check it out.

When you shop on Amazon, log in with the link smile.amazon.com . It is a super simple way to help out AMBUCS™ without spending an extra cent! Whenever you visit Amazon via the smile.amazon.com link, they'll give us 1/2% of the purchase amount. The first time you log into smile.amazon.com they will ask you to select your charity. Selecting Cornbelt Chapter of AMBUCS™ will direct money to our chapter. Selecting National AMBUCS™ will go toward purchasing AmTrykes® for riders waiting on our National Wish List. I hope you will take advantage of Amazon's offer to help support AMBUCS™.

Dick Lang

Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, May 16, 2015
Time: 7:00 a.m.
Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, June 3, 2015
Time: Noon
Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

Spring Awards Banquet

When: Thursday, May 14
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: Ozark House



Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We built a great looking ramp in Normal in April for the Scott family in Normal complete with balusters, of course! We had beautiful weather and plenty of help and got the ramp done in record time that Saturday. As you can see, we had plenty of smiles to go around at the end of the morning and Mr. Scott can get in and out of his home much easier these days. Thanks to all our volunteers who helped with our project, your efforts certainly made a difference for their family!



For our second ramp project, we built a rather large ramp for Mr. Reining in Bloomington on a recent Saturday, including balusters, and he is now able to get in and out of his home with ease, thanks to your efforts. Mr. Reining is a Navy Veteran and has been using a walker and he is now able to get out on his new front porch and enjoy some of this beautiful spring weather, too! We had a small crew that Saturday but we finished the ramp and as you can see, there were plenty of smiles, especially Mr. Reining's at the end of his "maiden voyage" down his new ramp.





I hope you are able to enjoy some of this beautiful spring weather, too. I'll keep you posted on new ramp projects in the future.

See ya' at the next one!

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Notes From Al...



AmTrykes®

Last month we had the privilege to give one AmTryke® away. The Cornbelt members gave the red bike away at our annual pancake breakfast. He really liked the bike as you can see in the picture below.





Cornbelt currently has 5 bikes on back order and one to assemble. The bikes should arrive at the resource center in North Carolina soon. One is the new 1420 with a longer frame and able to handle a much heavier rider.

As usual, please let me know of any potential AmTryke® riders.

Thanks for all your help.

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Pancake Breakfast a Success!!!

Even with the rainy weather, we had a pretty good turnout for this year's pancake breakfast.

Like we did last year, there were display cards on every table and a full table display to share our message. We even gave away an AmTryke® early in the morning. The joy experienced by the rider just had to make you smile!



While having a great (busy) time serving just over 200 people, with many having seconds and a few thirds, and giving away an AmTryke®, we raised nearly \$2,500 through ticket sales and donations. Just think of all the good things we'll be able to do with that!

Thanks to everyone who sold tickets, told a friend, setup, served or cleaned up. This was another great example of AMBUCS™ with their Shoulders Together, having fun while working to make a difference for individuals in our community.



Thanks,

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Cornbelt AMBUCS™ – TREK 4 TRYKES

Cornbelt AMBUCS™ is hosting our first ever TREK 4 TRYKES. This is a one mile fun walk to raise money to purchase Amtrykes® for children and adults with disabilities in our local area. Our Trek will be held on June 6, 2015 at White Oak Park. Walk begins at 9 am with Packet Pickup at 8:30 am.



We need your help to recruit walkers and sponsors to make our Trek a success. This would be a great way to introduce others to AMBUCS™ and to some of the great things that our club does.

It is easy to register for the walk or to donate to the Trek. You can find all of the information that you will need at www.trek4trykes.org.

We have invited our past Amtryke® recipients to join us on that day. It should be a fun day. Please consider Trekking with us so more can ride.

If you have any questions about the Trek or if you need any help with registration, contact Vicky at cornbelttrek4trykes@gmail.com.

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>