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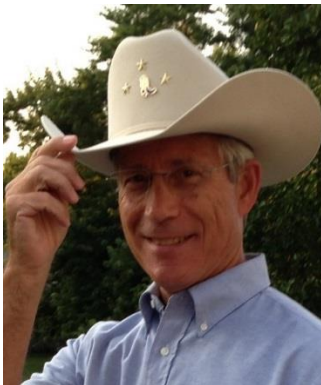
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**JUNE 2015**

**THE PREZ SEZ...**



Has it already been two years since I was sworn in as the Cornbelt chapter president? Those years went quickly but much has been accomplished. I have been blessed by being surrounded by competent and motivated chapter members.

Al Bedell has been instrumental in spreading the AMBUCS™ mission by encouraging several new cities to form AMBUCS™ chapters. That enthusiasm for AMBUCS™ will help make him an outstanding national president.

Bill McHie continued to lead our ramp building efforts with nearly two dozen ramps built or reclaimed in the last year. And who can forget his request to Black & Decker/Dewalt for assistance in upgrading our drills. I think he was just as surprised as the rest of us when eight new drills and batteries showed up on his doorstep, donated to our chapter. I also want to give my special thanks to Bill for taking a road trip to Wisconsin to build a ramp for my brother and sister-in-law who struggles with MS.

The amount given for therapy scholarships this year has increased with the direction of Pete Hettinger and Larry Turilli. It was very evident at our annual awards banquet how appreciative the scholarship recipients were.

It was always encouraging for me to be surrounded by fellow AMBUCS™ as we built ramps and assembled AmTrykes® together. Those "shoulders together" moments made these past two years fly by. Thank you for letting me serve you as president.

### **Annual Awards Banquet**

We held our annual awards banquet on Thursday, May 14. It goes without saying that a good time was had by all. We were fortunate to have two of our scholarship recipients in attendance. Hannah Booker, recipient of the Huber scholarship, was not able to attend. She will be attending Bradley.

**Scholarship Recipients**

Rebecca Tanney is going to St. Ambrose



Terra Horn is studying at Illinois State University



### **Larry Life Member**

Larry Turilli became an AMBUCS™ Life Member at the AMBUCS™ National Conference in St. Louis last fall and was presented with his Life Member plaque at our annual Cornbelt Chapter Awards Banquet.



### **New President**

Larry Turilli has been sworn in as the 2015-2016 Cornbelt Chapter President.



### Chapter Officers

Dennis Strauss was sworn in as Treasurer, Vicky Strauss as Secretary, and Bill Hamann as Vice President.



### AMBUC™ of the Year - Vicky Strauss

Cornbelt AMBUCS™ was blessed this year having Vicky Strauss as our chapter's secretary. We relied heavily on her organization skills. She kept us on top of things. We appreciate Vicky's willing attitude and her love for the AMBUCS™ mission. When it comes to fundraising effort's locally and nationally, Vicky has eagerly been involved, walking, raising support, and most recently heading up Cornbelt's first Trek-4-Trykes fundraiser. Thanks, Vicky, for providing our chapter and board with outstanding service.

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### **Dan Huber Spirit Award - Don Barnard**

Although receiving this award came as a surprise to Don Barnard, it was not surprise to those who have worked along side of him. He enthusiastically supports the mission of AMBUCS™. If there is a ramp to build, he'll be there along with the productive gizmos he brings along to enhance the appearance and quality of our ramps. From the very beginning of his involvement with AMBUCS™, he has engaged his fellow chapter members to join him in volunteering for other charitable purposes such as the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Don's enthusiasm for AMBUCS™ and his servant's heart have earned Don the Dan Huber Spirit Award.



Dick Lang

#### **Next Saturday Event**

When: Saturday, June 20, 2015

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Shannon's Restaurant

#### **Next Noon Meeting**

When: Wednesday, July 1, 2015

Time: Noon

Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



## Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We got two ramps built in May and we've got several more phone calls for individuals wanting our services. Here's what we did in May.

We traveled out to Bellflower on a Monday night in May and built a rather large ramp for the Bingham family. Mr. Bingham will be coming home from a rehabilitation center soon and Mrs. Bingham is using a walker to get around her home, so the ramp will certainly help both of them. We started our ramp-building around 5:00p.m and finished as the sun was setting.

As you can see, we certainly do fine work even in the dark! Thanks to all our volunteers who helped us that evening. Your work is certainly appreciated!





The second ramp was a rather small ramp in Normal with only 7 feet. And Mrs. Gross can now get out of her home and enjoy her back patio in style!





As we continue to get more calls for our services, I'll continue to pick dates and times to suit everyone's schedules, evenings, Saturdays, etc. So watch your e-mails, I'll be in touch!

See ya' at the ramps!

Bill McHie

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## Notes From Al...

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### **AmTrykes®**

May might have seemed a little slow for many Cornbelt members but we were quite busy with evaluations and request for AmTrykes®.

We completed evaluations and did assemble several bikes that had been previously oversold. (That is another way of saying they were on back order.) About 10 of us gathered one evening and assembled 5 1420 Pro Series bikes. They all were the new design which allows for a heavier rider and has a dual hub. The dual hub allows for the bike to be fixed drive

or the ability to coast. Watch for the next newsletter for pictures of the kids on their new bikes as I clean out the garage and make room to get the truck back in the garage.

We also gave one bike away in May. It was to an AM-12 Small. Eshan's request was from Easter Seals and yes Jamie was the referring therapist again. Once she has her third child maybe we can persuade her to become an Ambuc™.

You can see from the pictures below that Eshan is pleased with his bike. He was a little tired but did ride the bike quite well around the Easter Seals facility.





Next month Cornbelt Ambucs™ will be providing bikes at the Trek 4 Trykes and at other times. We could be providing up to six AmTrykes® next month. Our total for the year counting the bikes which members have purchased at National Conference and taken kids off the wish List, Cornbelt will have purchased 20 bikes this year. That does not count the bikes that have been returned and now being used by another child.

Again, thanks for all your help and please continue to refer potential riders to me.

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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>