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Hello Fellow AMBUCS™!!!

I want to start my first Prez Sez article by thanking Dick for two outstanding years of service to our club as its President. The list of achievements under his leadership is impressive. Our AmTryke® business is booming. We built 20+ ramps each year. We gave away thousands of dollars of scholarship money. We held one of the first Trek4Tyke events in the nation. We were recognized as the best community service club in the nation by National AMBUCS[™]. And we had fun doing all of that. He will be a tough act to follow. Thanks Dick.

Who's up for a celebration? Maybe a little work? And a whole lot of fun? I'm talking about AMBUCS[™] National Convention. On September 30 through October 3, AMBUCS[™] from across the country will gather in Biloxi, Mississippi. While there, we'll give away a bunch of AmTrykes[®], maybe play a little golf, have some good food, raise a little money, meet some old friends and make some ones, and, oh yeah, elect our very own Al Bedell as the new president of National AMBUCS[™]. If you've ever been to a National Convention, you know how much fun this one is going to be. If you've never been to a National AMBUCS[™] Convention, make this one your first, and find out how much fun this can be. If you know you're going, don't forget to register by the August 14 Early Bird deadline. If your undecided and want to know more about convention, ask someone who's been there. Let's see how many Cornbelt AMBUCS[™] we can get to convention this year.

I hope to see you all soon at a ramp build, or at Monical's for lunch.

Everyday is a great day to be an AMBUCS™.

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Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, July 19, 2015 Time: 7:00 a.m. Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When:	Wednesday, August 5, 2015
Time:	Noon
Place:	Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

Bill BucHie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We built a fairly large ramp in June thanks to all the volunteers who helped us that day. Mr. Carter was very happy with the results and now his home is accessible! No balusters but plenty of ramp sections and we were done before noon! Another great example of our motto "shoulders together"!





Thanks to everyone and keep watching your e-mails for future projects. We've got plenty of ramps to do and I'll keep you posted on future ramp-building opportunities.

Enjoy the summer and I'll see ya' at the next ramp!

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Notes From Al...



<u>AmTrykes®</u>

Last month was a very active AmTryke® month for Cornbelt Ambucs[™]. Early in June a group of us got together at Mid-West Foodbank and assembled 5 bikes. Lucky for us, they were all either the 1420 Pro Series or the 1420 XL Pro Series bikes. After about 2 ½ hours the teams had assembled the bikes and they were ready for the riders. If you were not able to make it to the bike assembly you can see how much fun you missed from the pictures below:











Later in the month at the Trek 4 Trykes Cornbelt Ambucs[™] presented 3 of the bikes to their new riders. Jennifer, therapist, was there with Joey and Jamie from the Olympia School District and they received their new bikes. Joey has previous received a bike several years ago just before Christmas and is now ready for a much larger bike. Rachel bike was recommended by Dorene at Spice. I saw Rachel's mother the other day and she said the entire family is getting a lot more exercise now that Rachel has her own bike to ride.







We also received a wonderful thank you card from Rachel mother. However, the card Rachel sent was priceless. Please read Rachel card below:



Two of the riders were not able to make the Trek for Tryke event. One family picked up their bike and we are trying to arrange to deliver the bike. We need to find a time when the rider, family and therapist are all available. Hopefully it will be soon so he can enjoy his new bike this summer.

Al Bedell 2802 Hendrix Rd Bloomington, IL 61704 (309) 826-0405 Check out what our neighboring AMBUCS[™] club is doing. Here is the link to the Pekin club's newsletter: <u>http://www.pekinambucs.org/newsletter.html</u>