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THE PREZ SEZ...



Wow!! You guys are awesome!! July was another banner month for Cornbelt AMBUCS™. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, all you did was build multiple ramps for folks that needed help getting in and out of their homes and give away multiple AmTrykes® for children that need a little extra help. And I should say - Again. Details on the ramps and the AmTrykes® are in other parts of this newsletter, but it seems like you do that every month. That's something to be recognized; a record you should be very proud of.

Here's something that's a little bit different. "Have AmTrykes® Trailer, Will Travel" should be the motto of our soon-to-be-National-President, Al Bedell. Al is again working to start a new chapter in Olney, Illinois, the "Home of the white squirrel". (You'll have to look that up that story yourself.) That would add new members to our AMBUCS™ Family and, more importantly, mean that even more people would benefit from the good work that AMBUCS™ does. And this follows new chapters he helped start last year in Marseilles, IL and St. Louis, MO. Be sure to thank and congratulate Al next time you see him.

And speaking of our soon-to-be-National-President, it looks like 10 of us will be traveling to National Convention this year for his installation and all the other good things that happen there. This will be one of our largest convention delegations in years. Make plans to join the rest of us. Convention runs from September 30 to October 3 in Biloxi, MS. If you need help with your plans or have questions about the convention or traveling there, just let me know. I know at least a few of us will be driving. I'm sure there's room for one or two more. Can you say 'Road trip'?

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Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, August 15, 2015
Time: 7:00 a.m.
Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, September 2, 2015
Time: Noon
Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We built 5 ramps in July.. thank you very much.. and fine looking ramps, as well. Take a look at what we accomplished.

The first ramp was built in Bloomington, inside the garage for Ms. Gardner, who is taking care of her mother at her home. One evening, two volunteers, three hours and Ms. Gardner has a 19 ft. ramp to help her mother get in and out of their home. Nice work, AMBUCS™!



The second ramp was built in Chenoa for Elizabeth, a young girl who uses a wheelchair ramp on a daily basis. 40 ft. of ramp, including balusters, and all of it finished on a Saturday morning. Elizabeth was pretty happy with the ramp and her father and her little brother liked it too! Nice work, AMBUCS™!



The third ramp was built in McLean, Illinois in one evening, and will help Ms. Robbins to get off her front porch. Small ramp, but a big difference in her ability to get in and out of her home. Thanks, AMBUCS™!



The fourth ramp was built in Normal in 2 shifts, and as I mentioned, the "benefits were delicious"! Mr. Sluga and his wife now have access to their new home. Over 38 ft. of ramp, 2 platforms, including balusters and a fine example of what we can do when we work together. Thanks, again, AMBUCS™!





The 5th ramp was built in one evening, as well, inside the garage on a beautiful summer night. After 2 hours, we've got a ramp completed for Mr. Stone, and he's finally able to get in and out of his home, as well. A little teamwork, a couple of hours of laughing, and we've just made life a little easier for Mr. Stone. Thanks, AMBUCS™!





We've got plenty of ramp requests "on the books", so I'll keep you posted and let you know of upcoming projects, dates, and locations.

Enjoy this beautiful weather, and I'll see you at the next one!

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Notes From Al...



AmTrykes®

July was a busy AmTryke® month for Cornbelt Ambucs™. A group of us assembled three bikes at Mid West Food Bank early in the month. I hope you were able to see Denny's pictures on Facebook.

On July 30th a few Cornbelt members were at Easter Seals to present two bikes. One was to Kaden and he loved his bike. Kaden's bike was fully funded by a family member. Kaden is seen at Easter Seals and the bike was recommended by Michelle Bayer, therapist. The family wanted Kaden to have a bike he could ride with his little brother and friends in the neighborhood. As you can see from the pictures below Kaden did not have any problem adjusting to the bike. Larry was having a hard time keeping up with him in the parking lot.





About three days after Kaden received his bike I received an email from the parents asking if there was a way to increase the gears to make the bike a little harder to ride. It seems he was going too fast and they were having a hard time keeping up with him and he turned just a little too sharp a few times. We will be working with the family to move the hand break to the back of the bike if necessary.

The second bike was going to a beautiful little girl who unfortunately was not having one of her best days. She was not going to get on the bike so we decided the next best option would be to deliver the bike to her home the next morning. However, upon arriving at the home the mother informed us the family made a significant decision and they were going to go back to Ethiopia for 2 years. I thanked her for letting us know and they will contact us when they return to the United States and the Bloomington/Normal area.

We still have two bikes to present and two more bikes on back order. Please continue to let me know if you become aware of anyone who could benefit from one of our specially designed therapeutic bikes.

Thanks

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