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THE PREZ SEZ...



August was another 'business as usual' month for Cornbelt AMBUCS™: more ramps, more AmTrykes®, more Cornbelt AMBUCS™ doing what Cornbelt AMBUCS™ does to make our community a better place for everyone. Now I've got a new challenge for you. October and November are National Branding Months for AMBUCS™, months set aside to identify and recruit new members. Next month I'll share more details about our branding campaign, but now is the time to start thinking about friends, family or coworkers with whom you'd like to share the

thrill of building a ramp or watching a child ride a bike for the first time. Do someone you know a favor and invite them to our lunch meeting at Monical's on Wednesday, October 7. They'll get a free lunch, and possibly a whole lot more.

And this will be the last time I remind you that National AMBUCS™ Convention is coming up at the end of the month. Next month, I'll get to tell you all about the cool things we did at conference. For those of you that are going to convention, I look forward to seeing you in Mississippi. For those of you that aren't going, make sure to look here again next month to see what you missed. You know that thrill I mentioned in the first paragraph of this article? There's lots of that at National Convention. Watch this space next month for all the details. Until next month,

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Next Saturday Event

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

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, October 7, 2015
Time: Noon
Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We got 2 ramps built in August and "cool-looking" ramps, as well! Mrs. Adams was not able to use her steps any longer and needed a rather long ramp at her home in Bloomington. We picked a rather hot day for building a ramp, but we finished a "cool-looking" ramp for her, and she was very happy with the results! Thanks, AMBUCS™ you have made her life much easier and put a big smile on her face!





Our second ramp was just north of Bloomington-Normal in Lexington for the Caldwell family, who needed a ramp at their home as they are caring for their mother in their home. One evening, a couple of hours later, and plenty of smiles to go around, again. We built a 30 ft. ramp in one evening with time to spare! Thanks, again, to all our volunteers who helped with our ramp-building project.



I continue to receive requests for ramps and I am trying to schedule ramps at various times so everyone has an opportunity to participate in our ramp-building efforts. I'll keep you posted on dates, times and locations through our e-mail system.

As always, if you have questions, concerns, or just want to tell me how much fun it is to build ramps, feel free to give me a call!

See ya' at the next one!

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The therapeutic tricycle for children with disabilities

Notes From Al...



AmTrykes®

Not sure where August went but it was here and gone. In August and very early September Cornbelt AMBUCS™ provided two bikes.

The first one was to Joey at Olympia School. We have been working most of the summer to find a time when Joey, his family, the therapist and Cornbelt Ambucs™ could get together to find the right bike for him. He was scheduled to get a bike early this summer but the bike ordered just did not work so we finally found a bike that worked for him.

As you can see from the picture below Joey is a growing young man. It was only a couple years ago that Joey received a 1416 Pro Series bike just before Christmas. It was a great present and now the family has returned the original bike to us so it can be given to another child.

After fitting Joey on the bike at Olympia Middle School we transported his bike to Joey's home in McLean. Right after we unloaded the bike Joey began riding the bike on the street. It was only minutes later his sister was riding her bike and a neighbor boy joined in on the fun. Yes, Joey is now able to ride his own bike again.

You can see how happy Joey is in the pictures below. You can also see the much smaller 1416 Pro Series bike in the back ground.





Below is the email I received from Joey's mother a few days after Joey got his bike. Her email delineates exactly why AMBUCS™ do what we do. Ms Jen is the school therapist and the mother of one of our members.

Hi Al and Ms. Jen! I hope you are having a great weekend!
 I just wanted to thank you again for making sure Joey had a bike to ride. He has ridden his bike every day since you delivered it. We have even gone on family bike rides :) I have wanted to do that for a long time and it would not have been possible without Ambucs, you, and Ms. Jen. It was great!
 Joey's smile and excitement have been absolutely priceless! His self-confidence has gone through the roof! It's a beautiful thing to witness!

Thank you for blessing my family,

Natalie Kinder

On September 2nd we gave a bike to a lovely young girl who will turn 5 in a few weeks. MaKaelyn received her 1412 Pro Series bike at Parkside Elementary School. She was very excited and enjoyed riding her bike in the halls. Several teachers commented about how nice the bike was and how well she was doing on the bike for the first day.





MaKaelyn, like Joey, had previously received an AmTyrke® and the family returned it for another child to use. MaKaelyn was riding an AM-9 hand and foot cycle prior to receiving her new bike. She really liked the new bike.

As usual, please continue to let me know if you know of anyone who could benefit from an AmTryke®

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