

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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## JANUARY 2016

### THE PREZ SEZ...



I hope everyone had a good holiday season. Like we always say, every day is a great day to be an AMBUCS™, including the last day of the year when we got together to build a ramp. What a great way to end 2015 and make 2016 better from the very start for someone in town. Read about that and other Cornbelt activities in the articles that follow.

Happy New Year!!!

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### **Community Service Activities**

Cornbelt got a little outside our comfort zone last month and helped the with the Salvation Army Bell Ringing campaign. We'll be heading to the Midwest Food Bank to package meals sometime this winter. We're still looking for more good ideas and someone or a small team from the club to step up and help coordinate a few events like this each year.

This would be a great way to serve your club. You can reach me through email at [lgturil@yahoo.com](mailto:lgturil@yahoo.com) or by phone any time at 309-287-3898 with suggestions for service projects or to volunteer.

### **Save the date!!**

It's never too early to mark your calendars for important events. So, set aside April 29 and 30 for the AMBUCS™ Central Region Spring Conference right here in Bloomington at the Parke Hotel. Champaign AMBUCS™ will be hosting, but they'll be doing it in our backyard. How convenient is that? Plan to attend to meet some old friends and make some new friends from one of three new clubs in our region.

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### **Next Saturday Event**

When: Saturday, January 16, 2016

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Shannon's Restaurant

### **Next Noon Meeting**

When: Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Time: Noon

Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

### **Upcoming Events**

Cornbelt AMBUCS Holiday Regifting Party

When: Thursday, January 21, 2016

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Larry Turilli's, 6 Hearthstone Ct, Bloomington

RSVP: [lgturil@yahoo.com](mailto:lgturil@yahoo.com) **by Monday, January 18th**

Bloomington Thunder Hockey Game

When: Friday, February 19, 2016

Time: 7 PM

Place: US Cellular Coliseum

RSVP: [william.hamann@gmail.com](mailto:william.hamann@gmail.com) **by Monday, January 18th**



## Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We ended the year by building 3 ramps in December... Nice work, AMBUCS™! The weather will certainly slow us down a bit in January, but I've still got a couple of ramp projects on the books so stay tuned.

Our first ramp project was built in Bloomington for Ms. Lusher, who had been released to go home from the hospital after a major surgery, but had no way to get in and out of her home. We took a pile of lumber and turned it into a 38 ft. ramp with two platforms on a Saturday morning, and Ms. Lusher and her family were quite pleased with the results.. and so were we! Nice work, AMBUCS™!





The second ramp was built over a period of time, bit by bit, as Ms. Glosser made some changes to her front porch. She now has a 40 ft. ramp and a re-purposed porch and has easy access to her home. I'm sure Ms. Glosser will enjoy her new ramp for a long time!





The final ramp of the year was a true community effort. Ms. Schlagel needed a ramp to get in and out of her home. Her husband called me, along with her "family" at St. Joseph's hospital. We networked with all kinds of folks, built a nice looking ramp, and even put a bow on her new ramp that day! I'm sure this will make life much easier for the Schlagel family. And even though Mother Nature made her appearance that week, Santa Clause also came through, too!.. as her "family" at St. Joseph's hospital made donations to our organization to cover the entire cost of the ramp.. and then some! So, as always, the additional donations will go towards materials for a future ramp for someone in our community that cannot afford materials for their ramp. A great way to complete our ramp-building in 2015.







Thanks to everyone who came to our ramp-building projects this year. As you can see, our services are needed and are always appreciated, and we've still got more to do in 2016. Stay warm this winter, but don't put that tool belt away just yet.. I'll be in touch.

See ya' at the ramps in 2016!

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### **Notes From Al...**



### **AmTrykes®**

Cornbelt had very limited activity in McLean County last month. However, a few children on the National Wish List received bikes based on the donations made by Cornbelt members.

We did receive a request for an AM-9 small in late December and we are looking to present this bike in January.

As usual please continue to send me the contact information for anyone who might benefit from one of our bikes.

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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>