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MAY 2016

THE PREZ SEZ...



As expected, April was a busy month for Cornbelt AMBUCS™. We started the month serving nearly 200 guests at our annual Pancake Breakfast. We ended the month with eleven of us attending the Central Region Spring Conference. Read about these events and some upcoming activities in this month's newsletter.

As always, you can reach me anytime at 309-287-3898 or lgturil@yahoo.com with any questions, needs, desires, suggestions, etc.

It's a great day to be an AMBUCS™!!!

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10th Annual Pancake Breakfast

You did it again. This year's Pancake Breakfast was another big success. You served nearly 200 guests and raised over \$2,400. There were lots of repeat customers and plenty of new ones. Our displays were out and folks got to learn about our ramp, Amtryke® and scholarship activity, in addition to having a great breakfast. Thanks to all the AMBUCS™ that came out to help.

AMBUCS™ Central Region Spring Conference

The rest of the Central Region came to Bloomington for two days late last month. Friday night was highlighted by a barbeque and some friendly bags competition at Al Bedell's house. Saturday we were joined by therapists from Central Illinois and together we watched National AMBUCS™ Executive Director Joe Copeland lead an Amtryke® Road Show. Cornbelt AMBUCS™ was well represented, with eleven of us in attendance. There were also six Amtrykes® given away during the conference, ALL of them sponsored by Cornbelt. We even grew our Cornbelt ranks during the Conference. Greg Gastelum, who came to our Pancake Breakfast to learn more about AMBUCS™, came to the conference and submitted his membership paperwork, becoming the 12th Cornbelter to be at the Conference.

Cornbelt AMBUCS™ Installation Banquet

Our AMBUCS™ year is coming to an end and it's time to celebrate what we were able to accomplish and to install club officers that will guide our club through the next AMBUCS™ year. We'll also present scholarship awards to three very deserving therapist students. This year's banquet will be held at 6PM on June 8 at Medici in Normal. Cost will be \$25 per person. Get the date marked on your calendar, use the form attached here to register, and bring a spouse, friend or prospective member with you to the banquet.



AMBUCS 2016
Installation Banquet -

Jacksonville AMBUCS™ Golf Outing

It's golf season. Interested in playing in the Jackson AMBUCS™ Golf outing on June 2? Get a few friends together, have some fun, and support the AMBUCS™ mission. Use the attached flyer to register. Entry fee for AMBUCS™ club teams will be reduced to \$150. Contact Terry Lease at 217-243-3159 for additional details.



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Save the dates....

- Cornbelt AMBUCS™ Installation Banquet – June 8
- Midwest Food Bank Service Project – June 20
- Jacksonville AMBUCS Golf Outing – June 2

Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, May 21, 2016

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, June 1, 2016

Time: Noon

Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

**Bill Buchie's Babbles...**

Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We were pretty busy in April, the weather improved, and we built several ramps.

First, we finished our pancakes one Saturday morning (Thanks, AMBUCS™) and drove out to Downs, Illinois and built over 30 ft. of ramp for the Eads family. This will certainly make life a little easier so mom can get in and out of her home. Nice job, AMBUCS™!



For our second ramp in April, we drove the other direction to Danvers and built a ramp for Ms. Coupe in her garage. We had plenty of help and built a great looking ramp to help her to get in and out of her home, as well. Another great job! Thanks, AMBUCS™.



For our third ramp, we went to the Laster home in Normal and built a small ramp inside their garage for their son. We had plenty of help and finished the ramp in one evening. Nice looking ramp and a nice looking crew, too! Thanks, AMBCUS™!



As the weather improves, we are getting several calls about ramps needed in our community so I'll keep you posted on ramp-building opportunities as they become available. As always, if you have any questions about our program or want to be included on our e-mail list for future ramp-building opportunities, let me know. Thanks for your willingness to help and I'll see ya' at the ramps!

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Notes From Al...



AmTrykes®

April was a great month for Amtryke® activity. Cornbelt Ambucs™ presented our second disabled veteran with a bike at the Central Regional Conference.

Nels Madsen from LeRoy received his new JT 2000 during the lunch at the conference. As you can see from the picture below, Nels was very glad to receive his bike. Now I have to find time to get the bike to his home in LeRoy. Nels was referred to Cornbelt Ambucs™ by his therapist at the VA center in Danville, IL.



A significant education part of the Central Region Conference was the Amtryke® Road Show presented by our national Executive Director, Joe Copeland. All the chapters were asked to invite the therapist they work with and to offer to fit a few kiddos on the bikes after lunch. Cornbelt had 4 therapists in attendance and had 2 children evaluated Friday afternoon and 3 Saturday after lunch. Thus we had 5 kids who needs bikes. We are still collecting all the necessary documents to order the bikes.

We also received another request from a therapist at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center for a 60 year old veteran who could benefit from a JT 2300. Looks like we are really getting into the veterans program with our bikes. We also received two Ambuc™ Membership applications from Disabled Veterans during the conference.

This means Cornbelt needs to purchase and assemble at least 6 Amtrykes® for delivery soon, so they can be used when the nice Illinois weather finally gets here. So watch for the Amtryke® assemble notice once the bikes are received.

As usual, thanks for all your help in sending me the contact information when someone can benefit from one of our bikes.

Thanks!

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Donate

The Cornbelt AMBUCS™ website has been updated with a “Donate” page. This provides new ways for people to donate to us. It provides the USPS address to mail a check, and more importantly, the ability to donate via credit card or PayPal. The money goes to a PayPal account and is then transferred to our Charity checking account. The cost is 2.2% of the donation plus \$0.30 per transaction. Example, for a \$100 donation, we receive \$97.50.

The “Donate” button is on most pages, and is a menu option. We also have a card reader that attaches to a smart phone so we can receive donations at events, when appropriate. It is now easy to donate to Cornbelt AMBUCS™ – spread the word!

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>