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## THE PREZ SEZ...



Hey there,

Sorry all for the newsletter being so late this month. The delay is all on me. I was hoping to woe you with some great pics from the national conference and a better write-up. However, that day job and life always seem to occupy my time.

Our chapter took home a large number of awards, some of which are in the pic below. We also received a national president patch for Al being national president, a district governor patch for Larry serving as governor, and the Top #7 chapter award for your and Larry's work year. Great work, all.



The next national conference is being held in the Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri.. Please save the date on your calendars. October 18-21, 2017

I still need to finalize our branding competition details with the Pekin chapter. October and November are our branding months where we try to bring in new members into the chapter. And we hope to get at least one more than Pekin! Please consider bringing someone to our next monthly meeting, so they can learn more about the club and become a member at that time.

Have a great day and weekend and see you real soon.

Kindest regards, Bill

## **Next Saturday Event**

When: Saturday, November 19, 2016

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Shannon's Restaurant

### **Next Noon Meeting**

When: Wednesday, November 2, 2016

Time: Noon

Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



## Bill BucHie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We built three ramps in September and had plenty of help along the way. Here's a sample of what we can do!

The first ramp was in Bloomington on Catherine Street. I got a call from a son telling me his father was coming home from the hospital with no way to get in or out of their home. We showed up on a Saturday morning, took a pile of lumber, and made their home accessible. Nice job, everyone!





The second ramp was in LeRoy. Another phone call from a lady who is in a wheelchair on a full time basis and needed a ramp to get in and out of her home, as well. We took another pile of lumber and made her home accessible, as well. A nice looking ramp. thanks to all of you!





The third ramp was in LeRoy, as well. Since we were already in town on a Saturday, we stopped by the Ramer's home and completed a very nice looking porch and ramp making life a little easier for this family, as well. We really do make a difference for folks in our community!





Thanks to all our volunteers, who are always ready to work, and stay for the "maiden voyage" and the picture, too. I sure do appreciate what you do for this organization, and for the folks in our community!

See ya' at the next one!

Bill McHie

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We now post all our monthly newsletters on our website at www.cornbeltAMBUCS.org. When the newsletter is posted I send a link to everyone's email address so they can click on the link to take them directly to the newsletter. So to get your link sent to you, please email Jerry your email address at <a href="https://www.cornbeltAMBUCS.org">JWyrick300@ctechinternet.com</a>.



## Notes From Al...



#### <u>Amtrykes®</u>

Cornbelt Ambucs<sup>™</sup> played a very significant role in the Amtrykes provided at National Conference this year in Tucson, Arizona.

The week started with the Great Bike Build on Wednesday. We had 70 Ambucs and over 100 local volunteers to build 88 bikes. It was a great learning opportunity for the Tucson population to learn about Ambucs and our therapeutic bikes. The volunteers were from the Tucson VA, the clinic most of the pediatric kids were being see at, and local business sponsors. There were several therapists there who wanted to see how our bikes are built.

The Veterans Ride on Thursday evening was a wonderful evening with 28 disabled veterans from the Tucson VA receiving bikes. It was great to have dinner with these veterans and their family and then we were all entertained by the Manhattan Dolls. Cornbelt Ambucs provided 3 bikes to three veterans during the Veterans Ride. One was chapter sponsored and the other two were sponsored by Denny and Vicky, and Al and Dee. See the pictures below.







Saturday morning was another great conference event. The Amtryke Rodeo started at 9 and by noon Ambucs provided bikes to 68 beautiful special kids. The children had great smiles on their faces as they took their first bike rides while the tears were on their parent's faces. The Cornbelt Chapter provided Madeleine with her bike and Denny and Vicky and Dee and I provided bikes. Also, I gave up my President's ring and the Ambucs Resource Center decided to use the funds to purchase an Amtryke in my name for another rider. It was such a pleasure to see so many kids riding their bikes at once. I wish more Cornbelt Ambucs could have been there to witness this outstanding event.









As usual please continue to send me the contact information for anyone who could benefit from one of our Amtrykes. Thanks.

Thanks!
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