# **CORNBELT BUC-ETIN**



Creating Mobility and Independence For People With Disabilities

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## **NOVEMBER 2016**

# THE PREZ SEZ...

Hello all,

November was another busy month for Cornbelt AMBUCS<sup>™</sup>. We assembled and presented a few Amtrykes<sup>®</sup> and built a few ramps. Please read about these activities below.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, ideas, and the like. My mobile number is 309-826-4718 and my email address is <u>william.hamann@gmail.com</u>.

Kindest regards, Bill

#### Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, December 17, 2016 Time: 7:00 a.m. Place: Shannon's Restaurant

#### Next Noon Meeting

When:	Wednesday, December 7, 2016
Time:	Noon
Place:	Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



### Bill BucHie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We built a bunch of ramps in October.. and thanks to all of your efforts, we have several happy families that have accessible homes. Here's a look at what we can do when we put our shoulders together.

Our first ramp was in a garage for a family that was bringing a relative home from Florida to live with them. Simple ramp, but a huge difference in making their home accessible.



Our second ramp was built in Normal for a lady to be able to come home from a recent stay in a nursing home. This ramp was done by Kale, an Eagle Scout candidate along with several volunteers on a Saturday morning. Nice work, Kale! I think you've earned your Eagle Scout rank!



Our third ramp was done in Bloomington inside a garage so this gentleman can get in and out of his home safely. Again, a simple design, but a big difference in making life a little easier for him and his family.



The forth ramp was built in Bloomington. We wanted to make life a little easier for this gentleman and give him easy access to his home, which will allow him to be much more independent for years to come. Nice work, AMBUCS!



The fifth ramp in Bloomington is rather small, but makes a big difference for this daughter to be able to care for her mother, who is living with her. Mother and daughter were very pleased with the results!



Our sixth ramp was built in Normal. We battled some roots on a tree to get the job done on a Saturday but finally got a ramp completed for this family to be able to come home to their "accessible home".. in style.



Thanks to everyone who has helped us on our ramp projects this month. We've got several more ramps to build before the weather changes this fall.. so I'll keep in touch and let you know when and where we will be building the next one.

See ya' at the next one!

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#### Notes From Al...





<u>Amtrykes®</u>

We received two Amtrykes in October. One is funded by two therapist from District 87 and will be donated to Raymond School and the other is for a young girl being seen at Easter Seals. Unfortunately both bikes required rear assisted steering which was on back order and not received until just recently. Therefore, these two bikes will be given away in November so please stay tuned.

In September we provided a bike to a young girl in Marion, Illinois. She had been riding an AM 16 which was provided about ten years ago by the Springfield Chapter. Hanna's father called and wanted to know if we could repair her bike. After looking at the pictures of the bike it was clear the right way was to get her a new bike. We just happened to have an AM-16 that was recently returned to us and now Hanna is riding that bike.

We also recently received two more Amtryke request from Easter Seals. Both are for the 1416 Pro Series bikes with rear steering. Let's hope these two bikes can be received and assembled and make great Christmas presents. Watch your emails for notification when we will be assembling the bikes.

As usual, please continue to let me know when you become aware of anyone who could benefit from one of our terrific bikes.

Thanks!

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Check out what our neighboring AMBUCS<sup>™</sup> club is doing. Here is the link to the Pekin club's newsletter: <u>http://www.pekinAMBUCS.org/newsletter.html</u>