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THE PREZ SEZ...



Season's greetings,

As temperatures have dropped, our ramp building has understandably slowed a little, but we're looking forward to presenting a few Amtrykes® during this season.

To those that work, or have worked, at State Farm, and have volunteered service through the year, will you put in request for Cornbelt AMBUCS™ to be a recipient of a Good Neighbor grant? We'd appreciate the support greatly. Thanks to those that have already submitted their grant request.

I look forward to a great year. 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 william.hamann@gmail.com.

Please check out what our chapter did last month below. It's a great day to be an AMBUC, and tomorrow will be even better!

Regards,
Bill

Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, January 21, 2017
Time: 7:00 a.m.
Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, January 4, 2017
Time: Noon
Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

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

Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We got three ramps built in November. We started out in Bloomington building a rather intricate 30 ft. ramp inside the fenced front yard for Ms. Brown. Yep, it was cold outside but we finished the ramp and warmed our hearts as Ms. Brown made her "maiden voyage" down her ramp for the first time. Nice work, AMBUCS!





Since we did such an amazing job on our first ramp on a Saturday morning, several dedicated AMBUCS made their way over to Normal to build a second ramp. We made a second home accessible for a family and allowed them to have easy access to their home for the Thanksgiving holidays. Thanks, AMBUCS!



Our third ramp in November was built in Covell, Illinois. Although a rather short ramp, it was certainly needed and appreciated. Thanks to the "retired gang" for their help and making this home accessible, as well.



I'll keep you posted on future ramp-building opportunities. As the weather changes, we will still try to build a few ramps this winter but we will certainly be at the mercy of Mother Nature.

Enjoy your holidays! And when you are gathered with friends and family this season, take a moment to consider the impact we have made for so many families in our community. Thank you to each and every one of you who has come out to help us on our ramp-building projects this past year. It's been a pleasure.. it's been cold.. it's been muddy.. but it never get's old!.. Thanks, again!.. and I'll see ya' at the next one!

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Notes From Al...



Amtrykes®

Yes, Cornbelt had a little Amtryke activity in November after a few months of no Amtryke activity. After Thanksgiving we gave Violet her own Amtryke. Violet has been riding an Amtryke at Easter Seals but really wanted one to ride with her family at home in Towanda.

As you can see from the pictures below Violet is a lovely young girl who loves to ride her new Amtryke. Violet suffers from gross motor delay, short stature and hypotonia. However, she took right to the 1410 Pro Series bike and was ready to ride it very easily. She was telling her mother she wanted to ride her new bike on family walks. Mom really liked the rear steering and the ability to help Violet as she often gets tired on the family walks and had to be carried home prior to getting her Amtryke.





Shoulders together is our moto and we had an opportunity to help the Danville chapter recently. I was in Danville to pick up the Amtryke trailer prior to our trip to Cedar Falls. At the meeting they were looking for a time to assemble a JT 2300 and deliver it to a veteran in Peoria. Since they are so nice to let us use the trailer I offered to assemble the bike and deliver it for them and save them a few hours and miles. Last week I finally was able to connect with David and deliver the new JT 2300 to him. David was severely injured in an automobile accident about a year ago and has made significant progress. He feels the Amtryke will play a vital part in regaining his strength and endurance in the near future. David had just returned from duck hunting when I delivered the bike.



In December we have two 1416 Pro Series bikes to present and one 1410 which is being donated to Raymond School by Karen Klein and another therapist. I hope to see you at the bike presentations. Of course they will all have a nice red bow on them as it is the season.

Larry and I made a trip to Cedar Falls, Iowa with the Amtryke trainer. While there we trained several therapist on our bikes and then fitted 10 kids on bikes. The therapist and parents at the session were very impressed and have submitted the paper work to start the second chapter in Iowa. Nice job Larry. Cornbelt also will be the sponsoring chapter for a new chapter starting in Ft. Wayne, Indiana soon. Building new chapters is very important if we want to see Ambucs grow and have a chapter in every state. Additional chapters will help us reduce the number of kids on the Wish List.

As usual, please send me the contact information for anyone who would benefit from an Amtryke.

Thanks!

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