

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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## **THE PREZ SEZ...**



Happy New Year! Last month was pretty quiet because of the holidays and since it was so very cold. Please check out what our chapter did last month and what's coming up in the articles below.

I'm looking forward to a great year. It's a great day to be an AMBUC™, and tomorrow will be even better!

### **Upcoming Events**

Social with Pekin Chapter (ISU @ Bradley) - January 18th, Peoria, IL

AMBUCS Central Region Spring Conference – April 21-22, Springfield, IL.

Kind Regards,  
Bill

### **Next Saturday Event**

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

### **Next Noon Meeting**

When: Wednesday, February 1, 2017  
Time: Noon  
Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

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



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We got one ramp done in December just before Mother Nature decided to slow us down for a while. We built a rather large ramp for a lady in Normal, who did not have any access to her home after a recent stay in the hospital. She needed her entire porch raised and we attached over 40 ft. of ramp, and finished with headlights shining on the last few balusters we were installing! She was very happy and we were very happy, too.. as we were able to get her ramp installed before the Christmas holidays. Nice work, AMBUCS™!



I've still got ramp requests on the books, but the weather will certainly be a determining factor for any ramps in the next couple of months. I'll stay in touch and I'll see ya' at the next one!

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We now post all our monthly newsletters on our website at [www.cornbeltAMBUCS.org](http://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 [JWyrick300@ctechinternet.com](mailto:JWyrick300@ctechinternet.com).



## Notes From Al...



### **Amtrykes®**

December was a great month for Amtrykes® and Cornbelt Ambucs.

First off, former District 87 therapist Carla and Karen purchased a 1410 Amtryke. They donated the bike to Sarah Raymond School so more children at the school would have the opportunity to get to ride a bike for therapy and mainly for FUN.

Paul is a 6-year-old energetic boy who lives in Atlanta, Illinois. Paul had an Amtryke a few years ago. He rode the previous Amtryke so much he wore it out and outgrew the bike. Paul enjoys riding and being active with his family. Paul has Autism Spectrum Disorder but I am sure he will be able to ride his new Amtryke when the weather is permissible.

As you can see from the picture below, Paul loves his new bike and is ready to go.



The second Amtryke that afternoon was presented to Rex. Rex is also 6 years old. He is from Bloomington and has autism, hypotonia and sensory processing disorder (ADHD). Rex's family became aware of the Amtryke Program from his mother's cousin Kim and Marc in Ohio. Marc and Kim were our National Therapist of the Year and they recommended Rex's parents to contact us regarding an Amtryke for Rex.

With a few adaptive devices Rex was able to ride his new Amtryke. Rex needs assistance with braking and steering. Both are provided by the rear steering we added to Rex's bike. Note Rex's little sister is helping him ride the bike. How wonderful is this.

The picture below shows his wonderful smile and that he loves his new bike.



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

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### **Service Project**

Our fourth quarter 2016 service project was ringing bells for the Salvation Army. We had 18 members participate! Wow! We even had a little Christmas music, provided by Bob Stadsholt. It was a great event, and we have been told that amongst the non-profit groups that participated, the amount of money collected during our sessions ranked in the top three for our area. We have been invited to a celebration where the winners will be announced.

Bill Hamann will represent AMBUCS at that event later this month. After the bell ringing, most of the 'ringers', plus a few other members, met for a dinner at Logan's. A good time was had by all!

Thanks!

Marcia

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>