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THE PREZ SEZ...



Hello all,

I trust and hope you're doing well. I look forward to a great spring. 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 read all about the good work that Cornbelt AMBUCS has done and some of the upcoming events below. It's a great day to be part of AMBUCS™!!!

Regards,

Bill

Vicky Straus - Life Member

Vicky Straus was recognized as a person who cares enough for AMBUCS that she wants to see it grow. Vicky has paid her national dues in advance for life, and merits recognition in the form of a plaque and pin she was presented at the last monthly meeting.



<u>Community Service – Red Cross Home Fire Campaign</u>

On April 8th, Cornbelt AMBUCS installed 9 out of the 156 smoke alarms installed during the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign. Here's a picture of the install team before they headed out and a link to the Pantagraph article.



http://www.pantagraph.com/news/local/volunteers-increase-fire-safety-in-homes-with-free-alarms/article_34c64862-275f-5a92-b24b-39cda5c451ae.html

AMBUCS Improper Sexual Conduct Policy

National AMBUCS, Inc. has a zero tolerance for improper sexual conduct – from staff, volunteers, or anyone else designated to act in a capacity associated with our name and our mission. We always have been, and will continue to be, committed to the safety and well-being of all persons we serve.

Cornbelt AMBUCS is complying with the policy by using the "Buddy System" as outlined in the following paragraph taken from the compliance form.

We will require all members/volunteers to use a "buddy system" when engaging in chapter activities with children/youth, developmentally disabled individuals of any age, and senior citizens (whereby at least one adult must be a chapter member and at least one adult must be 21 years of age or older). All chapter members/volunteers have been reminded that the Improper Sexual Conduct Policy, including the Common Sense Measures to Maintain Safe Environments for Charitable Activities, is available on the AMBUCS website for further review.

More Information: http://www.ambucs.org/members/improper-sexual-conduct-policy/

Upcoming Events

AMBUCS Central Region Spring Conference

April 21-22, 2017 at the Northfield Inn & Conference Center in Springfield, IL. More information and to register...

Be Content Senior Expo

May 2nd, 2017, from 9am to 2pm, at the Parke Regency Hotel & Conference Center in BloNo, IL.

Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, May 20, 2017

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Time: Noon

Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



Bill BucHie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We got a couple of ramps built in March and we've got more on the books for this spring. The rains have eased, the weather has changed, which means we've got ramps to build! And if you

would like to see a couple of examples of our work, here's what we can do on a Saturday morning.

Our first ramp was built for a lady using a power chair. She was very happy to finally be able to use her ramp instead of trying to stumble up her stairs. Plenty of smiles and a nice sunny day helped us build over 35 feet of ramp that Saturday morning. Nice work, AMBUCS!





The second ramp was built for a family in Bloomington. The ramp was badly needed as our local fire department staff were at her home helping her up her stairs when the lumber was being delivered. (We got all "positive reviews" from the fire department staff.. which makes their jobs much easier, too!) We had a small crew that day but got big results as the family will now be able to get in and out of their own home. Again, nice work, AMBUCS!





I'll keep you posted on future dates and times for upcoming ramp projects. Until then, enjoy this great spring weather.. and I'll see ya' at the ramps!

Bill McHie

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Cornbelt Buc-etin Delivery

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 JWyrick300@ctechinternet.com.



Notes From Al..



Amtrykes®

Cornbelt saw a little Amtryke activity this month. We received two request for Amtrykes and obtained board approval to purchase the two bikes.

One is for a 22 year old girl with several disorders which prohibit her from riding a conventional bike. Her 1410 Pro series bike has been ordered and will most likely be delivered in May. We also have a request from the District 87 therapist for 1410 with rear steering for a lovely little girl. Unfortunately, the rear steering kits are out of stock and it will be a few weeks before the next shipment arrives so it might me June before we are able to deliver the bike.

I will be leading an Amtryke sessions at the spring conference in Springfield at the Central Regional Conference. The week after the conference I will be taking the Amtryke trailer to Peoria, Davenport, LaCrosse and Naperville for Bike days.

It will be a busy month and several wonderful kiddos will be fitted for Amtrykes and able to ride a bike for the first time.

As usual, please continue to send me referral for anyone who could benefit from one of our wonderful therapeutic bikes.

Thanks.

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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