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THE PREZ SEZ...



Hello all,

I trust and hope you're doing well. Last Wednesday (6/7) night, we held our Installation/Awards Banquet. I do believe that everyone had a great time. Here are some of the highlights.

- We awarded 6 scholarships totaling 8 thousand dollars.
- Deb Griest, the outgoing Regional Director of the Central Region, swore in president, vice-president, and the board. She even asked all members to pledge their support to the board.

2017-2018 Board Members

President – J. Balmer
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- Presented Chapter Awards

Don Huber Memorial Spirit Award – Larry Turilli
 Ambuc of the Year Award – J. Balmer
 Project Manager Award – Al Bedell

Thank you all for your contributions to the chapter and your support over this last year. I surely do appreciate it. I look forward to the coming year. Let's make it a great one! Please read all about the good work that Cornbelt AMBUCS has done recently in the articles below. It's a great day to be an AMBUC™!!!

Kindest regards,

Bill

Upcoming Events

Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, June 17, 2017
 Time: 7:00 a.m.
 Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, July 5, 2017
 Time: Noon
 Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We had a busy month of ramp-building! We've had great weather, plenty of lumber, and a whole lot of smiles and willing volunteers to build four ramps in May. Here's a sample of what we can do when we get together.

Our first ramp was a small ramp in Bloomington for a family who need to get dad in and out of their home safely. May have been a small ramp and a small crew but big results! They were pleased with our work and that's what counts!





The second ramp was in Normal for a lady who needed to get in and out of her home. Our regular "Saturday crew" took this pile of lumber and turned it into a 38 ft. ramp with two platforms and the results were.. you called it.. smiles all around! Nice work everyone!



Our third ramp was in Heyworth for a family that had no way to get in and out of their home. I thought this would only take us "an hour or so" .. but ended up taking MUCH longer. We even added a small ramp so they could have access to their large deck, as well. In the end, there were plenty of smiles and we made another home accessible for a family that really needed it.



Our fourth ramp was in Bloomington for a family that bought a house with a ramp already attached.. built by our AMBUCS team many, many years ago. After 20 years (with no upkeep), we removed the old ramp and built a new one in it's place.. complete with balusters. We even had the lawn mowed for them that day, as well. Another job well done!



Thanks to all our volunteers for your willingness to help and your flexibility to adapt to our building schedules. As you can see, we really do make a difference for the families in our community!

I'll see ya' at the next one!

Bill McHie

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Cornbelt Buc-etin Delivery

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Notes From Al...



Amtrykes®

May was a busy Amtryke month for Cornbelt Ambucs.

First, after the mid-year board meeting in May (which I drove to North Carolina), I brought back 3 bikes for Cornbelt Ambucs and 3 for the Decatur Lincolnland Ambucs. Would not have been too bad except I do not have a topper on the truck and it rained most of the way so a couple boxes got just a little damp.

Then one evening a few of us got together and assemble the 3 bikes I brought back plus 2 more which were already here in less than 2 hours. Thanks for all the help. Take a look at the bikes but please do not notice the dirty garage.



We were able to deliver two bikes in May and you will need to wait until next month to see the smiling faces for the remaining bikes to be delivered in June.

Mimi received her bike at Raymond School on the last day of school. She was so excited. This bike was recommended by the school therapist and Mimi was ready to ride before we were able to put the straps on her feet. The rear steering kit for the bike is still on back order but with the help of the push bar Mimi will be able to ride here bike while we wait on the rear steering kit. The bike will enable Mimi to interact with her twin and help her develop better motor planning and processing skills.



Then one evening Kory and his family stopped by the house for Suhn's new bike. Kory was the first therapist I worked with at Easter Seals when I first became involved with the Amtrykes. (Unfortunately, Kory is no longer at Easter Seals).

Kory's daughter Suhn has outgrown her Amtryke and was ready for a new bike to ride with the very active family. We had a hard time keeping up with here as she rode the bike up and down the drive. You can see the beautiful smile on Suhn's face as she rides her new 1416 Pro Series Bike. This bike was previously returned to us as the original owner was not able to ride the bike.



More wonderful kiddo pictures next month. We have already presented 3 bikes in June and maybe one or two more. As usual, please continue to send me the contact information for anyone who could benefit from an Amtryke and what for the emails for the Amtryke presentations.

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>