# **CORNBELT BUC-ETIN**



Creating Mobility and Independence For People With Disabilities

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# THE PREZ SEZ...



As we head into fall, we've had a successful summer of ramp building and Tryke giveaways. The Board has decided to postpone the Hog Roast fundraiser until spring, and I think we'll have a much better event as a result. We are in the process of putting together a steering committee for that event and we'll post a signup sheet for the various aspects we'll need help with over the winter.

And speaking of events, the National Conference is starting next week at Tan-tar-a Resort in Osage Beach, Missouri. The Board has budgeted funds to help members participate in this annual event, we will cover the early registration fee for the full conference. Although it is now too late for early registration, if you have already registered, we will cover your fee if you wish to submit for compensation or if you haven't registered yet and would like to, we'll cover your registration up to the full early registration fee, you'll just have to cover the minor difference.

The Board will be looking into other opportunities to serve our community as the weather changes and we will let you know when those arise. Thank you for your continuing membership and support,

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## **Upcoming Events**

#### **Next Saturday Event**

When: Saturday, October 14, 2017

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Shannon's Restaurant

#### Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Time: Noon

Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)





Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We've been busy building ramps lately! We built three ramps in September and here's what we can do when we put our "shoulders together" for folks in our community.

The first ramp was built in Bloomington for a young lady who uses a wheelchair on a full-time basis. She had a ramp at her home, but it was too steep and dangerous for her to navigate on her own. Although we had a small crew that built the ramp that day, we made a big difference for this young lady! Nice work, AMBUCS™!



The second ramp was built in Normal for a family that quickly needed a ramp at their home. We were able to utilize some donated materials along with new materials to build a pretty nice looking ramp in a couple of evenings. Thanks to all who gave up their evenings, so this family will have access to their home. Nice work, AMBUCS!





The third ramp was built in Bloomington. This family has a daughter with a disability and did not have a way to get her in and out of their home safely. We showed up on a Saturday morning and turned a pile of lumber into a functional ramp for this family. As you can see, another nice looking ramp built by volunteers from your very own Cornbelt AMBUCS! Thanks, everyone!







If you would like to be a part of our ramp-building efforts, feel free to contact me and I will easily put you on our e-mail list so you can be notified of our ramp-building projects. Thanks again to our dedicated volunteers who really know how to make a difference for these families.

Bill McHie

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## Notes From Al..



## **Amtrykes®**

September was a little slow for us. We are getting ready for national conference in Lake of the Ozarks where Cornbelt will be sponsoring a vet bike and a bike for a child. Watch for pictures on the Cornbelt web site or in next month's newsletter.

As usual please continue to send me the contact information for anyone who could benefit from an Amtryke.

Al Bedell 2802 Hendrix Rd Bloomington, IL 61704 (309) 826-0405 Check out what our neighboring AMBUCS™ club is doing. Here is the link to the Pekin club's newsletter: <a href="http://www.pekinAMBUCS.org/newsletter.html">http://www.pekinAMBUCS.org/newsletter.html</a>