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THE PREZ SEZ...



As we head into the holiday season, please reflect on why we are AMBUCs™. Cornbelt Ambucs are doing a great job building ramps & fitting trykes, but we can do more. We've increased the amount of scholarship funding for therapists, but we can do more. If you know of someone that can use our help, let us know. If you know of someone that would make a great AMBUC, let us know. If you know someone who lives in another community that would like to be an AMBUC, let us know, we can point them in the direction of a local club or help them start a new one.

We are about to add a new position on the Board of Directors, Director of Marketing, and we have a great candidate, expect that announcement in the next newsletter. We are also about to form the organizing committee for our first Annual Hog Roast & Fundraiser. There are a couple of locations that they will choose from & I'd like to set the date in June fairly soon. Funds raised will allow us to perhaps take additional trykes off the National Wish List, but more importantly allow us to make more contributions to local organizations and events that have the same goals in mind.

It's a great day to be an AMBUC!

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Upcoming Events

Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, January 20, 2018

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, January 3, 2018

Time: Noon

Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We got one ramp built in November.. but we built it twice! (Does that count for two ramps?) We helped a family in Stanford to make their home accessible.. but after we built the ramp the first time, we got a call, and needed to move the ramp.. so we did. Luckily there was a nice man down the street at the local grain elevator (with a tractor) who helped us move the structure. In the final analysis, we made a family happy by making their home accessible.



We're still building ramps into the winter season.. and depending on the weather, we will continue to build as many as we can.. until the snow flies.

Hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday.. and remembered how blessed we are to have such wonderful volunteers and helpers who have supported us throughout the year. Enjoy the rest of the year and I'll see ya' at the ramps in the future.

Bill McHie

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The therapeutic tricycle for children with disabilities

Notes From Al...



Amtrykes®

Cornbelt Ambucs did not have a lot of Amtryke activity in November. We did receive one 1416 Pro Series bike back. The young man was just not riding the bike as the parent thought. So we now have two 1416 Pro Series bikes looking for good homes.

As mentioned last month Cornbelt provided the funding for a veteran's bike at our national conference in October in the Lake of the Woods. Unfortunately, he was not able to make the trip but his Amtryke was deliver shortly after the conference to his home in Neoga, IL.

As you can see from the picture below, he really likes his new Tadpole Amtryke. Also, please read the email from him shown below.



From: Clarkson, Joseph (STL) <Joseph.Clarkson@va.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 1:04 PM

To: Schmeink, John P. (STL); Erin Slawinski

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] IMG_2682.jpeg

Thank you very much for the donated Trike from AMBUCS Chapter. I am sorry I was not able to attend. The trike will help me and also create memories with my 8 year old son Brendan.

He was as excited as I was to be able to ride bikes with him.

Thank you so much,

Joseph Clarkson

Also, last month we talked about the young man who received a bike at national conference. The father owns a Chevy dealership in the Kansas City area. When he returned home he was so impressed with Ambucs that he shared the Amtryke and Ambuc story with the fellow automobile dealers in the area. As a result of Cornbelt providing his son with an Amtryke and his sharing the Ambuc story, the local auto owners association sent a \$10,000 check to Ambucs. Another win win for everyone involved.

At the spring Central Region Conference we, Cornbelt and Pekin, decided to close District 4C. The District was a great communication tool in the past but no longer necessary today, especially with only two chapters in District 4C. The treasurer closed the district account and sent a check for \$1,800.00 to national to take kids of the national wish list. (This is what we voted to do when we decided to close the District.)

As usual, please continue to provide me with the contact information for anyone that might benefit from one of our great therapeutic bikes. We have a few ready for use so maybe one could be a Christmas present.

Thanks and I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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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>