

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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THE PREZ SEZ...



The Board of Directors would like to see more of our members! Plus, more members, of course 😊 One of the things we've talked about is changing the time and perhaps the location of our monthly meetings. We'd like to hear from you in regards to when you would be more likely to attend those meetings and where you'd like them held.

We would also like to extend our presence in the community. That means better promotion of our community efforts, better participation in all of our activities and finding more ways to serve the community. Cornbelt AMBUCS™ had a successful participation in an annual bike show at David Davis Mansion and will do so again next year. Next month we will have a booth at the McLean County Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Showcase. We still intend to hold a hog roast fundraiser, with entertainment, but that may be postponed until spring.

Stay tuned! This looks to be a stellar year for Cornbelt AMBUCS!

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Upcoming Events

Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, August 19, 2017
Time: 7:00 a.m.
Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, September 6, 2017
Time: Noon
Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

With all kinds of help, we were able to complete three ramps in July!

Our first ramp was built in Bloomington for Mr. Erickson inside his garage. We had plenty of help that Saturday morning and plenty of smiles when we were done, too! Mr. Erickson is now able to get in and out of his home safely.. thanks to your efforts.





Our second ramp was completed by a group of State Farm volunteers for Mr. Stover in Lexington, Illinois. Mr. Stover kept thanking everyone all day and even got a chance to put in a couple of screws on his new ramp. "Good neighbors", indeed.. and the State Farm crew is always welcome to come back and help us with our ramp-building any time! Thanks, again State Farm volunteers!





Our third ramp was built in Bloomington for Mr. Shepard. We were able to build his entire ramp in the shade that Saturday.. which made our volunteers just as happy as Mr. Shepard! I'm sure he will have no trouble at all getting in and out of his home this summer. Thanks again to everyone who helped us that day!





We've got several more ramps "on the books" this summer so I'll be in touch with dates and times for our next ramp-building projects. Thanks for your willingness to help and I'll see ya' at the next one!

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Notes From Al...



Amtrykes®

July, as usual, was a slower month for Amtryke activity for Cornbelt Ambucs. We did receive one request for an Amtryke for a child who lives in Gridley which will be reviewed at the August board meeting.

We also gave a bike away on July 10th to a lovely little girl with a perfect smile. Just look at Bennett in the two photos below. The rear steering kit was on back order so we added the rear push bar so she could ride the bike while waiting for the rear steering kit to arrive. Luckily, the rear steering kit was received just in time for Bennett to ride her new red Amtryke in the Easter Seals Walk. (Once received it only took about 15 minutes to install the rear steering kit.) I wish I could have been there as I am sure they were other kiddos riding their Amtrykes.

Bennett's bike was presented at Easter Seals. Bennett's therapist, Carolyn on the right, was there to make sure the final adjustments were perfect. I really appreciate the therapist helping with the final adjustments when possible.





As usual, please continue to send me the contact information whenever you become aware of anyone who might benefit from one of our lovely Amtrykes. Thanks.

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