

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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MAY 2010

THE PREZ SEZ...

(President Denny Strauss)

Where has the year gone? My first year as Cornbelt Chapter President is almost over. It has been a successful year thanks to all the hard work by all the members. The weather has improved and we are back in the ramp business. We built three in April and have two scheduled for May.

With the ramps scheduled for May, we will have built 24 wheelchair ramps in the last 12 months. In addition, we have given away 17 AmTrykes®.

We have elected new officers for the coming year. I will return as President; Larry Turilli will be Vice President (President Elect); Dan Bedell will take over Larry's duties as Secretary; and David DeHaan will be our new Treasurer.

Our Installation Banquet is May 27 at Eastland Suites. New officers will be installed, awards given out, and scholarships awarded. You should have received a flyer. I hope many of you will attend.

The Pancake and Sausage Breakfast was a successful fundraiser again this year. Larry should have the details out soon.

Spring Conference was held in Champaign on April 23-24. We had three of the four officers attending. Al Bedell, as Regional Director, was running the show.

The next year should be as good as or better than this last year. Ramp requests keep coming in. And hopefully will we be able to give a lot of AmTrykes® again this coming year.

Denny



Mark your calendars!!!

Next Saturday Meeting

When: Saturday, May 15, 2010
Time: 7:15 a.m.
Place: EAA Hanger, Old Airport

Next Noon Meeting - **NEW LOCATION**

When: Wednesday, June 2, 2010
Time: Noon
Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



Bill Buchie's Babbles...

Hey, all you ramp builders -

We're off to a great start on our ramp-building this spring. We built a few ramps in March... and a couple more in April... and we still have plenty to build. Dawn Bauer's ramp in LeRoy was a cold Saturday morning and we finished just before the rain and the sleet started. Thanks to all the ISU students, diversity project participants and AMBUCS™, we were able to finish Dawn's ramp just in time!



Hazel and Reginald Wilcox were pretty happy that we were able to finish their ramp on a Friday afternoon... and Reginald was able to get out of his home for the first time in many months... thanks to our volunteers!



Ronald Kern was amazed that we were able to finish his ramp so quickly on a Saturday morning... and now can manage to get out of his home safely... thanks to all of you!



Amy Scott's son, Cole, was pretty amazed at all the activity around his home that Saturday afternoon... and he even got to swing a hammer a few times! The homeowners, Karen and Tom Whalen contacted us and asked for our services... in order to make Cole's life a little easier... and really coordinated the improvements that day. We had a great time, got refreshments, and saw a little boy come flying down his ramp for the first time!... which is why we do these projects in our community.



Thanks to all of you who helped in any way over the past couple of months... and keep an eye out for the next ones! I'll be sending another e-mail with all the details... so you can come and be a part of it in the future.

See ya' at the ramps!

Bill McHie

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Notes from Al...

AmTrykes®

Cornbelt had a fabulous year and we provided 17 kids with their own AmTrykes® this year. Our activities usually slow down as the school years end but we did give another bike away last month.

This was a referral from Karen Klein, therapist for District 87. The young girl was so excited and did very well on her bike. As far as I have been able to tell this is the first bike AMBUCS™ has provided to a child with very limited vision. You can see how happy she is with her new bike from the pictures.

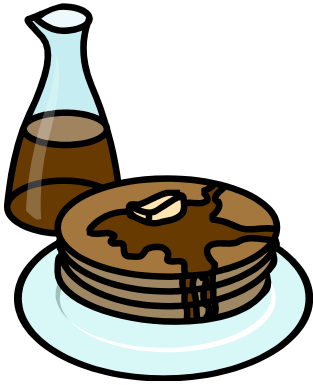
Since the pictures we installed a push bar on the bike. I spoke to her father a couple weeks ago and he said his daughter is riding the bike about 20 minutes every other day and loves her AmTryke®. I plan to contact them in about a month and do a follow-up article for the AMBUCS™ National magazine.

Please continue to forward the contact information for any person who could benefit from an AmTryke®. Remember we have bikes for all ages.

Thanks and let me know if you have any questions.

Alan Bedell
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Turning Pancakes into AmTrykes® (and other good stuff)

Saturday, April 17 was our Annual Pancake Breakfast. This was the third year we held the breakfast at Second Presbyterian Church in Downtown Bloomington. Shannon's 5 Star Restaurant provided the pancakes, and you supplied the guests. In fact, you supplied enough guests to make this our most successful Pancake Breakfast fundraiser yet.

This is the first year we ran the breakfast without help from the youth of the McLean County Diversity Project. That meant that we had to fill all the volunteer positions on the morning of the breakfast, and we had to sell all the tickets. You came through in a big way for our club!!! In spite of being 'shorthanded' this year, we raised nearly \$1,200 dollars, the most ever at our breakfast, and this year all of that money is available to Cornbelt AMBUCS™ to support the valuable work we do.

Our Pancake Breakfast is one of the important things we do to enable our mission of helping individuals in the community we live in. In addition to raising money, it gives us exposure in the community. It lets folks know more about what we do and how to get our help when they need it. We did a good job with this year's breakfast, but our success there will help us continue to do the things we're really good at; give away more AmTrykes®, build more ramps, and award more scholarship money. Thanks for your help making year's Pancake Breakfast a great success, and letting our community know what the Cornbelt AMBUCS™ are all about!!!

Larry Turelli