

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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## JULY 2012

### ***THE PREZ SEZ...***

Hello AMBUCS™,

The July AMBUC™ lunch was cancelled because the first Wednesday of July was the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I hope everyone was able to celebrate the day with family and friends with parades, picnics, fireworks, or whatever you enjoy. Our next lunch meeting will be Wednesday, August 1, at Monical's (near Best Buy).

The National Conference is in Oklahoma City July 11 – 14. The Cornbelt AMBUCS™ will be well represented by several of our club members. One goal of the conference is to give away 100 Amtrykes®. Cornbelt is one of the chapters sponsoring those Amtrykes®.

Mark your calendars for Friday, September 28 and Saturday, September 29. Cornbelt AMBUCS™ are hosting the Fall Conference. We will have AMBUCS™ from throughout the region joining us for fun, food, and good times. Our September ramps will be scheduled to be part of the conference. So, we will need expert ramp-builders (and you are all experts) to help with the ramp-building activities. If you are a golfer, plan on using your clubs during the weekend. If meeting new people, food, golf, more food, short seminars, food, ramp building, more food, and parties are of any interest to you, then you will want to join us. It will be a great time.

Have you ever attended a Cornbelters baseball game? Check your calendar and see if you are available on Thursday evening August 9. If you are, please contact Greg Beneze or myself. We would be glad to have you join us for an evening with AMBUCS™. I can't promise what the weather will be but it is always cool to hang with AMBUCS™!!

Last year, two dozen family lives were improved by the ramps we built, one dozen happy children are enjoying the Amtrykes® we provided, and schooling is more affordable for 3 scholarship winners. All of this is because of the time, effort, and dedication you provide through AMBUCS™.

See you at Monical's on August 1 if not before!!!

Don



### **Mark your calendars!!!**

#### **Next Saturday Meeting**

When: Saturday, July 21, 2012  
Time: 7:15 a.m.  
Place: Shannon's Restaurant

#### **Next Noon Meeting**

When: Wednesday, August 1, 2012  
Time: Noon  
Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



## Bill BucHie's Babbles...



Hey, All you ramp-builders -

Hot enough for ya'?... Well, it sure beats the piles of snow and ice we always complain about... but this is a little extreme, I think. Hopefully we will have some better weather in July to start up our ramp-building again. We did get a ramp built in June... thanks to the State Farm volunteer group led by our very own Brian Burcham. Mr. Bill Smith has been caring for his wife for many years and had no way to get her in and out of his home. He had been looking at nursing homes as a last resort but AMBUCS™ solved his problem. Brian showed up with a crew (that has built ramps with us in the past, too) and built a ramp for Mr. & Mrs. Smith at their home in Normal. Mr. Smith was thrilled with the results and had his wife out on his new ramp while he was tending his roses this past week! Another ramp built by working together!... and a special thanks to the State Farm volunteers!





We will be back to building ramps in July, again... so watch your e-mail for locations. Thanks to all our volunteers who have helped us this year.. and hope to see you (and many more) at the ramps in the future.

Thanks.. and see ya' at the ramps!

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## Notes From Al...



### AmTrykes®

Thanks again to all Cornbelt AMBUC<sup>TM</sup> Members and especially to Dennis Wentworth for having another birthday.

In June Cornbelt AMBUCS<sup>TM</sup> presented a lovely red 1416 ProSeries bike to Elexa. Elexa is a beautiful 8 year old girl who has never been able to ride a bike independently due to her Cerebral Palsy. She has wanted to have her own bike and the ability to ride independently for several years. Cornbelt AMBUCS<sup>TM</sup> made this possible and as you can see from the following photo. She adapted quickly to her new red bike and did not want to stop riding so we could make some final adjustments. Dennis and Cathy were there and Dennis was very helpful in getting the front brake working properly. Also, you can see Elexa's wonderful District 87 therapist, Karen Klein, trying to keep up with Elexa in the photo. Karen has help us deliver and fit several children on AmTrykes®.



Elexa's bike was funded by donations to Cornbelt AMBUCS™ in reference to a small birthday party for Dennis Wentworth. (I think I previously in error indicated it was in reference to Cathy Wentworth's birthday.) Dennis requested donations to AMBUCS™ rather than gifts and his friends were very generous. Thanks again to Dennis and Cathy for the wonderful idea.

I am working again with the Streator Mason Lodge on two bikes for children in Streator. If all goes well the bikes will be delivered in July after I return from National Conference. At National Conference we will be providing an AmTryke® to a child plus a Disabled Veteran. Pictures will be available in next month's newsletter.

We are also working and hoping to get an AMBUCS™ chapters started in the Streator and Marseilles areas. If you know of any contacts in the Streator and or Marseilles area who might be interested in AMBUCS™ please let me know.

As usual, please let me know if you become aware of any individual who may benefit from an AmTryke®.

Thanks,

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