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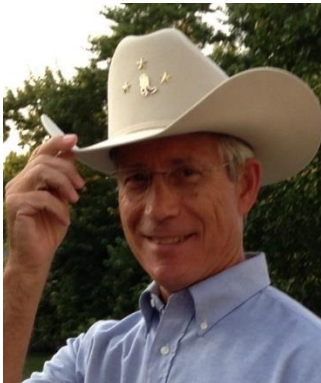


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## THE PREZ SEZ...



It won't be long before Spring will be here with Spring weather - - I hope. I can't wait.

I hope you will take note of the opportunities you have to help AMBUCS™ mentioned in this newsletter. Both Kroger and Amazon have programs that will help fund our charitable efforts. I think this is some pretty exciting stuff. I hope you will too.

## Shopping Makes Cents

Kroger has announced a way for local charities to earn money simply by having their members and friends shop at their local Kroger stores. All we have to do is shop at Kroger with your Kroger Plus Cards (this is NOT a credit card. It is a card that gets you discounts on products you buy at their stores.) I hope you will check it out and register today. Also, tell your Facebook friends. They can help us earn money too.



TO USE THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:

\*\*\* these rewards go directly to Cornbelt AMBUCS™ \*\*\*

- Register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)
- *Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization (Cornbelt AMBUCS™) after you sign up.*
- *If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, you can get one at the customer service desk at any Kroger.*
- Click on Sign In/Register
- *If you are a new online customer, you must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.*
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.

- Enter NPO number ( 73396 ) or name of organization( Cornbelt Chapter ), select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for us until after you register your Kroger Plus card.
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call [800-576-4377](tel:800-576-4377), select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

### Amazon Smiles

Amazon also has a program where they will donate 1/2% of your purchase price to AMBUCS™. It is really a simple process - check it out.

When you shop on Amazon, log in with the following link [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) . It is a super simple way to help out AMBUCS™ without spending an extra cent! Whenever you visit Amazon via that link, they'll give us .5% of the purchase amount. The first time you log into [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) they will ask you to select your charity. Selecting Cornbelt Chapter of AMBUCS™ will direct money to our chapter. Selecting National AMBUCS™ will go toward purchasing AmTryke® therapeutic tricycles for riders waiting on our National Wish List. I hope you will take advantage of Amazon's offer to help support AMBUCS™.

### Mark your calendars for [April 17](#) & 18 Central Region Spring Conference

The Central Region Spring Conference will be held [on April 17](#) & 18th in Springfield. We have put together a very fun and full schedule for Friday and Saturday, which includes golf, University of Ambucs™ mechanics and road show training, a cook out, officer training, Big Hat auction, awards processes and a reception and dinner on the 29<sup>th</sup> floor of the Hilton. Oh yeah, Springfield will be hosting the hospitality suite.

Registration is only \$90 per member and we have a great rate on rooms. It will be a lot of fun with your fellow AMBUCS™. I hope you can attend, so mark it on your calendar now.

## Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 14 Spring Awards Banquet

Our **annual Spring Awards Banquet** has been scheduled for Thursday, May 14 at the Ozark House. Please reserve this date on your calendar and plan to join us. Look for details next month.

Dick Lang

### Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, March 21, 2015  
Time: 7:00 a.m.  
Place: Shannon's Restaurant

### Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, April 1, 2015  
Time: Noon  
Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

### Spring Conference

When: Friday and Saturday April 17-18  
Place: Springfield, IL



## Bill BucHie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

Still nothing built in February but our ramp-building will be starting up again in March! The weather is finally changing, the snow is melting, and I've got my tool belt hanging on the back door and ready to go!



I've got a few ramp referrals ready to go from this past winter, so watch your e-mails and I'll let you know of the dates and the times for our ramp-building projects. We will continue our tradition and build ramps on the third Saturday of the month throughout the year. When the weather improves, we will also build ramps in the evenings, as well. If you would like to participate and you want to get an e-mail notice of our ramp projects, please send me an e-mail so I can add you to our e-mail list.

Thank you for your patience this winter, and I'll see ya' at the ramps!

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## Notes From Al...



### **AmTrykes®**

Cornbelt has been working with a therapist at Spice this month. We have received two application for ProSeries bikes for an 18 year old girl and a 19 year old young man. We may need to wait a while on the bike for the young man. We have a more heavy duty ProSeries bike in production that will be available soon which will work much better for the young man. The board has approved the purchase of these two bikes so watch for pictures next month.

Cornbelt also helped purchase a bike for a young girl in St. Louis. This was a combined purchase by several Central Region chapters and I will assemble and deliver the bike. The St. Louis therapist is one of the therapist working to get the new chapter going in St. Louis in which Cornbelt will be the sponsoring chapter. The young girl is non-verbal and has cluster seizures. The therapist was not sure the chapter was going to be organized in time for this girl to have a bike to ride this spring. The Central Region chapters put their shoulders together and made this happen.

As usual, please continue to forward me the contact information for anyone you feel could benefit from an AmTryke®.

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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>