

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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THE PREZ SEZ...



As Visibility Month has started, I'd like you to know that we have a display in the window of Specs Around Town in Downtown Bloomington.



Thanks to Julie Kubsch & her staff for allowing us to use that space. As we move forward, however, I think that every month should be visibility month. We all need to do a better job of letting the community know who we are, what we do and why. In that light, I will be discussing with the Board of Directors the idea of making the current display a moving and evolving display, where for the next few months it will be located in a variety of locations in Bloomington / Normal, changing the trykes that are in the display as well as adding information on the ramps we build. If you know of a location with good visibility that would allow us to place that display for a week or two at a time, please let us know. I'd also like to spend more time making presentations of the who, what and why to our community. If you belong to another service organization or have friends who are and they have guest speakers at their events, I'd like that opportunity. If you know of an event where we can have an information booth, table or make a presentation, we'd like that info as well.

It's a great day to be an Ambuc™, help us show why to a broader group, the rest of McLean County.

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Upcoming Events

Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, March 17, 2018
Time: 7:00 a.m.
Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, April 4, 2018
Time: Noon
Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

The weather is improving, and we were able to get one ramp built in February. We gathered at Mr. Meister's home in Bloomington, along with a few farmers, and built a small ramp for the family.



We finished the ramp, packed up our tools, and as I was driving home, the snow started to fall! Mother Nature may not be done with us yet.. but we're all still smiling.. and planning to build a few more ramps in the coming months. Thanks to our volunteers! Nice looking ramp! I'll keep you posted on future ramp opportunities. Until then, enjoy the weather.. it's only gonna get better!

See ya' at the ramps!

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Notes From Al...



Amtrykes®

Amtryke activity has started to pick up for Cornbelt Ambucs. Last month we did one fitting and have ordered a 2722 Amtryke for a young girl. The 2722 is our large three wheeled bike which will have significant back and trunk support.

We also have a fitting scheduled for early March for a young boy who has outgrown his 1412. Most likely he will get either a 1416 or 1420 Pro Series bike which we already have in stock so no wait if the fitting goes well.

We also have a couple potential bike riders from Bloomington Junior High School and one from the Tri-Valley school system.

Cornbelt with assistance from District 4A have been doing bike days for chapters Cornbelt has started in the last few years. Cornbelt transported the Amtryke trailer with sample bikes to Morris and Peru, Illinois and to St. Louis. Almost 50 kiddos were evaluated and fitted for Amtrykes. Now these chapters need to raise the funding for the bikes.

In March we will again be taking the trailer and Amtrykes to Peoria Easter Seals, with assistance from the Pekin Ambucs, to evaluate children there. Then off to the Quad Cities, LaCross, Wisconsin and then to Naperville. During these trips we will be evaluating another 50 kiddos for bikes.

As usual if you are aware of anyone who could benefit from one of our terrific therapeutic bikes, please send me their contact information.

Thanks.

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Don't forget about our spring conference this April. Here is the flyer with all the details:



to Indianapolis for the **AMBUCS** Central Region Spring Conference
 Holiday Inn - 251 Pennsylvania Parkway, Indianapolis, IN **317-564-4600**

Rooms are \$119.00 per night if booked prior to April 1

Registration is only \$80

Schedule of Events

Friday - April 27

Afternoon Golf Outing

6:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. - Dinner & Activities at Carter's Play Place

Come be a kid again!

<https://www.cartersplayplace.com/>

Saturday - April 28

National & Regional News

Lunch & AmTryke Presentation

Interactive Education & Sharing

Big Hat Dinner with auction and fun activities

Sunday - April 29

Enjoy all Indianapolis has to offer



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>