

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



President: J Balmer
Vice President: Marcia Hammerstrand
Secretary: Vicky Strauss
Treasurer: Dennis Strauss
Sergeant At Arms: William Hamann
Website: www.cornbeltAMBUCS.org

Bill McHie, At-Large Board Member
Pete Hettinger, At-Large Board Member
Jerry Wyrick, At-Large Board Member
William Hamann, Past President
Al Bedell, At-Large Board Member



APRIL 2018

THE PREZ SEZ...



Visibility month was in March, but we decided that visibility for the Cornbelt Chapter of AMBUCS™ should be longer than just a month. As a result, we had a window display at Specs Around Town for a couple of weeks & that display is now across the street in the Monroe Centre Building, directly across from the elevator. We are currently looking for another venue for the display elsewhere in Bloomington or Normal with high visibility, so if you know of one let us know.

We have two major events coming up: the Central Region Spring Convention on April 27 – 29, and our Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony which will be once again in early June. The Spring Convention is an excellent opportunity to see what is new, participate in learning & other events and meet with fellow Ambucs in our region. It's a great time for networking and discovering what other chapters are doing and perhaps things that might work for us. The date for the Annual Meeting has not been set yet as negotiations with a new venue for the meeting haven't been finalized, but we'll have the date and location to announce soon. I encourage you to come out and socialize with your fellow Cornbelt Ambucs and meet your new officers as well as some of this years' scholarship recipients.

Congratulations to Marcia Hammerstrand, our new President and Al Bedell, who will be accepting the Vice Presidents duties.

J

J Balmer
Betadigm, Inc.
jbalker@betadigm.com
309-287-9421

Upcoming Events

Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, April 21, 2018
Time: 7:00 a.m.
Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, May 2, 2018
Time: Noon
Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



Bill BuchHie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We got two ramps completed in March, between the snow showers and the rain! The first ramp was built for a family in Bloomington who made some major renovations to their home so the husband could get in and out of the home. We built a large ramp and even got our picture in the Pantagraph, too! Thanks to all our volunteers who helped us that day, including "Buana", our newest member!





The second ramp was built in LeRoy for a family that needed a ramp for the husband to get in and out of his home with his new wheelchair. We built the ramp on a Friday and got several inches of snow the next day. Hope he had a shovel attached to his new wheelchair!





Thanks to all our volunteers who have helped us this spring. We've been getting several requests for ramps so I'll keep you posted on the next several ramp projects.

See ya' at the ramps!

Bill McHie

Ph: (309) 824-9844 (cell)
(309) 829-9844 (home)

Be sure to check us out on Facebook. Go to www.facebook.com/cornbeltAMBUCS

Cornbelt Buc-etin Delivery

We now post all our monthly newsletters on our website at www.cornbeltAMBUCS.org. When the newsletter is posted, I send a link to everyone's email address so they can click on the link to take them directly to the newsletter. So, to get your link sent to you, please email Jerry your email address at JWyrick300@ctechinternet.com.



Notes From Al...



Amtrykes®

Cornbelt Ambucs presented one Amtryke this month. We have two more children waiting for their bikes. Unfortunately, the rear steering kits are still on back order. The rear steering kits should arrive at the dock this week and hopefully at the Ambucs Resource Center within 7 more days. Please watch your email notification for when we will be assembling the next two Amtrykes.

Taylor was so excited when she received her 2722 Amtryke at Easter Seals in Bloomington. Taylor has not had a bike she was able to ride for several years. She was just a little apprehensive when she first got on her new red Amtryke. However, once she got outside on the parking lot she took off. Becky, her Easter Seals therapist, was having a hard time keeping up with Taylor. As you can see from the picture below Taylor and her parents were very pleased with their new Amtryke.



National Ambucs has made a few changes to the Amtryke logo. The “T” in Amtryke is now lower case and “disability” has been removed. Please take a minute and check out the message on the Ambucs Facebook page or national website.

Thanks.

Al Bedell
2802 Hendrix Rd
Bloomington, IL 61704
(309) 826-0405

Service Activities

On March 15, Cornbelt AMBUCS helped out at the Midwest Food Bank, for our 1st quarter service activity. Our chapter has done this previously, but this was the first time many of us had been to the new location in Normal. It is quite a place! One of great things about working at the Food Bank, is that you really feel the generosity of people and businesses. All the food is donated, and much of the work is done by volunteers! According to their website, the volunteer hours contributed last year were the annual equivalent of 66 full-time workers! So on this particular night, we were part of that, along with two other groups. Our task this time, was to bag/seal/box cornflakes, cornflakes, and more cornflakes! We handled three huge towers of the cereal, and I overheard one of the other workers say that there were 700 pounds of cornflakes in one of the towers! Working together, we got our work done, and had fun doing it!





For our 2nd quarter service activity, we will be assisting The Red Cross with their Sound the Alarm event. This will be held on **Saturday, May 5th in Bloomington-Normal**, from 9:00-2:00. Teams of volunteers will install free smoke alarms and share home fire preparedness information to residents. Volunteers will receive training the day of the event and will go out in teams of three. The Red Cross also needs volunteers to help with volunteer check in and to assist with overall needs on the day of the event, to make it a success. They say there is a role for everyone! An email has been sent on this, but feel free to contact Marcia Hammerstrand at mshammer@a5.com, for details, and to sign up.

Also related to community activities, Cornbelt AMBUCS will again have a booth at the Be Content Senior Expo on Tuesday, May 1, from 9:00 – 2:00. An email will be sent out seeking members to man the booth. This is a good event that gives exposure to our organization.

Submitted by Marcia Hammerstrand

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>

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



