

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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**MAY 2018**

**THE PREZ SEZ...**



Last weekend, several Cornbelt Ambucs™ participated in our Central Region Spring Conference just north of Indianapolis. The weekend started out (for those of us who didn't play golf) with dinner and a tour of Carter's Play Place, owned in part by local Ambuc Adam Meents. Carter's provides a "safe, secure, clean and inclusive sensory-friendly recreational environment for children in the community." It's an exceptional facility, allowing kids to not only play together, but have fun while participating in physical therapy sessions. I highly recommend visiting their website, <https://www.cartersplayplace.com/>.

Several educational sessions were provided by officers as well as the regular business meetings that included national news, discussion of backlog resolution, officer training and parliamentary procedure. Trykes were given away and plans discussed for future conferences.

While the Cornbelt Chapter had expressed an interest in hosting next years' regional conference, the I-80 Chapter also expressed an interest and Cornbelt agreed to not only assist I-80 with the 2019 Regional Conference to be held near Starved Rock, but we will be hosting the conference here in 2020.

The National Conference will be held this fall in Reno, Nevada, and I highly recommend that you attend. Help represent our great chapter at National, we will have more information as we get closer to the event.

This year our Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet will be held at Baxter's American Grill on Route 9 across from the Central Illinois Regional Airport on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. An agenda and information on tickets will be forthcoming.

It's a great day to be an Ambuc,

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Next Saturday Event**

When: Saturday, May 19, 2018  
Time: 7:00 a.m.  
Place: Shannon's Restaurant

### **Next Noon Meeting**

When: Wednesday, August 1, 2018  
Time: Noon  
Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

### **AMBUCS Awards Banquet**

When: Wednesday, June 6, 2018  
Time: TBD  
Place: Baxter's American Grill



## Bill BuchHie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We built 3 ramps in April! The weather is finally in our favor and we are starting to get busy with ramp-building in our community. Here's a few of our projects for the month.

Our first ramp was for a family in Normal and the wife who has just been released from a rehabilitation center to come home. Now, she can get in and out of her home safely! Nice work, AMBUCS!





The second ramp was for a family in LeRoy. The husband is over 90 years old and is starting to need some help getting up his stairs, so we were able to build a fairly simple ramp up to his front porch. Again, nice work, AMBUCS!





The third ramp was for another family in LeRoy, too. The husband was just released to come home, and we were able to build a great looking ramp on a Saturday morning with plenty of help. (The homemade brownies were great, by the way!..)



We've got several ramps "on the books" so I'll be sending updates and letting you know when our next building date occurs. Feel free to stop by and join us on a ramp-building project sometime. We've always got a pile of lumber and a lot of laughs to go around. Thanks for your willingness to help and I'll see ya' at the next one!

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### **Notes From Al...**



### **Amtrykes®**

Amtryke activity picked up a little this month. We picked up an AM-12 from a family. The young boy rode the bike for about three years and has now progressed to riding a conventional 2 wheel bike. This is great and the parents feel the Amtryke played a major role in their son's progress to a conventional bike. All we need to do is order a new seat post and back support and the bike will be ready for another rider.

We also will be delivering two 1420s the second week of May. Watch next month for pictures of the two kiddos and their new bikes. There is another bike to be picked up at Danvers school. Not sure how much work needs to be done to refurbish the bike. This will determine if the bike is returned to Cornbelt or stays at the school.

Cornbelt also helped with bike days at Peoria Easter Seals, Mississippi Bend Ambucs in Davenport Iowa, Wisconsin Wheels in La Crosse Wisconsin, and Naperville last month. That all adds up to over 100 kiddos we helped Central Region chapters evaluate and fit kiddos on bikes this spring.

Cornbelt was also contacted by Spice for a potential rider this fall. I am working with them on the evaluation.

If you know of a kiddo or adult who could benefit from a bike please let me know. We have bikes that have been returned and refurbished we just need riders.

Thanks.

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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>