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Hello fellow AMBUCS™!

I am honored to have been elected to serve as your president for the next year. I am confident we will continue to do good by building ramps, providing Amtrykes®, and performing community service, but we also plan to host some purely social events. One of my goals as president is to meet more chapter members, and hopefully get more of you involved. I think when you attend Cornbelt AMBUCS events, you soon realize how much fun this group is! To help meet my goal, you will soon be receiving an invitation to a social event we are planning. I hope you will be able to join us. If I don't meet you there, don't be surprised if you get a personal phone call from me!

This is also a good time to remind you that registration for the AMBUCS National Conference is now open. It will be held in Reno, NV this year, Oct. 3 - 6. It sounds like there are lots of fun activities planned. This is a great place to learn more about AMBUCS, as well as meet members of other chapters across the country.

I will close by saying that if there is something you would like to see me do in my term as president, please don't hesitate to let me know.

It's a great day to be an AMBUC!

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Upcoming Events

Next Saturday Event

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

Next Noon Meeting

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

Bill BucHie's Babbles...





Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We built three ramps in June! We built ramps on some extremely hot days but we got some "cool" results for some very worthy recipients. The first ramp was built in Bloomington in the back yard. We started on a Saturday morning, called it off around mid-morning due to the heat, and returned that evening to complete the ramp. I pretty sure we broke some records on the heat index but we didn't break our stride.. and got it done! Ms. Stanford was very happy, thanked me, and wanted to thank all our volunteers who helped her with her new ramp. Great job, AMBUCS!





The second ramp was built inside a garage in Bloomington. The family needed a ramp for their mother, who was soon to be released from the hospital. The hot temperatures persisted but we prevailed and made another family's home accessible. Nice work, AMBUCS!



The third ramp was built in Colfax for a family that needed access to their home. A small platform at their front door and a short ramp to get into their home. Hot and humid that day but the results were really "cool", again! Thanks, AMBUCS!





We've got several ramps "on the books" so I'll keep you posted on upcoming ramp-projects. I sure do appreciate all the extra help we've had on ramps and our volunteers taking the time to help others in making their homes accessible. It's a pleasure to work with all of you! Thanks for your dedication and your willingness to help.. and I'll see ya' at the next one!

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Notes From Al...





Amtrykes®

Cornbelt did not have any Amtryke activity last month. We received a couple inquiries but nothing definite at this time.

As usual please continue to send me the contact information for anyone who might benefit from an Amtryke.

Thanks.

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Cornbelt AMBUCS Service Activities

Hello fellow AMBUCS,

Our 3rd quarter service activity will be to provide assistance to the Back2School Alliance. The Back2School Alliance is a group of volunteers and community partners who are dedicated to supporting students in need. They are collecting backpacks and school supplies for these students, and these items will be handed out at an event on Thursday, August 9 in the Grossinger Motors Arena. In addition to the actual event, however, they also need assistance before and after the event. Hopefully you can provide a few hours this summer, to assist with this worthy cause. You should have received an email with the sign-up info, but if you have questions, contact Marcia Hammerstrand at <u>mshammer@a5.com</u>. A few of us participated last year, and it was really fun to see the excitement of the kids as they got new stuff to prepare them for school.

Hope to see you there!

Submitted by Marcia Hammerstrand

Check out what our neighboring AMBUCS[™] club is doing. Here is the link to the Pekin club's newsletter: <u>http://www.pekinAMBUCS.org/newsletter.html</u>