

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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**October 2018**

**THE PREZ SEZ...**



Hello fellow AMBUCS™!

Welcome to fall! I am enjoying the lovely fall weather, and hope you are, too. It is great ramp-building weather! We had a great group on hand for our ramp-building last week. After we built that ramp, a smaller group went to tear down another ramp, then they had a committee meeting afterwards. In order to relieve some of the pressure on Bill, we are establishing a ramp-building committee. We will still need everyone to help build, but the hope is that the committee can help with some of the planning.

Along with fall comes the AMBUCS National Conference, as well as Branding Time. Several of your Cornbelt board members will be attending the conference, and I hope we have some good take-aways that we can talk about at our next monthly meeting. Cornbelt is sponsoring two Amtrykes® at the Conference; one for a veteran and one for a child. I am definitely looking forward to The Great Amtryke Giveaway, and we will share some pictures and videos with you.

Branding Time is October and November. This is the time period when we work especially hard to try to bring in new members to the chapter. I have challenged the Pekin and E. Peoria chapters to a branding contest. The losers of the challenge will have to travel to the winner's locale for a social event. When Cornbelt wins, the event will be an ISU basketball game. I'm hoping we get a few new members, have some fun, and meet some of our fellow AMBUCS members from our neighboring chapters. And to give you some incentive, any current member who brings a new member to one of Cornbelt's events (ramp, meeting, etc.) will earn a free lunch at the December meeting.

We also have some fun and exciting events in the works. We are planning a couple fund raisers and some community volunteer activities. There will be more to report on these activities in the next newsletter, so stay tuned!

Well, I think that is about it for this month. Keep up the good work, everyone. I will see you at the next monthly meeting, which will be Oct.10.

It's a great day to be an AMBUC!

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Next Saturday Event**

When: Saturday, October 20, 2018  
 Time: 7:00 a.m.  
 Place: Shannon's Restaurant

### **Next Noon Meeting**

When: Wednesday, October 10, 2018  
 Time: Noon  
 Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



## Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We built a ramp in September.. in Bloomington.. and Sheila was very happy with the results! We had a great crew, including 2 past national presidents of AMBUCS (Connie Oltman and Al Bedell) so we knew we were in good hands! We finished the ramp for Sheila and then a few of us went to retrieve another ramp that was donated back to us. A great day with great results! Thanks everyone!



Thanks to all our volunteers and I'll keep you posted on future ramp projects.

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### **Cornbelt Buc-etin Delivery**

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## Notes From Al...

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### **Amtrykes®**

As expected Cornbelt Amtryke activity has picked up with a new school year.

On Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, Cornbelt provided a lovely young girl who attends Colfax Elementary School her first Amtryke. Kaylee was so excited and Dorene Solava, the physical therapist with Spice, had a hard time keeping up with Kaylee. Kaylee received an AM-16 that had previously been used by another kiddo. We only had to order a couple replacement parts and the bike worked perfectly. As you can see from the two pictures below she was quite excited to have her new red bike. All the kids in the school were cheering for her.





We also fitted a young man at the Baby Fold on an AM-16 and the bike has been ordered. This is one of the bikes still on back order so let's hope it gets here so he can use his bike while the weather is still nice.

In October we will be fitting three potential new Amtryke recipients at the Danvers Elementary school. If all goes well will be taking the Amtryke trailer there to make sure we have the right bike for each of the kids.

The Tri-Valley physical therapist has asked us to repair a couple of the bikes at the school. This will happen on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Also, Larry and I will be taking the Amtryke trailer to Northern Illinois University to demonstrate our bikes to their physical therapy students. They are also interested in seeing what it would take to start an Ambuc chapter with the staff and student doing most of the volunteer work. Will let you know more next month.

As usual, please continue to send me the contact information for anyone that might be able to benefit from one of our fabulous bikes.

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>