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Creating Mobility and Independence For People With Disabilities

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THE PREZ SEZ...



Hello fellow AMBUCS™!

Well, it looks like we are truly ensconced in fall, now. I love this time of year with the coolness, Mother Nature's beautiful colors, and the fall activities. And, of course, branding time! Don't forget the challenge that Cornbelt is doing, bring a new member to a Cornbelt event, and you, as well as the new member, will get a free lunch, as well as contribute to the branding challenge with the Central Illinois AMBUCS chapter.

If you have not taken a look at the AMBUCS national website in a while, I encourage you to do so. The National AMBUCS Board of Directors recently approved a new tagline and mission statement, removing 'disabilities' from our tagline and mission statement. The new AMBUCS tagline is: Inspiring Mobility & Independence. There is a letter of explanation on the national website from our new president, Randy Cloud. Cornbelt will not reproduce existing materials, but when the time comes to replace them, we will use the new logos. The same thing will happen at the Resource Center.

Besides ramp building and Amtryke® giveaways, here are some other fun activities to look forward to:

- the wine-tasting fundraiser on Nov. 8. This is a great opportunity to raise a few dollars for our chapter, so please support it.
- Salvation Army bell-ringing. I have signed us up for 6 locations, on Tuesday, Dec, 4, from 4-6 pm. Details will be coming a little later, but I wanted to reserve the spots so we could all ring at the same time.

We will probably also meet for dinner afterwards, like we did last year.

- the post-Christmas re-gifting party. This will be a get together just to have a little fun.
- the pancake breakfast, to be held in spring 2019. This will be another Cornbelt fundraiser.

Details are still being worked out on some of these events, so stay tuned!

Also, I would like to make you all aware that we will have a couple speakers from Marcfirst at the monthly meeting on Dec. 5. Please try to be there, so we can give then a nice welcome.

It's a great day to be an AMBUC!

Marcia

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Upcoming Events

Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, November 17, 2018

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, November 7, 2018

Time: Noon

Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

Bill BucHie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We still have a few ramps to build this fall, so I'll keep you posted on building dates and locations. As long as Mother Nature will cooperate with us, we will continue to build ramps, so don't put your toolbelt away just yet!

We did manage to build two small ramps in October. The ramps we built were "recycled" from previous ramps that we had in our storage lot, so we had a very small crew to install the ramps for both families. The first ramp was for Mr. Stutzman in LeRoy, inside his garage, so he can have access to his home. Although he was not convinced he needed a ramp, I think he liked the final product and his wife was very pleased, as well.



The second ramp was also built in LeRoy for a Korean War veteran. Mr. Alexander had not been able to get in and out of his home without a lot of assistance. Jeff at Alexander Lumber Company in LeRoy contacted us as he is a member of the local American Legion. The lumber company donated some materials to finish the project and we had a ramp section that fit perfectly at the home. They were very pleased with their new ramp. Thank you for your service, Mr. Alexander, and we were glad to help!





Enjoy the beautiful colors this fall and I'll be in touch with future ramp-building opportunities. See ya' at the next one!

Bill McHie

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The therapeutic tricycle for children with disabilities

Notes From Al...



<u>Amtrykes®</u>

Even though we did not provide any Amtrykes we have measured and evaluated several kiddos.

We have one bike ready for delivery to a young man at The Baby Fold in November. We have another ready to be delivered to a child in Danvers.

Also, this month we requested and the board approved three more bikes for kiddos attending the Danvers Elementary School. Two AM-16 and one 1412 Pro Series Amtryke. Depending on when the three bikes can be shipped and assembled, we would like to present the four Amtrykes at the same time.

I also repaired three Amtrykes for Tri-Valley in October. After the repairs, we received a request for a 1420 XL Pro Series bike for a student at Tri-Valley. This request will be presented to the Cornbelt Board at the November meeting.

As usual, please continue to send me the contact information for anyone who could benefit from riding one of our tremendous 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