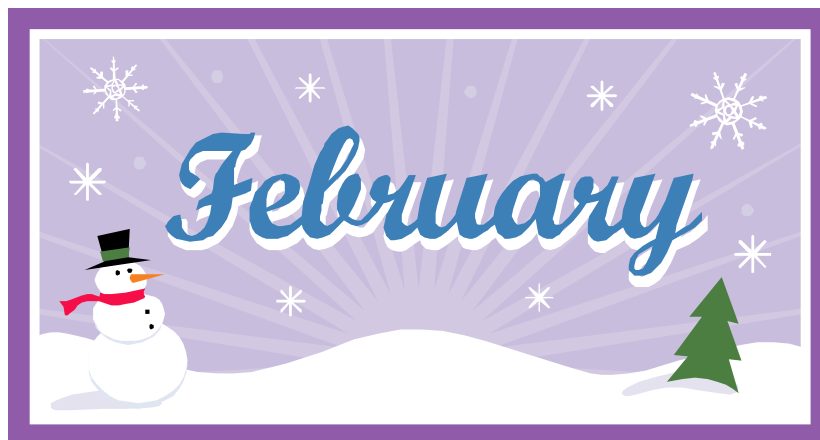


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**February 2019**

**THE PREZ SEZ...**



Hello Fellow AMBUCS™! I hope you all made it through the polar vortex with no incidents. I have to confess, I was in warm and sunny Mexico while central Illinois was getting hit with the worst of it. You will get no apologies from me, though! Hopefully things will be on the upswing now, as we make our way through February, even though Mother Nature may still have a few surprises in store for us. Of course, with all that weather making its way through here, we have not had any recent ramp activity. We will have to see what Bill has in store for us coming up.

Even though the ramp and Amtryke® activity is slow right now, we do have several other activities to look forward to:

Feb. 22 - we will build the second picnic table for MarcFirst at Larry Turilli's house. This will start at 1:00. You should each have received an email from Larry on this. If not, let me know.

Feb. 23 - we will join the Central Illinois Chapter of AMBUCS for a hockey game, preceded by pizza at a local pizza place. The game is at 7pm, and the pizza will be around 4:30 or so. At this time, however, I do not know the name of the pizza place, what the cost of the tickets will be, or when we need to commit. I have contacted Dennis from Central Illinois and hope to have those details soon. In the meantime, please put this event on your calendar, and plan to join in.

March 9 - there will be an Evaluation and Fitting Training Session for therapists, from 8 - 3:30. You do not need to be a member of AMBUCS to attend, so if you know a therapist, please pass the word on to them. AI is organizing this, and has all the details.

March 30 - our pancake breakfast is back! It will be held from 8-11 am, at the Evangelical Free Church. You will each receive tickets to sell, plus we will need helpers the day of the event. This is our largest fundraiser, plus our opportunity to show off what AMBUCS is all about.

In other news, registration for the spring conference will open very soon. You should each receive an email soon, from Donna Carlton-Vish, the Central Region Director. The conference will be April 12-13. Please be on the watch for this email from Donna. It would be great to have a good representation from Cornbelt at the conference. They have some educational sessions planned, but also some fun stuff, including golf and shopping!

And last but not least.....if you have not yet paid your annual dues, please contact Dennis Strauss. We would like everyone to be paid up by the end of February.

It is a great day to be an AMBUC!

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## Upcoming Events

### Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, February 16, 2019

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Shannon's Restaurant

### Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Time: Noon

Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



## Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

With all of the snow, frigid temperatures, and cancellations, we did manage to get one ramp built in January.. imagine that! Duane Wells has a neighbor that needed a ramp at his home and we were able to build a small ramp at their door so the homeowner has easier access to his home in Ellsworth. As you can see from the photo, the ramp was completed prior to all of our wonderful winter precipitation. (Actually, the snow started the next day!.. thank goodness!)





We've received a few ramp requests and we've got plans in place.. but until we can see the ground where we will be working, we'll need to wait until the snow melts before we can get back to our ramp-building. In the meantime, stay warm, be safe, and I'll be in touch when we get back to our ramp-building this year.

Thanks!

Bill McHie

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## Notes From Al...

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### Amtrykes®

Cornbelt Ambucs did not receive any request for Amtrykes this past month. However, with the Therapist Training for the Central Region being hosted by Cornbelt Ambucs. This training is designed for therapist and not Amtryke mechanics.

We are looking for several kiddos to be evaluated and fitted on an Amtryke as part of the afternoon training. So please let me know if you know of any child who could benefit from having a bike they can ride.

Also, we have room for additional therapists so if you know a therapist who might be interested in learning about our Amtrykes and receive continuing credit hours please let me know. Below is a copy of the flyer for the therapist training.



IL-2019-AEFT-Flyer.pdf

Thanks for all you do for our Amtryke program.

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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>



## Cornbelt AMBUCS Scholarships



Over the years Cornbelt AMBUCS has proudly supported many outstanding students on their path to becoming a Physical Therapist. This month we want to acknowledge the Huber family for their annual funding of a local scholarship in honor of their late brother Don.

The Don Huber Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually by Cornbelt AMBUCS and is fully funded by the Huber family in the amount of \$2,000. It would take too much print space to list

everything Don did for our chapter, but it began when he joined Cornbelt in November of 1988 and ended with his passing on Valentine's Day in 2002 at the age of 60. From ramp building to fundraising to being chapter president Don wore his big hat with pride. He wasn't only a superior chapter member but a superior friend to many in our chapter who still miss him to this day.

Don was the youngest of a large close knit farm family, all boys and one girl. The entire family helped take care of their brother Lyle who was born with mobility problems. As Lyle grew older his physical problems deteriorated and as a result he has been a quadriplegic for decades. Don had a special reason for being such an avid AMBUC member and he lived it every day.

Each year the Huber family has sent us a check for the memorial scholarship. It has not been uncommon to receive a few months later an additional check for one or two thousand dollars to fund Amtrykes and ramps. We are always pleased that each year at our annual installation banquet some of Don's family could attend. They are all part of our Cornbelt family.

It is with sadness that as time has marched on the Huber family can no longer fund this scholarship. Don's brothers and sister have been very generous and supportive, but if you put together the facts mentioned in the previous paragraphs the ending writes itself. Don was the youngest sibling and died at the age of 60 in 2002. Two of the Huber brothers have already passed away. We recently received a check that will fund five more years of their brother's memorial scholarship.

Thanks to the generosity of Don's brothers and sister there are many outstanding physical therapists doing their job today. Those students greatly appreciated the financial help and enjoyed a chance to say thank you to the Huber's at our installation banquets. The Huber family's support certainly raised awareness of scholarships in our own chapter as we have strived to provide more local financial support each year.

Cornbelt AMBUCS is proud to have had Don Huber as a member and we're certain Don would be even more proud of his brothers and sister for their support of scholarships through the Cornbelt Chapter of AMBUCS. And those of us who knew Don personally, we still deeply miss our friend.