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THE PREZ SEZ...



Hello fellow AMBUCS™! Wow, I can hardly believe that my first year as president of Cornbelt is over! I enjoyed the year, and hope you did, also. We accomplished a lot, and had a good time doing it. I'm hoping another great year is ahead of us. Thanks to all of you for your support of me, and all you do for the chapter. If you have any ideas about an activity you would like to see us do as a chapter, please do let me or one of the other board members know.

We had a really nice banquet last week. Thank you to Donna Carlton-Vish, for making the trip over from Danville. We gave away 5 scholarships to some very deserving students. We also gave chapter awards to Larry Turilli for Project Manager of the Year, Al Bedell for AMBUC of the Year, and the Don Huber Memorial Spirit Award to Duane Wells. These three individuals really embrace the AMBUCS spirit! If you haven't already, please congratulate them the next time you see them! We also took a look back at the year we just completed. If you weren't at the banquet, here is a quick summary: we built 27 ramps, gave away 15 Amtrykes and continued with Amtryke roadshows, had a couple fundraisers and some social events, did a lot of community service/public relations, and held a therapist training session.

I am now working to set up some community service activities for this coming year. The Marcfirst picnic we have been working on has not been set up yet, because of an inability of their staff to be available when we can be, so far. We will keep working on this, but it probably won't happen in June. I'm also working on setting a date for us to work at the foodbank again. I will send an email when that has been worked out.

Last but not least, you should each have received an email about ordering Cornbelt polo shirts. Stay tuned for details on this.

I guess that is about it for now. I hope to see you at a ramp build or an Amtryke giveaway soon!

Shoulders together!

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Upcoming Events

Next Saturday Event

When: Saturday, June 15, 2019
 Time: 7:00 a.m.
 Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, July 3, 2019
 Time: Noon
 Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)



Bill's Babbles...



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

We built several ramps in May and also "re-built" a ramp, as well. The Bloomington Pantagraph had an article and a picture of a homeowner that had to call the rescue squad as his ramp collapsed in May. Marcia contacted me and Duane and I went over and repaired/rebuilt his front deck so that he can use his wheelchair ramp that AMBUCS had built many years ago. Thanks, Duane!

We also built a ramp inside a garage for a gentleman in Bloomington and built a small ramp in Normal, as well. We also were able to remove a ramp in Normal that was donated back to us and we took the ramp sections up to Colfax where we will be building a future ramp for a family in Colfax.

The ramp picture is from a ramp we built for a young lady in Bloomington who recently had her mother come to live with her. We utilized several ramp sections and donated some of our materials so that this family has wheelchair access to their home.



Thanks to all who have helped with our projects and I'll keep you posted on future projects as they come up.

See you at the next one!

Bill McHie

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Notes From Al...



Amtrykes®

Last month was an exciting month. We build three bikes in my garage one night and then proceeded to give two bikes. We also received another bike to be assembled and another Amtryke request.

On May 15th we presented two bikes to kiddos at Sarah Raymond School of Early Education. Kara Thompson is the physical therapist we worked with on these two bikes.

The first one was provided to Braden. Braden is 3 year old child with autism. He ambulates with an ataxic like gait and often stumbles. He had a tricycle at home but was unable to propel the bike. As you can see from the picture below he really liked his new 1410 Amtryke. With the rear steering the father will be able to give him just the right amount of assistance.



The second bike was a 1412 Pro Series Amtryke to Peyton. She has CP and is determined she can get around and wants to participate with her friends. Kara was sure the Amtryke would help her develop the skills necessary to improve her mobility. This is the first bike we have used the calf leg supports to work with her leg supports. As you can see, she was ready to go and enjoyed riding her new red Amtryke all around the school gym,



We also received and installed the rear steering kits for Rex's 1420 XL Pro Series Amtryke he received at our pancake breakfast. His mom indicated he has been riding the bike and they are looking forward to having the rear steering in place.

June looks like another busy month. Already have one Amtryke to assemble and two Amtryke request waiting for board approval. So watch for email notifications of upcoming Cornbelt Amtryke events.

Also, in May I borrow the Amtryke trailer for a long road. Started with a brief trip to Peoria Easter Seals assisting both the Pekin and new East Peoria chapters in fitting kiddos on Amtrykes. Then with the large white trailer full of demonstration Amtrykes behind me I left for La Crosse, Wisconsin, then therapist centers in St. Cloud, Minnesota, Hillsboro, Fargo, Bismarck and Minot, North Dakota. Yes, that was over 2,600 miles but a very productive trip. Kristina Bouley, Occupation Therapist, from Bismarck accompanied me on the trip. There is a good possibility of two if not three new chapters as a result of the trip.

Thanks for all your help and support. As usual please continue to send me information for anyone who might benefit from our wonderful Amtrykes.

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