

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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**THE PREZ SEZ...**



Hello fellow AMBUCS™! I am writing this from the AMBUCS National Conference, in Pittsburgh. I have been enjoying meeting and talking with fellow AMBUCS from around the country. There is lots more to come at this event, but so far, we have been enjoying the sites of Pittsburgh, we had a great tryke build, and we had a stirring speaker at this morning's event. It never ceases to amaze me, what a difference we make in the lives of others. Also, at one of tomorrow afternoon's sessions, yours truly will be participating in a panel discussion, talking about our picnic table builds. The topic is finding wonderful ways to inspire mobility and independence. It will be good to see what kinds of projects other chapters get involved with, also.

In other news, we do have the tickets for the wine tasting, and I will follow up with you when I return to town. We did hear that there has been a delay on the finishing of Binny's new wine tasting room, so we will again hold it in the Binny's store, like we did last year. Other than that, no change in our plans.

Well, guess that is all I have to report from Pittsburgh at this time. I will send a report after the event, with all the pertinent news.

Shoulders together!  
Marcia

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### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Next Saturday Event**

When: Saturday, October 19, 2019  
Time: 7:00 a.m.  
Place: Shannon's Restaurant

#### **Next Noon Meeting**

When: Wednesday, November 6, 2019  
Time: Noon  
Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

## Notes From Bill...

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### Ramps

Hey, All you ramp-builders -

We built 4 ramps in September! We've been busy and we've still got several more ramps to build this fall. Here's an example of what we did this past month. Our first ramp was built inside a garage in Bloomington. This gentleman has been in a rehabilitation facility and is planning to return home as soon as he can. We made sure that he will be able to "roll right in" when he comes home. Nice work, AMBUCS!





The second ramp was built in Colfax for a family that has been patiently waiting for the past several months. She had been in the hospital and returned home earlier this summer. Without funds for materials, this family was not sure what to do. Well, we were contacted by another family that wanted to donate their entire ramp to our club for a family in need. We were able to re-purpose the entire ramp and build a rather large ramp for this family in Colfax. They were extremely happy and very grateful to us AND to the family that donated their ramp, as well. Great work, AMBUCS!









The third ramp was built in Normal for a family that needed a ramp inside their garage. We showed up, built a nice looking ramp, took a couple pictures, and got ice cream for a treat at the end of the project! (Thanks, Uncle Larry!)







Our last ramp was built by a family in Ellsworth but needed some major repairs. The family needed railing added, boards replaced, a platform built at the door.. well it needed quite a bit of repair but we know how to make a ramp functional and the family was very happy that we were able to help them. Thanks, Duane and Bill!



Enjoy the fall weather.. (and watch for those tractors, combines, and grain trucks!)

I'll keep you posted on future ramp projects.. Thanks!

Bill McHie

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## Notes From Al...

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### Amtrykes®

In September Cornbelt Ambucs provided one Amtryke. On September 19<sup>th</sup> we presented Lily with her new bright red Amtryke in Gridley, Illinois. Lily is a beautiful very young girl who unfortunately was born with a myelomeningocele spina bifida and related conditions. Jamie, her therapist, feels the AM 10 Amtryke will help improve and allow her to reach her goal of taking an independent steps with the assistance of her braces. We worked with Jamie previously at Easter Seals before she took a few years off to raise her three children and now she is working a couple days a week with early intervention home health care.

As you can see from the pictures below both Lily and Jamie are enjoying the new Amtryke. The smile on Lily's face demonstrates why we do what we do so well. I hope more Cornbelt



members would attend the bike presentations and have the opportunity to experience this wonderful feeling. Jamie also has a couple more kiddos who might be good Amtryke candidates in the future.





Since I will be taking on the duties and responsibilities of Cornbelt's chapter president I would really appreciate someone stepping up and helping with our Amtryke program. If interested please let me know. I am sure you will enjoy the role as much as I have.

As usual, please continue to send me the contact information of anyone who might benefit from one of our wonderful therapeutic bikes.

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