

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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## THE PREZ SEZ...



Hello fellow AMBUCS™! Happy holidays to all of you. Hope you are getting into the Christmas spirit! It was great to see so many of you ringing bells earlier this week. It is truly one event that puts me in the Christmas mood. Dinner afterwards at Shannon's was great, too. Let's plan to do it again next year. If you would like for Cornbelt to do it on a different day or time, do let me know.

Another great event we did recently, was the winetasting fundraiser at Binny's last month. This is a great event, because we have no outlay in expenses, so all that we collect from ticket sales is profit. This year we had 33 people in attendance, counting members, friends, and family. We brought in \$925! So, thanks to all of you who bought or sold tickets!

Talking about fundraising brings me to Giving Tuesday. After Black Friday and Cyber Monday, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving has become known as Giving Tuesday. So, Cornbelt jumped on the bandwagon, and we raised over \$300, by adding a link to our Facebook page. This was in part due to members, but again, friends and family participated.

Here are a few other events you can look forward to. The annual re-gifting party will be held on Friday, January 3, at Marcia and J.'s. I will send out an email with details. It will be dinner, drinks, and regifting. So, as you open those presents this year, keep that in mind, if you get something you don't want!

We will also hold the pancake breakfast again next year. It will be in the same location as it was this year, since that worked out pretty well for us. Dates and other details are in the works.

And, of course, we are working on the regional conference. Since Cornbelt is hosting it, it would be great if we can get a good representation from our chapter. The dates are Friday/Saturday, April 24/25. We are planning a great program and would like your support. Cornbelt will reimburse you for your registration fee, so that should be an incentive, too.

We are also still building ramps and giving away Amtrykes®, of course! Be sure to see Bill and Al's articles for details on those activities.

We will not have a meeting in January, due to the official meeting date being on Jan. 1. So, the next time we will meet will be Feb. 5.

Have a great holiday season! Hope to see you at a build, a tryke give-away, one of our other events, or all of the above!

Shoulders together!

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### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Next Saturday Event**

When: Saturday, December 21, 2019  
 Time: 7:00 a.m.  
 Place: Shannon's Restaurant

#### **Next Noon Meeting**

When: Wednesday, February 5, 2019  
 Time: Noon  
 Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

### **Notes From Bill...**

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### **Ramps**

We built three ramps in November! The weather was a little challenging but we were able to make life a little easier for three folks in our community thanks to all of you and your willingness to help. Here's a sample of what we can do when we work together.

The first ramp was built for Mr. Spieker in Normal. We started the ramp on a Saturday, had some great volunteers helping us, and we finished on Sunday, making sure the ramp was fully functional for Mr. Spieker, who recently had a leg amputated. Great looking ramp, AMBUCS.. Thank you!



The second ramp was built in Bloomington for Mrs. Hosea. She wanted to be able to get in and out of her home and we made it possible by building a ramp for her and her family. Another fine looking ramp! Thank you!



The third ramp was built in Bloomington for Ellen. She has been patiently waiting for a ramp and we were able to build her a beautiful ramp that will make it much easier for her to get in and out of her home with ease. We had a great crew working that Saturday and Ellen was very pleased with our work. Thanks to all of our volunteers who helped us that day!





I've got a few more ramps "on the books" and I'll be sending another e-mail in the near future to see if we can make someone's home accessible before Mother Nature brings us our winter weather. Thanks to all of our volunteers who have helped us throughout the year. Your willingness to help us with our ramp-building has made a big difference in the lives of many individuals in our community and I thank you for your help!

I'll be in touch.. and I'll see ya' at the next one!

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## Notes From Al...

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### Amtrykes®

In November Cornbelt Ambucs received two requests for Amtrykes.

The first one is for a 20-year-old young man who attends Tri-Valley Senior High School. As a result of a stroke at age 7, he is not able to use his right upper or lower extremity. However, when we tested him on the 1420 Pro-Series bike he did just fine with only using his left leg to pedal the bike and was able to steer the bike fine with only his left arm. The board approved the purchase and the 1420 Pro-Series Amtryke with a few adaptations was ordered and will be presented to him on Friday, December 12, 2019. I hope several Cornbelt members can be there for the presentation.

The second request was for an 11-year-old boy from Lexington. The request was received after Thanksgiving but the board members approved the purchase of the bike at the December monthly meeting in order for the Amtryke to be shipped, assembled and presented prior to Christmas. Please watch for an email with the date, time and place for the Amtryke presentation.

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

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas

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