

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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July 2020

THE PREZ SEZ...



Hello AMBUCS™

I hope everyone enjoyed and celebrated the Fourth of July. I am honored to serve as the Cornbelt Ambucs President again. It has been many years since I was chapter president. I am looking forward to a wonderful year with ramps, Amtrykes, Community Projects and a few Socials.

We have moved into stage 4 with the novel virus but must still be very cautious. We will continue to monitor the progress and determine how Cornbelt Ambucs can keep serving our community.

Our chapter meeting on July 1, 2020 was a lunch and learn and we held the meeting in Al and Dee's front yard. Nine Ambucs brought their own lunch, drink and lawn chair. We maintained social distances and it was great to see our members in person. It will be nice when we can meet again at Monical's I am but not sure what needs to happen before our members feel comfortable gathering indoors.

I want to bring a few dates and events to your attention:

1. July 11th Central Regional Virtual Conference

Larry Turilli, Central Region Director, has schedule a virtual Central Region Conference for Saturday, July 11th. You should have received an email with the preregistration information. If not, let me know and I will get you the information to attend the virtual conference and hear from Jay Laurens and Jessica Wall from the Ambucs Resource Center.

2. July 15th – Cornbelt Officer Installation Banquet

Marcia Hammerstrand has scheduled the installation banquet for Wednesday, July 15th at Al and Dee home. We will meet on the deck and maintain social distancing. If you did not receive the email please contact Marcia at mshammer@a5.com

3. September 12th - National AMBUCS Virtual Conference

The Ambucs' National Board has also scheduled a virtual conference to replace the cancelled conference. Please reserve September 12th to attend this virtual conference. The conference is scheduled to begin around 11:30 and last about 2 hours. Stay tuned for additional information soon.

Thanks for all you do to support our mission and I hope to see everyone soon.

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Upcoming Events

Next Saturday Event

When: Cancelled
Time: 7:00 a.m.
Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, August 5, 2020
Time: Noon
Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

Notes From Bill...



Ramps

Hey, all you ramp builders –

No ramps built in the past month. We continue to stay on touch with folks who have contacted us about ramps and we are planning to start building ramps on a limited basis in the next month. I'll be in touch with details when we start our building process again. Stay safe, take care of each other, and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

See you at a future ramp!

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The therapeutic tricycle for children with disabilities

Notes From Al...



Amtrykes®

Even though we have not been able to meet in person due to the novel virus Cornbelt Ambucs has been busy with Amtrykes.

We began the month giving Aberash her new bright red 1420 XL Pro Series Amtryke on June 12th. Aberash is 11 years old and enjoys school and many activities. She and her family are looking forward to the joy the new Amtryke will provide along with increased physical exercise, social interactions and independence.

Dick and Kay Lang attended the bike presentation along with the Kara, District 87 therapist. As you can tell from the pictures below Aberash really enjoyed her new bike. However, she enjoyed going downhill the most.



About six members helped assemble the bike for Aberash. The process took a little longer than expected as assemble instructions were not included. However, the pictures indicate how easy it was when we worked with shoulder together.



Later in the month, Cornbelt Ambucs and National Ambucs provided a 2300 Amtryke to a disable veteran. I had previously visited with Steve and he is interested in starting a new chapter so Cornbelt agreed to assemble and deliver the new bike to Steve in Grayslake, Illinois. About six members helped assemble the bike. The process took a little longer than expected as assemble instructions were not included.

As you can see from the pictures Steve loves his new bike. He is trying to ride 20 to 30 minutes each day and he is one proud veteran.





We also had a 1410 Amtryke returned to us as the young girl outgrew the bike. The family thinks she may now be ready for a two wheel bike but will let us know if she needs another Amtryke in the future.

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

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