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September 2020

THE PREZ SEZ...



Hello AMBUCS™

August was another unusual month. Unfortunately the unusual activities are becoming the usual activities for us with COVID 19.

Again we were unable to have an in person chapter meeting. However, several members joined for a zoom meeting on Wednesday, August 5th. A few members even ate their lunch during the meeting.

We were able to provide two Amtrykes and build three ramps last month. Please read Bill and my comments. We did not have any other community activity but I know Marcia is working on the next activity so please watch your email.

Our AMBUCS National Conference will be a virtual conference this year on Saturday, September 12th. Much national news will be provided along with what we can expect in the next year. You will also be able to hear from the two candidates for AMBUCS Vice President Elect. The voting will take place on Sunday and Monday by the chapter presidents or their delegates.

In order to participate in the virtual conference you must pre-register for the conference. If you did not receive the email from the national office let me know and I will send the information necessary to register for the conference. There is no member charge for the virtual conference.

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Meet Your Cornbelt Board

Last month we started providing information on the Cornbelt Board Members. This month we are featuring Pete Hettinger.

Pete became involved with Cornbelt AMBUCS in the mid 1990's. He lives in rural Eureka where his wife raises sheep. Pete has three children. Their daughter is a Nursing Professor at UCSF and lives in Napa. One son is an IT consultant in Peoria and the other son works in the claims area at State Farm in Bloomington. Pete owns and operates Custom Car Care at the corner of Washington and Clinton streets in Bloomington.

Pete has been an at large board member for several years. Pete played a significant role with working with the Huber family and their donations to Cornbelt AMBUCS. One of Pete's best AMBUC memories is how the Huber family rallied around their brother Lyle throughout his life and their support of Cornbelt.

If you have any questions about the scholarship program just ask Pete.

Cornbelt AMBUCS August 2020 Survey Results

During August Vicky Strauss, your Vice President, contacted the Cornbelt membership to learn what activities you wanted to do. Thank you for taking the time to review and respond to the survey. Nineteen of the 35 members responded to the survey. The board will review the survey findings and determine how we can improve Cornbelt AMBUCS.

How long have you been a Cornbelt AMBUCS member?

- 180 years of AMBUCS membership represented – with the average # of years being 9.5.

What AMBUCS activities have you participated in?

Top 4 picks are

- Ramps
- Socials
- Bike Building & Giveaways
- Other Building

If you have not participated in more than 1 of the above activities is there a reason?

- Covid-19
- Recently joined

What would help you to be more involved?

Top 4

- Need more consistent notice of activities to plan
- More scheduled activities
- Covid19 currently preventing involvement
- If they had more time.

What are the best days for you to volunteer?

In order of preference

- Saturday

- Tuesday & Thursday
- Monday & Wednesday & Friday

What are the best times for you to volunteer?

Top 2

- 9 am -12 pm
- Anytime

What is your favorite thing about AMBUCS?

- Helping Others
- Friendship
- The faces of those we help

Are there other activities that you would like to suggest for our AMBUCS chapter?

- Equipment Builds at City & Town Parks
- Bags/Cookout night for members

If you normally participate in AMBUCS activities but you are not currently doing so - is this the result of Covid19?

- 1/3 of those responding indicated that Covid-19 was preventing them from participating in activities

Do you have any other comments that you would like to pass along?

- Great Community Helpers
- Proud to be an AMBUC
- Keep up the good work

Upcoming Events

Next Saturday Event

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

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, September 2, 2020
 Time: Noon
 Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

Notes From Bill...



Ramps

Hey, all you ramp builders –

We built 3 ramps in August.. finally! We have been able to get some much needed materials from Alexander Lumber and we will try to get caught up on some ramps in the next month. Here's an example of what we can do when we get together.

Our first ramp was in Ellsworth and Duane Wells gathered several volunteers from his church to complete a nice looking ramp for a neighbor. Great looking ramp and a great looking crew, too!





Our next ramp was in Bloomington for a family who has been patiently waiting for materials for the past couple of months. We built a "cool looking" ramp on a hot day for sure. The family was quite pleased and their home is now accessible. Thanks, AMBUCS!





The third ramp was built in Bloomington for a family that lives down the street from Brian Burcham. Brian has been working with our club for many years and organized a crew to build a ramp on a Saturday morning. I showed up with the trailer and a few hours later, we had a beautiful ramp completed. Nice to see what we can do when we all work together.. thanks, everyone!



I'll be in touch with information on future ramp-building projects. Until then, take care of yourself and others and I'll see ya' at the next one!

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Notes From Al...



Amtrykes®

After a very active July, in which 5 Amtrykes were given away, we started off running in August. On August 3rd, we provided Maggie with her Amtryke at SPICE. Maggie and her family were so excited and she loved the Amtryke. Maggie is 9 years old and recently underwent double hip surgery in Chicago. It was during her rehabilitation that the family found out about AMBUCS and our wonderful Amtrykes.

The bike Maggie received was an older version of our Pro Series bikes and worked but rear steering was not an option. According Maggie's mother she loves the bike so the board agreed to order her a new bike with rear steering. The bike is currently oversold at the Ambucs Resource Center so it may be a couple months before the new bike is available.

I wish you could all have been there to see the joy in her face as she took off on the bike. I hope you can see some of the smile in the pictures below.

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The next day, August 4th, we meet Henry at OSF. Henry is 5 years old and recently moved to Bloomington from the St. The family has been looking for a bike for over two years. Before leaving the St. Louis area he was riding an Amtryke and were informed about our chapter Henry loved watching the mirror images in the OSF windows as he made his way up and down the sidewalk outside the OSF building. Henry loved the 1412 Pro Series bike with the rear steering. He really wants to be able to ride his bicycle with his sister.

Henry had everyone there laughing and the staff at OSF was very impressed with our bikes. Especially when they heard this was a recycled bike and how that process worked.





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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>