

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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THE PREZ SEZ...



Hello AMBUCS™

September was a very interesting month with much activity. Our monthly Cornbelt Ambucs meeting was another zoom meeting as we still are unable to meet together for lunch at Monicals.

On September 12th the first virtual AMBUCS National Conference was held. The virtual conference went very well as all the speakers were previously recorded. It was not the same as there was very little networking between the members. Jay Laurens, our Chief Executive Officer, did a very nice job of keeping the meeting on schedule.

Sue Haywood was elected as our new National President and Scott Buckelew won the election for National President Elect. The voting was completed after the conference and the results were announced on Tuesday after the conference. Carmela Davis, from Texas, has announced she is a candidate for National President Elect for 2022.

Cornbelt Ambucs received several awards at the conference for the outstanding accomplishments last year.

Cornbelt was one of the top ten chapters in the country based on scorecard points and Marcia was recognized as the chapter president of a Superior Chapter. Cornbelt also passed the \$150,000 mark in plateau giving.

Your chapter was also noted as 100% giving in Amtryke, Scholarship and Cornerstone last year. This is the first time Cornbelt has achieved this award in all three categories.

Thank you for all you have done to make last year a very successful year as let's work hard to make this even a better year.

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Meet Your Cornbelt Board

Let's get to know **Bill Hamann**

Bill was born in Kankakee, IL, and grew up in Bonfield, IL, a small village with population of 300 at the time. He joined the Navy, and was trained as electronic warfare operator and technician. He met my wife, Mohini, while stationed in San Diego. They have been happily married for 27 years and have two lovely daughters, Jade and Zoe, ages 22 and 18, respectfully. Jade was married a few months ago.

Bill has been a member a little over 7 years and was recruited by Dick Lang.

He was President of Cornbelt Ambucs in 2016 -2017 and has been an At Large Board member since then. Bill has helped us complete several ramps and helped assemble and present several Amtrykes.

Bill indicated his best AMBUCS story would be something like, "Do you remember that time when J (Balmer) did ..." I could not get him to elaborate anymore.

Upcoming Events

Next Saturday Event

When: Cancelled

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Time: Noon

Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

Notes From Bill...



Ramps

Hey, all you ramp builders –

We were able to build one ramp in September. The family called and told us their mother was coming home and needed to get in and out of her home. We got together and made her home accessible with a small crew of volunteers. Thanks to our helpers, this family was pleased with the results!





I'll stay in touch as we now have better access to materials and will be building a few more ramps before the weather turns on us. Be safe and take care of one another and I'll see ya' at the next one!

Bill McHie
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Notes From Al...



Amtrykes®

In September Cornbelt Ambucs gave away one Amtryke. Krish is a 5 year old boy with Downs Syndrome so we were not sure how he would accept the Amtryke. He surprised us all and even gave us a little smile which is not seen very often in a child with Downs Syndrome. As you can see from the pictures below he truly enjoyed his new Amtryke.





This is another example of how a refurbished Amtryke is being used by a second or third child. We also received two additional requests for Amtrykes. We can use an Amtryke that has been returned for one and have ordered the other bike. Hopefully both bikes will be presented to the young boys in October.

We have a 1416 and a 1420 Pro Series Amtrykes on order and understand they will be shipped in late October or early November. The 1416 will replace the bike we gave away in August and the 1420 will be placed in stock for a future need.

As usual, please continue to send me the contact information for any person who could possibly benefit from one of our fabulous therapeutic bikes.

Thanks

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