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THE PREZ SEZ...



Hello AMBUCS™

I hope everyone made it through October and Halloween without too much trouble. I seem to never be ready for the cooler weather or especially the time change. Our dogs do not go by the clock too often and it will take them about two weeks to adjust.

Unfortunately, we still do not have a handle on the Novel coronavirus and are not able to meet in person. I am still not used to zoom meetings but I think we need to adjust. Even though we are not having in person chapter meeting, we are still providing Amtrkes, wheelchair ramps and providing social services to our community.

Please see the ramp and Amtryke reports later in this month's newsletter. We did work at Comlara Park on Halloween. Six Cornbelt members helped with stratification of Dunstan Chestnut seeds and then planting 5 white pines and one Colorado Blue Spruce tree. Stratification is a process of treating seeds to simulate natural conditions that the seeds must experience before germination can occur.

I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving this year. I know for many of us it will be unusual to not have a large family meal, but be **safe and stay healthy**.

If you are ordering takeout food, keep Shannon's Restaurant in mind as they provided much support to our chapter's pancake breakfasts in the past.

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Meet Your Cornbelt Board

This month we are featuring Dennis Wentworth.

Dennis is our newest board member and serving his second year on the board. He has been an Ambuc for about ten years.

Dennis and his wife, Cathy, live in the Downs area since 1975. Both Dennis and Cathy are very much involved in our community and Dennis is a new Marcfirst board member. They have two children who both attended Tri-Valley schools. His son is also a Cornbelt Ambucs member. Dennis farms in Mclean County with his son and Bill McHill also works for them. Dennis has helped us build 20 to 30 wheelchair ramps. He also has helped assemble and attended at least 10 Amtryke presentations.

One of Dennis' best Ambucs memories is when he traveled to Indiana with Bill McHie to build a ramp for a Cornbelt member's daughter. He recalls it was a long day but able to help a member at his daughter's home was very rewarding.

Dennis feels Cornbelt Ambucs does a great job filling the two needs in the community with ramp building and Amtrykes. With our small membership he feels we need to focus on what we do well.

Thanks for all you do to help us.

Upcoming Events

Next Saturday Event

When: Cancelled

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Time: Noon

Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

Notes From Bill...



Ramps

Hey, all you ramp builders –

We did not get to build any ramps during the month of October but we are planning to build a few ramps in November and into December, if our weather continues to cooperate!

We've got a small list of ramp requests that have come in recently and we will try to make some more homes accessible this fall. Here's an example of what a home looks like for a family that has a father in a wheelchair. I'll bet we can add a nice-looking ramp to the front of this home and make the home accessible in one day! If you want to see the results, look at next months' newsletter and you'll see what I mean.



Stay healthy, wear your masks, take care of each other, and I'll see ya' at the ramps. Thanks!

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Notes From Al...



Amtrykes®

During October Cornbelt Ambucs gave away two Amtrykes. We have several restrictions with the virus we must follow when giving an Amtryke away today. The major difference is we almost always have to present the bike outside and with few non-family members. It is difficult to not want to get down on the ground and help the therapist with the adjustments but today we need to avoid contact or being within six feet as much as possible. Therefore, we have not been inviting the membership to our bike giveaway. I hope this changes soon.

On October 5th at Marcfirst, Cornbelt Ambucs presented Logan with his new shiny red bike. Logan is an active 3 year old boy who wants to ride, but does not have the strength to ride a typical bike. The Amtryke will with help him improve his strength and improve his hypertonia. It is a little difficult to see but Logan was all smiles as he rode the bike. Even though you cannot see it, Amanda, the physical therapist at Marcfirst, was very pleased with how well Logan was doing.





In late in October, in front of the Colfax Elementary School we presented Colton with his new beautiful Amtryke. Colton is 5 years old and lives in rural McLean County. He has 4 brothers and sisters at home and recently demonstrated an interest in his sister's tricycle, but it is too small for him.

As you can see from the picture, Colton and his therapist, Dorene, along with his mother were truly excited to see how well Colton has adjusted to riding his new Amtryke. The face mask makes it difficult to see the smile on Colton's face.





Both Logan and Colton's Amtrykes were Amtrykes that were returned to Cornbelt Ambucs so another child could have a bike to ride. We also received a request for an AM-16 for a very special family which will be ordered soon for a daughter of one of our members. Hope her new bike will be here soon. We also have been advised the 1420 and 1416 Pro Series bikes on back order should arrive soon.

As usual, please continue to provide us with the contact information for anyone who could benefit from one of our outstanding therapeutic bikes.
Thanks.

Thanks

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