

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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**December 2020**

## **THE PREZ SEZ...**



Hello AMBUCS™

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I know we had plenty of food but sure missed the family getting together. The bad part is it does not look much better for Christmas dinner. Dee and I made our typical turkey dinner and then delivered meals to 4 individuals who were not having the typical meal.

Our chapter meeting has unfortunately been by zoom as most of us do not want to meet outdoors during the winter season. However, in January our **Ambucs National President, Sue Haywood, will be joining our January 6<sup>th</sup> noon zoom meeting.** I hope many of you will take advantage of this opportunity to hear Sue and ask her questions.

During November we completed 2 ramps and did not have any Amtryke activities. If the weather permits, I am sure Bill will be notifying us of a ramp or two in December.

With the COVID virus we have decided against the Christmas party this year. However, I hope we can all share in giving a gift to an unfortunate child or family. Some of us will also be ringing bells for the Salvation Army in December.

Dee and I want to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and safe and Happy New Year. As I look back over the year, I am so proud of all the activities Cornbelt Ambucs has done to make your community a better place to live. I look forward to when we all can be together in person in the future.

Again, please try to attend our monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> and hear from Sue Haywood. Thanks.

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## Meet Your Cornbelt Board

This month we are featuring Dennis Strauss.

Not to be confused with Dennis Wentworth, Dennis Strauss has been a Cornbelt Ambuc since June 30, 2006. He recruited three new members and joined the Big Hat, club within a club, in October 2009 and is a Life Member of Ambucs.

Dennis has held every chapter office during the 14 plus years and serves today as your treasurer and Big Hat chairperson. His financial report each month to the board is very complete and accurate. He takes great care of our monies. Denny is also the person who is our Webmaster and Facebook Administrator.

Denny has helped with many ramps and Amtryke projects in the past. Denny indicated he thoroughly enjoys seeing children on their maiden voyages on a new ramp or on their shiny red Amtryke.

Denny has recruited several of new members to our chapter. He feels word of mouth and asking someone to join will help increase our membership and what we do for the community.

Thanks for all you do for us Denny.

### Upcoming Events

#### Next Saturday Event

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

#### Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, January 6, 2021  
Time: Noon  
Place: Zoom Meeting

### Notes From Bill...

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## Ramps

Hey, all you ramp builders –

We had a productive month and were able to build three ramps in the month of November. Here's a look at what we can do when we put our "shoulders together"!

The first ramp we built was in Normal. We worked with the Town of Normal and utilized funds from their newly established grant program to build a nice ramp for this family. Duane celebrated his birthday by helping us build the ramp and we were glad to be able to work together to finish a nice-looking ramp that day. Nice work, AMBUCS!







The next ramp we built was in LeRoy for a veteran. This family was not thinking they would be able to afford a ramp this year but we were able to utilize some ramps sections that were donated back to our club along with some purchased materials and we were able to complete a well-deserved ramp for this family. Great job, AMBUCS!









The final ramp in November was built by another group of volunteers led by Brian Burcham. Being able to partner with a skilled group of volunteers (who have built ramps with us in the past) was a pleasure. A great looking ramp inside the garage will certainly make life much easier for this family and was completed in one afternoon. Nice job, everyone!





We've got a few more ramps we are going to try to get built this year but we may have to alter our building schedule and our procedures while we are still in the midst of this virus. As I am able to proceed with ramp projects, I will keep everyone informed of opportunities. Thanks to all our dedicated volunteers and I appreciate your willingness to help others in need.

Be safe, take care of yourselves and one another and I'll see you at the next one!

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## Notes From Al...

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### Amtrykes®

In November we did not give away any Amtrykes. Due to delays in getting the right bikes and accessories in our national warehouse we still have two Amtrykes on back order. I hope at least one is received soon so we can get it to the child before Christmas.

There are also several children on the National Wishlist. Please take a minute and review the list and donate if possible. The National Wishlist is for children needing an Amtryke without a local chapter in their area.

The Cornbelt Board agreed to donate two Amtrykes we have had in storage for a while to Marcfirst. Marcfirst has recently moved their pediatric therapy services to the Carle BroMenn facility. They now have almost four times the previous space and it looks great. As usual, please continue to provide me with the contact information for any individual who might benefit from one of our wonderful therapeutic bikes, Amtrykes. Every child needs a bike they can ride.

Thanks for all you do for us and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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