

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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THE PREZ SEZ...



Hello AMBUCS™

I hope all Cornbelt Ambucs had a wonderful Christmas and safe and Happy New Year.

December was another month of zoom meeting for our chapter meeting and the board meeting. With the delays we have been experiencing the board is looking at ordering a few Amtrykes to keep in stock. We have the finances for this, and do not want a child to wait six months for an Amtryke that is on back order. Please let me know if you have any thoughts about doing this.

By now, you should have received our letter regarding waiving the membership dues for 2021. This means everyone is paid up until December 31, 2021. We also will be waiving the membership fee until December 31, 2021 for any new member. With no membership fees for the year, this is an excellent time to ask if someone wants to join Cornbelt Ambucs. They can see what we do and get the opportunity to share in the fellowship and rewards for free this year.

Sue Haywood, our Ambucs National President joined us for our chapter meeting on January 6th. Please check next month's newsletter to hear what she had to say if you missed the meeting.

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Meet Your Cornbelt Board

This month we are featuring the Cornbelt Vice President, Vicky Strauss.

Vicky has been a Cornbelt Ambucs member for the last 12 years. She is married to our Cornbelt Treasurer, Denny Strauss. Believe it or not, she has 4 lovely grandchildren and retired from State Farm. This is where I first met Vicky.

Vicky was the Cornbelt Secretary for 8 years before agreeing to be Vice President. Let me assure you she is a highly active Vice President and keeps me under control. She is much more than a back-up and is responsible for setting up our zoom meetings.

In addition to assisting with Amtryke giveaways and being our resident photographer Vicky has helped with a few ramp builds. She also attends almost all the community service projects and was involved in organizing the Cornbelt Ambucs pancake breakfast in the past.

Vicky has attended several regional and national Ambucs conferences and has participated in the Trek for Tryke fundraisers for several years. One of Vicky's best memories is when a beautiful young girl, Elizabeth, received her Amtryke at our 2015 National Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi. She was so excited that she could now ride with her brother and sister who brought their bikes with them to the presentation. Seeing her ride for the first time brought tears to Vicky.

Vicky has some great ideas for ways to improve our chapter, and I am certain she will be a great Cornbelt Ambucs President.

Upcoming Events

Next Saturday Event

When: Cancelled

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Time: Noon

Place: Zoom Meeting

Notes From Bill...



Ramps

Hey, all you ramp builders –

Hope your holidays were wonderful! We had enough "good weather" to build two ramps in December. Here's what we did to make life a little easier for two families.

Our first ramp was built in Normal. This was a combined effort between our local Habitat affiliate, A Brush with Kindness, and our local AMBUCS group where we built a ramp for a gentleman at his home in Normal. Funding was provided by A Brush with Kindness and we

provided the labor..and as you can see, we ended up with a great looking ramp and the homeowner was very pleased with the results. I'm sure we will be working together on future ramp projects. Nice work, everyone! Thank you!





Our second ramp was built in Bloomington. Although this was a much smaller project, it was just as important, and needed, for the homeowner to be able to get in and out of his home. Nice looking ramp!.. and nice to finish up our year of ramp-building by making all these homes accessible in our community.



Thanks to all our volunteers! I know I've said this many times, but these projects do not get accomplished by themselves. It takes a team of volunteers and I appreciate everyone's help throughout the year. I'll be in touch with future projects we've got "on the books". Take care of each other and be safe and I'll see you at the next one!

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Cornbelt Buc-etin Delivery

We now post all our monthly newsletters on our website at www.cornbeltAMBUCS.org. When the newsletter is posted, I send a link to everyone's email address so they can click on the link to take them directly to the newsletter. So, to get your link sent to you, please email Jerry your email address at JWyrick300@ctechinternet.com.

Notes From Al...



Amtrykes®

I was not confident we would receive any Amtrykes from National last month. However, on December 21, 2020 we received the Amtryke for Chloe.

Chloe is the daughter of two of our members, Jeannie and Josh. She had been waiting several months for her new red shiny Amtryke. Josh was not available until Christmas Eve so we waited until then so they could both participate in building Chloe's Amtryke.

They were going to give her the Amtryke on Christmas Eve but decided to put it under the Christmas Tree when Chloe woke up on Christmas morning. Jeannie sent me a video on Christmas of Chloe rounding the corner and seeing her new Amtryke. This was a great present as we all know the rewards of giving outweigh the rewards of receiving.

Here is a picture of Chloe on her new Amtryke on Christmas morning.



Thanks for making this happen.

Currently, we do not have anyone waiting on an Amtryke. So please send me the contact information if you know of someone who could benefit from one of our tremendous therapeutic bikes.

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