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THE PREZ SEZ...



Hello Cornbelt Ambucs™

It is October. Cornbelt AMBUCS has been busy already this fall.

On September 11th – eight of our members got together to clean up our “Adopted” part of the highway. Thanks for the hard work to clean up out there! Please join us if you are able for our next Highway Clean-Up day on November 13, 2021.



Then on October 3 – some of our members volunteered as buddies for the Miracle League of Central Illinois at the field next to the Cornbelters Baseball field. This is a great organization that shares a similar mission to our own. We hope to volunteer again in the future with this organization.



This month we also gave away an Amtryke and we built a ramp but I will let Al and Bill tell you about those events.

We are set to have speakers for our monthly lunch meetings in November, December and January. Please come and join us to hear what is happening with our chapter and to learn more about those in our community who share a similar mission and desire to help those with special challenges. Please mark your calendars for the first Wednesday of each month to join us at Monicals Pizza next to Best Buy at noon.

We also have some additional opportunities to get involved coming up. On **November 2**, we will be manning an information table at the *Be Content at Home Expo* at the Parke Hotel from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

On **November 3** – we will be working to pack food at Midwest Foodbank from 6 pm – 8 pm. You will receive additional information about these events as we get closer to these dates. Please try to join us if you can.

Reminder for those who work for or who are retired from State Farm Insurance -You can submit a yearly Good Neighbor Grant by clicking [here](#) and completing the required form once you have volunteered for 40 hours during the calendar year. This will give Cornbelt AMBUCS a \$500.00 donation, which helps us to help others.

I would also like to challenge each of you to invite others who are service minded to join us for any of our activities, so they can get to know who we are and what we do. It would be great to have even more AMBUCS.

As always, please find a way to get involved. We are better together.

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Upcoming Events

Next Saturday Event

When: October 16, 2021
 Time: 7:00 a.m.
 Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, November 3, 2021
 Time: Noon
 Place: Monical's Pizza

Notes From Bill...



Ramps

Hey, all you ramp builders –

We were able to build one ramp in September. The family called and needed a safe ramp for their mother who lives in Bloomington. We had a great crew, great weather, and ended up with a great-looking ramp, too! The day after we finished the ramp, I got a call from the daughter. She told me that her mother was very happy with the ramp, got down the ramp, and enjoyed a nice visit with everyone that evening. Nice work, AMBUCS! I'm always amazed what we can do when we work together to make someone's home accessible.





I've got a few more ramps "on the books" so I'll be in touch with future ramp projects we can do together. Thanks for your help and I'll see ya' at the next one!

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Notes From Al...



Amtrykes®

I know it was not in September but close enough for the newsletter.

Cornbelt Ambucs presented Ved with a recycled AM-10 Amtryke on October 4th. As you can see the Amtryke looked like new and even came with a water bottle.

Ved has some limitations managing his posture on a traditional bike and was not able to pedal with only his feet. The AM-10 hand, and foot powered therapeutic bike should help, and he loves being outside and going on walks around the block. As you can see, he pays very close attention to his therapist, Jamie. Ved was ready to go for a ride very shortly after Jamie adjusted the bike to him.



Ved's family was very excited for him, and they loved the Amtryke. A picture of the family and his therapist, Jamie, is shown below. You can also see Marcia and Don in the background. It was not long before he was leading the family on a walk around the neighborhood.



I want to thank Vicky, Marcia and Don for taking the time to attend the Amtryke presentation. It is always so rewarding to see the smile on the child's face when they see the bike for the first time.

I am also waiting on another Amtryke evaluation for a small child. I hope it is for an Amtryke we have recycled as there are only a few Amtryke styles available from the Ambucs Resource Center. They are looking for a partial shipment in late November or December.

Thanks for all you do for Cornbelt Ambucs and continue to send me the contact information for anyone who could benefit from one of our Amtrykes.

Thanks.

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