



CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

November 2021

NEWS

Upcoming Events

December 1 – *Monthly AMBUCS Lunch* at Noon at the Monicals Pizza by Best Buy. We will have a speaker from EPIC to provide us with information about their mission and services.

December 14 – *Salvation Army Bell Ringing* 3-5 pm - afterwards we plan to meet for dinner at Shannons to share our bell ringing adventures. Contact Marcia to volunteer.

Save the Date

January 14, 2022 – Please mark this date on your calendars for our annual AMBUCS *After Christmas* regifting party. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

Reminder to Retirees and Current Employees of State Farm

You can submit a yearly Good Neighbor Grant by clicking [here](#) and completing the required form once you have volunteered 40 hours with AMBUCS during the calendar year. This will give Cornbelt AMBUCS a \$500.00 donation, which helps us to help others.



From Your President

Hello Cornbelt Ambucs™ It is November and almost time for Thanksgiving. The leaves are changing color and are falling off the trees faster that one can rake them up and our AMBUCS have been busy. We built a couple of ramps and have more to build.

On November 2nd – AMUBCS manned a booth at the Senior Expo at the Parke Hotel to provide information about the ramps that we build.





On November 3rd, our group sorted apples at Midwest Foodbank.



Also on November 3rd, we had a local physical therapist, Jamie, speak about the early intervention work that she is doing in our community.

Since we were unable to have an in-person National Conference this year many of us attended the various meetings virtually. One of those meetings was the Annual Awards Meeting/Ceremony where our AMBUCS chapter received the following awards:

Amtrykes – 5-9 Amtrykes Given

Score Card Recognition – Superior Level

100% Giving – Amtrykes

100% Giving – Scholars (to help fund National Scholarships)

100% Giving – Cornerstone (to help fund the building of new AMBUCS chapters)

Cornbelt AMBUCS has been busy helping in our community. We are proud of what we have accomplished in this difficult year. These awards and activities capture only a small part of our “accomplishments” as we remember those we have helped.

Please find the time to get involved as we are so much better together. Please let me know if you have any other ideas on ways that Cornbelt AMBUCS can serve in our community. Shoulders together!

(P.S. If you have read this newsletter- please send a comment back to Vicky Strauss. We want to know who is reading our newsletter. 😊)

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Ramp News from Bill

Hey, All you ramp-builders -

We helped three families to get ramps in October. The first ramp was coordinated by Brian Burcham with a large group of volunteers from State Farm to get a rather large ramp built. Nice looking ramp and thanks for help from our "Good Neighbors"!





Inspiring Mobility and Independence

The second ramp was built inside a garage in Normal for the Maupin family. The rain didn't help but we were able to complete a nice looking ramp so this family has easy access to their home. Thanks, AMBUCS!





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The third ramp was built in Normal for the Diehl family. They were pleased with the results and they now have a safe way to get in and out of their home. Thanks again, AMBUCS!





We've still got several ramps "on the books" so I'll keep you posted on future projects. Enjoy the fall weather and the beautiful fall colors and I'll see ya' at the next one!

Bill



Amtryke® News from Al

I have some good and bad Amtryke news for you.

The good news is we do not have any outstanding request for an Amtryke.

The bad news is we are still in a significant back order situation. The over one thousand Amtrykes ordered by National over a year ago are not expected to be received until after the first of the year. Since the Amtryke expected in the next shipment have already been requested, we can only expect the 1420 Pro Series Amtryke we requested several months ago.

The National Office has indicated the next shipment will not arrive until September or October 2022. Therefore, the board agreed, and we will be placing an order for 6 Amtrykes for future use.

Even though we have not been able to receive any new Amtrykes we have been fortunate to have had several Amtrykes returned to us. Most of the returned Amtrykes are in good shape and have been refurbished and are now being used by other riders. Let's hope this continues while we wait on new Amtrykes to become available in the future.

Please continue to send me the contact information for anyone who may be able to benefit from one of our therapeutic bikes.

Al Bedell

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