



CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

January 2022

NEWS

Upcoming Events

January 5, 2021 – Monthly AMBUCS Meeting – via Zoom this month

January 14, 2022 – **CANCELLED** Annual AMBUCS After Christmas regifting party.

February 2, 2022 – Next monthly Cornbelt AMBUCS Lunch Meeting at Noon. You will receive information regarding whether meeting will be in-person or via Zoom prior to the meeting.

NOTE: Please be sure to add this address (AllMembers@CornbeltAMBUCS.onmicrosoft.com) to your *email address book* so you will be sure to receive all of the news about important upcoming AMBUCS events and happenings.



From Your President

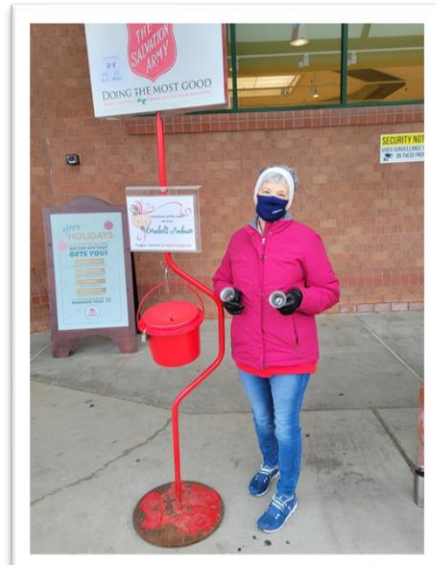
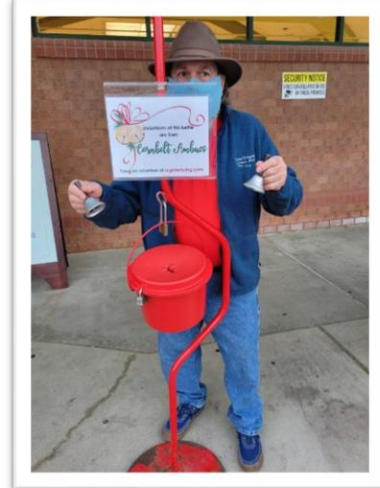
Hello Cornbelt Ambucs™ Happy 2022! Winter has arrived in Central Illinois. It did wait until January which was nice. Even with the changing weather, we have been busy.

We built one very long ramp in December and still have more on the books so keep a look out for the emails about our ramp builds.

On December 14, 2021, 12 of us rang the bells for the Salvation Army, where we raised \$1,273.59. This may be the most that we have ever raised. Afterwards – most of us met at Joe's Station House to warm up and to share our bell ringing stories.

See some of our bell ringing photos below.

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AMBUCS Magazine

Be sure to check out the latest [AMBUCS Magazine](#). There is an article about Cornbelt AMBUCS and our Adopt-A-Highway activities on page 18. There are also many inspiring articles in this month's magazine.

Please join us as we look for even more ways to serve in our community.

Shoulders Together!

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Ramp News from Bill

Hey, AMBUCS -

We only built one ramp in December.. but it was a ramp we'll all remember for a very long time!

Mr. Davis lives in Normal and we had built a ramp for his son about 20 years ago. Well, the ramp had gotten older, Mr. Davis had gotten older, experienced some health concerns in that time and more recently, his wife passed away. We got a call from Mark, the park manager at The Landings, and went to work. Before the ramp-building day, Duane offered his garage so we could build ramp sections, platforms, and get our lumber ready. On the day of the ramp-building party, Mark helped us take the old ramp apart.. in a matter of minutes! We were able to build a 50ft. ramp with two platforms, including balusters, in one day! As you can see, Mr. Davis was very happy with the results and we were just as happy to make his home accessible and safe again.



If you were a part of this ramp-building experience, I'm sure you will have some great memories of this project. Yep, it was a lot of work. Yep, we were tired! Yep, we were all smiles at the end of the day.. and Yep, it's another ramp we'll certainly remember.. along with so many other ones we have built throughout the year.

I hope you all enjoy the holidays.. in person, on-line, or however you can! And as you lift a glass, say a prayer, or listen to the waves on that sandy beach, I hope you'll remember just how important you were to our ramp-building program. Whether you were putting screws in the deck boards, making a donation, or helping someone to get connected to our program, your efforts certainly made a difference. Thank You!

Enjoy the holidays and I'll see ya' next year.. at another ramp, I'm sure!

Bill McHie



Amtryke® News from Al

Amtryke

Unfortunately, we were not able to give an Amtryke to a child or adult over the holiday season.

I have been with a family with a six-year-old son. The young boy has outgrown his previous Amtryke. The Greater Champaign County Ambucs provided the previous Amtryke when the family lived in Champaign.

I am waiting for the Amtryke evaluation form and required paperwork from the school therapist. The mother said he tried out a 1412 and she thinks that would work for the child. I explained I need to see the therapist evaluation.

We do not have a 1412 in our stock of recycled Amtrykes, but the Springfield ABC has agreed to sell us a recycled 1412. Once I receive the paperwork, we will get this Amtryke to the child. I hope to have pictures for you next month.

As usual, please let me know of anyone who might benefit from one of our wonderful therapeutic Amtrykes.

Al

(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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