

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

February 2022

NEWS

Upcoming Events

March 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.

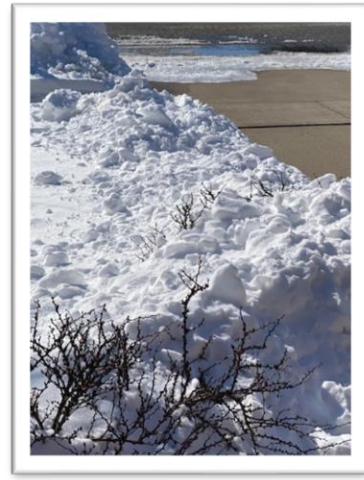
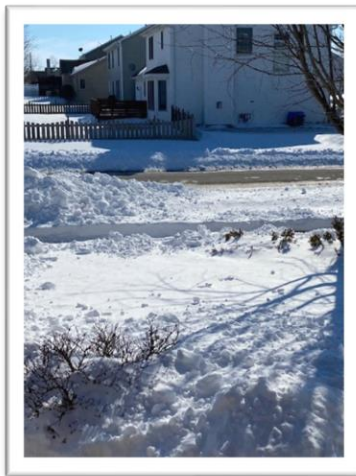
April 8-9, 2022 – Central Region Conference in Champaign IL – All are encouraged to attend.

Last Week of August 2022 – National Conference – Birmingham Alabama



From Your President

Hello Cornbelt Ambucs - Winter has definitely arrived in Central Illinois. Many of us have been snowed in for a couple of days. This may slow down our ramp building for a little while. 😊





Regional Conference – Save the Date – April 8-9, 2022

The Central Regional Conference will be held on April 8-9, 2022 at the Holiday Inn on South Neil Street in Champaign. We have not been able to hold a regional conference for the past 2 years so this will be a good time to get together with other AMBUCS chapters around the Region. It is always a great time of learning, sharing, camaraderie and fun. Please consider attending this event. More information will follow in the next few weeks.

National Conference – last week of August

We will be celebrating 100 years of AMBUCS this year. Please consider joining us at the National Conference in Birmingham Alabama – the last week of August.



National Big Hat Raffle

The National Big Hat club is holding a raffle as their major fundraiser this year. Tickets are \$20.00 each. The winner will win a 3-night, 4-day stay in Gullwing Beach Resort, Ft Myers FL, airfare and \$500.00 cash. Tickets on sale until end of July. Please contact me if you would like to purchase a ticket(s). Drawing will be held at the National Conference in August.





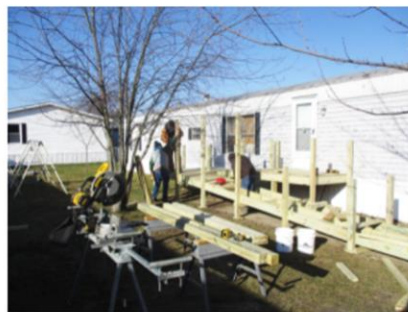
[National Newsletter](#)

One of our ramps made it into the National Newsletter. Way to go Cornbelt.
 (The links in the picture below – will not work – Go to our Facebook page for complete details)

Rejuvenated Ramp

Cornbelt AMBUCS

The [Cornbelt Chapter of AMBUCS](#) in Bloomington, IL recently completed an impressive 50 foot, two platform ramp for Mr. Davis, a Normal, IL resident. Interestingly enough, an AMBUCS ramp had been built for the family 20 years ago, but time had taken a toll on the old ramp and on Mr. Davis... When the chapter received a call that it was time for a new ramp, they didn't hesitate to act. Check out more before and after photos [here](#).



[Our Speaker at February Noon Meeting](#)

On February 2, 2022 – Donna the new volunteer coordinator from Midwest Foodbank spoke to us at our noon lunch meeting. She provided information about the various opportunities for volunteers at their facility and about all of the ways they serve our community & beyond, including Haiti and Africa. She told us that MFB coordinated 10,000 volunteers! Wow! They always have a need for volunteers as well as donations. We also heard a bit about their fundraising Gala in April. We will



definitely serve there again sometime in the future and some of us might even attend the Gala this year.

[Scholarship for Therapists – open February 7, 2022](#)

We believe in supporting and encouraging those in the therapy fields of study (PT, OT, ST) due to our close relationship with therapists and the work that we do. For that reason, AMBUCS, both on the National and local levels provide scholarship money for those pursuing graduate degrees in these fields. Applications can be submitted beginning February 7, 2022. Please pass along this information to those whom you may know that would qualify. Please also have the applicant contact us directly so we are aware of their application and can consider sponsoring them. They can do this via our website – www.cornbeltambucs.org.

I look forward to seeing each of you in the near future. Stay warm and safe.

Shoulders Together!

Vicky Strauss

President Cornbelt AMBUCS

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Ramp News from Bill

Hey, All you ramp-builders -

Well, we had a memorable December with several ramps built but along came January! Cold weather and a little snow has put a damper on our ramp-building for awhile. We've got several ramps still "on the books" and when weather permits, I'll be in touch with details on our next ramp projects. Until then, be safe, take care of each other, and I'll see ya' at the next ramp project!



Thanks!

Bill McHie

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Amtryke[®] News from Al



Yes, we finally had some positive Amtryke activity last month.

A family who formerly lived in Champaign was looking for a larger Amtryke for their son. Eldon was previously provided with an Amtryke by the Greater Champaign County Ambucs. Not sure why but Eldon's mother contacted the Springfield ABC chapter of Ambucs about an Amtryke.

Springfield contacted me since the family lived in Bloomington. After discussing with the mother and therapist it was determined Eldon needed a 1412 Pro Series Amtryke. Unfortunately, Cornbelt did not have a 1412 in our inventory. However, Springfield Ambucs did have a 1412 which has been refurbished and they were willing to give the Amtryke to us.

Long story short is Eldon received his new bike and he did not have any concerns that it was a refurbished or new bike. We did add a rear push bar as a rear steering kit was not available. As you can see from the picture below of Eldon and his Therapist loves his new bike.





The bike would not fit in his mother's vehicle, so I delivered the bike to his house. The parents say he is riding the bike all over the house and cannot wait to get outside and show everyone his new bike.

Also, later in January we received a request from the District 87 therapist. Appears the plastic back support on one of the bikes at Stevenson School is cracking in half. Luckily, we did have one in our inventory and the bike now has a functioning back support again.

As usual, please let me know if you become aware of anyone who could benefit from one of our outstanding therapeutic Amtrykes.

Thanks.

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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