



CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

April 2022

NEWS

Upcoming Events

April 9, 2022 – Virtual Central Region Conference via Zoom 10 am

May 3, 2022 - Be Content Senior Expo at the Parke Hotel 9 am to 2 pm

May 4, 2022 – Next monthly Cornbelt AMBUCS Lunch Meeting at Noon at Monical Pizza next to Best Buy on Veterans Parkway.

May 7, 2022 – Adopt a Highway clean-up – 9 am

August 23-27, 2022 – National Conference – Birmingham Alabama for our 100-year anniversary celebration.



From Your President

Hello Cornbelt Ambucs – Spring is here and it is time for us to get really busy. We have lots going on for Cornbelt AMBUCS.

Lunch Meeting Speaker for our April Meeting

Our speaker for our April Lunch meeting was the enthusiastic Lydia from the Easter Seals Camp at Timber Pointe Outdoor Center. Timber Pointe Outdoor Center is owned and operated by Easterseals Central Illinois. It is the premier resource in the state of Illinois for providing specialized outdoor recreational, experiential and family programs for individuals with disabilities and illnesses in a fun, safe and accessible environment. Lydia provided us with important information about their mission, their programs and how they are serving those in our community and beyond.

You can learn more about their camp at their website - timberpointeoutdoorcenter.com

Cornbelt AMBUCS will be partnering with Timber Pointe Outdoor Center in the next few weeks to build a long ramp to aide campers in horseback riding. Be watching for the Ramp invite.



Election Results

The following people were elected by acclamation at the April 6, 2022 lunch meeting to serve on the Cornbelt AMBUCS board for the next AMBUCS year beginning on June 1, 2022:

President – Vicky Strauss
Vice President – Bill Hamann
Secretary – Marcia Hammerstrand
Treasurer – Dennis Strauss

Members at Large

- Alan Bedell (Amtrykes)
- Bill McHie (Ramps)
- Pete Hettinger (Scholarships)
- Dennis Wentworth (at Large Member)
- Rick Milner (At Large Member)

Virtual Central Regional Conference – This Saturday – April 9, 2022 – 10 am – 2 pm

The Central Regional Conference is being held this Saturday via Zoom. This will be a good time to find out what is going on with other AMBUCS chapters around the Region as well as National News and will be a change to hear about future plans. Please consider attending this event.

Zoom Link for the Conference

Time: Apr 9, 2022 10:00 AM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81765421434?pwd=cIFsWDIsRklOY0w3WlBjMnpmdUVzQT09>

Be Content Senior Expo – May 3, 2022

We have again been invited to have a booth at the Be Content Senior Expo at the Parke Hotel on May 3, 2022 from 9 am to 2 pm. This venue allows us to get the word out to those in our community who might have a need for our services. A volunteer request for 2- hour time slots will be sent out in the next week. Please watch for it and join us if you are able to help.

Adopt-a-Highway

Reminder that our next Adopt-a-Highway clean up date has been changed to Saturday, **May 7, 2022**. We will meet at Joe's Station House at College Hills, at 9am.



Don't Forget -Scholarship Applications for Therapist Students is going on now

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 submission began on February 7, 2022 and lasts until **May 1**. 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.

Year End /New Member Orientation/40 Year Anniversary Celebration

We will be having a celebration on **June 22, 2022** at the Knights of Columbus in Bloomington. This will be celebration of all we have accomplished this year, an awarding of scholarships, welcoming of new members, swearing in of officers and a celebration of our 40-year anniversary. There is much to celebrate. Please save the date. Additional information will be sent out in the near future.

National Conference – August 23-27, 2022

Please consider joining us at the National Conference in Birmingham Alabama – August 23-27, 2022. This year will be extra special as AMBUCS is celebrating our 100th Anniversary. There will be more information in the near future.



National Big Hat Raffle

Don't forget about the National Big Hat club raffle. This is their major fundraiser for 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 (Vicky Strauss) if you would like to purchase a ticket(s). Drawing will be held at the National Conference in August.

I look forward to serving with you in the near future.

Shoulders Together!

Vicky Strauss

President Cornbelt AMBUCS

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Ramp News from Bill

Hey, All you ramp-builders -

We got started with our ramp-building projects this past month. We built two ramps in March. Our first ramp was in Bloomington. We built a 15ft. ramp with a small platform to make their home accessible. We had a small crew but we made a huge impact for the homeowner! Thanks to Duane and Jeff for their help!





Our second ramp was built in Lexington. We built a 25ft. ramp so the family could have access to their front porch. As soon as the ramp was completed, the snow started to fly but at least they have a ramp at their front door! Thanks to Dennis, Duane, and Gordie, who was a great help that day!



We've got several ramps to build this spring so I'll keep you posted on more ramp projects as they come up. Thanks to our volunteers and I'll see ya' at the next one!

Bill McHie

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Amtryke® News from Al

Amtryke

With the warmer weather coming we have received three inquiries regarding how to obtain one of our fabulous therapeutic bikes.

I explained to the parents they need to have the child's therapist complete the Amtryke Evaluation form on the Ambucs website. After completing the forms, they should be mailed to me for the board to evaluate. If approved by the board and the recommended Amtryke is one, we have recycled we may be able to present the Amtryke soon.

However, if we must order the Amtryke it will probably be fall before the order can be filled.

As usual, please send me the contact information for anyone that might be able to benefit from one of our therapeutic bikes.

Thanks.

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