

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

August 2022

Upcoming Events

August 10, 2022 – Next monthly Cornbelt AMBUCS Lunch Meeting at Noon at Monicals Pizza next to Best Buy on Veterans Parkway. **NOTE:** This a change from usual date.

August 13, 2022 – Adopt a Highway Clean up

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



From Your President

Cornbelt AMBUCS – We are always on the move helping and looking for ways to help in our community. Please read on to see what we have been doing and what opportunities are coming up.

Midwest Foodbank

July 27 - Cornbelt AMBUCS volunteered at the Midwest Food Bank. There were 10 members of Cornbelt, including a couple family members giving their time. A local farmer had donated 5,000 ears of freshly harvested corn. So, our first task was to crate those ears of corn for distribution. We made quick work of that, so we moved to labelling and boxing cans of tomatoes. There was also a group from a local retirement village working along with us, so it was fun to get to know a few new people, too.





August Lunch Meeting

Our Cornbelt AMBUCS monthly lunch meeting will be held this Wednesday August 10, 2022.

National President
Scott Buckelew



Our National President – Scott Buckelew will be joining us on that day, along with Donna Hingtgen, who is running for National President Elect. Please come and meet those who are guiding AMBUCS at the National level. We look forward to seeing you at lunch.

Adopt-a-Highway

This is a reminder that our next *Adopt-a-Highway* clean-up event is this Saturday, **August 13, 2022**. We will meet at Joe's Station House in the Shoppes at College Hills, at 9am. Please contact Marcia Hammerstrand with any questions.

New Member

We have a new member – Alexis Pavlou. Lexi came to us via Jeanie Brantley. Lexi has already attended a monthly lunch meeting, volunteered at Midwest Foodbank and helped to build a ramp. (Way to go Lexi!) We are excited to get to know Lexi as we work together. Please take the time to welcome Lexi as we work Shoulders Together.



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. **Registration is now open.**



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.

Question of the Month

I thought that I would try a new thing in our newsletter. Let me know what you think.

Where else besides AMBUCS do you volunteer your time?

Please send your top 5 list to vmstrauss5@gmail.com before August 31, 2022. I will compile and report results in next newsletter.



I look forward to volunteering with each of you!

Shoulders Together!

Vicky Strauss

President Cornbelt AMBUCS

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Ramp News from Bill

Hey, All you ramp-builders -

We were busy during the month of July! We were able to help three families get their ramps at their homes. The first ramp was built for Mr. Peterson in Bloomington who is living with his daughter in Bloomington for awhile. We were able to get this ramp built just before the rain drops started to fall. Thanks to all our volunteers, he will have a much easier time getting to his appointments. Nice work!



The second ramp was built in Bloomington for Mr. Brown. We were able to utilize some ramp sections we had on-hand and we built a 35ft. ramp on a warm day in July. He had just been released and was home when we completed the ramp for him. Great timing! He was very happy with the results and wanted me to thank each and every person who helped to make his home accessible. Thanks everyone!



The third ramp was a team effort with Mark, the manager at The Landings, helping us to move an existing ramp we had built about a year ago. Mr. Patton has moved to a new trailer and needed to have his ramp moved and "re-built" at the new location. We moved the ramp on Thursday, thanks to Mark and his crew. On Friday, we added a new deck to his home and attached his new ramp to his new home. Mr. Patton was thrilled with the results and called me to thank me and wants to thank everyone who helped him, as well. Lots of details with this one and lots of volunteers who helped, as well. Thanks, everyone for making this work for Mr. Patton. Well done!





We've got several more ramps "on the books" and I'll keep you posted on future ramp-building opportunities. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up and helped us with all of our extra duties on these recent ramps. We couldn't do it without all of you. Thanks, again, and I'll see ya' at the next one!

Bill McHie



Amtryke® News from Al

Amtrykes

Believe it or not!!!

We received 3 Amtrykes this month. We received one AM 10, one 1410 and one 1420 XL. We are still waiting for three additional Amtrykes we ordered in November 2021. We have another AM 10, another 1410 and a 1420 on back order. I also received notification of a 1420 being returned as the child is not riding the bike any longer.



The AM 10 will go to child at Easter Seals. Please watch your emails for a deliver date.

We also received a request for a 1416 for another child at Easter Seals. I explained to the therapist it may be 4 or 5 months before we receive a 1416.

I anticipate with school starting this fall and in person classes we will see a few more Amtryke requests. I know there is one young girl at Park View Elementary School that will probably be requesting a 1416 this fall. We also will be giving a three speed 1420 away at the National Conference later this month. We have had this Amtryke for a while and we see very few requests for the three-speed bike. A child needs to be able to make a full pedal revolution and able to use a coaster break to use this Amtryke.

As usual please continue to send me the contact information for any person who might be able to benefit from one of our tremendous Amtrykes.

Thanks

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