

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

**June 2023**

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### Upcoming Events

**July 12, 2023** - Next monthly Cornbelt AMBUCS Lunch Meeting at Noon at Monicals Pizza next to Best Buy on Veterans Parkway.

**June 12, 2023** – Midwest Foodbank Volunteering from 6 pm – 8 pm

**June 24, 2023** – Adopt a Highway

**August 2-5** – AMBUCS National Conference in Louisville KY

### **From Your President**



Cornbelt AMBUCS - I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. As the newly elected President, I feel deeply honored and privileged to have been entrusted with this great responsibility.

I would like to express my appreciation to every one of our members. Your contributions, whether big or small, have touched hearts and minds.

I am excited for the coming year. Shoulders Together, we will continue our mission to inspire mobility & independence and community service. I am confident that with our collective efforts, we can achieve even greater heights and touch the lives of more individuals and communities in need.

Once again, I extend my deepest gratitude to every one of you. Thank you for your past and current support. Wishing you all a year filled with purpose, joy, and the satisfaction of making a positive difference.

Kindest Regards,  
Bill

### **Adopt A Highway cleanup 5/20/2023**

We had a beautiful/fun day all dressed up in our glow in the dark vests. We were able to complete our first Adopt a Highway clean-up for 2023 on May 20th. There were seven of us out on the road picking up all of the interesting items one finds along the highway. Lorna Wyrick decided to join both groups for the day. We did manage to find some really special things as well – ½ pack of cigarettes plus the lighter, in case we wanted to take up smoking, a bent license plate with a current sticker still on it and the best of all – an intact hub cap that may be used as a decoration or conversation piece in any household.



## Year End Celebration – 5/24/2023

We held our Year End Celebration at the Knights of Columbus Hall on May 24, 2023. It was a night of celebration, food, fun and fellowship. We celebrated all of the accomplishments for the past year. We presented scholarships to two of our three recipients for this year. We installed new officers and said thanks to those who served this past year. We even had some entertainment and a special song by a local musician.

## ***Food and Fellowship***



## ***Entertainment***





## ***Scholarship Recipients***



## ***Out with the Old***



## ***In with the new***



## Midwest Food Bank – June 12, 2023

**Reminder** - our next volunteer activity at the Midwest Foodbank is on **June 12, 2023 from 6 pm - 8 pm**. Please sign up online at this link. This link is specifically for our group: <https://x.gldn.io/e/OvdoVqQQ3xb>

## AMBUCS National Conference in Louisville – August 2-5, 2023

**Registration is now open** for the AMBUCS National Conference in Louisville, KY!

Please consider attending this year's conference on August 2-5, 2023. Louisville is so close and the experience of gathering with AMBUCS from all over the country is priceless. We learn so much, we see old friends and make new ones. It is a gathering of folks who want to help others by working Shoulders Together.

You can find more details at this address:  
<https://ambucs.org/members/ambucs-national-conference/>  
(Note: If link does not work – paste this address into your browser)



## Big Hat Raffle

This year's AMBUCS Big Hat fundraiser is a chance to win a fabulous trip. The winner of this year's raffle is getting the trip of a lifetime! Choose from 5 exceptional adventures for a curated travel experience worth up to \$12,000 – Nashville, Wyoming, Florida, St Martin or Argentina.

The price of a ticket is **\$20.00 or 6 for \$100.00**. All of the money raised goes to support AMBUCS programs – Scholarships, Amtrykes and Cornerstone. You can even buy tickets online if you choose.

Here is the link to National AMBUCS website with more detailed information: <https://ambucs.org/members/big-hat-club/> (Note: If link does not work – paste this address into your browser)

You can contact **Dennis Strauss** if you wish to purchase tickets or you can buy tickets online at: <https://form.123formbuilder.com/6244226/form>

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## Ramp News from Bill

Hey, All you ramp-builders -

We were able to build two ramps in May. Our first ramp was built in LeRoy for the Bader family. The family was very helpful and remodeled their front porch to accommodate a new ramp that we added to their home. Pretty simple ramp for the "ramp-building professionals"! Glad to have helped them make their home accessible. Thanks to our volunteers who made this possible!







The second ramp was built in rural Ellsworth for Stan and Karen Buss. 42 feet of ramp. A little digging involved. Home made sweet rolls and coffee for our mid-morning break! And a little rain shower to bless our work at the end of the project. Thanks to all of our volunteers who helped us today. Nice to help a family that really needed a ramp to be able to get in and out of their home.





We've got several more ramps "on the books" so I'll keep you posted on future ramp-building opportunities. Enjoy the weather and I'll see ya' at the next one!

Bill McHie



## **Amtryke® News from AI**

Last month was another great month to be an AMBUC.

We received, assembled and delivered a wonderful Amtryke to a fantastic 5 ½ year old boy at Benjamin Elementary School.

Berenger, or Bear as his family calls him, was so excited to receive his own Amtryke. They were all very impressed with his name on the license plate. This was the first Amtryke we have provided to a child at Benjamin Elementary School. Also, the first time we worked with the Occupational Therapist at the school.



I hope you can feel how excited Bear was when he rode the bike for the first time. As you can see from the picture below it was a family event. Both the parents and grandparents were ready to take Bear for a ride on the trail which is located directly behind his grandparents' house.





Jeanie Brantley, DPT and Cornbelt member, will be helping me with coordinating our Amtryke activity in the future. Jeanie will be working with the local therapist and placing the orders.

At this point we do not have any children or adults waiting for one of our fabulous Amtrykes. So please send me the contact information for anyone that may benefit from an Amtryke.



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## **Our Cornbelt AMBUCS Board**

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