

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

October 2023

Upcoming Events

November 1, 2023 - Next monthly Cornbelt AMBUCS Lunch Meeting at Noon at Monicals Pizza next to Best Buy on Veterans Parkway.

December 4, 2023 – Salvation Army Bell Ringing at 6 locations.



From Your President

Happy October Cornbelt AMBUCS!

I'm excited to share this newsletter with you. It details the excellent work our chapter completed over the last month or so.

I'm seeking volunteers for a new committee to explore potential new fundraisers that could generate some excitement around town and make Cornbelt AMBUCS more of a household name. Over the years, we've heard many times that our chapter is the best kept secret. I know that we're more visible than we have been in the past, but I'd sure like to see us start something new and fresh that could generate some buzz and possibly attract new members. If you'd like to join the committee, and/or chair it, please let me know if you're interested.

Wishing you all a fantastic rest of October!

Warm and best regards,
Bill

Adopt A Highway cleanup October 7, 2023

On October 7, 2023 – Nine AMBUCS cleaned up our part of the highway for the last time in 2023.

It was a beautiful sunny day and we made sure that the highway was good and clean before winter comes. Thanks to all who helped. We will be back cleaning up the highway in 2024. Please consider joining us as we always have a good time even if we are picking up garbage.



Central Illinois Down Syndrome Organization

Cornbelt AMBUCS hosted an information table at the CIDSO (Central Illinois Down Syndrome Organization) Buddy Walk event on **September 9, 2023** at Eastview Church. Bill Hamann and Vicky Strauss provided information about who we are and what we do to those attending the event. It was a great way to make others aware of our great organization.



This is the website address for this organization - www.cidsobuddywalk.org

Salvation Army Bell Ringing – December 4, 2023

We will be ringing the bells again this year for the *Salvation Army Bell Ringing* campaign on Monday, December 4 from 3pm – 5 pm. We will be at 6 sites around the community.

Please let Marcia Hammerstrand know if you can join us. We would love to see you there. It is fun to hang out with other AMBUCS.

Please let us know of any other serving opportunities that you are aware of in our community.



Ramp News from Bill

Hey, All you ramp-builders!

We were able to build two ramps in the month of September.



The first ramp was built in Lexington. We had a great group of volunteers to help finish the ramp as the homeowner was planning to return home in a matter of days. Good timing, AMBUCS and a nice-looking ramp, too!

The second ramp was built in Bloomington for a family that had been patiently waiting for a ramp for quite awhile. Another great group of volunteers helped build a rather large ramp so the family could have easy access to their home. Nice work, AMBUCS.. a job well done!

Hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful fall weather and all the fall colors. We've still got ramps to build so let me know if you want to join us at the next ramp-building project.

Thanks and I'll see ya' at the next one!

Bill McHie



Amtryke® News from AI

We began the month by giving a 1416 Pro Series Amtryke to Naomi in El Paso. A great big THANK YOU to Jeanie Brantley for her help in making this presentation possible. Jeanie as an Ambuc and DPT completed the Amtryke Evaluation form and then traveled to El Paso again to help with the Amtryke fitting. Even though the Amtryke did not have the full padded back support, H-harness and 10-degree seat post, all on back order, Naomi and her mother were thrilled with the new Amtryke. Yes, another trip to El Paso will be necessary when the needed accessories arrive.



However, Naomi and her mother love the new bike. Mom has been taking her on lots of rides while the weather is nice. As you can tell from the picture below, they both were so happy when Jeanie and I delivered the special Amtryke.

Also, this month we had a 1412 Pro Series returned to us. The bike is in excellent condition but is an older style so we cannot add the rear steering option which many families and therapist request today. However, I am sure we will find the right rider soon.

We have one 1416 Pro Series bike on back order for a very beautiful young girl in Clinton. This bike is a request through Easter Seals. Please watch your emails and we will have a Amtryke build becomes available.

I have received a couple inquiries about bikes and expect to receive the completed Amtryke Evaluation forms for board approval soon.

As usual, please continue to forward the contact information for anyone who might benefit from one of our therapeutic bikes.

Thanks

AI Bedell



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