

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

December 2023

Upcoming Events

January 3, 2024 - Next monthly Cornbelt AMBUCS Lunch Meeting at Noon at Monicals Pizza next to Best Buy on Veterans Parkway.

January 10, 2024 – Save the date for our *Game Night Social at the Knights of Columbus*



From Your President

Hi Cornbelt AMBUCS!

It's so hard to believe that we're in the month of December! I trust you and yours are doing well.

Please mark your calendars for a game night social being planned for the evening of Wednesday, **January 10th** at the Knights of Columbus in Bloomington. The planning committee (Vicky and Marcia) are looking for volunteers. The board would like to make this a no cost, or extremely low-cost, event for members. It's a work in progress so expect more details in the coming weeks.

I hope that you enjoy the holidays and that the days leading up to the holidays aren't all that crazy in this crazy time of year.

Warmest regards,
Bill

Salvation Army Bell Ringing – December 4, 2023



We rang the bells for the *Salvation Army Bell Ringing* campaign on Monday, December 4 from 3 pm – 5 pm at 6 sites around Bloomington/Normal. It was a chilly night but we managed to have some fun and stay warm. We were happy to be able to help our community.

Afterwards we met for dinner at Bandanas. You might ask those who attended about free refills on wine and beer. 😊



Monthly Lunch Meeting – December 6, 2023

We had some special visitors at our December lunch meeting at Monicals Pizza. We were joined by Past National Presidents – Carmela Davis and Greg Ferris along with our Regional Director – J Balmer.

In total, we had four Past National Presidents at our meeting including the two who are part of the Cornbelt Chapter – Connie Oltman and Alan Bedell.

Our President, Bill Hamann shared about what our chapter is doing in our community and upcoming events.

Please join us at our next lunch meeting on January 3, 2024. It is a great way to start out the year and you never know who is going to show up.



Ramp News from Bill

Hey, all you ramp-builders - In November, we were planning to repair a ramp in Bloomington for a mother and daughter. When we started to repair some of the decking on the ramp, we realized the whole ramp needed to be replaced. Well, we couldn't walk away from that kind of challenge so we built a brand-new ramp for this family. They were very happy with the results and we were glad to make sure that their new ramp would last many more years for them. It was nice to see the look on their faces when they took their "maiden voyage" down that new ramp! Thanks to our dedicated group of volunteers who helped us that day.



I've still got a few ramps "on the books" to build if the weather cooperates this winter. I'll keep you posted on any other ramp-building opportunities as they become available. In the meantime, enjoy the holidays and remember what a positive impact we have made for so many families this year. Thank you and I'll see you at the next one!

Bill McHie



Amtryke® News from Al

The board approved the AM-16 for the young man from LeRoy. However, this Amtryke style is currently oversold, and I am not sure when we can expect to receive the Amtryke.

We also have a 1416 Pro Series on back order, but I do not look for it to arrive soon.

Just the other evening a 1416 was returned as the child has outgrown the bike and it was not being used. The Amtryke is in excellent condition, but it is an older style and front steering is not possible. Plus, the 1416 on back order needs the full padded back rest which is not available currently.

Alan Bedell

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