

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

## January 2024

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### Upcoming Events

**February 7, 2024** - Next monthly Cornbelt AMBUCS Lunch Meeting at Noon at Monicals Pizza next to Best Buy on Veterans Parkway.

**February 15, 2024** – *Family Game Night at the Knights of Columbus*



### From Your President

Happy New Year all! I trust and hope you shared your holidays with family and friends. I also hope you're rested and looking forward to joining other members at upcoming ramp builds and socials.

We have a new section of the newsletter called Caring Corner. I welcome this addition as it will allow members to share items with the chapter, and our friends, that receive our newsletter a little easier.

As always, if you have suggestions, concerns, or questions about the chapter, please reach out to me at [william.hamann@gmail.com](mailto:william.hamann@gmail.com) or phone at 309-826-4718.

Best wishes,  
Bill

### Salvation Army Bell Ringing



We rang the bells for the *Salvation Army* on Monday, December 4 at 6 sites around Bloomington/Normal.

Marcia received the results of our bellringing efforts, and we raised more than double what we did last year! Last year we raised \$935.47. This year we raised \$1,916.17! There is usually an event in early February where they report the results of the whole campaign, and they will tell us where we placed in relation to the other service groups. Good job, bell ringers!

### Family Game Night – February 15, 2024

Cornbelt AMBUCS will have its first ever *Family Game Night* on February 15, 2024 from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall - 1706 RT Dunn Dr. Bloomington, IL 61701.

There will be board games, card games, new games, old games or you could bring your favorite game. We will have 2 kinds of chili, veggies, chips and dessert. Feel free to bring something if you have a mad desire to do so. There will also be lemonade and ice tea. Adult beverages and soda will be available for purchase from the bar area.

There is no charge for this event but RSVPs are needed. Please RSVP to Marcia Hammerstrand at [mshammer@a5.com](mailto:mshammer@a5.com) by **February 10, 2024**.

This should be a lot of fun. We would love to see you there.

## **Cornbelt AMBUCS Members – Caring Corner**

### **Don Barnard**

Don has been going through cancer treatment. He was down to his last treatment and found out he may need to continue with more treatments this year. He lost some hair after the first few treatments, so he went back to a buzz cut. (At least he's got enough hair for that!) He is planning to go to Florida in January and will continue treatments down there until he returns in the spring. We are sure he would like to be back on the ramp-building crew soon. We always have an open spot for him! Don said "Thanks for all the prayers and support". He said he's thankful for a great wife, family, friends, and told all of us guys to "listen to your wife!" Keep Don in your prayers for safe travels and continued good news on his recovery. Thanks!

### **Bill McHie**

Bill was also in the hospital recently. He went for a planned "one day" out-patient surgery for a deviated septum and some other issues and ended up back in the hospital after some complications with his recovery from the anesthesia and medications. A week and a half later, he's back home doing much better. He says he lost 20 pounds the hard way, still looks like an old man, but he can breathe a little better! He also said he was thankful for a fantastic wife, great friends, and has a new appreciation for being on the receiving end of thoughts, prayers, and support from all of you. He did mention that he will still share the keys to the trailer, if you're interested.

### **Dennis Strauss**

Denny has been in the hospital since December 16 with an inability to walk due to a hematoma pressing on the nerves for his left leg. It has been a hard road for him as many other issues have caused complications for his recovery. He is hoping to be released to a rehab facility for additional physical therapy, but his blood work must be stabilized before that can happen and it is just not cooperating. Please keep Denny in your thoughts and prayers.

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## **Ramp News from Bill**



Hey, All you ramp-builders -

We didn't get to build any ramps in December. (\* We've had a few members that may have been wondering recently about a ramp for themselves, though.. just sayin'..)

I wanted to say a big Thank You to all of our volunteers that came out to help us with our ramp-building projects this past year. I'll let you reminisce about your favorite (or least favorite) project. And as you're looking back on the many ramps that we've built, be sure to think about the people that we've met and think about the impact that your efforts have had on them and their families. I am so proud to work with such an amazing group of folks that have a passion for helping other people in our community. There is no way that any one of us can do it alone.. so Thank You! Which means I may need some help to get lumber moved, balusters cut, tools serviced, and pictures taken so watch your e-mail for details. I'm looking forward to working with all of you this next year. Thanks, again and I'll see ya' at the next one!



Hope you all have a Happy New Year!

Bill McHie

P.S. Yes, I filled my chalk line before I took this picture!

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## Amtryke® News from Al



We are still waiting for two Amtrykes and a full padded back rest. We anticipate receiving one of the Amtrykes and back rest in February.

We did receive two push bars for two 1416 Pro Series bikes we have restored. Unfortunately, these two bikes are not comparable with our rear steering kits. Thus, the push bar will allow the parent to control the bike.

As usual please continue to send me the contact information for anyone who could benefit from one of our therapeutic bikes.

Thanks.

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