

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

**April 2024**

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## Upcoming Events

**May 1, 2024** - Next monthly *Cornbelt AMBUCS Lunch Meeting* at Noon at Monicals Pizza next to Best Buy on Veterans Parkway.

**May 7, 2024** – Be Content Senior Expo - Parke Regency Hotel and Conference Center



## From Your President

Hi Cornbelt AMBUCS!

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well and that you've been able to get out and enjoy the nice weather we've had lately.

I thank those that have been out building ramps and cleaning up our adopted highway.

Please read on to see what the chapter has been up to recently. I hope to see you at our next lunch meeting.

Best wishes,

Bill Hamann  
President, Cornbelt AMBUCS  
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## Special Guests at April Lunch

We had some extra special visitors at our April Lunch meeting.



Our AMBUCS National President, Donna Hingtgen came to provide us with information about what is going on in our organization.

She also presented a National President's Visitation patch to our Cornbelt AMBUCS President, Bill Hamann.



Our National President-Elect **Donna Carlton-Vish** also spoke to us about the plans for her upcoming term and the work that she is currently doing to help the mission of our organization.

**Gordon Shaw** – Great Plains Region Director, came to ask for our vote for him at the National Conference. He is running for National President Elect.



Sometimes we are just silly and take pictures of other people taking pictures.



**AMBUCS Central Region Conference – April 5-6, 2024**

The Greater Champaign County Chapter hosted the AMBUCS Central Region conference at the Holiday Inn in Champaign.

Several of our chapter members attended this regional conference. There were quite a few meetings, food, and fun! Those members surely took away different take-aways, but the one that they all came away with was Donna Hingtgen, National AMBUCS president, presented her “why” story for when she tells others about AMBUCS. We all have our “what we do” stories that we share with others when we talk about AMBUCS, but we should develop our own “why” stories as that is more emotional and as such is more meaningful and more likely to be remembered. Pretty powerful stuff! We didn’t get a good pic of us all together, but quite a few good ones were posted on the AMBUCS Central Region Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/centralregionambucs>. Here’s a sampling!



**New Member**

***Welcome Daniel***

We have a new member! He is even under 65 years old. Daniel Tofte has joined Cornbelt AMBUCS. He was invited to join our chapter by Connie Oltman and he was sworn in by our Donna Hingtgen, our National President, during our April lunch meeting. Be sure to welcome him when you see him at one of our events.



PS: He is the grandson of our very own John Buis!





### Adopt a Highway cleanup – April 13, 2024

Marcia led a crew that cleaned up our adopted highway. After we neglected the highway all winter, they found quite a few interesting items and even 3 dead animals! A bird, an opossum, and a coyote! That's got to be a first! The next clean-up is planned for Saturday June 1. If Green Gables is reopened by then, we'll start our clean-up later so we can lunch there afterwards.



### Cornbelt AMBUCS Elections – May 1, 2024

At our next lunch meeting, we will hold elections for the following Cornbelt AMBUCS positions; President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

If you're interested in getting more involved in our chapter's leadership, please let Bill know.

### Be Content Senior Expo - May 7, 2024

We have again been invited to have an information table at the *Be Content Senior Expo* at the Parke Hotel. This event will be held on **May 7, 2024**. We always have a great time telling others about who we are and what we do. An email to recruit volunteers will be sent in the very near future. Please consider signing up to help on that day.

## 2024 Scholarships Still Open Until May 1, 2024

It is scholarship time for AMBUCS! Scholarship applications are being accepted February 1 - May 1, 2024 at the National and local levels for students in a graduate-level program that is accredited in physical, occupational, speech pathology or hearing audiology.

Please pass this information along to those therapy students you may know who could use a little extra help. Be sure to tell the student to contact our local chapter at <http://www.cornbeltambucs.org/scholarship-information> once they have submitted the National scholarship application to also be considered for a local scholarship as well as sponsorship at the National level.

The website address to apply for a National AMBUCS scholarship is <https://ambucs.org/therapists/scholarship-program>.

## National Conference – July 31- August 3, 2024

**2024 AMBUCS National Conference** will be held July 31st to August 3rd in Tulsa, OK! As always it promises to be a great time in a great city. Bring your light clothes as it's going to be hot!

Registration is now open at <https://ambucs.org>. Hope to see you there!

## Cornbelt AMBUCS Members – Caring Corner

### Don Barnard

Don is back. He was at our AMBUCS lunch and even helped work on a ramp. We are so glad to see him again up and about and joining in the fun and work.

### Dennis Strauss

Denny is home but is still a bit weak in the legs and arms. He is working with home therapists to get back his strength and stamina. We are grateful for therapists. He does welcome visitors. Please keep Denny in your thoughts and prayers.

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## Ramp News from Bill



Hey, all you ramp-builders –

We were able to complete a ramp in March for Ms. Jennings in Normal. We had quite a few volunteers and even had a couple of new helpers join us for the day, as well. Thanks to all of our helpers in making Ms. Jennings home accessible. Sure is nice to get back to building ramps this spring! We've got several ramps "on the books" so I'll be in touch for future ramp-building opportunities.

Bill McHie



## Amtryke® News from AI



Last month was very active. We started the month replacing Nathan's 1416 with a 1420. This is the sixth Amtryke for Nathan. We have watched him grow and expand his ability as he outgrows his Amtrykes. The 1420 should last him for several years.

We are still working to get a 1416 Pro Series Amtryke to a young girl from Clinton. Hopefully we can arrange the deliver soon through Easter Seals.

We received a 1410 Amtryke order one month ago. This bike will be delivered on April 12th.

We also fitted a child at Glenn School and Parkside Elementary School. They both need 1416 Pro Series bike which we have in stock. However, first we need the therapist and family to complete the Amtryke evaluation form and required paperwork.

We also received an inquiry for two AM 10 Amtrykes that we have in stock. If the paperwork's gets here. we could possible present 7 riders with their own Amtryke next month.

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

Thanks.



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