

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

# **July 2024**

#### **Upcoming Events**

July 31- August 3, 2024 – National Conference in Tulsa Oklahoma

<u>August 7,2024</u> - Next monthly <u>Cornbelt AMBUCS Lunch Meeting</u> at Noon at Monicals Pizza next to Best Buy on Veterans Parkway.

## From Your President

Hi Cornbelt AMBUCS and friends!

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the beautiful start to summer. I do trust you were able to get out and enjoy the Fourth of July, a time to celebrate our nation's independence and reflect on the values that unite us as a community.

I want to express my gratitude to all our members for their dedication to our mission. Your commitment to building ramps, delivering Amtrykes, and taking part in community events highlights the best of Cornbelt AMBUCS.

Thank you for your continued dedication and hard work. Together, we are making an impact in our community.

Best wishes and shoulders together,

Bill Hamann
President, Cornbelt AMBUCS
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#### Reminder National Conference – July 31- August 3, 2024

2024 AMBUCS National Conference will be held July 31st to August 3rd in Tulsa, OK.

It is not too late to sign up. It will be a great time of learning more about AMBUCS and about meeting and renewing relationships with other AMBUCS across the country and some good fun.

Registration is still open at <a href="https://ambucs.org">https://ambucs.org</a>. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Hamann.



#### Adopt-a-Highway cleanup - June 22, 2024

Five of us cleaned our Adopted part of the Highway on Saturday, June 22. We thought it would be more efficient to all clean together on the same side of the highway. Boy, were we wrong! It was a

beautiful, hot day and felt like it took us twice as long, but we made it

through.

We were so glad for the air conditioning and cool beverages waiting for us when we arrived at the newly opened Green Gables. It took a while to cool down, but we were glad we had completed our assignment. The coolest thing that was found was a Harley Davidson foot stand - pedal thingee. (See photo)

We will clean the highway again in August. Please consider joining us.











#### July 3, 2024 Lunch Meeting Recap

During our July 3, 2024 lunch meeting, we were visited by a very special guest, Marshall the Facility Dog.



Marshall is the "Facility Dog" for Ridgeview Community Unit School District. Marshall provides comfort, calm, support and reward for the students and staff. All those in attendance got to meet, pet and enjoy Marshall's soft fur and calming spirit.

Marshall is "handled" by Emily McCormick – school counselor for Ridgeview. Emily is also the daughter of Cornbelt AMBUCS member, Dave Watterson. So that makes Marshall his granddog.

It was great learning about the role that Marshall plays at school and that how he helps those all around him.





Also, during our July 3, 2024 lunch meeting, President Bill Hamann presented Connie Oltman with her Boot Pin for bringing in new member, Daniel Tofte.

Congrats Connie.



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

#### **Dennis Strauss**

Denny is still continuing with outpatient physical therapy. He is working hard on gaining strength and stamina. He is making progress. Please keep Denny in your thoughts and prayers.

## Ramp News from Bill



Hey, All you ramp-builders -

We didn't get the opportunity to build a ramp in June but we do have several ramps "in the pipeline" with approvals and funding being arranged. Hopefully, we'll have some good weather during the month of July so I'll be in touch with details for future ramp-

building opportunities. If you ever have any questions about our ramp-building program or want to invite someone to one of our ramp projects, feel free to let me know and I'll add them to our e-mail list. We provide the lumber and materials so all you have to do is provide the smiles and a willingness to help someone to make their home accessible. Enjoy your summer activities and I hope to see you at the next ramp!

Bill McHie

## Amtryke® News from Al



Last month saw limited Amtryke activity.

An older AM-10 was returned and will take a little effort to get ready for another rider. We also have another Amtryke coming back to us this month.

We have two early intervention bikes being evaluated by a therapist with a potential rider soon.

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

Thank you.

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