

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

## July 2025

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### Upcoming Events

**July 23-26, 2025** – National Conference Des Moines IA - **Early Bird deadline extended to July 7**

**August 6, 2025** – Next monthly *Cornbelt AMBUCS Lunch Meeting* at Noon at Monical's Pizza next to Best Buy on Veterans Parkway. Bring a friend!



## From Your President

Hello Cornbelt AMBUCS!

I hope you all had a wonderful Fourth of July holiday—hopefully filled with good weather, good food, and time with family and friends. Summer is in full swing, and it's a great time to stay connected and involved as we keep our projects rolling.

Thank you to everyone who's been pitching in on our ramp builds, Amtryke presentations, and our highway cleanup. Every bit of time you give makes an impact. If you haven't made it out yet this summer, I'd love to see you at an upcoming project—there's always room for another pair of helping hands. Shoulders together!

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Bill

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## Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup – June 28, 2025

We met to clean up our part of the highway at 8 am on Saturday, June 28, 2025. There were 6 AMBUCS, including our newest member Kevin, plus a guest who came out to help us.

Because we were so good at our job in April, we did not find a lot to pick up but we always find some interesting garbage. We probably have the cleanest part of the highway around these parts. 😊 We will clean up again in **August**, so please watch for an email so you can come and join us.



**2025 National Big Hat Raffle – Drawing at National Conference - Buy Tickets Now**

***There are still tickets available.***

The National AMBUCS Big Hat Club is having an amazing raffle this year. The winner wins a trip for two to one of three fabulous locations:

- 1) **Alaska Scenic Rail + Denali with a Cruise Tour**  
\$6,000 towards room/excursion options & \$1,000 towards flights
- 2) **AMTRAK Fall Foliage Boston & Cape Cod**  
\$6,000 towards rail travel & \$1,000 travel funds (excursions, meals, hotel, etc.)
- 3) **Choose Your Own Adventure**  
\$7,000 towards travel or activities booked with Cruise Addictions LLC

Tickets are 1 for \$20 or 6 for \$100. You can contact Dennis Strauss for tickets, or you can buy the tickets online at <https://bit.ly/bighatraffle2025> or you can use this QR Code.



The winner will be drawn at the National AMBUCS Conference July 23 – 26, 2025 in Des Moines, Iowa. You do not need to present to win.

The trip will be good for one year from the date of the drawing, is transferable, and must be booked in advance through Cruise Addictions LLC. You do not have to be a member to buy tickets, so sell them to your friends, or strangers.

**National Conference – Des Moines Iowa - July 23-26, 2025**

Registration is **STILL OPEN** for the **2025 AMBUCS National Conference!** The Early Registration fee applies until **July 7, 2025**, (Extended Date) so register early and save some money.

**Why should you go?** Because the AMBUCS National Conference is more than a meeting - it's a launchpad. It will be within driving distance in Des Moines, Iowa.

**This is your opportunity to:**

- Develop your leadership skills and strengthen your chapter
- Gain practical tools and training you can put into action right away
- Rekindle your passion and reignite your purpose
- Celebrate big with our 25 Trykes in 2025 Amtryke giveaway!
- Connect and collaborate with members from every corner of the country



We're heading to Iowa's vibrant capital for four days of learning, laughter, and impact.

## Ramp News from Bill



Hey All,

We built two ramps in June with lots of volunteers pitching in to help with our projects. Thank you to all of you who showed up and helped us to make two more homes accessible in our community.

Our first ramp was built in rural Bloomington for Ms. Mitchell, who needed her old ramp replaced (which we built over 20 years ago!). This was over 55 ft. of ramp and three platforms! We got lots of helpers from her church friends in removing her old ramp and assisting us in getting her new ramp built. We had a great time building it and we are very thankful for the extra help we received.



Our second ramp was built in June was for Mr. Robb in Bloomington. We built a 30ft. ramp with two platforms and we had quite a few volunteers help us with this project, as well. He was very happy that he can now use his ramp instead of trying to negotiate the stairs to his home. It was nice to work with such a dedicated group of volunteers in making his home accessible. Thank you to all of you who came out to help us with this project!

## Amtryke® News from Al



Cornbelt Ambucs was able to make two children very happy last month.

We presented Lily with her second Amtryke. She previously received an AM-10 almost 5 years ago and it was a little too small for her to enjoy. She received a recycled AM-12 from our stock and loved the new bike.

Unfortunately, Lily was born with spina bifida and can walk with her AFOs and forearm crutches. I was quite surprised when she was able to get on the Amtryke without any assistance. Lily loves to read, swim and play outside. I am sure she will get lots of use from this Amtryke. Please look at the smiles in the picture below of Lily on her new recycled Amtryke.



The second bike was also one when had reconditioned. Ethan is waiting for a new 1416 Paceline from National. However, since it will be late August or September before the bike is available, we loaned him a 1412 Pro Series from our supply of recycled bikes.

Ethan rode the bike all around the Easter Seals facility and everyone was so glad he now has a bike to ride with his family this summer.

As usual, please send me the contact information for anyone who might benefit from one of our wonderful therapeutic Amtrykes.

Thanks

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