

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

## November 2025

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### Upcoming Events

**December 1, 2025** – Salvation Army Bell Ringing

**December 3, 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

As we move into November, our Cornbelt AMBUCS chapter has an extra reason to celebrate, our 43rd anniversary!

On November 18, 1982, a group of 32 dedicated individuals came together with a shared purpose: to make a difference in the lives of others through community service, wheelchair ramps, and scholarships for therapy students.

2 scores, or 4 decades, and 3 years later, that same spirit of giving and friendship still drives everything we do. From building ramps and providing Amtrykes to helping local families and supporting therapists in training, our mission remains strong because of the commitment and compassion of members like you.

As we ring the bells for the Salvation Army next month and gather for our December meeting, let's take a moment to appreciate not only our past but also the lasting friendships and shared purpose that make this chapter so special.

Thank you all for continuing to make Cornbelt AMBUCS a strong, active, and caring part of our community.

Shoulders together,

**Bill Hamann**

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## Salvation Army Bell Ringing – December 1, 2025

Our Cornbelt AMBUCS will be ringing the bells for the Salvation Army at 6 locations in Bloomington Normal on December 1, 2025, from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm. All the volunteer slots are filled, but you could come by one of our locations and say hi and donate some \$\$\$ for a good cause. We will be at the following locations:

- Eastland Mall - Ulta entrance
- Eastland Mall - Kohl's entrance
- HyVee
- Jewel on Oakland
- Hobby Lobby
- Walmart on Greenbriar, south entrance

After the bell ringing we will be meeting for dinner at a local restaurant.

All are invited to join us for dinner. The location is not yet determined but will be announced as we get closer to the date.

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## Ramp News from Bill



Hey, all you ramp-builders –

We were able to build one ramp during the month of October for a family in Downs, Illinois. We needed to remove the old ramp which was over 25 years old so we could build a new "improved" ramp from what they had been using at their home. We had plenty of volunteers, plenty of lumber, and plenty of smiles to go around when we

were finished.

Nice to know that they now have a home that is accessible, thanks to all of our dedicated volunteers that day. We've still got several more ramps to build so I'll keep everyone posted on future ramp-building opportunities. Enjoy this nice fall weather and I'll see ya' at the next one!

Bill McHie



## Amtryke® News from Al



Cornbelt Amtryke activity picked up this month.

We received two of the new Paceline 1416 Amtrykes. The Paceline 1416 replaces the Pro Series 1412 and 1416. One of these bikes will be given away on November 6<sup>th</sup> at Easter Seals. We are still waiting to hear back on a date and time to deliver the second bike.

With the Amtryke being presented on Thursday, the family will return the Pro Series 1412 the child has been using while waiting for the Paceline 1416 to be shipped. Watch for pictures next month and some additional information on the new Paceline Amtryke.

Jeanie Brantley, one of our Cornbelt members, is now working in Bloomington for the new Gibson City therapist group located on Towanda Barnes Road. We were able to loan her an AM 12 to be used with one of the children she is seeing at the clinic. Also, another therapist, in this same group, has requested the loan of an AM-12 S to see if this bike will work for a child she is working with. Luckily, we have on one of these bikes on hand.

We are waiting for the evaluation form for a veteran in the area. Once we receive the necessary paperwork, we will see if we can qualify for one of the veterans' bikes from the Resource Center without any charge except freight for our chapter.

We are also waiting for the evaluation and parents release paperwork for a child who needs a bike at Raymond School.

So, you can see we have lots of activity going on for our Amtrykes. Stay tune and watch for the pictures of the new Amtryke riders.

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

Thanks.

Al Bedell

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