

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

December 2025

Upcoming Events

January 1, 2026 – Happy New Year!

January 7, 2026 – 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!

As we close out another year together, I find myself both grateful and proud of what our chapter has accomplished. This past year reminded us that our strength isn't just in the projects we complete, but in the people who show up, month after month, ready to help, serve, and support one another.

We built ramps, delivered Amtrykes, supported therapists, rang bells, volunteered our time, and quietly made life a little easier for people in our community. None of this happens by accident. It happens because of commitment, teamwork, and a shared belief that what we do matters.

Looking ahead to the coming year, I'm excited about the opportunities in front of us. There are more lives to impact, more projects to tackle, and more chances to grow — both as a chapter and as individuals. I'm confident that with the experience we carry and the passion that continues to drive us, Cornbelt AMBUCS will remain a positive force in our community.

Thank you for everything you've done this past year and for what's still to come. I'm looking forward to another year of service, friendship, and making a difference – shoulders together.

Sincerely,
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Salvation Army Bell Ringing – 12-1-2025

Cornbelt AMBUCS rang the bells for the Salvation Army again this year at 6 locations in Bloomington Normal. It was a cold snowy late afternoon but those outside persevered and those inside the mall were not as cold. 😊 Even Santa, Mrs. Claus and an elf showed up. A number of us met up afterwards for a warm meal and great conversation at Outback.



Ramp News from Bill



Hey, all you ramp-builders

We were able to build a ramp in Bloomington this past month. It took us a couple of days as work was needed on the front porch, before we could add a ramp to the front door. We had a great crew on both days and I sure do appreciate the help we got to finish the ramp for this family. We finished right before the rain started on that day.

I hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday and I'm looking forward to the Christmas holidays with family and friends. Thanks to all our volunteers who have helped us throughout the year.

We have certainly made life much easier for all these families, thanks to your willingness to come out and help with our ramp-building projects. I'll keep you posted on any future ramp requests. Thanks, again!

Bill McHie



Amtryke® News from Al



Last month Cornbelt presented Ethan with our first Paceline bike.

Ethan has been riding a 1412 for several months while we waited for the 1416 Paceline to arrive. We had to use a seat from the 1412 as the new seat raised him about three inches too high and did not work for him.

Here is a picture of the new 1416 Paceline bike. The second picture demonstrates how happy Ethan is with his new Amtryke.





The child for whom we had previously requested a second 1416 Paceline has made significant process since the request was made last May. He is now able to ride a conventional bike and no longer needs an Amtryke. Congratulations!!

So, we briefly thought we had an extra Amtryke. However, Jeanie, our wonderful AMBUCS member and therapist called about a child she is seeing at Gibson City Hospital's therapy center on Towanda Barnes Road. The child needs assistance steering the new Amtryke so a rear steering kit has been ordered. We are waiting to determine the best date and time to present the Amtryke. We might need to get the Amtryke back if the rear steering kit is not here before the presentation.

We also have a 1410 out on trial loan with another one of Jeanie's clients.

As usual please send me the contact information for anyone who might benefit from one of our outstanding therapeutic bikes.

Thanks, and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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