

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

January 2026

Upcoming Events

January 1, 2026 – Happy New Year!

February 4, 2026 – Next monthly Cornbelt AMBUCS Lunch Meeting at Noon at Monical's Pizza next to Best Buy on Veterans Parkway. Bring a friend!

March 28-29, 2026 – Regional Conference in Springfield IL – Mark your calendars

March 30, 2026 – Volunteering at Midwest Foodbank



From Your President

Happy New Year! I hope you and yours had a good holiday season and some time to rest and recharge with family and friends.

As we step into 2026, I am grateful for all the ways you showed up this past year whether it was helping with ramps, Amtrykes, highway cleanups, or our community service projects. The work we do really does make life easier and better for folks in our community, and that only happens because you are willing to give your time and energy.

I invite those that have thought of becoming more involved to make the time this year to come join us for a ramp build, an Amytryke giveaway, a cleanup, a meeting, or bringing a guest to learn more about Cornbelt AMBUCS. There will be more opportunities to become more involved this year. Remember every little bit of involvement helps keep this chapter strong!

Thanks again for all you do! I am excited for our Chapter and looking forward to working Shoulders Together with you in 2026.

Sincerely,

Bill Hamann

President, Cornbelt AMBUCS

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Cornbelt AMBUCS Annual Membership Dues

Membership dues statements will be emailed in the next week or so.

We use dues to fund operating expenses for our chapter. Those expenses include ramp trailer maintenance, tool purchases and repairs, insurance, regional & national dues, state required non-profit registrations, PO box rental, website hosting, stamps and envelopes.

Our chapter membership in National AMBUCS provides us with legitimacy and protection that comes from working within a national service organization. We spend our funds wisely and appreciate your support!

This year, Denny and Vicky worked hard to make online payment an option for those members to pay their dues electronically. Denny will still accept checks, but we wanted to make paying easier for those, like Bill, that prefer electronic payments.

SAVE THE DATE – Central Region Conference – March 27 - March 28, 2026 – Springfield IL

Our Central Region Conference will be held in Springfield, IL this year on March 27- 28, 2026.

It will be a fun time of learning, networking, seeing old friends and fun.

More details will be sent from our Regional Director soon. Watch your email for signup dates and times.

We hope to see you there.



**MARCH MADNESS
ON ROUTE 66**

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SAVE THE DATES

CENTRAL REGION SPRING CONFERENCE

**MARCH 27 AND MARCH 28 2026
SPRINGFIELD, IL**

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE
AMTRYKE BUILD & GIVEAWAY
SOCIAL INTERACTIONS
EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS
BIG HAT AUCTION
FOOD/FUN/FRIENDSHIP
MARCH MADNESS
ROUTE 66

MORE DETAILS ON FUN TO FOLLOW!!

Midwest Foodbank – Volunteer Opportunity – March 30, 2026



Cornbelt AMBUCS has signed up to volunteer on Monday, March 30, 2026 to help at the Midwest Food Bank.

An email with specific details will be sent out soon. Be on the lookout so you can sign up to help. It is always a great time being together while we help our community.

Ramp News from Bill



Hey, all you ramp-builders -

I hope you were able to enjoy the holidays with family and friends. I hope you also remembered how your volunteering efforts helped quite a few other families to be able to enjoy the holidays together since their homes were made accessible by what you did. Thank you very much! We built some pretty small ramps and some rather large ramps this past year. All by working together and I sure do appreciate all of you donating your time and your labor to help us.

We still have a few ramps "on the books" to build in 2026 and depending on the weather, I'll be in touch with details on future ramp-building opportunities. As always, if you have any questions about our ramp-building program, please feel free to contact me. Thanks, again and I'll see ya' at the next one!

Bill McHie

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Amtryke® News from AI



Cornbelt ended the year on a positive note.

Taytum had outgrown her 1410 Pro Series Amtryke and needed to make a trade in. She returned her 1410 to Cornbelt Ambucs and received her Paceline 1416. This presentation took place at Gibson City Pediatric located on Towanda Barnes Road. Jeanie Brantley was the Physical Therapist working with Taytum. Jeanie also is a member of Cornbelt Ambucs and does a tremendous job helping the clients she sees at the clinic.

As you can see from the picture Taytum really likes her new bike. Also, with the Paceline 1416 she has room for some significant growth in the future. She is only six years old, and we hope the new Amtryke will help her increase her mobility as she grows.

We are waiting to hear from Easter Seals to arrange a date and time to present another Amtryke to young girl being treated there.

Please be sure to send me contact information for anyone who could benefit from one of our therapeutic bikes.

Thanks.

Al Bedell



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