

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

March 2026

Upcoming Events

March 27-28, 2026 – Regional Conference in Springfield IL – REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

March 30, 2026 – Midwest Foodbank volunteer opportunity

April 1, 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

Hi Cornbelt AMBUCS,

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well and ready for spring. March is shaping up to be an important month for our chapter, and I hope many of you will find a way to be part of what is coming up.

At the end of the month, we have the Regional Conference. These conferences are always a good way to connect with members from other chapters, learn what is going on around the region, and come away with a few new ideas. It is also just a good time to be together with fellow AMBUCS and enjoy the friendships that come with being part of this organization. I hope you will consider attending and being part of it.

I also want to mention that our chapter elections will be coming up in April. If you have ever thought about getting more involved, this would be a great time to step up. We need good people who are willing to serve, share ideas, and help keep Cornbelt moving forward. You do not have to have all the answers. You just need to care about the chapter and be willing to help.

Please give some thought to standing for office or encouraging another member who would do a good job. Our chapter stays strong when members are willing to raise their hand and serve.

Thanks for all you do for Cornbelt AMBUCS. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Shoulders together,
Bill

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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. We have reserved the kitchen at the Food Bank for a meal prior to the volunteer work. We will send an email with more details.



Please let Marcia Hammerstrand know if you will be able to help. It is always a great time being together while we help our community.

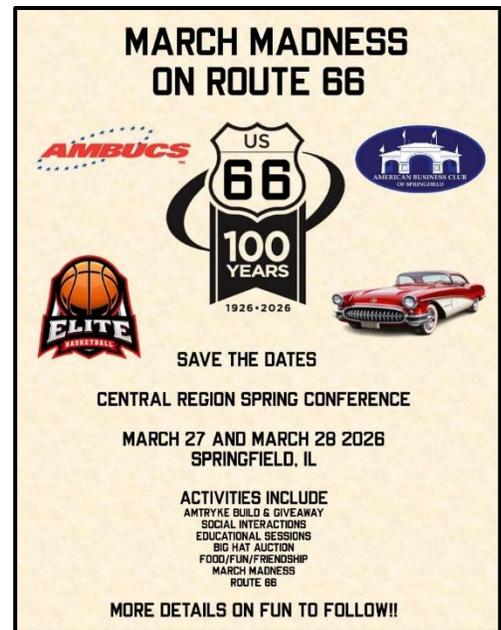
Registration Open - Central Region Conference – March 27 - March 28, 2026 – Springfield IL

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. It would be great to have a good showing of Cornbelt members at this Conference.

Registration is now open for the Conference. *Reminder:* If you attend the conference, you can be reimbursed for the Conference registration fee.

We hope to see you there.



2026 AMBUCS Scholarship Season is Open – February 1 to April 1, 2026

It is scholarship time for AMBUCS! Scholarship applications are being accepted February 1 - April 1, 2026 at the National and local levels for students in a graduate-level program that is accredited in physical, occupational, speech pathology or hearing audiology. Please pass this information along to those therapy students you may know who could use a little extra help.

Be sure to tell the student to contact our Scholarship Administrator at [Cornbelt AMBUCS Scholarship information](#) prior to submitting the National scholarship application so we can consider a local scholarship as well as sponsorship at the National level.

The website address to apply for a National AMBUCS scholarship is <https://ambucs.org/therapists/scholarship-program>.

UPCOMING – Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup – April 25, 2026

Our first Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup date for the year is set for April 25, 2026. Additional details for times and sign up will be sent out soon. Be watching for an email from Marcia.

Save the Dates - 2026 National AMBUCS Conference – August 29-29, 2026

The National AMBUCS Conference will be held in **Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on August 26-29, 2026.**

Go to: <https://ambucs.org/ambucs-national-conference-2026/> to read about the conference. Registration is not yet open but will be open soon.



Ramp News from Bill



Hey, All you ramp-builders –

We were able to build one ramp in February for a family in LeRoy that needed better access to their home. We were able to take advantage of a couple of days of warmer weather and we were also able to take advantage of a couple of extra volunteers from their family to help us, as well.

There were plenty of smiles to share at the end of the project as we walked away knowing we made life a little easier for this family.

I have several more ramps "on the books" to build as soon as the weather cooperates. I'll be sending an e-mail with future ramp-building opportunities so you can be a part of this program. (guaranteed to put a smile on your face, too!)

Enjoy this warmer weather and I'll see ya' at the next one! Thanks!



Bill McHie

Amtryke® News from AI



The Ambucs National Office has advised that all Amtryke models are in stock at the new warehouse. Thus, we should be able to obtain Amtrykes in a reasonable period again.

I recently emailed 10 therapists in our area about the availability of Amtrykes. This included therapists from District 87, Unit 5, LeRoy, Tri-Valley, Easter Seals, Gibson City Hospital therapists and others. Hopefully, we will receive completed Amtryke Evaluation forms and provide bikes for riders in our area before the warmer weather arrives.

We have a request for a new Paceline 1420 Amtryke that has been approved by the board. Recently, a family returned a 1412 model Amtryke with rear steering recently so another child can have a bike to ride with their family. The bike is in excellent condition and almost ready to go.

Please continue to forward contact information for anyone who could benefit from one of our wonderful therapeutic bikes.

Thanks
Al Bedell

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