

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

## July 2026

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### Upcoming Events

**July 11, 2026** – *Rescheduled* - Adopt-A-Highway cleanup date

**July 18, 2026** – Ramp build in Chenoa

**August 5, 2026** – Next monthly *Cornbelt AMBUCS Lunch Meeting* at Noon at Monical's Pizza next to Best Buy on Veterans Parkway. Bring a friend!

**August 26-29, 2026** – National Conference in Myrtle Beach SC – REGISTRATION IS OPEN



## From Your President

Hello Cornbelt AMBUCS

It appears that our weather has been a bit crazy lately. Either it is too hot to go outside or it is raining floods. 😊 We all seem to adapt to whatever the weather decides to do but hopefully it will settle down soon.

One month of “summer” has already come and gone. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July has come and gone and the corn in Illinois is growing well. During this time, we were not idle. We built our first “solo” ramp and that is something to be proud of.

We have our rescheduled Highway Clean-up on July 11 as well as another ramp build coming up on July 18.

We are keeping busy serving our community. It is an honor to be part of a group that does these things.

If you have any other ideas on serving opportunities for our members, please let me know.

Also, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or anyone on our Board.

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## Rescheduled - Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup - July 11, 2026

You should have received an email last week asking for volunteers for our new Highway Clean-up date of July 11, 2026 at 8:00 am. Bill Hamann will be leading the clean-up on that day. Please let him know if you can help.

It is always a good time working together. Many hands make light work.

## New Board Member



With the departure (wandering off to Wisconsin) of Bill McHie – there was an open AMBUCS board position. We have invited Kevin McCrone to join us as a Member at Large and he has agreed to serve.

Thanks Kevin, for joining on our board. We look forward to working with you.

## Ramp News

We built our first solo ramp in a garage in Bloomington. It was a total team effort. Thank you so much for all who showed up to help build this ramp so Mrs. Stahler can leave her house safely on her motorized scooter.



## Another Ramp

We have another ramp scheduled for July 18, 2026 in Chenoa. We will be meeting at 8:00 am at the residence. This one will be outside. Please respond to the email sent last week if you can help so we can be sure to have enough hands to do the building.

We are doing our best to schedule ramps for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, but there may be times when another day of the week may be necessary.

Shoulders Together – We can do more.

## **Next Month- 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**. It is going to be a great conference at a beautiful location. The hotel is located right on the beach and there are many things to see and do in the area. There is still time to sign up. A conference like this really connects you with the organization and the others around the country who have the same heart for service as we do.



Go to: <https://ambucs.org/ambucs-national-conference-2026/> to read about the conference. Registration is open.

## **Amtryke® News**



Cornbelt received only one request for an Amtryke last month. It was from a 93-year-old gentleman from Minnesota. We referred him to our National Office for Wish List consideration. Unfortunately, we only have funds for local Amtryke requests.

We did do a couple of minor bike repairs last month but nothing major. A family also donated an older style 1412 last month as their child was no longer using the bike.

I anticipate our Amtryke requests will pick up when school starts in August.

As always, please send me contact information for anyone who could benefit from one of our wonderful therapeutic bikes.

Al Bedell

## **Our Cornbelt AMBUCS Board**

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**Secretary:** Marcia Hammerstrand

**Treasurer:** Dennis Strauss

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**At-Large Board Member:** Pete Hettinger

**At-Large Board Member:** Rick Milner

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