

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

October 2026

Upcoming Events

October 10, 2026 – Adopt-A-Highway cleanup date

October 17, 2026 – 9:00 am Ramp build in Bloomington

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

December 7, 2026 – Salvation Army Bell Ringing – 3-5 pm



From Your President

Hello Cornbelt AMBUCS

It is finally starting to be fall. The leaves are changing and the nights are getting cooler and the days are a bit shorter. (I hate that part. 😊)

We have been busy serving our community and helping others in so many ways this past month. I am proud to be part of such a fine group of people with serving hearts.

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please contact me or anyone on our Board.

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Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup – September 12, 2026

Our September 12, 2026 we completed our 3rd highway clean up for the year. This time around most of the tall grass was mowed, so we could more easily find the garbage. We were very grateful for this. It was a beautiful day out by the corn fields with a beautiful blue sky and moderate temps.

It appears that we have been doing a good job at clean up so there was not very much garbage out there but we still found “stuff”. There was nothing found that was too fun this time around but maybe next time.



Our last Adopt-a-Highway cleanup for the year is scheduled for this coming Saturday, **October 10, 2026**.

We will meet outside Joe's Station House at the Shoppes at College Hills at **9 am** to carpool to the site. Please contact Marcia Hammerstrand if you will be able to join us. It only takes about 1.5 hours and it is a good time for exercise and talking to other AMBUCS. We also find many interesting things along the way.

Million Meal Pack – September 26, 2026

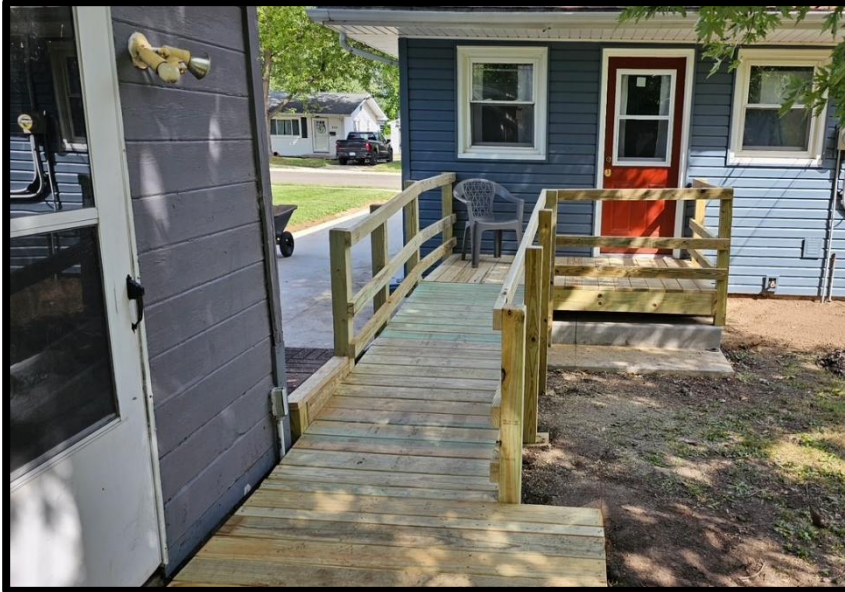
On September 26 – Cornbelt AMBUCS helped with the Million Meal Pack at ISU's CEFCU Arena to help combat food insecurity in McLean County and across Illinois.

We had 8 AMBUCS and 2 visitors to help pack meals. It was a good time and we all looked quite wonderful in our red hairnets – don't you think? Thank you for all those who came to help.

We even got a picture with Reggie Redbird.

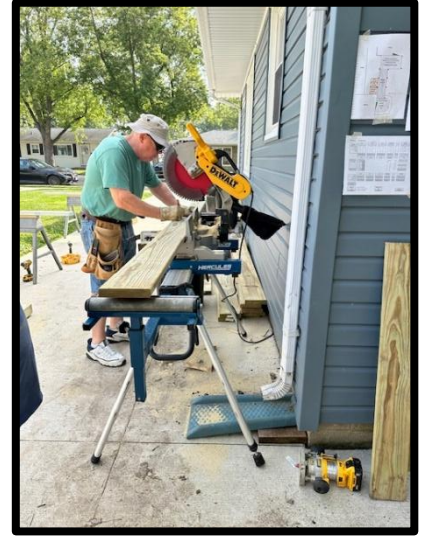


Ramp News



We built our 5th ramp in September on the 17th in Bloomington at the home of Linda – a very sweet lady who needed help to get in and out of her house safely. We built this one out the back door so she could get to the backyard and her garage.

There was much digging with this one by Larry,



Al and a few others. There were lots of tree roots causing problems. But our great AMBUCS handled the task but everyone was worn out by the end of that build.



Our next ramp – 10/17/2026

Our next ramp build will be with on October 17 in Bloomington on Yucca drive at a mobile home. This ramp will be completed with the parts from a ramp we took down several weeks ago. We hope that you can join us as many hands make light work.

More Ramps to be built

We still have another 5 ramps on our list of requests in various stages. We hope to build a number of them before the weather changes.

The need in our community for ramps is great at this time. There are so many that can use our help. We thank you for any time you can come and help us help these folks. What you do matters and help so many. Thank you for being faithful and helpful.

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

Shoulders Together – We are doing more.

Amtryke® News



Cornbelt Ambucs had quite a bit of Amtryke activity last month.

I thought the Amtryke we had in stock would work if we added rear steering but unfortunately, I found that the rear steering kit was not compatible with the bike in stock. Therefore, we had to order a new 1420 Pro Series. The bike order has arrived and will be assembled soon.

We have received requests for a Paceline 1420, a 1420XL with rear steering (which we have in stock) and for a tadpole. The tadpole is for a 63-year-old person. Her husband is a disabled vet who is able to ride a conventional bike. Her knee impairment will not allow her to ride with him today. With the tadpole they can ride together.

Stay tuned as we will be doing a bike build in the near future.

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

Thanks
Al Bedell





Caring Corner

Please continue to keep Connie Oltman in your thoughts and prayers as she is recovering from a stroke. She misses AMBUCS.

Member Anniversaries/Birthdays –

Happy October birthday to **Joshua Brantley, Dick Land** and **Lorna Wyrick**. May you all have a wonderful year.

Happy Cornbelt AMBUCS Anniversary to the following folks:

Jeanie Brantley	7 years
J Balmer	10 Years
Marcia Hammerstrand	10 years
Jan Klee	10 Years
Rick Milner	13 Years
Deanna Frautschi	22 Years

Thank you all for so faithfully serving our community.

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