CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

November 2026

Upcoming Events

November 21, 2026 – 8:00 am Ramp Build in Shirley IL

December 2, 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 at various sites



From Your President

Hello Cornbelt AMBUCS

This is the month of Thanksgiving. I have so many things to be thankful for. One of them is being part of a group of people who have such giving and serving hearts.

I have seen it over and over in the way that our members show up to build ramps, to put together bikes, to clean up the highway, to pack food at Midwest Food Bank, to ring bells for the Salvation Army, and so many other things that may not be seen.

We may be an organization that many have not yet heard of but we are making a difference every time we serve our community.

Thank you for your service and willingness to show up.

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

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Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup – October 26, 2026

We performed our last clean-up of the year for our adopted part of the highway. We had 6 hearty volunteers who came out on a beautiful day that started out a bit chilly but quickly became quite comfortable.

We found bits of garbage here and there and cleaned it all up. It was a good day for being outside and doing something productive. Some of us are very outstanding in our fields as you can see below. 😊

Someone, who will remain anonymous, thought that she found a rubber snake – so she was surprised when it moved. 😊







Cornbelt AMBUCS
Inspiring Mobility and Independence

Ramp News

We built a ramp on October 3 in Leroy at the home of a young college student, who needed a way to safely and independently get in and out of her house to catch the bus to college. We made life a little easier for this young woman and her family. This ramp was a wonderful example of our mission to “inspire mobility and independence” in action. A big thank you to all who helped with this ramp.





Our next ramp – 11/21/2026

Our next ramp build will be on November 21 in **Shirley** on Park Street. This will be a 36-ft ramp so all help is appreciated. We hope that you can join us as many hands make light work.

More Ramps to be built

We still have many ramps on our list of requests. Depending on the weather we may be able to get one more built this year.

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 helps so many. Thank you for being faithful and helpful.

Shoulders Together – We are doing more.

Amtryke® News



Cornbelt Ambucs did not present any Amtrykes last month.

However, we did refurbish a 1420 Pro Series bike that we had on hand and it will be presented soon.

A few of us met and assembled a Paceline 16 and mostly assembled, after a few hiccups, a JT 3000. The JT 3000 is a recumbent bike and took longer than anticipated. Both bikes are now assembled so watch for an email. We hope to see you when the bikes are presented.

We did have an inquiry for a hand cycle for the 9-year-old girl that we will be building a ramp for on November 21, 2026.

As usual, please continue to forward the contact information for anyone that might benefit from one of our therapeutic bikes.

Thanks
Al Bedell

Caring Corner

We were so glad to see Connie Oltman at our recent Ambucs Lunch meeting. Welcome back Connie! We have missed you.

Member Anniversaries/Birthdays –

Happy October birthday to **Larry Turilli,** and **Duane Wells.** May you both have a wonderful year.

Happy Cornbelt AMBUCS November Anniversary to the following folks:

George Wood	32 Years
Lorna Wyrick	26 Years
Vicky Strauss	17 Years
Roger Ryon	15 Years
Dick Lang	15 Years
Ed Monahan	10 Years

Thank you all for so faithfully serving our community.

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