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MAY 2011

THE PREZ SEZ...

(President Denny Strauss)

It's May and the AMBUCS™ year is almost over. No ramps were built in April, but we did give away an AmTryke®. Check out Bill's and Al's columns in this newsletter.

Pancake Breakfast – The 5th annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast was held on April 9, 2011, at 2nd Presbyterian Church. This is our chapters' only fundraiser. See write-up from Larry for the details.



Spring Round Up – The Membership "Event" was held on Thursday, April 21, 2001, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at Monical's Pizza. Only five members attended and no potential members attended. But the pizza was good – too bad you missed it.

Spring Conference – Spring Conference was held Saturday, April 30, 2011. See article following.

Senior Expo - We were invited to have a booth at the Senior Expo on May 2, 2011, at the Parke Hotel in Bloomington, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The theme is "Be Content at Home". Carolyn Thompson and Don Stogsdill manned the booth from 9:00 – 12:00 and All Bedell and Jerry Wyrick from 12:00 – 3:00.



Installation Banquet – The 2011 installation Banquet will be Thursday, May 12, 2011, at the Ozark House in Bloomington. We plan to give away an AmTryke® at the banquet. The cost is \$20, and includes a buffet dinner. You can still sign up until May 4.

Scholarships – Three scholarship recipients will receive their awards during the Installation Banquet. All three are sponsored by our chapter for National scholarships.

Social – Greg Beneze and the Social Committee have organized an outing at the Cornbelter's baseball game this spring. It will be Thursday, June 16, 2011. It is \$1 Beer Night. Tickets are \$8. Last year we had lots of fund and this year we will have a suite in which to enjoy the game and socialize with fellow AMBUCS™.



National Conference – The AMBUCS™ National Conference for 2011 is July 20-23 in Memphis, TN. This is within driving distance. If you have never attended the National Conference before, consider this opportunity to attend. It is a good chance to meet AMBUCS™ from all over the country, attend some great training sessions, and have fun in Memphis. The national website has all the exciting details: [2011 National Conference](#)

Website – Our chapter website is www.cornbeltambucs.org - we try to keep it up-to-date with meeting and event dates. We publish articles about our ramp building and AmTryke® presentations. You can refer people to it to find out more about our chapter. And there are links to the National AMBUCS™ website. I added a page (from the "About US" page) on how to order clothing with our AMBUCS™ logo from Lands End. Contact me if you would like to see changes to the website in the future.

Let's have a good ending to the 2010/2011 year – there is only one month left – let's keep up the good work of "providing mobility and independence for people with disabilities".

Denny

Spring Conference 2011

The Central Region Spring Conference was held on April 30, 2011. It was hosted by the Cornbelt Chapter at the Ozark House restaurant. The Region was responsible for all the cost. Thirty AMBUCS™ for several chapters attended the free event and fabulous lunch.

The format was different this year and only one day to reduce cost to members. Normally officer training was held at the Spring Conference, but this year the training will be done at the district level on Saturday May 14th in Pekin. So this was mostly an information meeting. We started at 9:30 am and were done by 2:00 pm.

Attending were National President Greg Ferris and his wife Jan. Our own Al Bedell is Central Region Director. District 4A brought their new 18 foot tandem axel trailer AmTryke® trailer along for all to admire, which we all did.

The agenda included:

- Regional Meeting Minutes
- Regional Treasurer Report
- National News
- Easy and fun Fund Raising Ideas

- New AmTryke® Online Ordering and New Products
- Chapter Year in Review
- Lunch
- Table Discussions
- AMBUC™ Knowledge Assessment



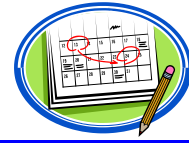
Al Bedell and Larry Windingland
Conducting Region Business



National President Greg Ferris
Giving National News



Deb Griest Being Sworn in as
New District 4A Governor



Mark your calendars!!!

Next Saturday Meeting

When: Saturday, May 21, 2011
 Time: 7:15 a.m.
 Place: Shannon's Restaurant

Next Noon Meeting

When: Wednesday, June 1, 2011
 Time: Noon
 Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

Installation Banquet

When: Thursday, May 12, 2011
 Time: 6:00 p.m.
 Place: Ozark House

Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey, All you ramp-builders -

First it was the winter snowstorms... and now, it's the April showers... along with a few "changed plans" for our first few ramps this season.... so we did not get a ramp built in April.

At the writing of this newsletter... we have a ramp planned for Friday, May 6th... for Mr. Frank Hennis... who has a progressive disability and needs a ramp at his home in Normal. He heard about our club and contacted us to help him with his ramp. He was pleased to hear that we could build a ramp in one day... and has seen some of our work around town, as well. We've got a great reputation out there... and we will continue to build ramps this year... with your help!

For the month of May, we have a couple of ramps planned. The third Saturday of the month, May 21st, we will be partnering with volunteers from Ni-Cor Gas Company... and building a ramp in Normal for Mrs. Thormann... who lives in Northmeadow Village. 40 feet of ramp with a couple of platforms... and I'm confident we will end up with a beautiful ramp and some smiling faces that day! We've got other ramps planned, as well... so watch your e-mail for other dates and time in May.

Thanks so much for all your help this past year... and please feel free to come and join us, again, this year! If you have not been to one of our projects, please give me your e-mail address... and I'll add your name to our list... and let you know of the opportunities as they come up throughout the year.

See ya' at the ramps

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Notes from Al...

AmTrykes®

April was another productive month for Cornbelt AMBUCS™ and AmTrykes®. Even though we did not build a ramp this month we did give away another AmTryke®.

On April 21 Denny and I deliver a 1420 Pro Series AmTryke® to a very special girl at Olympia High School. Hannah has been waiting a few months for her special bike. As you can tell from the pictures below Hannah was pleased with her new bike. She is usually very quite but she was quite excited with she realized we were rolling her new bike down the hall to her. She was so patient with us as we made the adjustments on her new bike.



Jennifer Bauersfield was the key therapist involved in working with us to get the bike for Hannah. Jennifer has evaluated several other children who attend the Olympia School district. Jennifer is great to work with and is always so appreciative of what we do for the kids. Two other therapists at the school express interest in helping us build a ramp or two this summer and possible joining our chapter.

This was the first bike of the new style we received. The improvements in the seat adjustments sure helped get the bike adjusted quickly and exactly where Jennifer felt it needed to be for Hannah. Also, the new hand brake was much easier to assemble and adjust.

We also worked with a therapist at Parkside Elementary and have order a bike for a young boy from Hudson. We are hoping the bike is here in time to be presented at the Installation Banquet on May 12th.

As usual, keep sending us the names and contact information for anyone, child or adult, who could benefit from one of our therapeutic cycles, AmTryke®.

Al Bedell
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