

# CORNBELT BUC-ETIN



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## ***OCTOBER 2008***



### ***THE PREZ SEZ...***



Fall is my favorite season of the year. It's a season of great change, where leaves turn beautiful shades of red and orange, and children head back to school. Many people in McLean County depend on our help in dealing with changes in their lives. Let's try to help as many of them as possible.

October and November represent another AMBUCS™ recruiting period. National has challenged all chapters to grow their membership by **five**. Our Membership Committee has come up with a couple of items to assist you in bringing in new members to our chapter. First, for each new member brought in during October and November, the person that brings them in will receive \$25 towards Cornbelt AMBUCS™ clothing items at Lands End (reimbursement after an order). Also, for each new member brought in, the existing member will receive one entry into a drawing for half of their 2009 dues (up to \$75). One winner will be selected at our December lunch meeting. If you have any questions on this, please feel welcome to contact Jerry Wyrick or Dan Bedell.

**The Fall Convention for the Central Region will be held on October 24th and 25th in Champaign.** If you are interested in attending the event, please let me know ([dan.bedell@cornbeltambucs.org](mailto:dan.bedell@cornbeltambucs.org)).

Access Allies is hosting the second annual Parenting and Disabilities Expo on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 6 to 8 pm at the Community Activity Center in Normal. Please let me know if you would be interested in representing Cornbelt AMBUCS™ at this event. If so, I will be contacting you in the next couple of weeks to work out the details. This is a fantastic event and a great way for us to network with our community. For more information about this event, please visit [www.accessallies.org](http://www.accessallies.org).

I've met with a few of the committees so far, and will be contacting the others in the next couple of weeks to set up meetings.

**For all of you Big Hatters:** There is a raffle underway for a trip to the Atlantis Resort and Hotel: details can be found at <http://www.ambucs.com/assets/Uploads/Admin-Documents/The-AMBUCS-National-Big-Hat-Club-Raffle-Rules-2008-09.pdf>. If you have questions about the contest, please contact Kip Miles (phone – (580)747-0910, email – [milesmusic@sbcglobal.net](mailto:milesmusic@sbcglobal.net)).

**Hope to see everyone at  
Lakeside Country Club for our next lunch meeting  
at noon on November 5th. Bring a friend!**



**Important  
Announcements**

**Next Saturday Meeting**

**When: Saturday, October 18, 2008**

**Time: 7:15 a.m.**

**Place: EAA Hanger, Old Airport**

**Next Noon Meeting**

**When: Wednesday, November 5, 2008**

**Time: Noon**

**Place: Lakeside Country Club**

**Cornbelt Buc-etin Delivery**

Did you know you can now receive your monthly copy of the Cornbelt Buc-etin via email? **Save a tree**, and save *Cornbelt AMBUCS*™ the first-class postage...and get your monthly copy online! Just send Lorna an email at [LWyrick270@ctechinternet.com](mailto:LWyrick270@ctechinternet.com).



## *Bill McHie's Babbles...*



**Hey, ramp-builders -**

***Are we good or what? Can we get a ramp done in record time or what?***

I can't believe we pulled off a ramp in just under two hours, but we did. Aside from being a rather easy design—a straight shot right off their porch, and great weather as well--we really did make Mrs. Van Note smile that Saturday morning. She had called me earlier this summer, and told me about her cancer, and also told me that she would be glad to "wait her turn" to get a ramp sometime. Well, we've been rollin' right along with our ramp projects and we were able to make life a little easier for Mrs. Van Note this fall. She was not planning to come out for the picture at the end of the project...but I'm glad you all got to meet her. She was very appreciative of our work...so give yourself a pat on the back--you did a fine job! We had a couple of new folks helping with the ramp project this last month, too. It's nice to see so many new faces....so keep comin' to the ramps...and be sure to keep asking your friends and neighbors. We can always use a new member...or two...or three...

For October, I'll be planning a ramp for the 3rd Saturday, October 18th, and will try to add some other smaller ramp projects during the evenings as well. We've got several requests, and the ramp committee will be meeting during October to sort out our requests and plan the next several ramps.

Like I always say, give me a call if you have questions, or a referral, or if you just want to tell me what you're planning to be for Halloween! Thanks for all your help and I'll see ya' at the ramps!

Bill McHie

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## *Notes from Al...*

Even though October is AmTryke® month, our AmTryke® activity remains inactive.

I am working with a young boy from McLean who attends school in Danvers. I met with the therapist, and we fitted Joe on the AM-16 and he was able to ride it easily around the gym. Unfortunately, he was not very happy that I could not leave the bike with him.

The bike is a bike recently returned to our chapter, and it needs the large, expandable foot pedals and a couple other minor adjustments. Hopefully, the parts will arrive, the therapist evaluation forms will be completed and we can present the bike to Joe in October.

Please continue to send me the names of children or adults who could benefit from one of our bikes. Also, if you have time please review the AmTryke catalog at [AMBUCS.COM](http://AMBUCS.COM) and click on AmTrykes®. There are several new bikes and many accessories.

Thanks for all your help in making sure all kids have a bike to ride.

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**Disclaimer: The Halloween figure associated with each column does not necessarily convey the editor's personal feelings towards that column's author. Okay. Maybe it does. Have a Happy Halloween!**

Lorna

