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THE PREZ SEZ...

(President Denny Strauss)

Wow – September already! Time for the 1st quarter scorecard. Except for our ramp building it has been a slow summer. The recap for ramp building in the first quarter of the 2010-2011 AMBUCS™ year:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Ramps</u>	<u>Man Hours</u>	<u>Materials</u>
June	4	231	\$5215
July	2	155	\$2159 (torn down old ramp and reused)
August	3	???	\$???? (waiting on Bill)
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TOTALS	9	???	\$????

See "Bill Buchie's Babbles..." for more information on our August ramp building.

We did not have any candidates for AmTrykes® during the first quarter. Unless you count the one that Al was fixing a broken chain. We need to always to look for opportunities to find kids who could benefit from having an AmTryke®.

Our first quarter social was an outing to the Normal Cornbelters baseball game at the Corncrib on August 12. We had about 20 members/friends in attendance. The public



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address announcer read a good overview of our club as provided by Greg Beneze, who organized the outing. Thanks Greg! And during the game, we got a request to build a ramp. We had good seats and it was a good game as the Cornbelters

won. We will be planning more socials this year.



In September, we have the State Farm Volunteer Fair opportunity again this year. We applied for September 21 at Corporate and September 22 at Corporate South. This gives us two hours to let people know who we are and what we do. And hopefully find some people who are excited to help the disabled. If you would like to help man the table, contact me. More next month.

The Danville Chapter is hosting the AMBUCS™ Central Region Fall Conference on September 24 – 25. This will be a time for fun with a Gilligan's Island theme for Friday night, followed Saturday by meetings and more fun. The awards dinner is Saturday evening. Hopefully we will win some awards again this year.

In October, we are again a participating sponsor in the Parenting and Disabilities Expo at the Bloomington High School. This is on October 5 from 6:00 – 8:00. Again, a good opportunity to let people know who we are and what we do. If you would like to help man the table, contact me. More next month.

October/November is Fall Branding time when all AMBUCS™ everywhere gear-up to find new members. The goal is five new members. And if you recruit three new members during a 12-month period, you can become a Big Hatter! Our club has six Big Hatters. We have promotional materials that you can use for recruiting. Plan now to get your spurs!

I sent out the Committee Preference signup sheet in August and received little response. This is an opportunity for you to provide the chapter with you ideas to help us grow, raise money, and have fun. If no one volunteers, I will ask some members personally to participate. It doesn't require many hours and can be very rewarding.

We have had a good start to the 2010/2011-year – let's keep up the good work of "providing mobility and independence for people with disabilities".

Denny



Mark your calendars!!!

Next Saturday Meeting

When: Saturday, September 18, 2010
Time: 7:15 a.m.
Place: EAA Hanger, Old Airport

Next Noon Meeting - **NEW LOCATION**

When: Wednesday, October 6, 2010
Time: Noon
Place: Monical's Pizza (by Best Buy)

Bill Buchie's Babbles...



Hey all you ramp-builders -

We built a few ramps in August and had a variety of projects to show you. Our ramp committee is "plowin' through" the referrals and we will have plenty of ramp projects to offer in the next few months. If you have been to our ramp projects, you know how easy it is to put a smile on someone's face... and you know we have fun building the ramps... so please share your experience with someone around you... and ask them to the next project! Let me tell you a little about the August ramps we built.

Brian can certainly put together a great crew! (Did you know that those State Farm people do more than sell insurance?) The State Farm folks put together a "team building" crew... and built a ramp in one afternoon, along with a little extra support to a porch, and removing the old ramp, and a little landscaping, and finished off the ramp project with that famous "maiden voyage" down the ramp for Mary Pycior. I think State Farm knows how to build

teams AND build ramps... and they just proved they know how to "build up" our community by working with us to improve the lives of people with disabilities. Thanks to all of you who helped with Mary's ramp project...and I hope you remember that feeling as Mary came down her new ramp... Want to do it again, sometime?... we'll be in touch!

We also took on a ramp project for Bob Mitchell in rural Bloomington on our regular Saturday in August. Again, Brian led our team on a 55 foot ramp which was built from a pile of lumber into a great looking ramp in one Saturday morning. Bob's existing ramp had seen better days so we took out his old ramp and built his new ramp with a little less slope so Bob can manage it on his own in the future. Bob was smilin' as he made his way down that new ramp. Another fine looking ramp project, don't ya' think!



Then, we couldn't pass up a small ramp inside a garage... so we gathered at Dr. Theobald's home in Normal and build a ramp so Dr. Theobald can get in and out of his home. He had been using a cane but has progressed to the scooter... so now he can drive up the ramp and right into his home... rain or shine... and again, another smilin' face from Dr. Theobald... along with plenty of smiles from the rest of us, as well. We got a very nice thank-you note

along with a donation from Dr. Theobald... and we will put the donation towards future ramp projects in our community.



We have plenty of ramps "on the books" so we will keep the e-mails going and let you know of future projects. Thanks to all who have helped this summer and it's not too late to come out to a ramp project. We'll be in touch. See ya' at the ramps!

Bill McHie

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