

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

November 2024

Upcoming Events

December 2, 2024 – Salvation Army Bell Ringing

December 4, 2024 - Next monthly *Cornbelt AMBUCS Lunch Meeting* at Noon at Monical's Pizza next to Best Buy on Veterans Parkway. Bring a friend!

October 1 – November 30, 2024 –Fall Branding Time

March 28-29, 2025 –SAVE THE DATES – Central Region Conference – Bloomington IL

July 23-26, 2025 – SAVE THE DATES –National Conference Des Moines IA



From Your President

Hello Cornbelt AMBUCS!

It's hard to believe that November is already here and that we're entering the final stretch of the year. As the days get shorter and the holiday season approaches, I find myself reflecting on all that we've accomplished in 2024. This has been a productive year for our chapter, and I am so grateful for each of you and your dedication to our mission.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has given their time and energy to our efforts, whether building ramps, delivering Amtrykes, attending events, or simply sharing our mission with others. It's inspiring to see how much we can achieve when we come together, and the impact we've had on individuals and families in our community is something to be truly proud of.


Thank you for all that you do for Cornbelt AMBUCS—you are what makes our chapter so special. Please enjoy our newsletter, and as always, please reach out to me with any questions/concerns/feedback or if you'd like to become more involved in one of our committees or on the board.

Shoulders Together,

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Adopt-a-Highway cleanup – October 12, 2024

We had a great time cleaning up our adopted highway on a very pleasant Saturday morning in early October. Here's a picture of the motley crew that Zoe snapped around the halfway mark.



Fall Branding – October 1 – November 30

It's AMBUCS Fall Branding time. What is Fall Branding, you ask? It's an annual nationwide campaign to recruit new AMBUCS members that runs from October 1 to November 30.

Every AMBUCS member who recruits (or "brands") a new member will receive a spur pin during this period. For two new members, they'll receive two spurs. For three members, they'll earn two spurs plus a branding iron pin.

AMBUCS is a great organization that does good for our community. Please consider inviting someone you know to join us for one of our lunch meetings and to join in our shared mission.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing – December 2, 2024

We will be ringing the bells around town for the Salvation Army from 3 pm to 5 pm. Please let Marcia know if you are able to help out. It is a very worthy cause and helps so many. You can even wear a Santa suit if you wish. We will meet for dinner afterwards. Location will be determined closer to the event.

SAVE THE DATES – March 28-29, 2025 – Central Region Conference

Cornbelt AMBUCS will be hosting the 2025 Central Region Conference here in Bloomington on the weekend of March 28-29, 2025. Please put these dates on your calendar. It would be great to have a good representation from our Chapter as well as help to make this the best conference ever. Additional information regarding details for the conference and requests for help will be sent in the months to come.

SAVE THE DATES – July 23-26, 2025 – Central Region Conference



Mark your calendars for the 2025 AMBUCS National Conference! Our annual celebration will take place from July 23-26 in Des Moines, Iowa. Join us for an unforgettable week of excitement, growth, and motivation with fellow AMBUCS members. There's so much to look forward to and celebrate!

Save the date

Please consider attending the 2025 AMBUCS National Conference in July of 2025. It will be within driving distance in Des Moines, Iowa.

It is a time that you will enjoy meeting other AMBUCS, be inspired by what is going on around the country and by how our organization is helping people all around the country.

Cornbelt AMBUCS Website

Our [Cornbelt AMBUCS Website](http://www.cornbeltambucs.org) has a new look. Please go and check it out and tell us what you think. Thanks to Dennis Strauss for all of his hard work on this project.

If link above does not work type www.cornbeltambucs.org into your browser.

Ramp News from Bill



Hey, all you ramp-builders –
We were able to build one ramp and remove one ramp in October, thanks to all of you.

We built a ramp inside a garage for a family in Bloomington who needed the ramp to make their home accessible. We had a good group of volunteers who made the job very easy for all of us. Thanks to our team for this one!

We were also contacted by another family in Bloomington who wanted to donate a ramp back to us. The ramp was built in 2022 but was in good condition so we gathered up 30ft of ramp and a platform and took it to a storage building where we can re-purpose it in the future for someone who needs a ramp. Thank you to everyone who responds to the call to lend a hand with our ramp-building program. We've been doing this for over 30 years and I'm sure there's still a need for our services in our community.



Thanks, again and I'll see ya' at the next one!

Bill McHie

Amtryke® News from Al



In October, we received a request for a replacement Amtryke. It appears Colton needs a larger Amtryke. We are waiting for a date and time to deliver a recycled Pro Series 1416.

We also received an Amtryke Evaluation and request for Pro Series 1420. The board approved this bike and we will need to order exercise pedal as we have the Amtryke ready to be assembled.

Watch your emails for the date and times for the delivery of these two Amtrykes. It is great when other AMBUCS can show up for the presenting of these bikes.

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

Thanks

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