

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

December 2024

Upcoming Events

January 1, 2025 – NO LUNCH MEETING FOR JANUARY. Happy New Year

February 5, 2025 – Next monthly Cornbelt AMBUCS Lunch Meeting at Noon at Monical's Pizza next to Best Buy on Veterans Parkway. Bring a friend!

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,

As the year draws to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on what an incredible year it has been for our chapter. December is a time of celebration, gratitude, and giving back—values that align perfectly with everything Cornbelt AMBUCS represents.

This past year, we've accomplished so much together. From building ramps that changed lives to delivering Amtrykes that brought joy and independence, your dedication and hard work have made a lasting impact on our community. Whether you volunteered your time, shared our mission with others, or supported us in spirit, thank you for being an essential part of our success.

As we prepare to close out 2024, let's carry the spirit of the season into everything we do. Whether it's participating in one last ramp build or Amtryke presentation, ringing bells for the Salvation Army, or simply reaching out to someone in need, every act of kindness counts.


Thank you all for another amazing year. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside such an incredible group of people. Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a happy New Year. Let's finish 2024 strong and set the stage for an even more impactful 2025.

Best regards and shoulders together,
Bill

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Salvation Army Bell Ringing – December 2, 2024

Cornbelt AMBUCS rang the bells for the Salvation Army on a cold and balmy late afternoon on Monday December 2, 2024. 12 AMBUCS plus a couple of guests helped out this very worthy cause. Afterwards most of the helpers went to Bandanas to warm up and eat some good food. You would have to agree that all volunteers had a lot of holiday spirit.



Our AMBUCS group raised \$2048.65 this year which is even more than last year!

Lunch Meeting December 3, 2024

We had special guests at our December 3, 2024 lunch meeting from the YWCA Americorp Seniors - RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) program. Joanna Salata, RSVP Program Specialist, and Angie Riethmaier, RSVP Program Coordinator, presented information about RSVP and how it can provide volunteers for AMBUCS if needed and how we can become volunteers in their program. More information at <https://www.ywcamclean.org/what-we-do/rsvp/>

Will Wade (president-elect of the Greater Champaign County AMBUCS chapter) and Landon Davis, his friend and colleague, also joined us for lunch. Landon is considering joining our chapter.

Monthly lunch meetings are a great time to hear about what is happening in our chapter and to catch up with other members. Please join us for at least a few lunch meetings next year starting Feb 5th.

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 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 a ramp in November for a lady in Bloomington that needed to have better access to her home. We had quite a few volunteers to help us that day and we got to build a nice-looking ramp inside a garage!

With winter weather upon us, we certainly appreciate being able to stay out of the cold weather! I hope you all enjoy your holidays! We've got more ramps to build and I'll stay in touch with upcoming ramp-building opportunities.

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

Bill McHie



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Amtryke® News from AI



We were lucky and delivered an Amtryke to Colton. Colton is 9 years of age and had been riding an AM-12 for a few years. He attends Ridgeview Elementary School in Colfax. He is in fourth grade and loves playing outside with his brothers.

As you can tell from the pictures Colton has grown significantly, and the AM-12 has been too small for a while, but he continued to ride it. The 1416 Pro Series is a big jump for him but as you can tell from the hallway picture with his therapist, Heather, he was doing well. This was a recycled Amtryke that was recently returned to Cornbelt Ambucs.



This picture clearly shows why we have the Amtryke program. Colton loved his new bike, and it will work for a few years for him.

We have an Amtryke to present in December to a student in Farmer City. We will be working with a new therapist, at least to us, with this bike. As usual, please send me the contact information for anyone who could benefit from one of our tremendous therapeutic Amtrykes.

Thanks, and Happy Holidays.

AI Bedell



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