

CORNBELT BUC-ETIN

January 2025

Upcoming Events

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

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

Happy New Year, Cornbelt AMBUCS and friends!

As we step into 2025, I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season filled with joy, laughter, and time with loved ones. A new year brings new opportunities to make a difference, and I'm excited about what we'll accomplish together in the year ahead.

Looking back, 2024 was an amazing year for our chapter. Your hard work, dedication, and passion for serving others made a real impact on our community. From ramp builds to Amtryke giveaways to scholarships rewarded, and all the events and activities in between, we proved once again what can be achieved when we work "Shoulders Together."

This month, we'll start planning for the exciting projects ahead. Whether you've been involved for years or are looking for new ways to contribute, I encourage you to join us at our February meeting to share ideas and kick off 2025 with energy and enthusiasm. We will definitely need help as we host the Central Region conference.

Let's make this year another one to remember. Thank you for all that you do, and here's to a successful and impactful year ahead!

Best wishes,
Bill

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Generous Gift from McLean County Wheelers Bicycle Club

In early December, Cornbelt AMBUCS received a \$500 check from Mclean County Wheelers as a thank you for our contributions to the cycling community.

Wheeler's website: <https://www.mcleancountywheelers.com>

2025 – Annual Membership Dues

Membership dues statements will be sent out via email in the next week.

Our dues funds are used for operating expenses for our chapter i.e.: P.O. Box rental, website hosting, stamps, envelopes, regional & national dues and state required not for profit registrations. We work hard to spend our funds wisely and appreciate your support.

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

COME JOIN THE CIRCUS --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 – National 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.

Big Hat Raffle Tickets

Hey Cornbelt AMBUCS – be on the look out for an email from our treasurer, Dennis Strauss with details for 2025 Big Hat Raffle Tickets. The prizes for this coming year are amazing trips to wonderful locations.

Ramp News from Bill



Hey, All you ramp-builders –

We were able to build one ramp in December in Bloomington. We built the ramp inside a garage and the family was very happy to have better access to their home. Thanks to all our volunteers who came out to help us that day.

Your willingness to help with our ramp projects really makes a difference and helps us continue our legacy of building ramps in our community. I wish the best to all of you and I'm looking forward to working with you this next year, making life a little easier for folks in our community.

Thanks and I'll see you at the next ramp-building party!

Bill



Amtryke® News from Al



Early in December we presented Anne with a new Amtryke. Anne was so excited and could not wait for her mom to get there before she was on her new Amtryke. As you can see from the pictures Anne loved her new bike and even more when she realized it was going home with her.

The school personnel who work with Anne were extremely impressed with the Amtryke and how well she did on the bike. Anne really liked to work the break and stopping quickly. She was difficult to keep up when we took her out into the hall.

I hope you can tell from the pictures below the joy Anne was feeling. Thanks to Vicky for taking the pictures as it is almost impossible to fit a child on an Amtryke and take pictures.



This was the first Amtryke where we have worked with Kris Lawless, therapist, since we met in October 2023. She lives in Danvers and hopes to attend one of our monthly meetings.

Our Cornbelt AMBUCS Board

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