

Note: when you finish reading this newsletter, please pass it on to someone who doesn't know about AMBUCS

Amtrykes

Amtrykes continue to be needed by all of our therapists and leader Scott Price continues to refurbish, repair, and deliver the ones we have available. He has also asked the therapists to check for any that can be brought back in, fixed up, and given away again. At least two of the therapists have responded with names and addresses for unused Amtrykes, and Scott is picking them up as time permits. AMBUCS National is accepting orders and sending out the ones they have in stock but some models are on backorder and are not expected to arrive until Fall. We are passing on all orders so that each request can be put in the queue for delivery as soon as available. We may have an Amtryke refurbishing night to help Scott get the trikes ready to deliver. More information will be posted when something is arranged. (Pic. is from our build this January.)



Calendar

- Aug. 3—First Challenger League Game
- Sept. 11—Challenger League Awards Day
- Sept. 13—Charity Golf Outing

National Conference

AMBUCS National Conference is back to in-person! Wednesday, Aug. 25th through Saturday, Aug. 28th, everyone who is anyone, will be meeting at the Galt House in Louisville, KY! Hotel reservations are open, \$139 for a deluxe room and \$159 for an executive suite. The agenda has been posted on the National Website at: <https://ambucs.org/members/ambucs-national-conference/>

Hope to see everyone there!

The Galt House Hotel in Louisville, KY is accepting room reservations for the 2021 AMBUCS National Conference. Conference runs from Wednesday, August 25 - Saturday, August 28.

Discounted room rates are being honored three days before and after conference from Monday, August 23 - Monday, August 30. Come early and stay late to check out all Louisville has to offer!

We hope to have conference registration up by June 1 - more info to come.

CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR ROOM TODAY!

Scarecrow Festival

We may have our Scarecrow Festival in AMBUCS Park sometime in the Fall! We're deciding on a date and what we'll be able to do, so more information will be posted soon!

Officer Installation, and Awards

A great dinner was had by all at our Annual Installation and Awards banquet held at the Italian Patio! The dinner was served family style and the lasagna, spaghetti, and fettuccini were delicious! It was great to be back to an in-person event!



We had some special guests that night, Bob Lacey's wife, Pat, (with Scott Price), and their daughter Donna. They were there to accept the AMBUC of the Year award posthumously for Bob. Outgoing President Scott Price named Bob for the award for all of the great work he did for our Chapter. We miss him dearly and our Chapter is a little sadder without him.

Scott named Don Dunlap as Project Manager of the Year for leading the Cash Bash and co-leading the Charity Golf Outing. He also gave Certificates of Appreciation to Treasurer Elaine Windingland and Secretary Sally Denhart, (Elaine right, Sally left, 3rd picture), for all their help throughout the year.



Scott next read the Oath of Office to the new Board of Directors and swore in new Chapter President, Kyle Moe.

Board of Directors 2021-2022

President: **Kyle Moe**

President Elect: **Larry Windingland**

Chairman of the Board: **Scott Price**

Treasurer: **Elaine Windingland**

Secretary: **Sally Denhart**

Sargent at Arms: **Keith Jamieson**

Big Hat President: **Mary Lou Younger**

Board Member: **Don Dunlap**

Board Member: **Pat Webb**

Serving 2nd year as Board Member: **Deb Griest**

Serving 2nd year as Board Member: **Ray Griest**



We thank all of the members who have stepped up to lead our Chapter through the new year and members pledge their support for all the Chapter does during the year.

Thanks to the outgoing Board for all their leadership through this last trying year! May we never have another like it!

2022 Spring Central Region Conference

GCC AMBUCS will be hosting the Central Region Spring Conference in 2022! The conference committee will be co-chaired by Deb Griest and Renae' Strawbridge. Don Dunlap, Kyle Moe, Elaine Windingland, and Sally Denhart volunteered to be on the committee. We'll be setting a date soon! Stay tuned!

Tidbits

Deb Griest had a meeting with a tractor that resulted in scratches, bruising, and mud where no one wants to have mud! Good thing she is a fast healer!

Ray Griest is at home recovering from some eye surgery. He's struggling because he's flat on his back and can't even watch TV! Please send good wishes and a text now and then!

Sandy Jachino is also at home recovering from knee surgery after being tripped up by an Evil drier sheet! Those things look harmless but you better watch out for them! Send her healing thoughts, too!

Rumor has it that member **Renae' Strawbridge** does her best work in the dark!

(From the Editor: if you're not attending meetings you are missing out on some fun stories! Come join us!)

Speaker: Ryan Reid, Rantoul Sports Complex

To start off the month of May, **Ryan Reid** from the Rantoul Sports Complex came to talk with us about this new resource in Champaign County. The complex consists of 8 baseball/softball diamonds, 2 Little League/Challenger League fields, and 8 multi-purpose fields. This 60-acre complex had their grand opening on May 29th but the fields have been in use since the beginning of May. When things are fully operational in 2023, they expect to have 1 million visitors per year! There are over 800 parking spaces, a playground and splash pad, concession stands, and restrooms. They are half a mile from I-57 so getting there is easy. All fields have a synthetic surface so weather related cancelations should be rare. The complex does not allow dogs, RVs, or beer. They also offer free Wi-Fi on the site. While the Tom Jones Challenger League will continue to play their regular games at AMBUCS Park, they are open to having some special events at the complex. Ryan said they are also working with Special Olympics to have events at the complex.



We thank Ryan for coming by and telling us about this fun new place to visit!

Splinters From the Board

The Board met at Papa Del's this month and reviewed the following items:

- ==> Doubling of the ramp build budget line
 - ==> New potential sponsor for Bar Stool Golf
 - ==> Additional recap of Central Region Conference.
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Central Region Spring Conference

The Central Region Spring Conference was held virtually on May 11th. National AM-BUCS officers were in attendance and gave an update on our national health including our financial situation and our ability to get Amtrykes. They encouraged everyone to continue to order the Amtrykes they need so that they can plan purchases and get trikes delivered as soon as available. Sadly costs on newly manufactured trikes are going up 20% so those costs will be added to Chapter purchase prices on new trikes but not the models currently in the warehouse. National announced that the 2022 National Conference will be held **August 24-27 in Birmingham, Alabama** and that they are starting a new Capital Campaign with the details coming soon.

We have a new Chapter in our region, Route 66 Cruisers in Springfield, Missouri, bringing our Chapter total to 30 in the region. Our new Regional Director is Marsha Hamerstrand. Our new Big Hat Regional President is Brad Deluga. Carmela Davis was present and announced her candidacy for National President Elect and Luke Jackson announced he is running for National Big Hat Secretary/Treasurer. Since there was no physical meeting we had an excess of funds in our account so the group voted to give \$4,000 to the National Scholarship Fund.

The meeting was wrapped up by asking for any announcements from the group. The Springfield Chapter announced that in 2025 they will be celebrating their 100 anniversary and planning has started for a multi-day celebration! Knowing the Springfield people it's going to be fantastic!

We thank Larry Turrelli for his service as Regional Directory and thank all the others who organized and worked on this meeting!

Winning Chances

05/04/21—50/50: \$6 to Sally Denhart; Attendance: \$12 could have been won by Steve Gibbs but he was not present.

05/11/21—50/50: \$6 to Kyle Moe; Attendance: \$22 could have been by Alan Edwards but he was not present.

05/18/21—50/50: \$7 to Keith Jamieson; Attendance: \$34 won by Scott Price.

05/25/21—50/50: \$7 to Judy Dramstad; Attendance: \$13 won by Steve Gibbs.
