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Calendar

- Sept. 13—Charity Golf Outing
- Sept. 25—Challenger League Awards Day
- Oct. 2—Scarecrow Festival



National Conference

Sadly the National Conference was canceled for 2021. However, the new National officers were installed and members could watch via a Zoom meeting on August 28th. The outgoing officers were thanked. The new officers were installed and we heard from the National presidents. Here's hoping next year we'll be back in person!

2021 AMBUCS National Conference
 Conference Registration is Now Open!

It's the moment you've been waiting for...
 National Conference Registration is now open!

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2021 Charity Golf Outing

We still have openings for teams in our annual Charity Golf Outing on Sept. 13th at Lake of the Woods Golf Course! We can also use more volunteers to help throughout during the day and we can always have more hole sponsors! Contact Larry Windlingland, 217-621-6991, Don Dunlap, 217-202-3061, or Keith Jamieson, 217-377-7112 to join our fun day or contact any AMBUCS member to sponsor a hole! Hope to see you there! ([Registration](#) and [Flyer](#))



Scarecrow Festival

October 2nd is the date for our annual Scarecrow Festival in AMBUCS Park. Work is underway for an 18 foot scarecrow! We'll have the barrel train ride and a hayrack ride for all attendees. The barrel train needs it's annual maintenance before the event, so on Sept. 18, 9am, we'll gather at the park to clean things out of the shed so that we can get it out and prepare it for use. If you can help, just come to the park on that Saturday! We can also use donations for the bake sale at the festival, cakes, pies, brownies, bread, cookies, or any baked goods. Please contact Sally Denhart, denhart@illinois.edu, if you can donate something for the sale. We'll need workers on the day so contact Elaine Windingland if you can help! It's going to be a fun day for all!

Amtrykes

Scott Price is keeping our Amtryke Program moving forward! He continues to repair Amtrykes and give out whatever he can. He has also exchanged bigger trikes for smaller ones the riders have outgrown and redeployed them to new riders. Also, our chapter has taken two Amtrykes from the trailer to give to riders. We agreed that with the inability to get more from National it was a waste to leave them sitting in the trailer with riders waiting. Scott will order the replacement trikes and get us in the queue to purchase them when they are available. That's Lila at the right enjoying her new Amtryke! Keep up the good work, Scott!



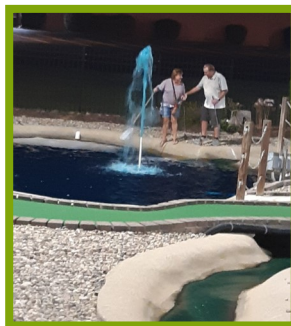
Chapter Social

President Kyle Moe and his wife Ashley, organized our quarterly social at the Old Orchard Putt-Putt Golf Course on Aug. 20th. Sadly, the bowling alley was closed so we couldn't order their wonderful pizza. Kyle got permission from the golf course managers to bring in Papa Del's pizza instead. Salad, thin and thick crust pizza, and pop was available. It was a balmy night so we ate outside on their picnic tables. Next, we broke into 4-person teams to play 18 holes of golf. The person with the lowest score, Larry Windingland, won a \$15 gift certificate from Papa Del's. We had four people get a hole in one so we held a pick-a-number play-off to see who would win the second gift certificate and that winner was Pat Webb!

One of the best holes to play has a water feature that, if used correctly, facilitates a hole-in-one. Sally Denhart got lucky and the water god helped put her ball in the hole. He did not smile on Laura Gibbs, and sent her ball into the retention pool at the very end of the course. Laura tried to fish her ball out of the pond but being small she needed a little help from Larry Windingland to reach it and not fall in the water. Team work prevailed and Laura got her ball back! (3rd pic below)

We had a little music while playing the course, courtesy of Kyle's butt. (Well, okay, it was coming from his phone in his back pocket.) We were dancing and singing to the Beatles!

At the end of the night, members were slow to end the enjoyable night and unanimously voted to Do This Again! Thanks much to Kyle and Ashley for their hard work providing the members with a long-over-due fun night together! Let's have more!



A Visit from Earl Martin

Therapist extraordinaire, Earl Martin, visited with us on Aug. 17th to tell us about the new Sensory Gym at the North Lincoln therapy office. He did the research on similar installations and helped to create the gym. It has caves, zip lines, and a climbing wall. Earl uses the Amtrykes to let the clients ride around the track in the main room and then helps the special kids play through the Sensory Gym. He invited any AMBUC member to stop by and check it out! And, Earl will be joining us at the Scarecrow Festival in October to do some fittings from the Amtryke trailer. Thanks for everything, Earl!

Tidbits

Mary Ohmit, long-time supporter and wife of member **Rick Ohmit**, visited with us at a meeting on Aug. 8th. She also joined us for our Chapter Social at Savoy. Always good to see you, Mary!

Good thoughts are needed for member **Judy Dramstad** who is having some leg problems. Her sister can use some good thoughts, too, as she goes into heart surgery. Judy will be helping take care of her.

Mary Lou Younger and Wayne had to deal with a burst pipe in their basement that brought down the ceiling!

The easing of Covid restrictions allowed **Pat Lacey** to hold a Celebration of Life for member **Bob Lacey**. He is missed at every AMBUCS' meeting and event!

In the spirit of Shoulders Together, **Keith Jamieson** and **Don Dunlap** helped the Springfield Chapter manage concessions at the Illinois State Fair.

Riley Myren, great-nephew of member Sally Denhart, is now a Marine! He graduated from boot camp on Sept. 3rd. Riley helped with several AMBUCS's ramp builds and events as a kid and attended lunch when he could.

Member Deb Griest has sold her hot air balloon, Mom's Toy. Farming takes up so much of her free time that flying lost out.

Splinters From the Board

The Board met at Papa Del's this month (and had two special meetings), and addressed the following items:

- ==> voted to give \$1,000 to the U of I Wheelchair Basketball Camp to help with a meal
 - ==> voted to add \$500 to the budget for AMBUCS Park decorating expenses
 - ==> voted to donate \$500 to Developmental Services Center's Tree of Hope
 - ==> voted to donate \$600 to the Disabled Students Organization's Christmas Party
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Winning Chances

08/03/21—50/50: \$6 to Deb Griest; Attendance: \$26 could have been won by Linda Ohnsted but she was not present.

08/10/21—50/50: \$7 to Kyle Moe; Attendance: \$40 could have been won by Laura Gibbs but she was not present.

08/17/21—50/50: \$6 to Pat Webb; Attendance: \$52 was won by Elaine Windingland.

08/24/21—50/50: \$6 to Don Dunlap; Attendance: \$13 was won by Andy VanEngelenburg.

08/31/21—50/50: \$8 to Deb Griest; Attendance: \$14 could have been won by Sandy Jachino but she was not present..
