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Monthly newsletter of the Greater Champaign County AMBUCS

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Scarecrow Festival

The weather started out cool for the Annual Scarecrow Festival but the sun came out and the day warmed.

We had a low attendance due in part to the cold weather start to the day and a couple of conflicting events, including a big one in downtown Champaign. The upside: we had lots of great volunteers including over 20 students from the **Volunteer Illini Projects**, VIP, group at the U of I. They took over running the 15+ kids games on the East side of the park.

The park was filled with scarecrows including our big scarecrow, Billy Bob and his daughter. As always, they were a draw for a photo op. It's tricky to put Billy Bob on the pavilion at his full height so this year we sort of chopped off his legs. Not only was he much easier to put up without his legs, but it made it easier to take pictures.

Along with the food for sale, we had a bake sale, pumpkin sale, and vendors in the main pavilion. We had our hay rack ride and our barrel train ride going from the East side of the park, through the car show on the West side and back. This year the car show had over 40 cars of all kinds. It was run by the Sundowner's Car Club and a member took pictures from his drone.

Our AMBUCS Central Region Director, **Geno Koehler**, stopped by from Springfield while on his way to another AMBUCS event and his family reunion. Always glad to see you, Geno!

The barrel train was a hit with all the kids and ran smoothly around the park. A couple of the college students folded themselves into the small barrels and were seen laughing all the way around.

The hay rack ride was a bigger hit with the adults as a great way to see all the cars in the show and there were some great cars to see!

We thank all the volunteers who worked the day from setup about 8am to tear down around 3pm. We appreciate the vendors who showed off their wares including a caramel corn vendor who was new this year and a big hit!

See you all next Fall!

Calendar

November Social - Nov. 12, Hickory River
November Board Meeting - November 19th
Decorating AMBUCS Park - November 28th
December Board Meeting - December 17th

2027
Cash Bash - March 6, 2027
Amtryke Road Rally - April 25, 2027












It's Time for a Social!

To keep members engaged, we have quarterly socials for members and their families and this November we'll be going to Hickory River in northeast Urbana. Come join us for some good food and fellowship in their solarium room, Nov. 12th, 5:30pm. Sandwiches and soft drinks will be provided.

We are also planning a Holiday Party in mid December. We'll have the usual gift exchange where we let our criminal side out as we steal presents from one another. Details to be determined.

Got Your AMBUCS Stone?

AMBUCS yard stones from the Champaign company, ***Design A Stone,*** are still available for purchase on the company's website:
https://designastone.com/collections/ambucs

These customized stones can have your name, address, or anything you want along with a choice of pictures of Amtrykes and Big Hats. Our Chapter gets a small percentage of the sales when you buy. You can have a wonderful yard display, promote AMBUCS in your neighborhood, and help our Chapter with funding projects. Check it out!





SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

Our Board of Directors met on October 20th at Bunny's after our regular meeting. The following items were discussed:

- **Elaine Windingland has submitted possible dates for therapist training to National**
- **discussed changing the table layout for lunch**
- **discussed venues for November social and December Christmas party**

Note: the November meeting will be on the 19th due to Thanksgiving; the December meeting on the 17th due to Christmas.

WINNING CHANCES

- 10/6/26 - 50/50: $6 Pat Webb; Attendance: $12 to Sally Denhart
- 10/13/26 - 50/50: $6 to ?; Attendance: $13 to ?
- 10/20/26 - 50/50 $5 to Sheila Dunlap; Attendance: $23 could have been won by Alan Edwards but he was not present.
- 10/27/26 - 50/50 ? to ?; Attendance $32 ?

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