

Amtrykes

With the Covid-19 restrictions one of the few things we as a Chapter can do is provide Amtrykes where needed. Amtryke Ambassador, Scott Price, has continued to work with therapists and families with Amtrykes. He has repaired and refurbished older trikes and worked on ordering more. As therapist Kathryn Rose told us in her talk to us last month, with all the schools closed, she and others sent their school's Amtrykes home with their primary riders so that they could keep up their exercise and have fun riding in their neighborhoods. Amtrykes at home are essential for special needs children and adults to keep moving forward with their physical challenges.

Calendar

Dec. 5—Bike Day at Carle Annex

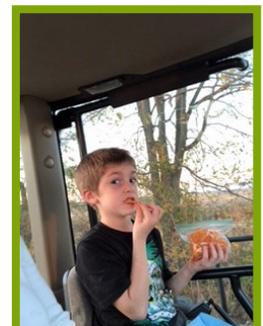
The need for new Amtrykes is still great so Earl Martin, therapist at Carle Clinic, worked hard to get approval for a Bike Fitting Day at the Carle Annex, and finally got permission from Carle administration. The fitting day will be from 9am to noon on December 5th, and fittings will be by appointment only. All Covid protocols will be observed, mask wearing, sanitizing of Amtrykes, etc. The rooms at the Annex are quite large so social distancing will be easy. The number of family members coming in will be limited and we will keep the number of fittings small. We will place any new orders as soon as possible and hope to have them ready to use by Spring. We're doing what we can to keep our mission moving forward.

Here's some pictures from our last Bike Fitting Day in 2019.



Tidbits

Member Renae' Strawbridge helped with the harvest for Lakey Farms again this year. She drives an auger cart, (the wagon-like equipment that takes the grain from the combine in the field and delivers it to the trucks waiting on the road to take it to the elevator), and was able to give her grandsons the fun of riding along. Says Renae', "They both said they really, really liked it but I'm wondering if it was actually the nacho cheese Doritos they liked!"



Tidbits (continued)

Member Bob Lacey was careful about attending gatherings over the holiday. He and Pat only attended celebrations with just 6 people. Six may have to be his lucky number! He and Pat stayed home for Thanksgiving and Bob made noodles. (pictured) Bob also reported, "For entertainment we are walking. The Illinois Marathon people have a self-reporting race going on. It is called Crisscross. You can walk as a team – duplicating the number of miles walked from Wisconsin to the tip of Southern Illinois, or equivalent miles from Indiana to Hannibal Mo. Your team has 25 weeks to complete the distance. We [have] 5 on our team and have so far made it from Wisconsin through Bloomington and headed south. I am pretty much the slacker on the team."



Keep moving, Bob!

Did you know member Keith Jamieson was once named "Fastest Male Apple Bobber" at an AMBUCS Halloween Party? The party was held in a funeral home and the horse tank they used as a beer cooler was also used for the bobbing game. Maybe Keith will share some tips on how to catch an apple.

From the Editor

When we moved items out of our small storage unit in preparation for its sale, I took home two giant books from the past. They turned out to be our chapter's scrapbooks, one from 2008 and the other from 1987-1988. My goal is to preserve the pictures and information in them digitally, then return them to storage. I started with the one from 2008 and saw some examples of the fun AMBUCS members had that year. Here's some pictures from a ramp build they did in 2008.



There are also pictures from the Regional Conference that year and specifically the Big Hat Breakfast meeting which was interesting. Now, I don't know what was going on at that meeting but there were several pictures of a Big Hatter and this "cowgirl" who it seems came to the meeting to undress and then promptly did so, ending by giving her leg to the Big Hatter! I'm not sure what happened next. Keith Jamieson attended that meeting so maybe he can fill in some of the blanks.

You never know what you might find when you dive into History!



Splinters From the Board

The Board did not meet this month due to the pandemic. Papa Del's, our pizza-themed meeting place, was forced to convert back to carry-out-only so they could not have us "in". The Board members agreed that there are no pressing issues and decided to skip the meeting this month. As always, members may bring any issues they have to the attention of any Board member and it will be brought forward to the next meeting.

Winning Chances

11/3/20—50/50: \$4 to Laura Gibbs; Attendance: \$24 could have been won by Keith Jamieson but he was not present.

11/10/20—50/50: \$5 to Dick Adams; Attendance: \$33 could have been won by Judy Dramstad but she was not present.

11/17/20—50/50: \$4 to Deb Griest; Attendance: \$41 could have been won by Keith Jamieson but he was not present.

11/24/20—50/50: \$4 to Keith Jamieson; Attendance: \$49 could have been won by Don Dunlap but he was not present.
