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Charity Golf Fundraiser

September 18th was this year's golf outing fundraiser at **Lake of the Wood Golf Course, Mahomet**. We had a near record of 27 teams



play the course and participate in our raffles and games. The weather was perfect; sun shining but not hot, a little breeze but not cold. Not a hint of rain in sight!

As each player entered the course they were greeted by two rows of hole sponsor signs that stretched from the entrance past the first curve in the road. Then those signs were moved to each of the holes on the course to allow players a close-up read. Each person or company could get their name seen by over 100 people for just the small cost of \$100. We thank all those who helped with those sponsorships!

The players had several side games to choose from for some extra fun. We had a 50/50 raffle that went over several hundred dollars. We had a prize raffle that had three items including a nice bottle of bourbon. Players could choose to play Par 3 Poker where each player paid \$10 to play and would draw a card from a deck of playing cards at the par 3 holes. If the player then hit the green with their drive shot, they would get another card. It's a fundraiser so players could also buy extra cards on the hole and the person with the best poker hand would win half the total money raised. The winning hand was four aces.

On the course were two other games players could have fun with: if the player got a hole-in-one at the magic hole, they could win \$15,000! No one managed to do that but our second game did have one winner. On another hole, we had a metal hood from a car painted a bright AMBUCS red about 150 yards down the hole. For \$5, a player could try to Hit the Hood and win \$100. We had one female golfer hit the hood on the first bounce and win! Sadly, the guys came close but couldn't make that happen.



We got a good deal from McDonalds for breakfast for the players, burritos and coffee, and we added donuts for those with a sweet tooth. Lunch was paid for by **Tim Wood** of **VIP Trips by Tim** and catered by **Neimergs** of Effingham. The lunch consisted of fried chicken, pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, chips and soft drinks.

The team with the low score of 12 under par, won \$200. We hope the other teams came close to that score and had a good time getting there!

Calendar

October 21—Scarecrow Festival
October 28—disAbility Expo

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March 16—Cash Bash
April 5-6—Regional Conference, Champaign
May 18—Amtryke Road Rally

We thank the golf course, the volunteers, the event leaders, and most importantly the players for making this a successful year where we earned more money than last year for our Amtryke program! You all rock and we hope to see you next year! Mark your calendars for **September 16th, 2024!**

Amtrykes

The first of our Amtryke recipients for September was the pretty Ella, at right. She is 6 years old and in the first grade. She goes to school on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and rides an Amtryke there. This is her second Amtryke and her four siblings, who have some of the same issues as Ella, will continue to use her old Amtryke until they, too, outgrow it. Her mom told her on Monday that the next day she would be getting a new Amtryke and she was thrilled. When her mom woke her on Tuesday morning her first words were, "It's bike day!" Ella is a little shy so while she would smile when requested she would also look away from the camera. Here's hoping that riding her new Amtryke will give Ella the confidence she needs.



On September 19th, we gave away two Amtrykes during our lunch meeting. One was to Grandere, left, who took a spin around the lunch room with a big smile. We think he likes his Amtryke!

The second giveaway on the 19th was to Steve, a veteran, whose trike was a little too big to ride around our lunch room but he and his wife came to lunch anyway to thank us in person. Later, member Scott Price, Amtryke Program leader, took the picture at right after he delivered Steve's Amtryke to his home. We hope both riders enjoy their new mobility!



These trikes and others were assembled at the office of President Keith Jamieson at a Bike Build session on September 5th. We didn't have the space to get the three Amtrykes the group assembled in one shot but here's most of the build crew. Thanks to Keith for hosting, and to members and friends who helped with the assembly, and to Larry Windingland and Pat Webb who picked up the pizza and delivered it to the hungry builders. (not pictured: Pat Webb, Cris Vowels, and Sally Denhart)

Splinters from the Board

The Board of Directors met twice during the month to discuss the Amtryke trailer situation. The co-owner, Danville AMBUCS, wants to dissolve our partnership. It was decided to offer Danville \$3,908.88 for their part in the trailer and GCC AMBUCS would keep the trailer and trikes.

Tidbits

We just heard that member **Keith Jamieson**, has the nickname of "Pops". Ask him about it sometime.

Members Elaine and Larry Windingland took a quick trip to a small town near Minneapolis, Minnesota to visit with relatives. They made it back safe!

Renae' Strawbridge spent a few days in Gulf Shores, Florida visiting with relatives. She says everything was perfect!

Great news! A new generation of AMBUCS will be born around February 14th next year. Member **Kyle Moe** and his wife Ashley are expecting their first child!

Please continue to send good wishes and prayers to our members having health issues this month.

It is with sadness that this reporter must acknowledge that member **Sally Denhart** did NOT win the Developmental Services Center (DSC), raffle held at their 10th Annual Octoberfest. Watch the DSC Facebook page for the date next year so that you, too, can buy a chance to not win!

Winning Chances

09/05/23—50/50: \$11 to Andy D'orzo; Attendance: \$26 was won by Jodie Harmon.

09/12/23—50/50: \$8 to Kyle Moe; Attendance: \$16 could have been won by Maggie Brown but she was not present.

09/19/23—50/50: \$9 to Elaine Windingland; Attendance: \$30 could have been won by Andrea Betzler but she was not present.

09/26/23—50/50: \$7 to Sally Denhart; Attendance: \$43 could have been won by Bill Gingrich but he was not present..