

25th Annual Scarecrow Festival

There was an unexpected free Sauna experience during the Scarecrow Festival and only the truly brave came out for it. The temperature was in the mid-nineties with a small breeze about once per hour. Undeterred, the great vendors, band, APO students, and car owners came out and provided some fun.



We had some publicity in the News-Gazette this year with an article and the picture of project leader, Keith Jamieson, at the left. (Do not copy this picture. Please note that picture is: **Reproduced by permission of [The News-Gazette, Inc.](#)** Permission does not imply endorsement. Article date: 9/23/2017)



October 21-23—National Conference

New this year was a change of the Bake Sale into a Cake/Bake Walk.

AMBUCS members were generous with their baked goods donations. We had 31 cakes, pies, cookies, and banana bread to give to the winners of the walks. Do to the low attendance we did sell a couple of the items to have for later. Thanks to all who donated!



We also had 26 cars and motorcycles in the car show on the West side of the park. The winners drove their cars through the pavilion to receive their awards and they really enjoyed that pomp.

(Photos by Riley Myren)

Some of the favorite activities are always the kids games, the barrel train rides, and the hay rack rides. Adults are welcome on both rides but they sometimes find it hard to fit in the barrels.

Our vendors didn't have a lot of sales but we very much appreciate their willingness to come out and enjoy the day in the park. Hope to see them again next year!

Thanks to all who planned, worked, and donated! AMBUCS rock!



Bike Build

After the Bike Day last month, our AmTryke Coordinator, Scott Price, needed a few more hands to help assemble the trikes that were ordered. President, Roger Adams, arranged for us to use the break room at the C-U Woodshop Supply. Eight members and friends came over to the shop and six AmTrykes were assembled except for the newest Tadpole model. Being so new, that one brought out some four-letter words and will require some final adjustments to the chain when the new owner is available for sizing. The trikes will be distributed as time and family availability permits. Thanks to all who helped!



Splinters from the Board

The Board of Directors met on September 26th at Za's on North Neil Street in Champaign. Action items were:

The board discussed the possibility of having a monthly evening meeting with a purpose of recruiting new members. Board members will continue to brainstorm on this idea.

The Park Committee will continue to meet with the Urbana Park District on fundraising plans for AMBUCS Park.

The chapter will buy one Danville Chapter Raffle ticket for their fundraiser in October.

Ramp Building

Eleven GCC AMBUCS grabbed some breakfast then headed over to west Champaign to build a small ramp. We were able to use an existing porch as the first flat and leave the steps in place. We finished in record time, starting at 8am and finishing just a little before 11am.

When helping to build a ramp, no skills are necessary, we train. During this build, leader Ray Griest, taught member Jeannie Gothard how to drive the John Deere. She was screaming the whole time!



This build had a small run, a flat, and a longer run. The porch, the house, and the door were all just a little off the square so building something level was a challenge and adjustments had to be made.

But AMBUCS rule and the ramp worked out just fine.

Thanks to all who came out and helped! (Photo at right by Larry Windingland.)



National Conference

It's not too late to register for the National AMBUCS Conference! This years meeting will be at the beautiful Tan-Tar-A Resort in the Ozarks. Along with the AmTryke build a day before the conference, there will also be a ramp build. Check out the National Web Site to find out how to join in the fun.



Member News

Mary Jane Jenkins continues to have health problems. They recently replaced her pacemaker to see if that takes care of some problems. She came through that procedure just fine and is in rehab at Barnes. Please send good thoughts her way!

Winning Chances

9/5/17—**50/50**: \$11 to Roger Adams; **Attendance**: \$41 could have been won by Candace Ziegler but she was not present.

9/12/17—**50/50**: \$10 to Roger Adams (again) **Attendance**: \$61 went to Ron Meyer (on a rare day when he was present!)

9/19/17—**50/50**: \$11 to Pat Webb; **Attendance**: \$23 went to Andrea Betzler.

9/26/17—**50/50**: \$9 to Jeannie Gothard; **Attendance**: \$17 to Roger Adams.