

# The Buc Shot

May 2016

## Calendar

**June 01, 2016** – 11am-1pm, Car Raffle ticket sales, Prairie State Bank & Trust  
**June 08, 2016** – 11am-1pm, Car Raffle ticket sales, Steve Tarrant's State Farm  
**June 15, 2016** – 11am-1pm, Car Raffle ticket sales, Urbana Gardens  
**June 20, 2016** – Charity Golf Outing at Stone Creek  
**June 22, 2016** – 11am-1pm, Car Raffle ticket sales, Urbana Gardens  
**June 29, 2016** – 11am-1pm, Car Raffle ticket sales, Bill Smith Auto Sales  
**July 06, 2016** – 11am-1pm, Car Raffle ticket sales, Don's 24Hr Towing  
**July 13, 2016** – 11am-1pm, Car Raffle ticket sales, Salt & Light  
**July 16, 2016** – Car Raffle at "Juice the Joint", Jupiters at the Crossing  
**September 17, 2016** – Scarecrow Festival at AMBUCS Park



## National Officers Visit

Our meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup> was made special by the visits of AMBUCS CEO Joe Copeland and National AMBUCS President, Al Bedell. (Joe is in the forefront of the picture; then Al Bedell; and Larry Windingland.) They had been using our region's AmTryke trailer to visit several cities in the Midwest and do Road Shows informing therapists about AmTrykes and instructing them on how to fit children and adults with trikes. Al made a donation to the trailer as a way to say thank you for lending it to them for the travels here. Joe stated that he felt like there was this giant thing following them around all the time! All kidding aside, Joe would love to see more regions have a trailer like ours because it makes a Road Show easier by having everything he and others need in one spot. Joe next reported on some statistics on AmTryke sales stating they were up 26% from April of last year. We also have a growing scholarship program with 1,900 applications last year. They narrowed those down to 650 and the National committee reviewed them the third week in May. The William L. White Fund is generating \$100,000 to give out as scholarships. There has also been big growth in the Named Scholarships. A gift of \$10,000 allows the donor to create a scholarship in someone's name to be awarded on a yearly basis. There are nearly 50 of those named scholarships at this time. Students can be sponsored by a chapter and that gives the student a leg-up on getting the dollars. In order to help students where there are no chapters in the area, 20% of the total funds will go to those students. Approximately 250 scholarships are given out at the national level each year.



We thank Joe and Al for stopping by and wish them safe travels where ever they go!

## Car Raffle

Members are working hard to sell tickets for the car raffle. There have been two events where members were out with the car but there were not a lot of sales at these events. Elaine Windingland did the research on setting up online sales to help up the volume. The best option turned out to be PayPay and the Board approved Elaine to set it up. Once it was ready she worked with Sally Denhart to create the code needed to link PayPal to our Web site. Sally will tweak the Web site page to make it look more like all the other pages but the ability to buy the tickets works just fine. Thanks for all the hard work, Elaine! Here's a link to the sales page: <http://www.thegccambucs.org/#!/driving-dreams-car-raffle/g26t8> With a few changes we can use this PayPay account for other event sales.



Thanks to all who have already sold tickets! We have quite a few more to sell, so keep talking with your friends and sharing on FaceBook, Twitter, or what ever social media you use. One ticket is \$25 or they can buy three tickets for \$60.

## Awards and Installation Dinner



We canceled our lunch meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup> in favor of just having the Awards and Installation Dinner that same Tuesday night. Over 30 members and family attended and enjoyed a family-style Italian dinner. There was a special \$5 50/50 raffle that night and \$70 went to the winner, Theresa Adams. The attendees ate dinner first, starting with a salad, followed by spaghetti with meat balls, fettuccini, lasagna, and garlic bread.

When everyone was done eating, outgoing chapter president, Andrea Betzler, started the awards part of the evening. She began by giving a very special **Bravery** award to **Jamieson Newman**. He is Mary Lou Younger's grandson and he was very brave when the two of them had a car accident. He was not injured but Mary Lou was and Jamieson tried to flag down some cars to get help. He also refused to leave Mary Lou's side until her husband Wayne, the EMTs, and Jamieson's mother all arrived. He has also slept on the floor by her bed as she recovered and helped take care of her. Jamieson wants to be one thing when he grows up: an AMBUC! Good job Jamieson! That's him at the right with Mary Lou.



The next award given out by Andrea was the **Therapist of the Year**. Our chapter works with several therapists but award winner, **Earl Martin** with Carle, helped us a lot this year. He not only evaluated his own patients for suitability for AmTrykes, he helped evaluate Carle patients who were not seeing a therapist on a regular basis. He is always cheerful and happy and willing to work with our chapter to help people with disabilities. Earl could not be present to receive his award but attended our regular lunch meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup> to get his plaque. Congratulations, Earl!



Another award this year was the **Visibility Award**. This was given to **Sally Denhart** for her work on getting our chapter's information out to all members, to the media, and to the public.



The **Project Manager of the Year** award was given to **Scott Price** for his work with AmTrykes. Scott has worked with Elaine Windingland to inventory the AmTrykes in

various storage areas. He has worked closely with our therapists; he has helped fit children to their AmTrykes; and he has delivered many AmTrykes to the homes of recipients. Thanks much, Scott, for all the you do for people with disabilities!



The last and most coveted award is **AMBUC of the Year**. This year's honoree is **Elaine Windingland**! As our chapter treasurer, Elaine keeps all our dollars going to the proper places. She works with each chapter president to compile the information needed for our scorecard. Elaine attends every AMBUC function and makes sure that each worker has the starting money they need to do the job at hand. She provides financial reports to the Board each month and presents a budget to the Board every year. Elaine is always pleasant and helpful to any member needing her. Congratulations, Elaine, on this well deserved award!

Next, Andrea was presented with the Chapter President award by District Governor, Steve Gibbs. This is our way of thanking her for her hard work and leadership this year. Thank you, Andrea!



After that, Mary Lou Younger stepped up to give out the volunteer awards for the year. Even though not all members fill out volunteer hours sheets, Mary Lou acknowledged their work based on her experience working with them. There were many recipients including Deb and Ray Griest for their work on the Benefit Dinner. Thanks to everyone who works so hard to benefit people with handicaps and give them back some of their independence!



The next part of the program for the evening was the installation of officers for 2016-2017. Regional Director, Deb Griest led the swearing in ceremony. President Elect Frank Thomas and Sargent at Arms Bob Lacey will have to be sworn in at a later date. We thank everyone who volunteered to be an officer and lead our club in the new year. Pictured at right, (l-r), Deb Griest, Secretary Sally Denhart, President Elect, Roger Adams, Treasurer, Elaine Windingland, Big Hat President, Don Dunlap, Board Member, Scott Price, and Board Member, Keith Jamieson.

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## Ramps

Our first ramp build was May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Fountain Valley trailer park in Rantoul. Twelve AMBUCS and friends turned out to help with the build. The ramp was a medium-sized one with two flats and two runs and it took four and a half hours to finish. Due to the probable lack of power at the trailer, leader Ray Griest loaned the crew his powerful generator. Thanks, Ray! It was nice not to have to build around long extension cords or stop sawing when ever the nail gun compressor kicked in. Often the low-income people we help are living in less than modern places where their power is barely enough to run their TVs.

Building a ramp is a very fluid situation and this time we built the second flat a foot larger than we needed. No big deal; Ray just took a saw and cut off the end of the flat! Due to the concrete sidewalk, we had placed the posts in blocks on top of the sidewalk instead putting the posts in holes. This made it easy to adjust the end of the flat. The rest of the build went fine and the woman was very grateful for our help. She came out for a picture with the crew once the ramp was complete and she stayed sitting in her wheelchair on the second flat

long after we all left. Most of us don't have to face being "trapped" in our own home for long periods of time so we can only guess how great it must feel to regain that freedom.



Thanks to all who helped make her life better!

One thing missing from the ramp shots posted on Facebook was the usual "butt shot". This one was taken by Elaine Windingland to kind of even things out and it's a big one!



## Golf Fundraiser

Our Charity Golf Outing will be held at Stone Creek Golf Course on June 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 11am. We'll need lots of volunteers on that day so mark your calendars! There will be a signup sheet for volunteers coming soon. Please keep looking for teams to play and hole sponsorships. This is a fun day for everyone and one of our big fundraisers so encourage everyone to play! The golf flyer and entry form are online at our Web site: <http://www.thegccambucs.org>

## Online Donations

People can now donate online from our Web site: <http://www.thegccambucs.org/#!/donate/c1jby> They will be able to put in any amount they wish and treasurer Elaine Windingland will get an email containing their names and addresses so that we can send thank-you letters to all donors. Thanks again, Elaine!

## Board Action

The Board decided to go online with car raffle sales and with a donation option. Due to budget issues, AmTrykes are no longer being ordered automatically when a request comes in; the board requested to approve all AmTryke purchases until the new fiscal year begins June 1<sup>st</sup>. At Scott Price's request, they decided to let him go ahead and fill a request for two small AmTrykes now. The bill will not come from National until after the new fiscal year so the bill will be paid from the new budget.

This board meeting was the last for the 2015-2016 Board of Directors. The new board will take over June first. We thank all those who served and led our chapter through a great year!



## Member News

Grandson of Mary Lou Younger, Jamieson Newman, graduated from Preschool this month! He will move on to the first grade next fall. Congratulations, Jamieson.

## Winning Chances

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 50/50 drawing of \$11 went to Sally Denhart. The \$36 in attendance money could have been won by Priscilla Dorsett but she was not present.

May 10<sup>th</sup> – 50/50 drawing of \$9.00 went to Steve Gibbs. The \$55 in attendance money ALSO went to Steve Gibbs! Be sure to buy a lottery ticket, Steve!

May 17<sup>th</sup> – 50/50 drawing of \$8 went to Andrea Betzler. The \$16 in attendance money could have been won by Mike Foley but he was not present.

May 24<sup>th</sup> – 50/50 drawing of \$70 went to Theresa Adams! This was a special drawing at the Awards and Installation Dinner.

