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Five Amtrykes Spread Joy

Five riders are happier this month with new Amtrykes: Reese, Ian, Reggie, Leah, and Mark.

This was the second Amtryke for Reese. He is now 10 years old and loves his I-Pad. He started his life by spending 9 months in the hospital so getting outside is also one of his favorite things. His mom says, "He's a miracle, a handful, and fun to be around." Have the best time riding, Reese!

Ian, our next recipient, is 2 years old and really wanted to jump on his Amtryke before lunch so we accommodated him. Despite his issues, he loves dancing, singing, and running. Ian has twin sisters helping him get into twice the trouble. You go, Ian!

Reggie also wanted to hop on his Amtryke quickly and gave his mom the side-eye when she wanted him to wait. He's a very determined 3 year old who needs help with his mobility. He loves the Amtryke and has the space to ride a lot. He doesn't even know the Amtryke is helping him. Enjoy, Reggie!

Our last two Amtryke recipients didn't come to lunch but couldn't be happier with their trikes.

Leah's Amtryke was really just a replacement for the oirginal one given. It wasn't exactly right for her so Scott Price and Sally Denhart, took this one to her school where her therapist found it was much better. Also, these sized Amtrykes are a little big to be ridden in our lunch room. The picture shows her at the school just before she took a nice ride through the halls. Now we got it!

Our final Amtyrke giveaway of the month was to Mark. Mark is living with Parkinson's disease and needs the help an Amtryke can provide. From the Parkinson's Foundation website:

Calendar

Scarecrow Festival and Car Show—October 17
Board Meeting - Oct. 20 (after regular meeting)
November Board Meeting - November 19th
December Board Meeting - December 17th

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

"Exercise acts as a core treatment for Parkinson's disease (PD) by improving motor symptoms, boosting brain health, and potentially slowing disease progression." Mark's Amtryke can do just that. This Amtryke, too, is a little big for riding in our lunch room so member Scott Price delivered Mark's Amtryke to him at home in Mahomet and sharred a video of Mark riding.

Best of luck Mark!













2026 Golf Outing Fundraiser

It was a beautiful day at the Lake of the Woods Golf course in Mahomet, for our 22nd Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser! We had the full number of teams, limited by the number of golf carts we can use, and all were checked in and ready to go at starting time.

There were several side games and options to play throughout the tournament. We had Mulligans, yard sticks, 50/50 tickets, raffle tickets, and Par-3 Poker cards, available for purchase at the start and on the holes. For non-golfers, Mulligans are a way to redo a shot or to get in a hole when you missed by an inch. The yard sticks are used for a similar purpose. If you are 3 inches from the hole with your shot, you can use the yard stick to measure the 3 inches and mark that off of the available 36 inches. You can continue to use the yard stick until all the inches are used. The Par-3 Poker cards are like a regular poker game with the difference of the golfers can win or buy cards from decks of 52 on each of the par-3 holes. The winner of the money is the golfer with the best regular poker hand.

The day started with breakfast provided by ***Bunny's Tavern***, and the lunch after the round provided by ***Smith Burgers***. They brought out their food truck and golfers could order anything off the menu.

The day ended with the prizes for Longest Drive, Longest Putt, team winners, etc. Everyone headed home after the awards happy and full!

We thank all who came out to play, our breakfast and lunch sponsors, our hole sponsors, and the Lake of the Woods Golf Course for allowing us to host this great day! Come back next year, Y'all!

AMBUCS Stones Still Available

At our National Conference, AMBUCS yard stones from the Champaign company, ***Design A Stone,*** were auctioned off and then became available for purchase on the company's website:

https://designastone.com/collections/ambucs

These stones can be customized with 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 while helping our Chapter with our projects. Take a look!





SPEAKER: BRANDON MERANO, OHG



Our speaker for September was Brandon Merano, former WCIA Channel 3 anchor and current Executive Director of Operation Honor Guard, (OHG).

9/11 motivated him to join the Air Force at 17 where he entered in cooking and mortuary affairs, (quite a combo). He later moved to refueling planes in the air and flew missions in Afghanistan.

Seeing that veterans recieve a proper burial has become his passion. OHG provides support for members who perform at veterans funerals so that they leave with dignity and the thanks of a nation.

Thanks for coming by, Brandon!

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SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

Our Board of Directors met on September 24th at Denny's and addressed the following items:

- **voted to purchase tables and tents for our events**
- **voted to drop out of the Illinois Marathon**

Note: the October meeting will be on October 20th after our regular meeting; the November meeting on the 19th due to Thanksgiving; the December meeting on the 17th due to Christmas.

WINNING CHANCES

- 9/1/26 - 50/50: $9 Ray Griest; Attendance: $15 to Scott Price
- 9/8/26 - 50/50: $9 to Scott Price; Attendance: $15 could have been won by Alan Edwards but he was not present.
- 9/15/26 - 50/50 $8 to Deb Griest; Attendance: $26 could have been won by David Jamieson but he was not present.
- 9/22/26 - 50/50 $7 to Elaine Windingland; Attendance $27 won by Will Wade.
- 9/29/26 - 50/50 $4 to Elaine Windingland; Attendance $46 to MaryLou Younger.

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