



The BucShot

Monthly newsletter of the Greater Champaign County AMBUCS

Please pass this on to someone who doesn't know about AMBUCS



Giselle (Gigi) Got Her Amtryke

Gigi and her parents joined us at our first February meeting. She is an eleven year old who is in the 6th grade at Mahomet Jr. High School. She loves going to the Park where she can ride her new Amtryke and enjoy the fresh air. Gigi loves school, cats, The Babysitters Club, which started out as books and is now a popular Netflix series, and another Netflix series, KPop Demon Hunters. In fact, Gigi likes pretty much everything!

Happy riding, Gigi!

Our Amtryke team reports, at the moment we have no one waiting for an Amtryke on our list, but we expect that to pick up in a big way as the warm weather comes to stay. Come on Spring!

Calendar

Cash Bash—March 7

Regional Conference—March 27-28

BarStool Golf—April 18

Road Rally—April 26, 1-3pm

National Conference—August 26-29

Golf Outing—September 21

Scarecrow Festival—October 17

CASH BASH FUNDRAISER

Our next big fundraiser is the Cash Bash on March 7th. We'll need all-hands-on-deck to do the many jobs needed to make this event a success. Decorating starts at noon to make the hall look festive and inviting for our guests. Members should arrive by 5pm Saturday night to make sure everything is ready when the first people arrive. Contact **Don Dunlap, 217-202-3061** to volunteer. The meal is all you can eat and drink so if your friends decide to attend at the last minute, they can buy tickets at the door, only \$25. Hope to see you there!



National Conference

August 26-29, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

AMBUCS National Conference is a great time to meet fellow AMBUCS, gain ideas for new events, and hear inspiring stories from people who have overcome many of the challenges the people we help face every day. Hotel reservations at Hilton Myrtle Beach can be made online or by phone. Be sure to identify yourself as an AMBUCS member. Get all the details at the National AMBUCS site: <https://ambucs.org/ambucs-national-conference-2026/>

Hope to see you there!

Nominating Committee

The 2025-2026 fiscal year will be ending sooner than we would like so it's time to prepare. President Will Wade has put together a nominating committee to fill the offices for the next year. We'll need a President-Elect, Sergeant-at-Arms, Secretary, Big Hat President, and two board members. We have great members who have stepped up for some of the positions already but we will happily take more. Contact any of the committee members to volunteer for any position: Will Wade, Deb Griest, Renae' Strawbridge, Larry Windingland, Keith Jamieson or Don Dunlap.

We would also like to fill some leadership roles that are not board positions. Don Dunlap would like to have someone take over the Cash Bash; Kyle Moe would like to have someone lead the BarStool Golf fundraiser; Alan Edwards will be stepping down as scholarship coordinator. Each of the leaders will be happy to train anyone and will be available for help in the future. Please contact the leaders if you want to volunteer to lead these projects.

CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE

March 27-28, Springfield, Illinois

Our Central Region Conference, **March Madness on Route 66**, will be held March 27-28, at the Northfield Inn and Suites in Springfield, IL. A golf outing will be held on Friday and an opening night dinner Friday night. Saturday will feature an Amtryke giveaway, educational sessions, and the Red Carpet dinner and Big Hat auction that night. You will need to register for the hotel and the conference separately. All members should have received an email with a flyer attached with all the information. If you need a copy of the flyer, contact Sally Denhart. Registration costs will be reimbursed by the Chapter.

Come on everybody! Let's go!

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

Our Board of Directors met on February 26th at Denny's and addressed the following item:

- **voted to continue the GCC billboards in the Champaign area with some redesign**

WINNING CHANCES

- 2/3/26 - 50/50: \$9 Renae' Strawbridge; Attendance: \$30 could have been won by Steve Gibbs but he was not present
- 2/10/26 - 50/50: \$7 to Cris Vowels; Attendance: \$44 won by Steve Lawson
- 2/17/26 - 50/50 \$5 to Andy D'Urso; Attendance: \$11 could have been won by Jill Hord but she was not present
- 2/24/26 - 50/50 \$7 to Pat Webb; Attendance \$24 could have been won by Alan Edwards but he was not present.

Tidbits

Did you know...Scott Price and Andy D'Urso have a shoe store in common? Ask them about it.