

The Buc Shot

March 2016

Calendar

Apr. 5, 2016 – Big Hat meeting instead of Apr. 12
Apr. 29-30, 2016 – Central Region Conference
May 4, 2016 – Road Show for Parkinson's Group
June 20, 2016 – Charity Golf Outing at Stone Creek
September 17, 2016 – Scarecrow Festival at AMBUCS Park



Raffle

The 30th Annual Benefit Dinner Raffle came off with little problems on March 5, 2016. Over 230 people attended to try their luck at 50/50 raffles, card game raffles, and of course the big raffle.



Since this was our 30th dinner there were commemorative jar openers at each place setting. There was also a giant jar opener available for pictures. Our event leaders, Ray and Deb Griest, were the first couple to have their pictures taken with the display. Ray and Deb have led the event for the last 26 years and have decided to step down. The club members will discuss continuing the raffle, if someone steps up to lead the project, or maybe start another fundraiser for the spring of the year. The club owes a huge thank you to Ray and Deb for all they did keeping the raffle running all these years! Rumor has it that the hall will be closing as a



venue for parties and turned into rental office space. We also understand that the head of Town and Country Catering, Bob Hogan, will be moving on endings?

There was a beautiful Harley Davidson in holders to split money.



the hall that night, brought in by Andrae's most past years, four of the final five ticket decided the prize That

beautiful bike was returned to the store so if you want a Harley stop by.

All the bills and monies are not in yet but we expect that we raised almost \$18,000 from the raffle! We owe a big thank you to all the members and friends who worked the evening, to all the people and businesses who donated items for the door prizes, to Andrae's Harley

Davidson, to the Labor's Union Hall for giving us a great space, and to Town and Country Catering for cooking up the great dinner!



Big Hat Meeting Changed

Normally our Big Hat meeting is the second week of the month but the first Tuesday, April 5th, will be the Big Hat meeting for April. The change is due to the schedule of the mayors of Champaign and Urbana. They will attend our meeting on April 12th and declare April AMBUCS month. This is part of our work for Visibility Month.

Slate of Officers for 2016-2017

Spring brings flowers, warmer weather, and a change of officers on your Board of Directors. You may want to use one of these names on your U.S. Presidential ballot in November.

President: Frank Thomas (is currently President-Elect)
Chairperson of the Board: Andrea Betzler (club President moves to Chairperson of the Board)
President-Elect: Roger Adams or Ray Griest
Sargent at Arms: Mary Jane Jenkins, Bob Lacey, or Brian Hanson/Jessica Smith
Treasurer: Elaine Windingland (running unopposed)
Secretary/BucShot Editor: Sally Denhart (running unopposed)
Big Hat President: Don Dunlap, or Elaine Windingland
Board Positions: Scott Price, Steve Gibbs, Ray Griest, or Keith Jamieson (select two)
(Nikki Kopmann and Larry Windingland will continue with their second year of service)

We will hold the vote at the end of April before Spring Conference.

AmTrykes



The latest AmTrykes were delivered to Leal School on March 17th. It was St. Patrick's Day and there was green to be seen everywhere but so were smiles from the young man who received the trike and the people working to make sure it fit correctly. Leal School keeps the AmTrykes over the winter and allows the children to ride the trikes in the school hallways. This helps the children keep the muscle tone they built up over the summer through the winter months. When Spring comes and school lets out, the AmTrykes go home with their owners for a summer of exercise and fun!

Thanks to all the members who help get these AmTrykes to the children who need them!

Also in March, Deb Griest and Al Bedell traveled to the I80 Chapter to do an AmTryke Road Show. They fitted 15 AmTrykes in two and a half hours. All of the children fitted will have their AmTrykes by May. This small chapter does a great job of placing the proper AmTrykes with the children in need in quick order. Good job, I80! Our AmTryke trailer will be on the road even more this Spring as Joe Copeland and Al will be taking it around to several Midwest states. They will be in Ohio with a group there which will include some attendees from Michigan. Next they will stop in Wisconsin, Iowa, and the Quad Cities before ending up at the Regional Conference. Our trailer travels more than our members do!





Lucky Buck

All the members who regularly attend meetings have had the Lucky Buck so that part of the regular meeting is suspended for now. Thanks to Joe Dart for suggesting this and to everyone who shared part of their lives with the rest of us!

Newest Member: Jessica Smith

Jessica Smith was inducted as our newest member on March 15th. She works in the State Farm office with Brian Hanson who is also a newbie to the club. Welcome Jessica!



Spring Regional Conference

The Spring Regional Conference will be held April 29-30 in Bloomington, IL, at the Parke Regency Hotel. Registration is still open but the block of rooms at the conference hotel have been released. If you need a room contact Deb Griest immediately! Registration was \$99 for the entire conference but is now \$110. You can also choose to attend just Saturday April 30th for a reduced fee. Contact Deb if you need to register. Also, the conference organizers will need help with registration both days and help unloading and reloading AmTrykes for the Road Show on Saturday.

You won't want to miss a unique training opportunity on Saturday! Joe Copeland, Executive Director, will be giving an AmTryke Road Show. If there is anything you ever wanted to know about AmTrykes Joe can tell you.

See you there!



Challenger League

Cris Vowels has agreed to step into Joe Dart's position as liaison with the Challenger League. She has attended a couple of meetings and reports that the league will be dedicating this season to Joe Dart. They may have a plaque placed in the seat Joe used to occupy at all the games. She also talked with Larry Windingland about the club providing the awards for the league again this year. This will cost about \$1,000. Thanks for taking on this role, Cris! We think you will fit right in!

Board Action

The Board made several decisions at the March 30th meeting:

- ☞ The board voted to give \$400 to MDA again this year.
- ☞ The board voted not to build ramps outside of Champaign County.
- ☞ All AmTryke purchases and ramp builds will need board approval for the next two months due to budget overruns for those two line items.
- ☞ \$5,000 from the raffle will be placed in the Park CD as usual.
- ☞ All AmTryke requests MUST go to Scott Price before anything else is done.

Fun Club Facts?

Did you know that the "Greater" in Greater Champaign County AMBUCS does not refer to work outside of Champaign County but to the fact that our club is "greater" than the other clubs? 😊

Winning Chances

March 1st – 50/50 drawing of \$10.05 went to Roger Adams. The \$19 in attendance money could have been won by Ron Meyer but he was not present.

March 8th – 50/50 drawing of \$9 went to Andrea Betzler. The \$38 in attendance money could have been won by new member Jessica Smith but she was not present.

March 15th – 50/50 drawing of \$8 went to Scott Price. The \$55 in attendance money was won by Arlie Saldeen.

March 22nd – 50/50 drawing of \$8 went to Larry Windingland. The \$15 in attendance money could have been won by Dave Miller but he was not present.

March 29th – 50/50 drawing of \$12 went to Nelda Shaw. The \$32 in attendance money was won by Mary Jane Jenkins.