

AMBUCS National Conference



The AMBUCS National Conference was held in Reno, NV, Oct. 3-6. Six GCC AMBUCS attended to learn more about our national organization.

One of the biggest announcements at National was that starting soon, Amtrykes will be produced in the good ole' US of A! The CEO, of Kent International, Arnold Kamler, loves what AMBUCS does and wanted to get involved. His wife even wants to start an AMBUCS chapter in their area. Arnold has been meeting with Jay Laurens, Executive Director of AMBUCS, and they believe Arnold's company can make Amtrykes for us and maybe even make them lighter but still sturdy. Having them made in America will save on shipping costs and delays from shipping containers waiting to be inspected at seaports. Kudos to all for making this happen!

The Big Hat Auction at National was a great success! Our attending members put together a basket when they arrived in Reno and it brought in \$275. Past President, Roger Adams, made a wooden, oval, inlaid plaque with AMBUCS on it and donated it to the auction. It brought in \$625! Woo, woo!

Our chapter received several awards: Superior Chapter, 100% Ambility giving, and for giving away 25-49 Amtrykes. We also reached our \$150,000 giving plateau for Program Giving.



Our Chapter donated two Amtrykes this year, one to a Veteran, at left, and one to a child, at right. Both of them were very happy to get their Amtrykes and their smiles showed it. (Photos courtesy Renae' Strawbridge)

AMBUCS always likes to help out in communities where we hold our conferences so this year attendees got together and built two ramps in the Reno area. Past President, Roger Adams, attended both builds and shared the first two pictures in the strip below. (last three pictures courtesy of Renae' Strawbridge.)



As always, a really great conference! Next year we'll be in Pittsburg, PA. Start your planning now!



Calendar



Oct. 1– Nov. 30—
Branding Time

Nov. 28—Chapter Social, location
TBD

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Jan. 26—Bar Stool Golf

Mar. 2—Cash Bash

Apr. 12-13—Spring Conference, Ot-
tawa, IL

Apr. 27—Amtryke Road Rally

Amtryke Giveaways

In October, our chapter held another bike build and gave away several of the Amtrykes we assembled last month. Scott Price has been busy getting the Amtrykes delivered and bringing in the last four to assemble. Thanks to Scott and all who came to help! A special thank you to Ryan Metcalfe, Kerry Jannusch, and Nick Cioni for the use of the School Building of the C-U Wood Supply Shop for the build. (pictures one and two courtesy of Larry Windingland)



Scott delivered several Amtrykes this month and all were very happy to receive them. He reported that one of his toughest jobs is keeping the kids from taking off as soon as they are on the Amtrykes. A couple of times, he and the parents have had to run down the street to catch the kids. But there is nothing better than the happiness of a child with a new toy, especially a child who thought they would never ride! Great job, Scott!



Tidbits

GCC AMBUCS... is now on Amazon Smile. When people shop on Amazon Smile they can choose to have a donation given to a charity. It costs the shopper nothing but helps the charity. Be sure to choose GCC AMBUCS as your charity when you shop.

Bud Mesker... is doing better and was back at a meeting on October 30. Great to have you back, Bud!

Judy Dramstad... had her hip surgery and is doing great. She is already calling her physical therapist names, like "Whipmaster Steve" so we know she is getting better.

Renae' Strawbridge... lost a family member she knew as a brother. We send our condolences to her and the rest of the family.

Long time... AMBUCS friend and supporter, Roger Jenkins, lost his mother this month. We send our best wishes to him and his family.

Andy VanEngelenburg... had a lucky streak. He was at a casino in St. Louis when he was dealt a Royal Flush while playing Mississippi Stud. This brought him \$15,000!

Winning Chances

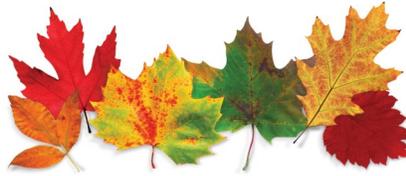
10/2/18—50/50: \$7 to Nelda Shaw; Attendance: \$31 could have been won by Alan Edwards but he was not present.

10/9/18—50/50: \$8 to Jeannie Gothard. Attendance: \$21 was won by Pat Webb.

10/16/18—50/50: \$8 to Laura Gibbs; Attendance: \$63 could have been won by Jill Hord but she was not present.

10/23/18—50/50: \$8 to Renae' Strawbridge; Attendance: \$79 could have been won by Rick Ohmet but he was not present.

10/30/18—50/50: \$8 to Laura Gibbs; Attendance: \$96 could have been won by Mike Foley but he was not present.



Splinters from the Board

The Board of Directors met on October 31st at Giordano's in Champaign.

The Board discussed:

- ⇒ Elaine announced that we have our Illinois Tax Exempt status
- ⇒ and voted to use the rest of the Community Foundation Grant money to create a concrete handicap parking pad at AM-BUCS Park
- ⇒ Bob Lacey and Elaine Windingland will attend a seminar on tax law changes and how they effect not-for-profits
- ⇒ and voted to donate \$50 to the National Endowment Fund in the name of Jeffery Ping, long time supporter of our Raffle.

