

Note: when you finish reading this newsletter, please pass it on to someone who doesn't know about AMBUCS.

Amtrykes

We gave away one Amtryke in February to Carter. He was unable to come to a lunch meeting so Scott Price took it to his home. (Pic at left by Scott Price) As you can see, Carter was very happy to have an Amtryke to call his own. His individual model has a single handle bar, lateral supports to help him stay upright, and a harness to keep him in the saddle when he takes sharp turns. With the weather turning warm he'll be making a lot of them! Happy riding, Carter!



Calendar

2024

March 16—Cash Bash

April 5-6—Regional Conference, Champaign

April 20—BarStool Golf

May 18—Amtryke Road Rally

September 16—Golf Outing

Next up in February, was a trike build in collaboration with a local firm, Ryan Dallas Real Estate. Member Will Wade is one of their top agents and made the arrangements for the build. Ryan Dallas gives their employees the opportunity to give something back to the community monthly and in February GCC got the benefit. President Keith Jamieson, Amtryke leader Scott Price, and this editor, arrived about 1pm with four Amtrykes in boxes ready for assembly. After an intro by Keith, the 15 employees split into 4 groups and headed into conference rooms and offices to start on a trike. Scott supervised the group assembling the biggest Amtryke, a 1412, and Keith and Will Wade, lead the groups assembling 2 of the 1410s. This editor floated around the groups, helping the 4th group with two small things but mostly breaking down boxes for recycling. With so many willing hands, the 4 trikes were assembled in just about 1 hour! We really appreciate all the donations coming from Ryan Dallas employees and their willingness to get their hands dirty assembling the trikes. We thank them for all they are doing for AMBUCS and for our wonderful Champaign-Urbana community.



Cash Bash Next Month!

On March 16th we'll be hosting our annual Cash Bash Fundraiser at the Champaign Urbana Elks Lodge at Savoy. It's great fun and the money raised goes to all our programs. We'll be having 50/50 drawings, card games, Heads and Tails games, and lots of drinks and food. The dinner is \$25 and a ticket for the reverse-drawing is \$100. Almost all of our tickets are sold and we thank all of those who are participating either in person or in spirit. It's going to be a great Evening!



Challenger League

The Tom Jones Challenger League is busy making plans for a great new season. They are expecting 120-130 children to sign up to play so they will need more team sponsors of which GCC will be one. They also hope to have many more games with some Illini athletes acting as buddies to the kids on the field. These buddies help the children around the bases and they make sure no one gets smacked by a hit ball. The League board are also looking to improve some of the lights on the field and some of the signage for sponsors around the park. They hope to have sponsor signs all along the walk from the park to the field. The board also hopes to create a National traveling team to play other special athletes in other areas of the country. Pre-pandemic, the teams played against the Danville Challenger League teams and they hope to bring that match back. The games are every Tuesday night and every Saturday morning, weather permitting, and will start the first Tuesday in May. Come see these amazing kids have fun despite their personal challenges!



BarStool Golf

The next fundraiser will be BarStool Golf on April 20th at the following nine bars in Champaign: **Axe Bar, Brass Rail (NEW; replacing Collective Pour), Goldy's 2.0 (the bar formally known as One-T's Cornerpocket), Green St. Café, Guido's (NEW; replacing Esquire), Huber's, Pia's, Pipa's Pub, and Pour Bros.** The fun will start as usual at 11am with the busses starting about 11:30. The busses go in a big circle so no matter where you start the day you can end up back at that bar. The bus route will start at Hubers, then go to in order: Goldy's, Pipa's Pub, Pias, Green Street Café, the Axe Bar, Brass Rail, Pour Bros, Guido's and back to Huber's. We hope that teams will hit all bars before 5pm with the buses stopping about 6pm. We'll have raffle tickets, 50/50 tickets, and t-shirts for sale at some of the bars. You will be able to register for all bars **except Pipa's Pub**, online starting **March 20**. Talk to the owner at Pipa's Pub to get registered to start there. Hope to see all of our favorite teams dressed in their finest, or craziest, outfits. It's a great time!



New Member

After years of helping with AMBUCS project, David Jamieson, son of current President Keith Jamieson, joined our Chapter! David has helped with a lot of things but mostly with our ramp builds. In fact, David is the member who holds the dubious honor of being one of the worst hurt helper at a build. He will never live down the time he used a nail gun to nail his own ankle. If you don't know the story, his Dad will be happy to tell you. Welcome, David! Long overdue!



Splinters from the Board

The Board of Directors met on December 19th at Urbana Gardens and addressed the following items:

- ==> discussed new bars, Guido's and Brass Rail, for BarStool Golf
- ==> discussed plans for Central Region Conference
- ==> discussed plans to loan out the Amtryke trailer for other Chapters

Tidbits



He's here! Calvin Moe! Member **Kyle Moe** and his wife Ashley, are the proud parents of a healthy baby boy! Calvin Michael Scott Moe joined our world on February 11th weighting 7lbs, 12oz. He is already showing his Illini colors!

Also members Deb and Ray Griest welcomed the **FIRST EVER GRAND DAUGHTER** on February 25th! Her name is Kaylee Rae Griest and she weighted 9lbs, 5.85oz! She joins the family of Jason and Jessica Griest and has two brothers. How wonderful! Both Calvin and Kaylee are welcome to join GCC anytime!



And Deb and Ray Griest attended a tractor pull in Louisville, KY, the weekend of Feb 16th. Good thing the grandbaby didn't come any earlier!

Member Pat Webb took a short trip to Chicago to see a friend's son in a play. Road trip!

Scott Price had his thumb operated on after it grew a lump. Here's hoping its well by now!

Winning Chances

2/06/24—50/50: \$6 to Elaine Windingland; Attendance: \$137 could have been won by Nelda Shaw but she was not present.

2/13/24—50/50: \$5 to Cris Vowels; Attendance: \$147 could have been won by Sandy Jachino but she was not present.

2/20/24—50/50: \$6 to Will Wade; Attendance: and the bigger-than-usual jackpot of \$160 was won by, (drum roll!) Jodie Harmon! Congrats, Jodie!

2/27/24—50/50: \$8 to Renae' Strawbridge; Attendance: \$14 could have been won by Nelda Shaw but she was not present.