

The Buc Shot

September 2016

Calendar

October 4, 2016 – Big Hat Meeting (Changed to first week)
October 11, 2016 – Speaker Cliff Hastings, Parkland Volleyball Coach
October 15, 2016 – Disability Expo, Fluid Event Center

2017

January 28, 2017 – Barstool Golf
October 21-23, 2017 – AMBUCS National Convention



National Conference

Eight GCC AMBUCS attended the National Convention in Tucson, AZ. It was reported by Deb Griest that it was one of the best conferences in a long time.



The conference started with the Early Bird event held outside with the ability to view the sky through telescopes but the weather was not cooperating and clouds blocked the view. Just the same attendees had a good time enjoying the company and a southwestern style buffet.



On Wednesday, attendees and volunteers, (about 100), came together to build the AmTrykes for the Veteran Ride and the AmTryke Rodeo. They built 86 AmTrykes in four hours! The golf outing was also on Wednesday and had a small attendance of only 11 players but they had a good time anyway.

The national organization is still growing with 13 new chapters, 11 of which came about because of the Road Shows using AmTryke trailers across the country. The plan is to build 20 or more chapters every year so work is still needed in this area.

Our scholarship program had 1,691 applicants this year. The group awarded \$199,350 to about 250 physical/occupational/and speech therapists. That makes the total awarded \$8.9 million since 1955.

Eric Oswald took over as President and Kevin Shehan was installed as President Elect. There are three applicants for Joe Copeland's job and they hope to have someone hired by Christmas.



GCC AMBUCS received the Superior Chapter in the Regional Caucus and President Frank Thomas accepted the award for our chapter. All in all a great conference! (Photos by Larry Windingland)

The next conference will be held, October 21-23, 2017, at Lake of the Ozarks. Set your plans to attend now!

Scarecrow Festival Canceled

For the second year in a row, we had to cancel the Scarecrow Festival in AMBUCS Park. The rains that week made several areas of the park unusable for vehicles. No vehicles meant no vendors for the flea market, no car and motorcycle show, no hayrack ride, and no barrel train. The park district had blocked off the bad areas of the park and there just wasn't enough room left for all of our events. We'll try again next year.

Ramp Build

In a rare mid-week build, six AMBUCS traveled to Rantoul to add a ramp to a deck attached to a trailer. The owner needed the ramp to be able to get to the street and into her car. The power at the trailer was a challenge as it often is when the build is at an older trailer. We got around the issues by unplugging the air compressor which runs the nail gun, when the saw or other equipment was needed. The owner's son and his friend came home after school and spent some time watching us work. Since we are shameless about asking people to help we pressed the young men into service and even taught them to run the nail gun. The owner was resting and



could not come out for the final picture so her son and friend stood in for her. We hope the ramp makes her life a little easier.

Thanks to all who helped that day!

Social

Member Bob Lacey and wife Pat hosted the September social at their home in Champaign. Bob and Pat have a lovely home with a nice patio and a pretty back yard. About twenty AMBUCS attended and ate some wonderful food and enjoyed the summer evening. Thanks Bob and Pat for being such gracious hosts!



Speaker: Donna Pittman



Donna Pittman is the Library Director for The Champaign Public Library. She has a Bachelor of Arts in History, a Master of Social Work and a Master of Library and Information Science. She has been the director since July, 2016. Donna is often asked why Champaign would spend a lot of money for a new library when technology is moving people away from books. Donna answers that the library is busier than ever. They see over 1,000 people per day and this library was listed in the top 10 libraries in Illinois. The library is a community center where teens come after school to do home work and enjoy the free Wi-fi. A lot of families come to the library to have quality time with their children and instill in them the love of reading that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. People who can't afford to have a computer and Internet access at home come to the library to use their computers to search for jobs and to apply for them. The library has meeting rooms which

can be used for free by non-profits and for a small charge for companies. They have many programs for all ages; reading times for children and for adults there is "Tuesdays at 10" with speakers from the Illinois Research Park. The motto of the library is "A Library for Life" because they have something for all ages. Be sure to visit the library and see all that they have to offer.

Board Action

The board voted this month to continue donations to the DSO Christmas party, \$600, and to DSC's Tree of Hope, \$500. The Board also voted to form a Fundraising Committee to look into adding a fundraiser to replace the Benefit Dinner Raffle. Their first meeting will be October 25th at Old Chicago. If you would like to join the committee, please contact Larry Windingland.

Member News

Chapter President Frank Thomas' Member Recognition talks are to help newer members appreciate how much the long-time members have done for the chapter. His choice for September is Keith Jamieson. Keith was born in Urbana at Burnam Hospital. After school Keith worked for his dad at Eco Water but they had some disagreements so Keith went back to school, first Parkland College then Illinois State University. His father retired in 1988 and Keith bought the business from him. This is still a family business as Keith's son David works there, too. Before Keith's dad retired someone from AMBUCS called the Eco Water office looking for new members for their chapter. Keith's father said, "Have I got a guy for you!" and Keith was signed up. That was 1981. He is a GCC AMBUCS charter member and has held all club offices including the office of President four times. Keith was part of the first ramp build which was on the campus of the U of I and has helped with many, many ramps since. Keith was married and divorced. He has three children, Paige, Lee, and David.

Joe Dart's daughter, **Mary Jane Jenkins**, reported that Joe had always wanted to go to Alaska so arrangements were made to drop his ashes in five different spots in Alaska. Enjoy, Joe.

Please send good wishes and prayers to former member **Barb Saterfeld**. Her daughter died suddenly this month.

Winning Chances

September 5th – 50/50 drawing of \$9 went to Bob Lacey. The \$18 in attendance money was also won by Bob! Woo, woo!

September 13th – 50/50 drawing of \$11 went to Bob Lacey. (This is getting to be boring.) The \$22 in attendance money could have gone to Cris Vowels but she was not present.

September 20th – 50/50 drawing of \$9 went to Scott Price. The \$40 in attendance money was won by Laura Gibbs.

September 27th – 50/50 drawing of \$6 went to Sally Denhart. The attendance money could have gone to Mary Lou Younger but she was not present.