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President's Message

By Pat Hubly

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Wow, the first quarter is already over and it's been an exciting journey so far. There's been a few challenges along the way, but we're still on track for another successful year.

Meetings for the next three months will be at the Sportscore II Complex at 8800 E Riverside Blvd. Check the menu elsewhere in this newsletter and then make your RSVP call to Darlene for the September 13th meeting. Come check out the new venue and give us your opinion.

ANNOUNCEMENT: You won't want to miss the September meeting—National President Connie Oltman will be in attendance. She's a dynamic personality; come meet her and be inspired. We want to "pack the house" so bring your spouse and relatives, your neighbors and your friends; heck, even your enemies. Bring someone who might be a potential member. There's no one better than Connie to instill the AMBUCS™ spirit in a person. Be sure to be there yourself with a guest. You'll be glad you were.

We have three possible AmTryke recipients and look forward to providing these children with their own set of wheels during October, AmTryke® Month.

Branding Time is October 1st through November 30th and we will be scheduling an additional meeting in October to allow you an extra opportunity for introducing your club to potential new members. Special speakers and activities are being planned, so ask your relatives, neighbors, friends (and even those enemies) to be your guest at one, two or all three of these meetings. Then ask them to become a member. Remember the motto: Just Ask. It's amazing what can be accomplished if we "just ask." Just ask someone to be your guest at the September meeting, and then just ask them again to come to one of the October meetings and by November you can just ask them to sign up as a new member. Three new members in a 12-month period and you've earned your Big Hat. Go for it!

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September 13th Meeting

If you can make only one meeting in the next couple months, make it this one!

As stated in the President's message, our National President will be at this meeting and you will want to meet Connie and hear her inspiring message. And you'll want to check out the new meeting place as well. Room is located on the ground floor to the right, turn left and straight back as you come in the front door. Please look over the menu below and then **RSVP** with your menu choice to **Darlene at 815/877-5867**.

September 13th meeting
Sportscore II
(Handicap accessible)
8800 E Riverside Blvd
(East of the tollway)

Skybox Grill & Bar catering

http://www.rockfordsportscore.com/sc_two.html

Menu choices:

Grilled Chicken Salad

Sliced grilled chicken tenders served on top of mixed greens w/blended cheese, tomatoes, croutons and sweet red onions. Served with dressing of your choice.

Italian Beef Basket

Slow roasted Italian beef & provolone cheese served on a toasted French roll.

Hamburger/Cheeseburger Basket

1/3 lb charbroiled hamburger (or cheeseburger), lettuce, tomato, onion and pickle on a toasted Kaiser bun.

All baskets served with fries.

Editor's Correction to Notes from the

Treasurer

By Dick Larson

I am often asked "Just where do our dues go?" For each member, the dues go as follows:

National Dues	\$66.00
District Dues	24.00
Living Endowment	40.00
Meeting Meals	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$230.00

But wait, you say, **my dues are only \$200**. That's right; the club does not make money on the dues we collect. We make up the shortfall from our various fundraisers

Notes from Membership meeting August 9th

On a gorgeous evening, members and guests met at the home of Dave & Gloria Jahn in Loves Park where we enjoyed their wonderful deck, screened room and backyard. Dave provided us with delicious renderings of his culinary expertise. Thank you, Dave and Gloria, for opening your home to the Loves Park AMBUCS.

Members in attendance were Terry Brown, Bill Dredge, Darlene Estabrook, Bob Higginson, Pat Hubly, Dave Jahn, Cecil Kennington, Dan Koski, Richard Larson, Richard Lierman, Jim Nordstrom, Bob Shields and Tracy Shields. Pam Shields was a guest.

The raffle with the Rockford club was discussed; 2007 is the 25th anniversary of this event. Several members expressed interest in attending a Tuesday luncheon meeting of the Rockford club.

Plans were made for a ramp removal at 311 Clifford Avenue, with wood salvaged to be stored for future projects. A ramp was recently completed for the Jess's on Toppe Drive. It was noted that **Dan Koski** played the major role in building and installation of this ramp, completing it in short order on the warm evening. A huge "Thank you" to Dan.

Dar Estabrook distributed "Get to Know AMBUCS" brochures to all present requesting that members display them at work, or hand them to prospective members.

Terry Brown is working on updating and expanding the website. The website address has been added to the newsletter masthead.

Bill Dredge spoke on the Big Hat club and announced plans for a Big Hat meeting on August 23rd at the Granite City Microbrewery and Grill next to Cherryvale mall.

Dave Jahn as District 4-D Governor was the evening speaker. Attendance drawing for \$40.00 was won by Cecil Kennington. September drawing will be for \$30.00.

Birthdays

9/30 Bob Higginson

Club Anniversaries

Okay, so we're a little slow in this process, but bear with us. We will have it all together for next month's newsletter.

Upcoming Events

Watch this space for news of local, district, regional and national upcoming events. Calendars provided so you will know exactly what day and date AMBUC events are taking place to assist you in your plans to attend.

September membership meeting	September 13
Central Region 2007 Fall Convention	September 21-23
October board meeting	October 3
October membership meeting	October 11
Special Branding Time Event	October 25
November Board Meeting	October 29
November membership meeting	November 8
Thanksgiving with loved ones	November 22
Christmas party	December 8

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Jaiden's AmTryke®

Remember that October is AmTryke® Month



District Governor News

By Dave Jahn

Plan to attend the Fall Convention September 21-23 in Springfield, Illinois. Meet and greet your AMBUCS™ friends from all over the state of Illinois. Call the Hilton at 1-800-445-8667 and give them Group Code: AMBUCS. Room rate is \$89.00 per night. The Hilton is at the corner of 7th and Adams in Springfield. And be sure to take in the Lincoln Museum while there.