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Welcome to AMBUCS where we are dedicated to creating opportunities for independence for people with disabilities, especially children.

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Pledge: Gary Dyar  
Prayer: Frank Young  
Guests: Michelle Blanchard brought former member Hank Norris.

**Visibility Month-February**

Our club has many activities and opportunities to show our AMBUC pride. Wear your Ambuc clothing often and take advantage of the opportunities listed below.

**February 11- National Visibility Day**

The DHS Honor Society chapter will be hosting a Winter Special Olympics for our campers. There will be six events. This will take place in the DHS fieldhouse. Go cheer for our kids!!!

**February 18-Hockey Game**

The hockey team and cellular one are going to present AMBUCS with a donation check. They will give free tickets to any members and guests would like to attend the game (call Pat 446-7170). This will be the social event this quarter so get the date on your calendar and bring your family!

**February 25-Bar Stool Golf**

We have 110 teams signed up to golf! Sign up yourself for a shift to help with this project from 10:30am to 2:30 or 2pm to 6:30pm. This has been a very successful and fun day in the past so mark your calendars now. Dale Carlton is the chairperson. Give him a call at 442-4572 and volunteer your time.

**Future Events**

- Feb 8 - Colby Riggie, County Health Dept.
- Feb 13 - Board Meeting at Java Hut
- Please contact Pat for reservations
- Feb 15 - "Loose the Training Wheels"
- Mar 2-5 - Home Show!
- June 2 - Summer Sounds concerts begin!

**Loose the Training Wheels**

A learn to ride two-wheel bicycle camp. AMBUCS may become a partner in this endeavor at the Palmer Arena. To get a head start on information about the speaker and his creative program, check out www.loosethetrainingwheels.org.

**Program: Adam Aull  
GIS Mapping Software**

Adam Aull from the City of Danville used a power point demonstration to show how the GIS mapping software could capture and store raw data about the city.

By plotting the information, the city can answer such questions as: What is where? (Residence, business, flood plain, development space) Where does something occur? (recreation, business, industry) What has changed? (Uses of property, trends in the making)

What spatial patterns exist? (Are there patterns to what? happening where) What happens if... we do x, y,z? (Modeling, if we put a road in from A to B, what and who will it affect... drainage, etc.)

Compiling such information a must for business site selection. The more in place, the better chance of coming out a winner. Of course, Frank Young wanted to know if he could map his golf game to manage a lower score. Don't think Gary Dyar would allow that!

**National Big Hat Raffle  
Off to the Races...**

National Big Hat is holding a raffle for a NASCAR weekend package for the 2006 season.

For a \$20.00 donation you will be entered to win-2 tickets to each of the following: Sturday's Bush Race, Sunday's Nextel Cup Race, garage and pit passes to visit #01 Army car race team and driver Joe Nemecheck.

Plus the following: \$500.00 travel money and \$500.00 lodging allowance. The drawing will be held July 21, 2006 at the Biloxi, MS National Conference.

Our club contact is Gary Dyar, Big Hat Chair for this year. Proceeds benefit the AMBUCS LEF and AmTrykes. The date of the race will be available once NASCAR releases the 2006-2007 schedule.

**Announcements**

GCC Raffle-March 11-This is a fun night and a very good meal. Held at the Laborer's Union Hall, 108 Anthony Drive, Urbana. 6pm cocktails, 6:30 dinner & drawing.

Tickets are \$135 and include one dinner. Dinner tickets are \$35. Contact Ray Griest 367-4091 or Bud Mesker 367-0989.

**First Citizen Banquet**

Pat Phillips will handle the honors again this year. She needs volunteers to handle sending out invitations to past honorees and this First Citizen's personal invitation list.

Letters are already formulated. Addresses for past First Citizens or surviving spouses need to be double checked.

I need a co-chair that can learn the project and act as a spokesperson since my paying job calls that a conflict of interest. Need someone to arrange for placecards, room set up, menu and flowers. Need someone to take photos of people at tables for First Citizen's scrapbook.

**Home Show**

Melody Maxwell is the chairperson this year and the dates are March 3-5. Plan to volunteer a few hours. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and takes everyone's help. Carol Wade has all of the booth space sold! Sign up sheets available or email Pat today at tanquary@cooketech.net.

**AMBUC of the Day: Bill Garrison**

Bill Garrison was the AMBUC of the Day on short notice (all of 10 minutes). Bill just returned from a trip to Costa Rica with his oldest son.

The trip involved rain forests, 4-seater airplanes, rustic lodging, hiking, snorkeling, a series of suspension bridges just above tree level, and a cable slide from about 30 stories up in the jungle. You go Bill.



Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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