



The Sonic Boom

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Hope in the Valley Fun Day



Air Capital members brought their trailer with trykes to ride, and grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone.

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May 17 was a Fun Day at Hope in the Valley! Air Capital AMBUCS joined with the Equine Rescue Center to provide horse rides and activities for children of all ages.

A highlight of the event included presentation of AmTrykes to five new

recipients. (See more below)

Tryke recipients enjoyed horse and pony rides as well. They were joined by siblings, previous tryke recipients, and AMBUCS children and grandchildren.

Upcoming Events

- *Family Fun Day, Dilly's Place- June 14 at Camp Hyde - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.*
- *KidFest - June 28 at Rose Hill - 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.*

Jackson

Three-year-old Jackson wasn't sure about getting on his new Tryke until moving to a quieter spot, away from all the Fun Day activity. He has had a brain injury, and has a

hip that does not turn or move normally, so riding was a new experience for him. Jackson's family was very excited for him to receive his new AmTryke.



Christina

Christina, 19, has never had the freedom to ride on her own, so she was excited to receive her new AmTryke. She also enjoyed her first horseback ride at Fun Day.

Christina's mom was thrilled to see her moving independently. Christina plans to put a

lot of miles on her Tryke this summer.



Isabella

Isabella (not pictured) is a three-year-old with a smile that lights up her face - and yours! It didn't take her but a minute to get her new AmTryke moving.

Now she'll be able to enjoy outdoor activities with her siblings.





Barrett

Barrett weighed only 1 lb. 7 oz. at birth, and faces multiple challenges. Now four, he first experienced the freedom of riding an AmTryke during therapy. When he received his own new Tryke, he was ready to get moving! His parents may have a hard time keeping up with him!



Rafael

Rafael, 7, was a highlight of the day! Once seated on his new AmTryke, he rode and rode, barely stopping long enough to eat lunch. Riding is about the only exercise he can do on his own. Rafael and his parents are very excited about this new breakthrough for him!



Update: Tyson

Seven-year-old Tyson, who received his Tryke two years ago, enjoyed Fun Day activities at Hope in the Valley.

When he first got his AmTryke, his right and

left sides didn't coordinate well. He wore leg braces and had trouble walking. His Mom had to push his Tryke with a bar and teach him how to push down.

Now he is racing around on his Tryke. When he arrived at Fun Day, he had just come from a baseball game where he had hit three home runs!



AmTryke for Landon

On May 22, Air Capital members Alexis and Warren Wallis delivered a Swirlygig AmTryke at St. Francis Therapy Center.

Landon, the young recipi-

ent, has an unusual disability of webbed legs. He wouldn't get on the Tryke while Alexis and Warren were there, but later the therapist coaxed him to

ride and he loved it!

His mother later reported that he had awakened her in the middle of the night because he wanted to ride his new Tryke!

Message from Brian



Wow! Sometimes it's amazing how fast a year can go by.

I know we have made advancements and accomplishments this year, but there is so much more I would like to take on.

But it has come time to

pass the reins to our next president, Alicia Stubbs. She will be sharing her vision for the coming year with us real soon.

I have visited with her, and I'm excited! She has some new and exciting ideas, and a good

road map to get us there!

Thank you all for a great year. Let's all get behind Alicia and see what awesome things we can do this year!



*Brian Cavin
President
2013-2014*

Annual Awards Banquet

Air Capital AMBUCS members gathered Saturday, May 10, at the Candle Club for the Annual Award Banquet.

Following a delicious dinner, President Brian Cavin presented awards for outstanding service during the 2013-2014 year to:

- **Frank Chappel**, grant writer for the AmTryke Project.
- **Warren Wallis**, for his dedication to the AmTryke Project.
- **Ray Haskell**, "ghost" sargent-at-arms.
- **Alexis Wallis**, for organizing

a very successful second Annual AmTryke Rodeo.

- **Curtis Stubbs**, for his work with Amtryke assembly, trailer and storage organization, and for sharing Tryke assembly skills with another club.

Gary Miles, past National Big Hat Director and Sparkplug member, installed officers for the 2014-2015 year:

- President - Alicia Stubbs
- Vice-President - Curtis Stubbs
- Secretary - Alexis Wallis
- Treasurer - Linda Chappell
- Sgt.-at-Arms - LP Jordan

Past President - Brian Cavin
Board Members - Frank Chappell, Marian Stubbs, Warren Wallis, Mindy Walters

Congratulations to all!



Great Plains AMBUCS Spring Conference

Eight Air Capital members traveled to Ponca City May 2-3 for Spring Conference and Training. The Big Hat meeting Friday evening was followed by the Big Hat Social, Dinner and Auction.



News & Notes

AMBUCS Ambassadors

Linda and Frank Chappell gave a presentation about AMBUCS to the Prairie Pilots organization on Monday, May 19. Their \$25 honorarium was donated to Air Capital AMBUCS.

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Grant from Children's Miracle Network

Karen Blume and **Frank Chappel** announced the receipt of a \$16,000 grant from Children's Miracle Network for AmTrykes.

Kirk Short, President of the Children's Miracle Network, is the owner of ReMax Realty Professionals. Karen is a ReMax employee.



Saturday morning's general session included updates on changes in the organization from national officers. Following Officer Training sessions, the conference closed with awards and information about the National Convention in St Louis.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Anita Harris - June 2
- Bill Eades - June 18
- Stephanie Kemp - June 28



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Galen and Karen Blume—
June 25



2013 - 2014 Committee Members

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Nick Dondlinger
Sarah Dondlinger
Anita Harris
Amanda Morris
Tiffany Owens
Judy Pollard-Licklider
Alexis Wallis
Mindy Walters
Curtis Stubbs

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Frank Chappell (Chair)
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Katie Noller
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Marian Stubbs
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LP Jordan (Chair)
Karen Blume
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Linda Chappell
Jeff Harris
Anita Harris
Stephanie Kemp
Thomas Licklider
John Torres
Kara Kern

Friendship Committee

Karen Blume (Chair)
Galen Blume
Anita Harris
Linda Chappell
Jeff Harris



Air Capital **AMBUCS** June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Board Meeting - 6 p.m. at Mindy's Office	3	4	1 Regular Meeting - 6:00pm at the Candle Club 	6	7
8	9	10	11	1 Regular Meeting - 12 noon at the Candle Club 	13	14 Family Fun Day-Dilly's Place at Camp Hyde - 11am to 3pm
15	16	17	18	1 Regular Meeting - 6:00pm at the Candle Club 	20	21
22	23	24	25	1 Regular Meeting - 12 noon at the Candle Club 	27	28 KidFest at Rose Hill - 6pm to 8:30pm
29	30			1 Regular Meeting - 6:00pm at the Candle Club 		