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Air Capital AMBUCS Hear About “Citizen Soldier”

Air Capital members attending the September 22 meeting heard a first-hand account of the filming of “Citizen Soldier,” a recently released documentary about the Afghanistan war.

Justin Smith, a member of the Oklahoma Army National Guard, was deployed to Afghanistan with a unit equipped with body cameras, and accompanied by a professional camera crew. He recounted some of their harrowing experiences, and how hundreds of hours of video were skillfully edited to depict life in a conflict



zone.

Justin has served four deployments: two in Afghanistan, one in Iraq, and one in Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina. He currently is a Staff Sergeant working as a recruiter for the National Guard.

According to Justin, the movie is now available for streaming, or to purchase, and may be used for fund-raising events.



Upcoming Events:

Halloween Party (Bowling and Pizza) at North Rock Lanes - Sunday, October 30 (Admission: \$5.00 or FREE with costume) Bring family and guests!



Air Capital Supports MCC Flatlander 2016

Air Capital members LP Jordan, Alicia Stubbs, and Marian Stubbs staffed a SAG stop and promoted Amtrykes during the MCC Flatlander Bike Ride on Saturday, September 17.

The start time was delayed due to fog, but more than 150 bikers enjoyed the pleasant morning ride in support of Mennonite missions.



Ride Curtis Ride!



This became the challenge as Air Capital member Curtis Stubbs embarked on his latest bicycling adventure. He and two biking buddies, Jerry Smith of Claxton, GA, and Al Smith of Peabody, KS, had planned a ride from Claxton to Key West, FL. Curtis obtained permission to ride the prototype Amtryke Tadpole in an effort to raise awareness for AMBUCS and donations to purchase AmTrykes for kids on the National Wish List.



Jupiter, then Hillsboro Beach. There, Curtis met with Ada, her parents and a translator. She has been on the National Wish List, and will receive an AmTryke through a donation from the Ponca City Charity Angels.



The ride was to begin September 1, but the forecast of torrential rains from Hurricane Hermine on Florida's Gulf coast caused a two-day delay. Instead, they drove that evening to meet with members of Savannah AMBUCS who presented Curtis with a \$500 check for AmTrykes.

Coral Gables, Key Largo. The bikers continued through the Keys, crossed the 7-mile bridge between Marathon and Key West and declared the journey complete - a total of 746 miles!



After returning to Claxton to wait out the storm, they started down the Atlantic coast - Darien, then Kingsland, GA, and Jacksonville, FL. In St. Augustine, they enjoyed a trolley tour of the historic city.

As the group drove north along the Gulf coast to return home, they stopped in Naples for a Sunday breakfast with a member of the former AMBUCS club in Naples.

Daytona Beach, Titusville, Melbourne Beach. At motels, McDonald's and other stops, Curtis handed out business cards, shared the Amtryke story, and encouraged donations.

Curtis was generously supported in his venture by Gary Miles, Great Plains Regional Director; LP Jordan, District Governor; chapters and individual members of the Great Plains Region, and Black Hatters. Through their fundraising efforts, approximately 31 applicants on the National Wish List will receive Amtrykes.

Arriving in Ft. Pierce, the bikers took a day of rest, and had Sunday breakfast with veterans from the local American Legion.



Air Capital Members Hear About Crime Stoppers

At President Brian Cavin’s invitation, several Air Capital members attended a Neighborhood Watch meeting at his garage on October 19 to hear a presentation about Crime Stoppers. Detective Wendy Hummel, with the Wichita Police Department, shared information about her work with the organization.

Wendy explained that Crime Stoppers originated in Albuquerque about 40 years ago. The non-profit organization offered cash and anonymity to encourage citizens to assist in solving crimes. As the idea spread, Wichita Crime Stoppers was organized nearly 30 years ago.

Wendy meets once a month with the organization’s citizen board, and manages Crime Stopper tips for Sedgwick County. She mentioned three ways to report tips about

possible criminal activity: call a 24/7 phone number; visit the

Wichita Crime Stoppers website; or send a text message. Informants are given a “Tip Number” and may make contact later to learn if they are eligible for an award (available on felony crimes only). Crime Stoppers receives 150 to 200 tips per month for Sedgwick County.

Local media also cooperate with Crime Stoppers. For example, KAKE Channel 10 features a “Crime of the Week” on their 10 p.m. Thursday newscast.

Community Policing Officer Josh Dugan also joined the conversation about neighborhood safety and ways to protect property.



Big Hat Miniature Golf Tournament

On September 11, a dozen Air Capital members and families enjoyed a pleasant Sunday afternoon playing miniature golf at All Star Adventure Sports.



National AMBUCS Conference

Five Air Capital Members went on a road trip to attend the National AMBUCS Conference at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, AZ, September 28 - October 1.

Watch for a full report in the November issue of The Sonic Boom.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Alicia Stubbs - October 26

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Thomas and Judy Licklider - October 9

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Air Capital **AMBUCS** October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 AMBUCS NATIONAL CONFERENCE - Tucson, AZ
2	3	4	5	6 BOARD MEETING - 6 pm at Old Chicago	7	8
9  Thomas & Judy Licklider	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 REGULAR MEETING - 6 pm at Old Chicago	21	22
23	24	25	26  Alicia Stubbs	27 BIG HAT MEETING - 6 pm at Chappell's	28	29
30 HALLOWEEN PARTY at Northrock Lanes 	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN 					