

GreeneBucs Attend National

Nine Members of our chapter made the trip to San Diego for the Ambuc National Convention.

The event started off with a get together that featured a beach party theme. Here old friends got back together, and new friends were made, along with 'beach food', and dancing to tunes from the Beach Boys, Jimmy Buffett, and others. Those brave enough, or with enough liquid courage in them, attempted to 'ride the waves' on a mechanical surf board, giving a whole new meaning to 'hanging ten'!

The next three days were filled with conference sessions, sight-seeing trips, and good times, with the grand finale, a 50 Child, AmTryke Rodeo! I am proud to report that your chapter sponsored two of the AmTrykes, and your president Pat Buckholt sponsored one on her own.

Our two sponsored recipients were Angelica (Angel) Hunter, and Parker Olenik, both from San Diego. Both children were thrilled with their new Trykes.

It was great to be a part of spreading the AmBucs mission to an area of the country that sadly has little knowledge of our organization.

Both Parker's and Angel's parents were very appreciative of our good work and very interested in helping promote AmBucs in the Southern California area. We are committed to continued to communicate with our new San Diego friends, keeping them informed and encouraging them to keep riding those Trykes!



Angel, with Mom, Dad and Some of The GreeneBuc Bunch

Christmas in July for Area Children

Thanks to the members of the Indian Lake Moose Family Center #1533 several area children will have Christmas in July.

Dave Cushwa, Governor of the Indian Lake Lodge was completing his workout one morning when he saw a young boy riding a special tryke. The child was receiving physical therapy through the Mary Rutan Hospital Pediatric Therapy Program performed at the Hilliker YMCA. To Mr. Cushwa's amazement this tryke was what he had just heard about at a recent Moose State Convention-an AMTRYKE-a therapeutic tricycle for children with special needs.

After seeing the young child Mr. Cushwa immediately talked to fellow lodge members and contacted the MRH therapist to see about donating a tryke to the therapy program. "It was not one AMTRYKE," says Tammy Allison, Chief of Operating Officer of Mary Rutan Foundation. Mr. Cushwa notified her that the group wanted to donate one tryke to the pediatric program and several other children in the area!!

On July 15, GreeneBucs and the Indian Lake Moose club sponsored a tryke give away after installation services at the Moose. Santa Claus was there to make the special delivery of the trykes to the children. The gift of the trykes to area children will make a real difference in their lives; allowing them to ride with their siblings, building confidence and mobility. Several members of the Moose were moved to make a donation of over \$1300.00 to Ohio Ambucs to further the purchase of more AMTRYKES for local children.



Someone Else's Words

My First Time

This was my first National Conference; I had just been in Ambucs for a little over a year. Having heard about all the fun in Kansas City last year, and having attended the Regional Conference in Toledo I thought why not, let's go. It would be a good time to get our two daughters together and do a family vacation in California.

Before the trip I had encouraged my husband to join Ambucs and then assisted him to get his three members to become a Big Hatter. I didn't want to be the only one in our room to have to attend the 6:00 A.M. breakfast.

We arrived on Wednesday afternoon. After getting ourselves settled in the room we went off to find the check-in room for Ambucs. That was easy. We saw the bikes on the second floor from the glassed in elevator. The check in process was easy and we both got our "Pink Ribbon" to add to our name badge. It said "First Timer". That was just like a neon sign that said be extra friendly to me I am special. Go out of your way to talk to me and say hello. At least that is the way I felt after the four days.

We attend the opening night Beach Party. Our fellow Greenebucs took us under their wings and introduced us to everyone that was anyone. Feeling like one of the group, I even talked to people that I had met in Toledo. Everyone was having a blast even the kids that attended.

Having plenty of free time, we went with old and new friends and enjoyed the sights in San Diego. We even had time to enjoy sightseeing with family who drove over from Arizona.

We even got up early for the Big Hat Breakfast which wasn't as hard as you might have thought. You saw the fellowship that so many long time members had made over the years. Business was taken care of and then there was fun.

The AmTryke Rodeo on Saturday was a big success. Our daughters along with my mother-in-law and sister-in-law joined us to watch the kids get their trykes. They went away with the unforgettable images of what Ambucs is all about. They now understand why we are so committed.

The final dinner on Saturday night was entertaining as well. It was a treat to dress up and be part of the grand event. I came away with renewed excitement on what I need to do to help make our club better. I can't do it by myself, but I am ready to help with whatever challenges our club has.

The members of Ambucs share a special fellowship. They don't judge people by how much money you have, the clothes you wear, or how you look. They are all motivated by the projects and successes they have.

I hope to see many of you next year at the conference in Arkansas.

Submitted by ~ Louise Gibson

July Social / Training Event a Success

On July 25, twenty-three GreeneBucs, family, and friends got together at Alek Industries for a Pizza Social and Training session. This event was designed to bring fun, and learning together, along with good friends and good conversation.

The evening started out with pizza, pop and beer, and a chance to meet with and converse with everyone. It was great to see some new faces, and reconnect with those that have been away for a while.

Social Chairs, Louise and Sandy, kept things moving by bringing everyone out to the Demo Trailer for a little role play session between Gussie and Sandy. Sandy playing the part of the interested citizen, and Gussie playing the part of the GreeneBuc 'expert'. Both did an outstanding job, and put on a good demonstration as to some of the questions you may encounter. This was followed by a short Q&A session with the audience.

From there we moved back into the Alek Industries facilities, where Alan Eakle took us into the AmTryke area for a tour, and an overview of the different models of AmTryke, the process for assembling, keeping track of the tryke requests, and all the other work that goes into getting one of these great trykes into the hands of a deserving child. We even got an AmTryke history lesson, complete with a look at one of the first AmTrykes ever made. Suffice to say, 'we have come a long way, baby!'

Our club is very fortunate to have a facility that allows us to use their space and even their employees to further our mission.

Alan invites all members of GreeneBucs to come by, look the area over, and help build some AmTrykes!

To round out the evening, our President Pat Buckholt took the reigns and inducted two new members. Traci Weimer, and Mary Coffman. Then in a surprise move, the President of our Big Hats chapter, Gussie Jones, presented a Big Hat to Chuck Gibson, the latest member of GreeneBucs to receive their Big Hat. Chuck had sponsored both Mary and Traci, along with Jane Newton, to earn this prestigious honor.



A Thank-You Card Received

Dear Sandy & Friends

We are so grateful to you for providing our Grace with a new tricycle designed just for her. She loves it!

Now when her big brother, Gavin rides his bike she can join him and have lots of fun.

Not only does the trike let her join in the fun, but it helps her develop better muscle tone and coordination skills too.

Thank you so very much for



your generosity.

So many special needs children have benefited from your kindness... especially our little Gracie!

Sincerely,

*Don and Maureen Kocauk,
(Grandma & Papa)*

Silver Lake Camp

Joyce Peet, past GreeneBucs and Ambucs Therapist of the Year, once again excels in providing summer camp to children with disabilities.

Camp Silver Lake located outside of New Carlisle provides a scenic backdrop for three weeks of an exciting, energetic day camp experience.

To address the numerous needs of the children attending the camp a variety of activities ranging from sensory exploration, water activities, to horse back riding provide a well-rounded experience for the attendees.

Each child has a volunteer to buddy up with and share the fun!!

Per Joyce's request a camper ship was provided for one of the participants by GreeneBucs.

Thank you Joyce for giving the children of Miami Valley a great time.

Pictures From Camp Silver Lake



South Dayton Ambucs 22nd Annual Chili-Cook Off

Each year, for the last twenty-one years, our club has put on a chili cook-off and casino night, something that we like to call "a good time for a good cause".

We are back again for a 22nd year!

We are seeking to raise funds for the purpose of: (1) providing scholarship money to deserving area therapy students; and (2) for purchasing equipment

for deserving children in our area who are challenged, both physically and financially.

The 22nd Annual Chili Cook-Off is set for Friday, September 7, 2007— 6-11pm At Polen Farm, in Kettering.

Ticket Price is \$15.00 pre-event, and \$20.00 day of event, (even if you have tickets in will-call)

GreeneBuc members wishing to attend the South Day-

ton AmBucs Chili-Cook Off should contact Pat Buckholt for tickets and information. Or you can purchase at the event.

You can contact Pat at (937) 426-2423 or by email at pat@travelplex-dayton.com

Last years event was well worth attending, with lots of chili, games, beverages, and a chance to meet our fellow Ambucs members from other local chapters.

THE GREAT HUNT

GRAND RAPIDS AMBUCS PROUDLY PRESENTS the 2007 MID-STATES REGIONAL CONVENTION

SEPT 21-22, DUNDEE, MI AT CABELA'S

Come and support our very own Sandy Zimmerman, AmBucs Regional Governor at the Mid-States Regional Convention.

The Grand Rapids AmBucs

Chapter have planned a fun filled weekend with plenty of activities for AmBucs members.

Dundee MI is an easy three hour drive from Greene County, and reports are that the Holiday Inn Express at Dundee is the finest in the country.

Here is a short schedule of events

Friday AM — Golf

Friday Night — Theme party—

come dressed to hunt for the "game"

Saturday AM — Big Hat Breakfast

Saturday — Ed. Sessions Along with, AmTryke Rodeo, guest speakers, awards dinner and music.

Contact: Sandy Zimmerman 429-5383

New Members Inducted, and Chuck Gets His Big Hat at July Social



Pat Buckholt Inducts new members Traci Weimer (far left) and Mary Coffman into GreeneBucs Chapter of AmBucs.

Gussie Jones honors Chuck Gibson with his Big Hat, and Certificate.



Some Pictures From National Convention and Indian Lake Moose



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What Are You Doing For GreeneBucs Next Month?

REMEMBER: GREENEBUCS LUNCH IS HELD THE 1ST & 3RD WED. OF EVERY MONTH 12-1 AT THE BEAVERCREEK GOLF COURSE

1ST OF MONTH IS SPEAKER MEETING : THE 3RD OF EACH MONTH IS BIG HAT MEETING AND RAFFLE.

AUGUST 2007

August 1st

Membership Meeting

August 11th

Demo Site to Quaker
Steak and Lube (Tentative)

August 15th

Big Hat Luncheon
Meeting

August 23 –25

Demo Site to
Moose Convention
Independence Ohio

SEPTEMBER 2007

September 5th

Membership Meeting

September 8th & 9th

Popcorn Festival
Beavercreek

September 19th

Big Hat Luncheon
Meeting

September 21st & 22nd

Fall Convention
Dundee MI

October 2007

October 3rd

Membership Meeting

October 8th

Board Meeting
Beavercreek GC

October 17th

Big Hat Luncheon Meeting