



THE AMBUCS LEADER



Scorecard Deadline

Please submit your first quarter scorecard to the AMBUCS Resource Center by **September 10th**. You can find a copy of the scorecard on page 4 of this newsletter or you can download it online at:

<http://www.ambucs.org/assets/Uploads/Admin-Documents/forms/Scorecard-First-Quarter-200910.pdf>

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A Monthly Newsletter For AMBUCS Officers

New Form 136 Due In Now

The AMBUCS National Board of Directors has requested that all chapters fill out and submit **Form 136** to the National Resource Center. A pdf version of that form can be found on the AMBUCS website in the "member resources" section:

<http://www.ambucs.org/assets/Uploads/Admin-Documents/forms/136Chapter-Annual-Report-Form-.pdf>

For more information please contact John Maynard at (336) 852-0052 ext 11 or johnm@ambucs.org.



The Push Begins For New Chapter Building!

New AMBUCS National President Cliff Bauerle recently announced a goal of **creating 20 new chapters** in 2009-10. Already that plan has enjoyed success, as AMBUCS welcomed the new **Huntsville, AL Tennessee Valley Friends** chapter into our organization on August 21. Officers include president Wendy Harris, vice president Robin Irwin, treasurer Janet Taylor, and secretary Andrea Batt. The group plans to meet on the third Thursday of every month at the ADRS Community Room in Huntsville, Alabama. Serving as sparkplug for this chapter was Dave Upton of the Greater Birmingham-Area, AL Friends Chapter.

Please note that National AMBUCS is eager to support new chapter building efforts and will reimburse expenses up to \$500. In addition, new chapter presidents, sponsoring chapter presidents and new chapter spark plugs will all receive **complimentary full registration for the 2010 AMBUCS National Conference and one night free stay in our host hotel**

For more information please contact the AMBUCS Resource Center at 336-852-0052.



Deadline Nearing For New IRS Filing Requirements

AMBUCS chapters with gross receipts **under** \$25,000 must file Form 990 -N. If your chapter normally has gross receipts **over** \$25,000, you must file the full Form 990 tax return. For AMBUCS chapters, Form 990-N is due on the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of the tax year. **That means AMBUCS chapters tax returns are due by October 15th of each year.** A complete information page about this process can be viewed at: <http://www.ambucs.org/new-irs-filing-requirements-for-chapters-2>

For more information, please visit www.ambucs.org or contact Dannell Copeland at the AMBUCS Resource Center at 336-852-0052 ext. 15, or via email at Dannell@ambucs.org.



Fall Conference is a fun and rewarding way to learn how our organization operates while also building valuable leadership skills. For more information, please visit www.ambucs.org/2009-ambucs-fall-conference-information

Region	Date	Facility
Southern	Oct. 9-10	Charlotte, NC
Mid States	Oct. 2-4	Grand Rapids, MI
Central	Sept. 25-26	Decatur, IL
Great Plains	Oct. 23-24	Wagoner, OK
Southwest	Oct. 16-17	Grapevine, TX
Northeast	Nov. 13- Nov. 15	Gettysburg, PA

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Celebrate National AmTryke® Month This October!

It's time once again to make plans to celebrate National AmTryke® Month! Held throughout the month of October, this is a great opportunity to concentrate efforts on promoting the AmTryke® therapeutic tricycles and the impact they have on individuals with disabilities. Again this year, in recognition of National AmTryke Month, your chapter will receive **5 bonus points** on your second quarter scorecard and a **\$50-off coupon** for a future AmTryke purchase if you buy and present an AmTryke therapeutic tricycle in October! (Limit one coupon per chapter, coupon must be redeemed by May 31, 2010.) Some ideas to ensure your chapter enjoys a successful AmTryke Month are:

- **Staging a series of AmTryke give-a-ways.**
- **Taking your region or district's AmTryke Trailer on the road to a local therapy clinic or community event.**
- **Purchasing AmTryke-related gear from the AMBUCS store.**
- **Holding an AmTryke open house.**
- **Organizing a media event.**



For more information on National AmTryke Month, please visit www.ambucs.org or contact the AMBUCS Resource Center at (336) 852-0052

BRANDING TIME REMINDER

In an effort to bolster membership recruitment, AMBUCS launches a "Branding Time" campaign each fall from October 1 through November 30. The goal is to have each chapter increase by a NET of five members during that period. Chapter who hold Branding Time contests will receive **20 bonus points on their 2nd quarter scorecard**. District Governors who have 75% of the chapters in their district holding contests will also receive 20 bonus points!

To receive points you must submit information about your contest and any other materials that go with it to the Resource Center by Dec. 10th.



Richards Joins Resource Center Staff



National AMBUCS, Inc is pleased to announce that Bob Richard has joined the AMBUCS Resource Center staff as a part-time grant writer. His duties will include assisting local

chapters in identifying funding sources for AmTrykes. Bob will be offering technical and grant writing assistance for developing AmTryke programs in local chapters. Bob comes to us from the Danville Illinois Police Department where he retired after 33 years as a police officer. One of his responsibilities as Deputy Director of Police was grant preparation, which he did for the past 15 years. He will be contacting local chapter presidents to see how he can assist their efforts.

Bob can be reached at bobr@ambucs.org or at 217-304-2238.

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AMTRYKE UNVEILS BRAND NEW MODELS

AmTryke, LLC is pleased to announce the arrival of several exciting new trike models that are sure to spark lots of interest this riding season. These models are now all in stock. For more information please contact **Roxanne Nichols** or **Jeff Roig** at **1-888-AMTRYKE (268-7953)**



New "Snappy" Model



New "1424" Model



New "HP 1000" Model

Join the new AMBUCS Social Networking Groups

We've recently created new AMBUCS groups on both Facebook.com and Twitter.com. We hope this will help AMBUCS members stay better connected with everyone in our organization. You can join our Facebook group at:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=47449954643&ref=mf>

You can follow AMBUCS updates on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/>

New Fundraising Ideas For AMBUCS Chapters

AMBUCS has partnered with the Melwood Car Donation Processing Center to offer a hassle free way for your chapter to earn money from vehicle donations! People can now donate their old car, van, truck, boat with a trailer, or recreational vehicle seven days a week, 24 hours a day, and have the proceeds directed to your chapter. The AMBUCS Resource Center recently benefitted from a vehicle donation and received a check for over \$900. To participate in this program, just fill out and submit the chapter contact form located at www.ambucs.org/instructional-guides/ in the fundraising section. Donors will need to provide the year, make and model of your vehicle, the general condition it is currently in, the vehicle identification number, and have the title and lien in hand. Melwood will handle the rest. In addition, the folks at Melwood will arrange a time for free auto towing, and mail a tax form "Non-Cash Charitable Contributions" within four to six weeks.



ORDER CHAPTER BANNERS

Now for just \$75, AMBUCS chapters can order their own personalized mission banner. These 2.5' X 6' vertical banners are made of an

extra-durable vinyl material and come with a set of four clear adhesive hangers. For ordering information please contact Semaj Marsh at **(336) 852-0052 ext 17** or semajm@ambucs.org.



You can also earn money for your chapter by setting up a recycling collection box. AMBUCS has partnered with BCS Recycling Specialists to collect old inkjet cartridges, cell phones, PDA, ipods and laptops. Collection boxes can be ordered at www.scrapdr.com or by calling **(888) 286-7188**. Place the boxes around your community at your chapter meeting place and other high traffic areas. When the box is full, simply pull out the bottom flap and seat it so the pre-paid FedEx Ground label is visible. Then call **(800) Gofedex** for a pick up. Once the box is received, BCS Recycling Specialists will evaluate the contents, enter the value into their database, and send you a check. A new empty box is then sent to your location. All the items are recycled and nothing goes into the landfill.



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	Points	Office									
3. Membership Development External (Verified using Blue Chip Report)											
a. Friend's Members Score 2 pts for every new Friend member or Friend renewal sponsored by your chapter during the quarter.	2 pts each	_____									
b. New Club Building <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;"></td> <td align="center">Chartered chapter</td> <td align="center"># charter members</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table>		Chartered chapter	# charter members	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____		
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1. 5 charter members= 25 pts 10 = 30 pts 15 = 35 pts 20 = 50 pts 25 = 60 pts 30 = 75 pts 35+ = 90 pts		_____									
2. If co-sponsored, points are pro-rated equally.		_____									
3. Chartered with 30+ members by: November 30th = 20 pts March 31st = 10 pts		_____									
4. BONUS Points: Sponsored traditional chapter	25 pts	_____									
4. Training and Conference											
a. Governor Visitations 1. Governor visited chapter	5 pts	_____									
2. Governor audited board meeting	5 pts	_____									
b. National Conference Attendance 1. Number of members on Blue Chip report as of May 31st = _____ divided by 10 equals the number or eligible delegates = _____ (round to next highest whole number). Number of members in attendance = _____ divided by eligible delegates equals = _____ times 10 equals attendance points. (round to next highest whole number.)	Max. 10 pts	_____									
2. Newly installed president attended.	5 pts	_____									
c. July • August District Board Meeting 1. Chapter president attended.	4 pts	_____									
2. Two points each for other attendees.	Max. 8 pts	_____									
3. Minimum of four Achievement Award entries sent to governor.	5 pts	_____									
5. Administration											
a. Chapter newsletter published monthly with a calendar of events.	6 pts	_____									
b. Scheduled program at 75% of regular meetings.	6 pts	_____									
c. Average attendance for active members at all meetings = _____ %.	1 pt per 10%	_____									
d. Chapter program that is "mission based"(therapist, scholarship recipient,etc) Description of program _____	5 pts	_____									
e. Social with spouses/guest held. _____	4 pts	_____									
f. Three board meetings held.	4 pts	_____									
g. All new members assigned to committees.	4 pts	_____									
Totals Penalty for late report: Penalty assessment for late report received after September 10th =	Total points -5 pts POINTS AWARDED	_____ _____ _____									

National Merit Awards	
	Req'd points
Superior with Distinction	550+ and new chapter
Superior Chapter	550+
Honor with Distinction	450 - 549 and new chapter
Honor Chapter	450 - 549
Merit with Distinction	350 - 449 and new chapter
Merit Chapter	350 - 449

Chapter President (please print)

Chapter

Date