



GREENE LIGHT

What Did You Do For GreeneBucs
This Month?

August 2007

\$100,000.00

Our year long run as the Ohio State Moose Association's Charity of Choice is over.

In total the GreeneBucs Chapter of Ambucs, working under the title of Ohio Chapters of Ambucs, received from The Ohio State Moose Association, Moose Lodges, Moose Riders, and Women of the Moose, **One Hundred Thousand Dollars in donations!**

During Ohio State Moose Association State Convention's 'parade of checks' this past weekend in Independence Ohio, GreeneBucs members Alan Eakle, Sue Eakle, Gussie Jones, Louise Gibson, Chuck Gibson, Lea Ravlin, Charlotte O'Meara, Joyce Peet, and Devlynn Tanner accepted over \$56,000 in donations from Moose Lodges from all over the state. This is on top of the \$37,500 dollars already donated by Moose Lodges during the past year.

Along with this money GreeneBucs were also recipients of moneys generated by raffles, contests, and individual donations from Moose members, Lodges, and other affiliated groups, during the convention, that in all has totaled several thousand additional dollars.

Moose Lodge #73 Poker Run and Drunken Chicken Dinner Being Held to Support GreeneBucs

Mark your Calendars for Sunday, September 9th. Dayton Moose Lodge and the Mooseriders are having a Poker run and Drunken Chicken Dinner with all proceeds going to GreeneBucs!

Chef Alan and his assistant 'Undercooked is OK' Chuck, are looking for weak minds and minimal cooking skills to help in preparing who knows how many Drunken Chicken (beer can chicken) Dinners for the Poker Run participants, Lodge Members and guests. The Poker Run is set to go off around noon, and dinner will be ready around 5:00 or 6:00. Contact Alan Eakle and let him know when you will be there to help.

Dayton Moose and Mooseriders have been fantastic to us, and this event shows that our partnership is strong, and ongoing. GreeneBuc members should make every effort to stop by, and meet our Moose Lodge friends, (and shove a beer can up a chickens).

Chef Alan is also on the lookout for some of those beer can chicken holders, so if you have one of those either drop it by on Sunday, or get with Alan or Chuck beforehand. Chuck will be at the Popcorn Festival booth on Saturday, so if you are there you can drop them off at the booth.

Mostly My Words

If you had said to me last year that the Moose Lodges in Ohio would bring in over \$100,000 dollars to our club, I would have pointed out that Fantasy Island was canceled years ago; yet here we are, with something that will do more to put an AmTryke in the hands of a deserving child more than anything else we have ever done.

We all know what it is like to see a child's face light up the first time they get on an AmTryke, and we all know how hard we work, and still how difficult it is to know, that while one child is getting that AmTryke, a whole bunch more are waiting for theirs.

The Ohio State Moose Association, and their affiliated groups, have gone a long way in reducing that list, but as you know, our list will really never go away, and for every AmTryke we give, there is another deserving child's parent or therapist bringing us an application.

So now, our job is to make something of this gift we got from the OSMA, and I am not talking about the money; for that will be gone in no time. I am talking about the relationship we have begun to develop with the local lodges, and their sub-groups, The Mooseriders, and The Women of The Moose.

We have already made inroads in Circleville, Indian Lake, and Dayton. We have interest from many other Lodges in having fund raisers for us, and having us at their lodges to give away AmTrykes, and we have an obligation to do so, (after all it is their money) and we would be fools not to do so, because everytime we have an event at a lodge, we get more money and more interest, and this interest is what we really need to develop. We must take this interest and turn it into members and chapters; that is the only way we can survive, and the only way the mission of GreeneBucs and Ambucs will grow.

We must always remember that this is ours to loose.

We will loose by apathy, unwillingness, and inattentiveness, and **we must not let that happen.** We must be willing, able, and energetic in pursuing these relationships, and being there when called upon, and for that we are going to need just one thing, and that is **YOU.**

We need you to commit to doing whatever you can, and this does not mean showing up twice a month for the rubber chicken luncheon, but really get out there and help. We need spokespersons, tryke builders, Moose Members, booth sitters, beer pourers, ticket sellers, cooks, bottle washers and everyone of them an Ambucs Ambassador.

We can do this, we can make this club great, we can spread the Ambuc mission all over the state, and **WE CAN PUT DESERVING CHILDREN ON AN AMTRKE,** and all we need is a little help from each other, a willingness to make it happen and the fortitude to keep our eyes on the prize.

~ Chuck Gibson

United Cerebral Palsy of Cleveland Holds AmTryke Giveaway

Friday, August 24th, found GreeneBucs members taking a break from the Ohio State Moose Association Convention to participate in an AmTryke Giveaway at Cleveland's United Cerebral Palsy Associations facility on Euclid Ave.

GreeneBucs presented 11 AmTrykes to deserving children, and with the help of UCP therapists and our own Joyce Peet, four more children were fitted.

All of this made possible by donations of OSMA.

Needless to say, the children, their parents, and the therapists, were thrilled to receive the AmTrykes, and were all very grateful to both GreeneBucs and the Moose.

As members, we were happy to have brought such joy to all involved, and were thrilled ourselves to find out that one of the UCP therapists was a past recipient of an AmBucs scholarship! Gussie Jones, who had volunteered to stay back at the OSMA convention to man our booth, was called immediately, and spoke on the phone to the therapist. It was great to meet someone who, through Ambucs help, had completed her degree and was putting her knowledge and skills into helping these deserving children.

As you may imagine, it was a mad house of excited children, parents, tryke fitting, tryke riding, and lots of new contacts and discussion of our mission, our goals, and how we could help, and how they could help us.

As things started winding down, Alan Eakle took a moment to impress upon the UCP staff and clients, the generosity of the OSMA, and the hopes that all those who received AmTrykes might come by the convention site on Saturday to thank those that had made all of this possible, and on Saturday, we were not disappointed! Almost all of the kids showed up for the big AmTryke Rodeo at the OSMA Convention! Seeing those children on those AmTrykes brought many a smile and a tear to the estimated hundred and fifty Moose members who attended the rodeo. While a picture may be worth a thousand words, nothing beats seeing the real thing!

A Thank You Note

Just want to say thanks again for everything your organizations stands for; it is so wonderful to see the kids enjoying there bikes. Cael, the little guy who had to eat breakfast with his bike wore his helmet into therapy today because his mom can't get him to take it off; she said it was rough getting him to go to church without it yesterday!

Thanks again for everything !

*Megan Shumaker, MPT, Physical Therapist
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Poker Run Held at the Circleville Moose

Meg a 7 year old who was a recipient of an AMTRYKE captured our hearts on August 4th at a Poker run held at the Circleville Moose. Returning from a daylong Poker Run 140-motorcyclist enthusiast looked on as Meg was moved from her wheelchair to her new bike. With shrieks of delight she rode the bike around and around the parking lot, refusing to get off. At one point she was shaking her hands out from fatigue.

The motorcyclists, whom had enjoyed the freedom of riding that afternoon, could see that Meg was having a similar experience freedom from her wheelchair! She stated to a volunteer, "She was going to ride the bike until her dad came and then she was going home to take a nap so she could ride her new bike until midnight."

The mobile demo site was opened and displayed the trykes to the interested riders. Three volunteers presented Jill Zimmerman, Program Director of the Children's program in Circleville, with two AMTRYKES to take back to the school therapist. The therapist would be attending the Columbus Conference where Joe Copeland from National AMBUCS had driven the National mobile demo site from High Point, North Carolina to do a presentation on the AMTRYKES with Joyce Peet - a therapist who is a GreeneBucs member.



Pictures From AmTryke Giveaway at UCP in Cleveland



A Parents Perspective

~ Submitted by: Louise Gibson

When I am at an AmTryke Rodeo, or Giveaway, I tend to watch the parents maybe a little more than most. Having 'been there' as a parent of a, (now grown), child with disabilities changes my perspective a little, so I want to share just a little of what I witnessed this last weekend in Independence.

I saw the hope in the eyes of parents. Their child was in a complicated wheel chair. One look and you knew that there were many medical issues tackled in the past, and probably many more to come in the future. But when this child was fitted and received their AmTryke. No matter if this child could ever ride without the push bar, these parents were proud. Every parent wants their child to do and be the best they can, but a parent of a child with disabilities would give anything for their child just to be like other children, but when the truth sinks in and you know that isn't possible, then you want your child to fit in the best that they can. I have witnessed many children getting their trykes but never one like this. This tryke was for the parents. This tryke gave them something. This tryke was going to help their child fit in, and isn't that what every parent wants?

Thanks to Everyone Who Put AmTrykes Together

The AmTryke assembly get-together went great! 10 GreeneBuc members showed up and made quick work of putting together all the trykes needed for the Rodeo at UCP Cleveland; plus they put together enough trykes to get us caught up with the wish list !

Thanks to all that showed up, I hope it has also helped members to learn more about the trykes so the next time we give a tryke away and adjustments are needed you'll feel comfortable getting on the floor to help. ~ Alan Eakle

Popcorn Festival

Don't forget to sign up with Pat to work the booth at this years Popcorn Festival in Beaver creek. Workers are still needed for both Saturday and Sunday. Call 429-5383 or at 426-2423 to sign up.

The Great Hunt

The Mid-States Regional Convention is just around the corner, September 21-22. By now everyone should have received information in the mail about this fun and fact filled event. This year it is in Dundee MI, just three short hours north. Our very own Sandy Zimmerman, AmBucs Regional Governor, deserves our support and attendance. If you have not done so, make your reservations, and plan to attend. For more information you can call Sandy at 429-5383

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Pictures from OSMA Convention Independence Ohio



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Dedicated to creating independence for people with disabilities.

GreeneBucs Events Calendar

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.

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

November 2007

November 7th
Membership Meeting

November 5th
Board Meeting
Beavercreek GC

November 21st
Big Hat Luncheon Meeting