

# AMBUCS Chapters: the **FUN** way to Serve!

Currently, there are approximately 5,500 AMBUCS members in over 130 chapters in 28 states. Why are so many people plugged in? Because AMBUCS is the fun way to serve!

AMBUCS members enjoy the following benefits:

**Social:** Chapters provide fun, innovative service opportunities for people who want to improve their community. By working together, AMBUCS volunteers make their spare time go a long, long way.

**Service:** When someone joins AMBUCS they join a group of individuals who are ready to make a difference. AMBUCS local and national service programs generate intense satisfaction and pride.

**Professional:** As members work together, they contribute to chapter activities and goals while learning new skills that can pay lasting dividends in their professional lives. They also have the opportunity to make valuable contacts and develop essential leadership skills.

## Kansas' Air Capital AMBUCS Rolls Out New Trailer

The Air Capital AMBUCS recently rolled out their new AmTryke trailer and this 7 X 14 foot box packs quite a punch. They were able to add an air conditioner, interior lights, and electrical outlets both inside and outside at no charge courtesy of the local IBEW and Decker Electric. Home Depot is adding insulation, shelves, and a comfortable floor at no charge. Then just for good measure a concession window was added for passing out information or food at events. The main purpose is to hold and show our AmTrykes at many locations throughout South Central Kansas. Air Capital has already debuted their new trailer at a couple local events and it is scheduled for several car shows this fall. In fact, keep an eye out for this trailer if you are planning to make the trip to next year's National Conference in Oklahoma City. The advantages of having this trailer are endless." Says Air Capital's Frank Chappell. "Only your imagination, or lack thereof, can hold you back. It's a great rolling billboard for AMBUCS!"



Frank Chappell, Alexis and Warren Wallis at the Blacktop Nationals sponsored by Ford

## Michigan's Alive After Five Giveaway

This past October, the Schoolcraft Varsity volleyball program hosted the Alive After Five AMBUCS Chapter AmTryke Giveaway Presentation to Michelle Bache, a freshman at Schoolcraft High School. This was the 3rd installation of Alive After Five's traveling program to area high schools. Michelle's tryke was sponsored by Kalamazoo Home Team, Newman IT Solutions, Dr. Paul Selden and various members of the Kalamazoo Bike Club. Michelle is the daughter of Susan Bache of Portage and Brad Bache of Schoolcraft.



Alive After Five members pose with Michele on her new AmTryke

## Oklahoma's Edmond AMBUCS Holds Big Hat Blue Jeans Bonanza



On Saturday mornings, Edmond AMBUCS' Steve Reeser works at the Sister Barbara Josephs Pantry in downtown Oklahoma City that provides food and clothing to those in need. He made a mental note one day that the pantry constantly seemed to be in need of blue jeans. The idea really took shape while having breakfast at one of their favorite restaurants. Fellow AMBUCS Carol Fields sat across from him and said, "You're the Big Hat President and you need to do a project for this quarter." Steve had just finished his shift at the pantry, so it was pretty fresh on his mind that two people had asked for jeans that could not be provided. So he naturally decided to call upon his fellow Big Hatters and have a Big Hat Blue Jean Bonanza as a way of helping out. The rules were simple: if you're a big hat bring a pair of old jeans and a pair of new jeans and one pair for those that weren't big hatters yet. The whole club participated and a total of 175 pairs of jeans were collected.

Robert Fields, John Flewelling, & Carl Catania filling food sacks for the homeless