

Alabama's Friends of Birmingham Hold Bike Fair



One of 24 children who received a Tryke during Birmingham AMBUCS' Bike Fair

During the June 4th Bike Fair, the Greater Birmingham Area AMBUCS hosted 28 families. Of those, 24 children rode away on their new AmTrykes. Four walk-ins were fitted by an attending Physical Therapist and orders were placed for their Trykes.

Coming out to help were 25 volunteers, including Physical Therapists, and to add a little extra cheer... clowns!

For all attending, it was wonderful to watch what can only be described as AmTryke smiles on each child's face and hear the giggles coming from new riders!

The event served families from six counties included in the chapter service area in Alabama, as well as one family who drove all morning from Corinth, Mississippi to receive an AmTryke for their little girl. Within moments of making a few minor adjustments, she too was off and peddling to her full potential.

Once he saw how his daughter was helped, one rider's father asked to be a part of the "AmTrykes Tweakers" and assist the Physical Therapists with making final adjustments for the other children.

The chapter already has plans for another Bike Fair in October.

Happy 20th Birthday GreeneBucs!

All of the area AMBUCS chapters joined Ohio's GreeneBucs AMBUCS Chapter as they celebrated their 20th birthday party during an installation dinner. GreeneBucs received two proclamations congratulating the chapter for all it's accomplishments throughout the past 20 years by AMBUCS National President Greg Ferris and Mid-States Regional Director Jack Bellware, both making special visits for the celebration.



Members of the GreeneBucs AMBUCS celebrate the club's 20th anniversary!

Michigan's Kalamazoo AMBUCS Rolls Out 2nd AmTryke Rodeo

Kalamazoo AMBUCS, celebrating its 50th year of service to this community, presented AmTryke JT-2000 Foot-Cycles to four veterans in July as part of the Gilmore Car Museum's Wednesday night "Cruise In" event. The event, held under the watchful eye of AMBUCS National Ambility Chairperson Fred Sammons and with the support and generosity of area organizations and clubs, granted four veterans the gift of mobility and independence.

Even though the day began with torrential rains, things dried up a bit for the Rodeo. The presentations were held under a tent on the grounds of the Gilmore Car Museum. The veterans were assessed by the Kalamazoo Area Rehabilitation Services center. All were excited and pleased to be able to receive these AmTrykes and immediately put them to use. The Marine and Army even raced around the oval track – with the Army just beating the Marine by a hair.

Helping to get the word out, seek donations and

find qualified veteran candidates, Kalamazoo AMBUCS is working with a local veteran's organization, Lest We Forget Our Vets. This collaboration has been called "Mobile Vet AmTryke Task Force 1" and a special patch was designed for donors and recipients.

This was the second Veteran AmTryke Rodeo for Kalamazoo AMBUCS. The first was in May of this year. So they have donated AmTrykes to 9 veterans and already have plans for a third event in September.



Kalamazoo AMBUCS presented Trykes to four veterans in July (left) during an event for which a special patch was designed (below).

