

Celebrating AMBUCS Across the Nation, While Still Shoulders Together!

2012 AMBUCS National Award WINNERS

AMBUC of the Year

Fred Sammons, Alive After Five (Kalamazoo, MI)

Since becoming involved with AMBUCS in 1995, Fred Sammons has made numerous contributions on both a national and local level. He has been a long-time member and has been integral to the growth our AmBility programs. The combination of his engineering and occupational therapy skills make him a supreme inventor for our AmTrykes and accessories. If he can't fit a recipient with a catalog product – he just invents one!

Fred has developed a special relationship with the brachial plexus unit at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. And out of his own funds, he has fitted and contributed to more than eight brachial plexus AmTryke giveaways.

This AMBUC never says “NO” and is a member known for his enthusiasm and energy. He is a sought after speaker for many chapters for updates on our newest adaptive equipment. This AMBUC is a Big Hatter, Life Member, AmBility Ambassador, and William L. White member and past Chairperson of the National AmBility Board.



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National
President Rick
Kerr presents
Fred Sammons
with AMBUC of
the Year award
(above)



2. Bill Fulton, Danville (Danville, IL)

3. Jack Davis, Lawton (Lawton, OK)

Project Manager

Carmela Davis, Longiew Too, Longview, TX

Chairing three large events and co-chairing another event, Carmela Davis' year started with the local news reading “The 4th of July Celebration is Saved.” Taking on an event that would cost in excess of \$50,000 did not scare her. She immediately jumped into not only raising the necessary \$50,000 to put on an even larger fireworks display but also to sponsor a special dinner, live music and dancing. On top of all that, she has organized a tribute to the local veterans and raised \$6,500 to purchase additional AmTrykes.

As if this wasn't enough, she continued to be the sponsor of her area's Teen AMBUCS and again chaired the annual Mud Volleyball Tournament. She raised \$6,500 for the teens and the local club to use toward additional local charity needs.

This was all just a minute compared to her life goal of seeing a true Universal Handicap Park in her local town. With the challenge on and a few years working on raising over \$400,000 from sponsors... her dream came true when the playground officially opened!

The event was even more special to this AMBUC since her own autistic child would finally have a place to play alongside his siblings.

2. Jason Burr, Southwest (Amarillo, TX)

3. Winston Lindsay, Ponca City Noon (Ponca City, OK)

