



The Sonic Boom

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2017 in Review

January began with an Amtryke build at Brian Cavin’s garage on January 8. Five Amtrykes were assembled. Air Capital members belatedly celebrated the New Year on January 21 at the home of Jeff and Anita Harris, sharing a delicious buffet featuring LP Jordan’s famous smoked pork and a variety of side dishes and desserts.

February 9-12 found Air Capital members at the 2017 Wichita Home Show in Century II Convention Center. With a variety of Amtrykes on display, they shared information about the AMBUCS mission. On February 18, LP Jordan and Curtis Stubbs drove to Ponca City to participate in **Heros with a Heart: Ride for AMBUCS**, organized by the Charity Angels.

March 16 meeting of Air Capital AMBUCS featured guest speaker Laurel Alkire, executive director of Senior Services of Wichita. She shared information about Meals on Wheels and other services offered by the non-profit organization. On St. Patrick’s day, members partied at the home of Jeff and Anita Harris with a buffet of Irish-themed food and drinks.

April 6-8 found seven Air Capital members attending the 2017 Great Plains Regional Conference, hosted by Dodge City AMBUCS at the Boot Hill Casino and Resort Conference Center. April 29 was a big day for 11 youngsters who received trykes at the Air Capital Amtryke Rodeo, held at the Midwest Corporate Aviation hangar at Jabara Airport. Members helped fit and adjust their trykes, and families smiled and cheered as they began to ride.

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Upcoming Events:

Wichita Home Show 2018 - February 8-11 - Century II Convention Center

2017 in Review (Continued)



May 6 began with Air Capital as lead sponsor for the Chisholm Trail Bike Ride in Newton, which included an Amtryke Ride. Members also promoted AMBUCS at the Newton Downtown Car Show that day. The trailer and Amtrykes were on display at Rainbows United's Glow Run/Walk on May 20. The 2016-17 Awards Banquet at the Petroleum Club celebrated Air Capital's achievements for the year, and officers for 2017-18 were installed.



June began with Air Capital members, Amtryke recipients and their families following the AMBUCS trailer in the Riverfest Sundown Parade. A team of five Air Capital Members participated in Bike Across Kansas, raising awareness of AMBUCS and funds for AmTrykes. Air Capital was chosen by the Wichita Anime Festival to receive proceeds from its Charity Auction. And members appeared at the OK Kids Day Out in Rose Hill to grill hot dogs and visit with families.



July's big event was Air Capital's collaboration the Wichita Sunflower Dance Festival. Eight-year-old Anika and her parents were featured at the Saturday night dance. An Amtryke recipient and success story, Anika received a new, larger tryke funded by a generous donation from the event.



August events focused on fun! A Shuffleboard Tournament at the Oasis Lounge was a Big Hat fundraiser, attracting shuffleboard regulars as well as Air Capital members. Seneca Bowl was the venue for friendly bowling competition among Air Capital members and their families. At the end, \$1 lottery tickets were awarded for high and low scores.



September featured an Amtryke Mini-Rodeo at Erin is Hope Therapy Center. Four Amtryke recipients had a great time riding around the parking lot on a perfect summer evening. The AMBUC trailer appeared at Family Fling, September 9, in Sedgwick County Park, where members grilled hot dogs and hamburgers for lunch. Air Capital members also provided a SAG stop for the MCC Flatlander Ride in Harvey County. Two members completed the 45-mile route, riding Amtrykes.

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Guest Speaker: John Hoerner from VA



Dr. John Hoerner, who works with Physical Rehabilitation at the Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center, was guest speaker at the January 18 meeting of Air Capital AMBUCS.

He began by recounting his first encounter with Bob Dole at a vice-presidential debate in Ohio at age ten. After a stint in the Navy and medical training, he is now employed at the VA facility named after the former senator.

Dr. Hoerner shared information about the Wichita VA facility, which has 81 beds, and serves approximately 39,000 veterans per year. It is a Level 2 facility, which offers a variety of rehabilitation services, including clinics for spine injuries, brain injuries, and amputees.

The VA Medical Center is in the midst of expansion. Already completed are a new PET and CT Imaging Building and a new Primary Care Building. Future plans include a new Emergency Department and a Women’s Clinic addition.

Galen Blume Memorial



At the January meeting, Karen Blume presented President Jeff Harris with donations in memory of Galen Blume, who died January 13, 2018. Galen and Karen have been active members of Air Capital AMBUCS.

Members offered condolences, and many attended the memorial service for Galen at Reformation Lutheran Church on January 25.

Wichita Home Show: Volunteers Needed

Air Capital Ambucs will have a booth at the 2018 Home Show, February 8-11 at the Century II Exhibition Center. Amtrykes will be on display, and Plinko will be an added attraction.



Volunteers are needed to share information about AMBUCS and help with the Plinko game. Please contact project manager LP Jordan to let him know when you can help.

Amtryke Build

Several Air Capital members and friends met at Brian Cavin’s garage on Saturday, January 13, to assemble Amtrykes.



By the end of the afternoon, they had assembled four new Amtrykes to be presented to children on the wish list in the near future.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Brian Cavin - February 9



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



2017 - 2018 Committee Members

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2017 in Review (Continued)






October 14 was the best Family Fun Day ever at Hope in the Valley Equine Rescue Center. Thirteen Amtryke recipients and their families participated, and two received new trykes. Total attendance was estimated at 75. The 2017 AMBUCS National Conference was held October 18-21 at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Lake of the Ozarks, MO. Five Air Capital members attended the conference, including Curtis Stubbs, who rode his tadpole Amtryke from Springfield, IL, to Tan-Tar-A.

November's regular meeting featured Dr. Mike Claassen, from Gage Chiropratic Clinic, as speaker. Introduced by President Jeff Harris, Dr. Mike spoke of his focus on *A Wellness Lifestyle: How to Stay Young*.

December focused on another fundraising collaboration: The *Holiday Runway* fashion show event at the Sami Halaseh Institute in Andover. Air Capital members provided snacks, an appearance by Santa Claus, and an Amtryke presentation, while another Amtryke recipient participated in the fashion show. Air Capital members and families also gathered on a Sunday afternoon at Brian Cavin's garage for a Football Watch/Christmas Party. Attendees enjoyed cheering favorite teams, a buffet of snacks, and a lively gift exchange/swap.



Air Capital **AMBUCS** February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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