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Board Elections

Congratulations to the new members of the Board of Directors: **Lee Ator, Durrell Miller, Carl Seymour and Tom Wombles**. Check out the chart on the next page for the current list of Board members, their responsibilities and how to contact them. A special thanks to retiring Board members MaryAnn Callarman, John Toumbs and Kris Hunt for their past year's worth of service to the club.



New Location for Meetings and Trail Line Up

We have contracted with the Pittsfield VFW to use their facilities for most of our club functions. Meetings, trail building and event line-ups will be at the VFW unless specified otherwise. The VFW is one block north of Washington Street and one block east of Jackson (Hwy 54) at **320 N. Illinois** (next to the old East School building.)



Kick Off Dinner

January 22 will be the club's annual kick off dinner and Board meeting. **Note that this will now be at the Pittsfield VFW.** The dinner will start at 6 P.M. followed by the Board meeting. Earlier in the day, the first of a series of United Four Wheel Drive Association Awareness classes will be held for trail guides and those wishing to become instructors. Classes for non-trail guides will be held later in the year. See the article later in this newsletter for more detail.

You must call the club phone before January 12th at **630-717-5337** and register if you plan on attending this event.

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Membership: Annual membership in Two Rivers Jeep Club runs from January 1 through December 31. First time memberships accepted after the Land of Lincoln Jamboree will be applied to the following year. Annual Membership dues are to be paid by October 1st each year with a 30 day grace period. Membership fees are \$60.00. Landowners are given a complimentary membership.

Article Submission: Articles and photos from members can be published in the newsletter. Preferred article submission is by e-mail to outbac4x4@aol.com in any reasonable word processing format but hand or typewritten material can also be used. Photos can be black and white or color with a description of what, where and when. Put your name on the back of the photo when submitting. All photos will be returned to the owner. Scanned photos in any reasonable graphics format (medium to high-resolution) will also be accepted.

Newsletter Deadlines: This newsletter is published 6 times a year (**February, April, June, August, October, and December.**) All articles and photos are due by the first day of the month in which the newsletter will be published.

Next Newsletter Deadline: February 1

1999 Annual Holiday Bash

by Syndy Miller

Happy holidays fellow Jeepers! We've just celebrated our 7th Annual Holiday Bash and it's my job to try and relay the festivities of the evening to everyone who wasn't able to join us. Sooooo, here goes...

This year Durrell & I hosted the event at the Moose Lodge in Naperville courtesy of our 'uncle' Moose Steve Callarman. We started the party with the usual smorgasbord of food and fellowship. By night's end, our headcount hit 99 club members in attendance.

Admission to the party was free for everyone who donated non-perishable food items to our annual charity. We collected over **500 pounds of food and \$220 in cash** for the Seniors of Pike County. Carl & Barb Seymour volunteered to haul all the loot back to Pittsfield. Donnie and Becky Walston will assist Seymours when they sort and distribute the goods later this month.

Our 'program' began at 7:30 with an introduction of our Board Members. John Toumbs and Mary Ann Callarman were recognized and thanked for their service as they exit the Board this year. Both received a Jeep watch as a token of our appreciation for their hard work and commitment to the club. Returning Board Members who were present included Grambo McNeill, Tim 'Chuckles' Miller and Club President, O.R. Freesen. The Club presented them with certificates of appreciation for their continuing service on the Board. New Board Members, Durrell Miller and Carl 'Airborn' Seymour were then recognized. As a returning Member with three years of prior Board experience, Durrell presented Carl with a special 'Bored' Meeting Survival Kit including Aspirin, Tums, Band-Aids for the war wounds and earplugs. Pokey couldn't make the party this year due to a weekend date in Branson, MO with his lovely wife.



We were fortunate to have some new faces in the crowd this year. Several landowners from Pike County



were present including Randy & Shantel Whitaker and Eric Bradshaw. Also present were some of our event Sponsors. Jeep Eagle of DuPage was also represented at the party and many of our club members met Ray DeMith, their new Parts Manager. DuPage Jeep has been a sponsor of our Holiday Bash nearly every year since 1993. Other sponsors donated dozens of door prizes. GDS 4x4, J&L Four Wheel Drive Center, Larry Roesch Auto Group, Let's Go Jeepin', Schultz Jeep Specialists, Tomken Machine, Toumbs Repair, and United Four Wheel Drive Association all made donations to this years event. Several individual club members also donated items including Joe & Mary Budde, Dave & Connie Christensen, Frank & Jude Fleeger, John & Diana

Murphy, and Bill Zoetvelt.

Trophies were presented in five categories and decided upon by our Annual Questionnaire. The first trophy for Most Miles Traveled in 1999 to participate in Jeepin' events went to Woodpecker and Butterscotch AGAIN. Not much of a surprise considering they spend at least 10% of their time traveling

across the country to go wheelin! The Most Stucks award went to Bill Zoetvelt - I don't think this is a real big surprise either, at least not to anyone who knows Bill. Fleegers took the Worst Stuck award again... seems they got their Jeep stuck in Tennessee so bad that none of the wheels were on the ground! (As in Ooops, tip-over!) Bloopie of the Year went to Tough Nuts for bringing his brand new V-8 engine on the trail for the first time in October and running out of gas 5 minutes into the trail! The last trophy this year went to Rooster for having the Most Unique Jeep. Way to go Rooster! Look out though, next year you'll have some competition... We recognized the Davis' for traveling the furthest distance to attend our party - they drove in from Missouri! O.R. won the award for oldest Jeep with his 1947 truck.

We threw everyone for a loop this year when we orchestrated our annual gift exchange. Using a number system makes it more difficult to strategize among families for stealing the desired gifts! This year's exchange was one of the best we've had. The portable tables with Grey Poupon mustard were my personal favorite! O.R. tried hoarding all the yellow ratchet straps but after they were stolen he had to resort to a yellow squirt gun. Another big hit were the Jeep signs... hint, hint for next year!



We ended the formal agenda with our door prize giveaway at 10:30pm. All manner of Jeep paraphernalia and equipment were raffled off and nearly every family in attendance went home with a gift from our sponsors. The Moose lodge gave us the boot around midnight so we called it a night and another successful party!

Thanks everyone who attended and special thanks to the following crew who helped organize, set-up, run and clean-up: Woodpecker & Butterscotch, Rongway & Shadow, Gadget & JJ, Mikey & Sister, Spanky & Molly, Sparky & Sunshine, Rusty & John, & newlyweds Jeff & Lisa!



Club Directory

The **Club Directory** will be published in January, 2000. This year we will make advertising space available to those who would like to have club members see their ad throughout the year...every time they open the directory! The charge will be as follows for each of two sizes available:

Business Card\$50.00
 1/4 page.....\$100.00

If you are interested in placing an ad in the directory it will be necessary for you to get your artwork and/or text submitted to Durrell and Syndy Miller no later than January 15, 2000. Call with any questions.

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Editorial

By Jude Fleeger

Well, here we are mailing the last issue of the newsletter for 1999. This marks the end of the second year of this venture and we want to take this opportunity to thank the club members who have contributed articles (we can't put out a newsletter without material!) and also those who have otherwise contributed their time and efforts toward making each issue a success. One of the things that continue to impress us is how many of our members give so unselfishly to the club, with no thought of monetary or personal gain. There is no question that it is one of the greatest assets in our organization, and we are proud to be associated with all of you.

The year 2000 promises to be another wonderful year for the Two Rivers Jeep Club. Tim Miller will continue to coordinate Trail Guides and Maintenance; Lee Ator will be in charge of Logo Development and Promotions; Durrell Miller will be heading up the Communication Committee; and MaryAnn Callarman has agreed to continue offering her invaluable talents toward charitable work and donations. Gary Williams is going to head up the development of a Relief Fund and Carl Seymour, along with Durrell Miller, will be in charge of the 4x4 Blast in the new millennium. These contributors, along with others, promise to provide us with the direction our club needs to continue to thrive.

We have a variety of new ideas that are being explored as well. The board is discussing a program to feature a Pike County Citizen of the Month; new ways to recognize our all-important landowners who so generously offer their property so that our club can exist; and at the Kick-off dinner this January you will find that Carl Seymour has developed an award for the "Exceptional Club Member of the Year". These and many more exciting things are in the works for the coming year, and it only serves to point out how this club is moving forward in a very positive way. We even have a 'clubhouse' now that the VFW is going to be utilized! There are endless possibilities, and we have mentioned only a few.

Our club can end this year with a multitude of things for which to give thanks.

We wish each of you a wonderful holiday season and look forward to seeing you on the trails in the coming year!



Oh, the Times They are a Changin'

Tim Miller, Trail Leadership and Maintenance

In an effort to promote vehicle owner responsibility, all members now will be required to have their Jeep inspected for trail readiness. You will receive a window sticker when you pass. Inspections will begin January 22, and continue throughout the year.

We Can Use the Help!

Editor's Note: Graham received this email from John Stevens. John has given us permission to print it here.

Graham, I'm sending this off the jeep newsgroup board because I've been meaning to talk to you and your post was a reminder. I doubt that you'll recall, but my son Garrett and I were at the TRJC 4x4 Blast in August in my stock TJ. For a frame of reference, I work in Springfield with Paul Beyer's wife (I understand that Paul is doing pretty well after some surgery!)

Since then I've been doing a lot of research and at Gary Shadwick's suggestion, want to plant a seed for some future thought. It's been bothering me that for all our fine State can do for outdoorsmen who hunt or fish, there is not a nickel spent for ORV'ers. I saw firsthand however that the ORV community **can** have a voice in the legislative process last spring. The proposal was one to raise title fees on vehicles as part of the Illinois FIRST Program. The **ONLY** organized off-road group mobilized, complaining of the recent increase the strictly off-road ATV's had incurred, pointing out the fact that there is **ZERO** public land dedicated for their sport. The bottom line was that the Governor relented and the ATV is the **ONLY** vehicle type not to have its title fee increased. The group that saved this fee was ABATE, the motorcycle guys. Apparently among their number are quite a few ATV owners who cared enough to lobby the legislature.

Let me get to the point. I have worked in the Capital for more than 20 years. I have worked with the legislative process my entire career. I know that a relatively small number of dedicated people can do a lot to further their cause, whether its bike trails, nature preserves whatever.

While I am employed by Government, I think there are some things I can do as a volunteer for my new hobby without conflict. I would have zero impact if I went at this on my own, but with "a little help from my friends" we might make a difference. Besides my contacts, I'm sure if we were to check a little bit, the 225 members of the Two Rivers Jeep Club know people or "know people who know people" to get the ball rolling on dedicating some public land for our sport. I'm not delusional or even overly optimistic. Just this past month, the local mountain bike club got put through a wringer just trying to legitimize their use of some bike trails on public lands that they'd been using for 10 years!

But with perseverance, the bike guys are going to WIN a legitimate compromise. With all this recent attention added to the fact that there are a whole bunch of recent SUV/Jeep purchasers who fancy themselves as the next off-road champ, I bet the time is as good as its going to get to try to gain public acceptance/funding (remember my reference to Illinois FIRST....it's a \$12 billion public infrastructure program, which include lots of parks, bike paths, skating rinks, ball diamonds, etc).

I said before I had a point. Here it is. I want to help, if you want my help. I am NOT a COWBOY, if you want to look at this issue, I will listen first and act only in accordance with the Club's direction. I've only touched a few high points today; we should get together and talk about some of my other ideas.

John Stevens
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Land Between the Lakes

by Winch Boy

On Columbus Day weekend several of us went to The Land Between the Lakes in Kentucky. We had a great time! There were all sorts of trails, ranging from rocks to mud holes. We arrived around noon on Friday and set out for the trails. This was our least challenging day. There was 2 1/2 inches of dust on the ground but just as we were pulling off the trails it started raining.

On Saturday we arose to find that what had been dust was MUD! This made for a very interesting day. First, Hayward decided that tires did not belong on the ground. He put his Jeep on its side twice and was laughing every minute. Mad Dog found a tall-dog creek that GDS loved. After GDS put his tire up about 4 feet in the air, he decided to "just back out of it". It was a good, long day of aggressive wheeling. As we were leaving we heard of a stranded red Jeep in a mud hole, so, (being the nice guys we are) we decided to help out. When we arrived we discovered a stock Wrangler in a pool of pinkish-red mud. It appeared he had a little transmission problem! Once Bruce, GDS and Mad Dog all strapped on they decided to drag him through every mud hole until we reached the main trail. Once on the main trail, Mad Dog decided he could pull him the rest of the way. We came to a series of downhill jumps in which the stock YJ had trouble keeping straight. Mad Dog laughed as their headlights kept whipping across his rear view mirror. We turned around to see a red Jeep going sideways down the hill. This excursion made for a lively topic at dinner!

Sunday we sat back for a nice little trail ride. When it came time for group pictures we noticed the only Jeeps left running were from the Two Rivers Jeep Club! All in all it was a lot of fun, and we are looking forward to going again.

The Mad Dog Report

by Dave Jacobs

You have not read an article from me in over a year. I would rather be working on my Jeep than doing any paperwork, but I do enjoy reading the newsletters...so here I sit in another motel room with nothing to do or anyone to talk to. I decided to write this. My employer doesn't understand that I am tired of traveling, and there are 20 weeks a year that they see my truck leave with my Jeep on a trailer behind it. They don't understand that Jeepers keep themselves entertained in the parking lots swapping stories or working on Jeeps.

In the past year I have had the pleasure of attending Jeep Jamborees. One of them was the Northwoods Jeep Jam. If you have never been to this Jamboree you are really missing out on a good time. Although the toughest trails are rated a 6+ there are a lot of rock crawls to go over. On the first day I was not too sure what I was getting myself into. The trail guides seemed really happy that I was participating and I knew them from when they were on Tall Dog getting dented, scratched, broken or had their Jeeps on their side...and now I had one of the tallest Jeeps on their

trail. Some of the trail was off-camber and the guides were right there guiding me through the off-camber areas, suggesting a possible line to take. They were great!

On the second day I went with Cannonball. This trail had even more rocks than the previous day's trail. I gained several new dents on my undercarriage. I even did the "Richter" where I would have had to winch off of some rocks, but with the help of the guides I was able to drive off without breaking any parts. The Legendary Jeepers are doing a great job of keeping the Jeep Jamboree spirit going in Northern Wisconsin!

I have also made my annual trip to the Land Between the Lakes in Kentucky. I go there every year and it gets more exciting each time! I gave a fellow Jeoper a night to remember (ask me about it sometime)! It will make good parking lot conversation. If you get a chance to go there sometime, I highly recommend it.

It was good to see Pokey at the annual meeting, although I did not get a chance to talk to him. I do hope things are going well.

Several people have asked me about Junior. Well, Junior's still not right in the head. I don't think there is any hope there. He went for surgery on his fractured collarbone and is recuperating. Somebody please call and talk to him so he will stop paging me. He is driving me crazy and he knows it! Just kidding...but he really would like to hear from club members.

It has been another exciting year of trail guiding (even had one Jeep turn turtle). I do strongly support the club on safety issues. I still find participants, even club members, who try to use chains on my trail. PLEASE DON'T DO THIS. I have enough straps to go around. I am there to have a good time so let's be safe out there on the trail.

On the 4th of July and October runs I had very few Jeepers willing to go with me. There must be some bad rumors going around! I have seen a lot of Jeeps built for the trail on Atlas and Tall Dog. Why, just this October, Tim Miller, Fuzzy, Mud Hogs and Screamin' had an exciting day on Atlas. Just remember, when you are sliding down a hill out of control, or your Jeep is on it's side, you're just having an experience that most people don't get to have! Broken parts are not a bad thing...it's good for the economy. Why do you think auto parts stores give us their after-hours phone numbers? And don't let dents, scratches and knotted-up winch lines bother you. It just looks like you have been somewhere!

When I was asked to write about the trail rides, my comments were "If I have to write about it, you've just taken the fun out of 4-wheeling. If you really want to know what happened you should have been there!" While in Wisconsin I told Cannonball that I like to keep a low profile, but he informed me that people with tall Jeeps can't keep a low profile. I do plan on going out in January with some yellow ribbons to mark a new trail, hopefully a little tougher than Tall Dog, just for Cannonball. Unfortunately, when he gets here, the yellow ribbons will probably be gone and the trail will be marked with blue paint from my Jeep. That is my goal for the year 2000! I hope to see everyone out there and I'll see you at the kick-off dinner!

Ma Earth Trail Ride

Submitted by Mary Ann Callarman



What a great turnout! There were eighty-six families attending the annual general meeting in October. Congratulations to the newest officers for next year: Lee Ator, Durrell Miller and Carl Seymour.

After the morning meeting we took off on our choice of three different trail rides. Since we went on County Line, I'll have to quote Pops in saying, "Anyone who was anybody went on County Line"!

Our fearless leaders, Screamin' and Gerald, split us into two groups at the trailhead. We followed Screamin'. Now, if you've ever gone on this trail you know that you pass about 5 or 6 gas stations on the way out, so we all want to know how it happened that Durrell ran out of gas near the beginning of the trail. Anyway, once he took care of that

problem everyone had fun watching the Cherokees make it through the creek. It had been very dry all month, but we still managed to find some mud! Screamin' dug out the wash for us and then had to winch us all up! Frank's engine was leaking oil, but he had extra on board and with a little help from Larry was on his way again. Woodpecker pulled apart his drive shaft, but had it repaired in no time. Terminator had to stop for repairs to his Jeep (he broke the front axle U-joint). He did a quick trail repair just above the creek.



Later that evening the Rockport 4H club again gave us a treat. The kids dressed up a special trail with ghosts and goblins to scare the Jeepers as they drove through in the dark. There were so many vehicles that Tom Wombles had us separate into two groups again! (You'll have to ask O.R. what he drove on the trail). At the end of the night, the 4H club sponsored a bonfire and weenie-roast for the club members and there were plenty of great desserts. Frank and Jude were good sports and wore costumes, along with Lee and Tammy Ator, Dusty and Bev Poor, (and others).

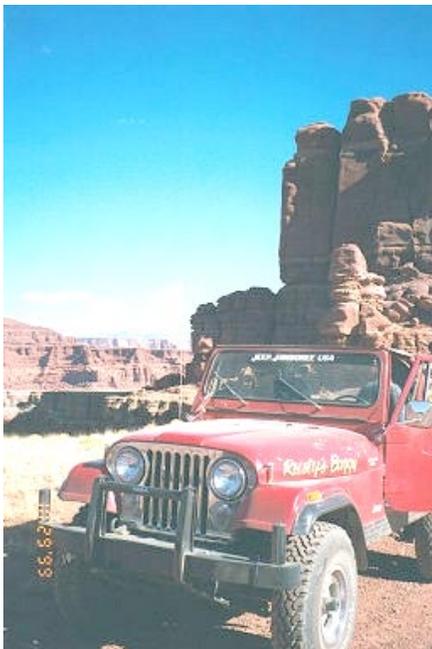
We passed the hat and gave the 4H club an extra \$272 that night for their hard work!

1st Annual Moab Jeep Jamboree

by Rusty Murphy

Lately I've had an interest in going to Moab, Utah - the mecca for off-roading, but several concerns had been holding me back. Was my Jeep "big enough", and could I handle the breakage that everyone seemed to acquire? Well, along comes a Jeep Jamboree at Moab! There are trails tame enough for the squeamish (like me...especially after a new paint job!).

I left home on a Monday, and drove long hours for slightly over two days by going out I-80 through Denver to I-70. My Durango towed the Scrambler nicely, limited only by the horribly rough pavement on I-80 before reaching the mountains. Well, I was sure glad for the 5.9 liter towing package (trans cooler) because the altitude sucked the power away the higher we went. Climbing out of Denver the temperature gauge started to climb even faster than we were! I opened the windows, put the heater on high and the blower on full, which slowed the heat levels, but after seeing vehicles (new models and old) on the highway's shoulder I became concerned for my transmission. I stopped before the Eisenhower tunnel (elevation 11,000 something) and opened the hood to see if anything had blown a leak. No leaks, so I went on. By now I had shifted down to 2nd and was moving along at 35 mph with the hazard's flashing (just like the big trucks, except most of them were passing me). Proceeded to the Vail pass rest area (elevation 10,000 something). Time for a break for the Durango and me. Trying to breathe while just climbing the stairs reminded me of the thin air. Apparently those rest stops help keep the transmission from overheating to the point of destruction because the rest of the way (primarily down) was o.k. and once below 9000 feet elevation the Durango had power back. At Moab I found out that several people towing their Jeeps from the eastern lowlands had the same struggle over the Rocky Mountains. One even considered unloading his Jeep and having his passenger drive the Jeep over the mountains while he drove the truck/trailer.



Arriving at Moab on Wednesday left me with some sightseeing time, so I walked in town and spent some money in the shops. Then I unloaded the CJ8 and visited Arches National Park, a short drive north of Moab. The land there is harsh but has a beauty in the contrast of flat sandy mesas and outcroppings of rock. Arches National Park is named because of the many arches, and I saw them all! The park was very quiet. On one path I just stopped and listened. It was so quiet that I heard the ravens from way off and the black beetle bug in the scrub bush and the wind coming before I felt it. No traffic, no refrigerator hum, no radio...no civilization noises at all. It began to get dark and the warm (almost hot) temperature became cold in the shade, and I was glad for the jacket, hat and gloves I brought and for the good Jeep heater!

At registration on Thursday I met Rick Sparks (the JJ coordinator) and because some people had cancelled he needed some tail-gunners. So, I helped with registration of the Chicken's Corner trail (rated 2-3). They were trying to have Saturday's trail run be only women (not even men passenger's), but that didn't work out, and on Friday I ate dust at the back of the pack. The trail is a dirt road with a few minor areas where the undercarriage could be scraped if the driver wasn't paying attention to tire placement. Our lunch stop was at wind caves, a rock pile where the wind had carved caves and the gecko's came to check out our lunches. The trail earned its name by one far-out corner with a steep rock on one side and a drop-off on the other. Not what someone (like me) who is used to the protection of trees wants to hear! As we got close some squawks were heard on the CB. Well, there must

have been some trail work done, because I was through before I realized it. My passenger (Jerry Miller of Jeep News, formerly known as Customer One), didn't blanch at the drop-off. On the other side of the corner is the Colorado River and across the river is Dead Horse mesa. Box canyons and mesas were used to corral horses and the story of this particular mesa is that wranglers had corralled some mustangs on the mesa, culled from the herd those horses they wanted, and left the others to starve. One story is that the remaining mustangs smelled the water far below them and leaped off the mesa.

Saturday I ate less dust at the back of the Seven Mile Rim trail (rated 4-5). Many of the Jeeps from Friday (mostly Grands) were also on this trail. (Nice to make new friends). This trail was far less dusty because of more rock. Now, I don't remember the different kinds, but our guide, Bob, was extremely knowledgeable and kept us informed (by name and how formed) of the geological wonders we were seeing and driving upon. We switched back up to the top of the canyon mesa, stopped at the top, and could see forever (or so it seemed) but Bob said it was only about 100 miles visibility. We were looking across the main road (hwy. 191) into and beyond Arches National Park. Then we made our way down and over toward the Monitor and Merrimac buttes. On the way we took a side trip to view fossilized dinosaur tracks that were three-toed tracks about a foot long in a large chunk of fallen rock. Bob had us climb up to see these and the layers of shale and sandstone the tracks had formed in. We could see a series of tracks where the dino had walked. Several trails on the JJ had places to view tracks.

After feeling insignificant on the time scale of life we went on to the major challenge of this trail, a section of side-hilling on slick rock. Slick rock is not slick unless you are a horse with shoes or have a wagon with wheels that will slide on the sandstone rock such as the Mormons had who gave slick rock its name. Of course, the Grands had no trouble, and me....well, I prefer trees on the downhill side rather than more slick rock for a loooooooooong way down! I crawled through that spot with white knuckles! And, oh, I forgot to tell you that my carburetor was doing ok at 6000 ft. except at idle. It seemed the mixture was a little rich and yucking up the innards so I wasn't sure I could keep a slow and steady pace with no sudden changes in motion as directed by Bob. Next we came to a short, steep downhill (rock of course) and up slick rock, and turn, and down steep slick rock on the other side. Bob gave us extensive directions and had us walk the spot. One Grand owner, with 9 JJ's of experience, bailed out and went back around the mesa to meet us at the wash on the way out. The rest of us just did it and we all agreed it was easier than it looked. We followed a wash to the county road and then to the highway. There were three trail casualties. One Grand lost its linkage, another had no 4 low but did have 2 and 4 high, and another had not one but two flat tires (same side) on the back side of the wash. He had forgotten to put his tires up on the sandstone ledges and rubbed the sidewalls, popping the bead on one tire and cutting his sidewall on the other. A matching spare was found, tires were changed, and we continued on. The only other casualty was my CB. The dust did it in.

We arrived back at about 7:45 p.m. just in time to eat (good food at this JJ) and for the raffle prizes and speeches. Following we went back to the hotel (Moab has LOTS of hotel rooms), loaded the Jeep, and packed the Durango for leaving the next morning. At breakfast I exchanged e-mail and snail mail addresses with my new Jeepin' friends and then started out for home.

I took my time through the mountains and had a flat on the trailer in Omaha, Nebraska. Black bungee cords across three lanes of traffic and 8 chances to stick a tire....got one! The trailer load-levelers worked overtime. I only had a sag on the flat side with no sways or jerks. When I got off the highway a gentleman exhibiting "Nebraska cornhusker hospitality" appreciated the high-lift jack's ability to raise a loaded trailer. A half mile down the road I had the flat fixed (no charge at the Goodyear dealer) and spent some time discussing the JJ with some folks from Wisconsin who were getting a flat fixed on their tow van.

I enjoyed my first experience at Moab, and yeah...it's time for some tougher wheeling!!

An Open Letter to Our Members . . .

October 28, 1999

Two Rivers Jeep Club
Pittsfield, IL

Re: Landowner Appreciation

Dear Membership:

This past weekend I attended the Halloween Trail Ride and since I was already in Pittsfield, I attended the annual board meeting. I feel a need to express my apologies to the landowners for my lack of participation at the appreciation weekends. When Tim Miller got up and told us about the extremely poor turnout and how disappointed he was, I felt sick.

One of the reasons I joined the TRJC was, in fact, because the wheeling land is privately held. In Wisconsin, where I am the editor of the Legendary Civilian Jeepers Club, we don't have that benefit. I just included a letter in our last newsletter for our membership to sign and mail to the Chief of the USDA Forest Service in Washington, D.C. We constantly fight to oppose their decision to have a "**CLOSED UNLESS POSTED OPEN**" policy. The TRJC members don't have this problem and it is due to the unselfish gift by the landowners. One of the other things I learned this weekend was how much money some of the landowners gave up by allowing us to trail ride on a weekend that the hunting clubs would have paid to have exclusive use of the land. This truly is a huge gift that we all benefit from and should not take for granted.

When I saw the schedule for the appreciation weekends I knew that one of them fell during an LCJ trail building weekend for the Northwoods Jamboree and the other was the 1st weekend of my family vacation. Like others, I told myself "they will have enough support; they don't need me". I won't make that mistake again. I would ask that all of us pledge our support to the landowners and make at least one if not both of the appreciation weekends next year. I would volunteer to make phone calls in advance of the weekends to insure that we have enough coverage if that is needed.

Let's not lose sight of the gifts we've been given.

On another note, Kim and I really enjoyed the Halloween Ride. Thanks to all who helped put that event together. Your time and efforts were much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ric Schultz
"FRAYED"

So! You Want To Fool Around With Mother Nature?

By the old "Doc"

Many of us have a vision of Mother Nature as a kind and gentle woman; a blending of your Grandma and Mother Theresa. This is just wrong, wrong, wrong! Combine the witch from "Snow White and the Seven Little Guys", the babe in "Fatal Attraction", Susan Lucchi (I don't know, the soap star that never wins), and Lizzie Borden and you will have a much more realistic picture!

Listed below are two rules to remember when you are dealing with Mother Nature:

RULE ONE: Mother Nature will kill you if she gets the chance!

She has a great many tools at her disposal to accomplish this, which are listed in no particular order.

- Gravity. While this is very helpful in keeping us from falling off the earth, it can also be used to kill you. A few examples that apply to Jeeps are dead limbs falling out of trees onto your head, your Jeep falling off your jack and onto you while you're under it, you and your Jeep falling off a five hundred foot ledge out in Moab. There are countless other examples, but you get the idea. Respect gravity and maybe it won't kill you.
- Electricity. Another good thing in some forms i.e. battery power to start your Jeep. Deadly in others i.e. lightning. I do not pretend to understand electricity (Tim Miller may be able to explain this to you) but I have seen cows and horses that have been struck by lightning and it's not a pretty sight. Think about this the next time you're in that canvas top Jeep above tree line and you see clouds starting to roll in. On-board welders are a great thing... just make sure that you are not the ground. Coil wires are another thing to stay away from while the engine is running. Respect electricity and maybe it won't kill you.
- Fire can be related to electricity but this is not always the case. Fire can be very useful for burgers, steaks, hot dogs, hot babes on cold nights... and your Jeep, when located in the combustion chamber of your engine. Very bad when located anywhere else in your Jeep. Buy one (or two) fire extinguishers and know how to use them. Be aware that some of the terrain we traverse is flammable so exercise caution with cigarette butts and exhaust systems. Of course, fire, if used improperly in the forest, Jeep, or workshop, can kill you. So respect it and maybe it won't.
- Heat and cold. I'm going to combine these two even though they have completely different effects on carbon based life forms, however, either can make you equally dead. If you choose to go outdoors in warm weather the only thing that keeps your body cool is sweat (I know, women do not sweat, they perspire). If this sweat evaporates you get cooler. Here in the Midwest sweating in the summer is not a problem, evaporation is. So you may not get cooler but you will lose fluid which in turn makes your blood get thicker, placing a larger load on the cardiovascular system and a rise in core temperature. There are lots of great medical terms for what can happen next, but they are not important. Just remember to drink lots of fluids (non alcoholic and preferably no caffeine). Slow down, and get out of the sun. If you don't feel better stop what you are doing and get to a cooler place. If you're still in distress, seek medical attention.

Now if you decide to go out in the cold you are faced with a different problem. You need to keep the core temperature up to normal range. Calories (yes, I know that this is an evil word in today's diet conscious society) will help keep you warm. Dress properly for the conditions (this is a whole article by itself), and be aware that some of the places we like to wheel can have huge temperature drops in a very short time. Wind and precipitation can greatly increase the loss of body temperature. This is especially true in smaller people, either children or adults (greater surface area to body mass ratio), so keep an eye on the kids. Hypothermia in small children can occur in what seems like mild temps if it's windy or rainy. If there is a problem, you will need to find a way to warm the individual (another whole article). Respect heat and cold and maybe they won't kill you.

- The laws of physics. **(Stop rolling your eyes; this stuff is important!)** Perhaps the most important concept for Jeepers is inertia. You know, a body in motion will stay in motion until acted upon by an outside force. Blah, blah, blah. Whatever. The idea here is that Jeeps have a much greater mass than you do, therefore you will not deflect the Jeep from its trajectory. So, stay out of the way! Be alert for falling Jeeps, flying Jeeps, slipping Jeeps, out of control Jeeps, Jeeps without drivers. In other words, stay awake! A modification of the inertia concept is that of stored inertia (yes, I'm aware of the proper term). Good examples of this are winch cables, tow straps, and trees that are under tension. If for any reason this energy should be released suddenly, the affected objects will move in a hurry. The best advice here is that unless you are directly involved in the procedure, stay much farther away than you think you need to be. Preferably behind a large solid object. (In a pinch, I've been known to use a large fellow Jeeper, but they tend to move out of the way if they see something coming). Respect the laws of physics and maybe they won't kill you.

RULE TWO: Always remember Rule One!

I did not write this article to scare anyone away from the great pastime of Jeeping. I have, over the years, seen all of the above ignored without anything bad happening. I have also witnessed a few tragedies. Please, be careful out on the trail! Off-highway (I think this is the politically correct term for wheeling now) travel requires you to be better prepared than the average driver going to the Stop and Rob for gas and a bottle of Pepsi. Learn all you can and go prepared!!



Things You Wouldn't Hear a Jeeper Say

by Carl Seymour

- **I prefer the interstate.**
- **A 4' lift is too much.**
- **Those street tires are perfect.**
- **Pee in the woods?**
- **I don't like mud.**
- **That hill is too steep.**
- **Where's Pike County?**
- **Airborn is stuck again.**
- **Aren't those tires a bit big?**
- **What's a CJ?**
- **These boulders are too big.**
- **Who's O.R. Freesen?**
- **Why would I want to try that?**
- **I can't go there!**
- **4-wheeling is boring.**

I know there's more stuff out there. I Let's see what the rest of you members can come up with for future newsletters!
-- Carl

Donations

By MaryAnn Callarman

During our club annual general meeting, we passed the “apron” for donations to the Farm Safety for Kids organization. Mary Ann donned a pair of “Pippi-Longstocking” ponytails, and explained how the Farm Safety Camp demonstrates to children how to safely live and work around farm machinery and livestock. Our members gave **\$348** to help educated kids in and around Pike County.

The TRJC members collected many boxes of canned goods during the Christmas Party, **totaling over 500 pounds**, to go to Pike County senior citizens. Members also donated **\$220** to purchase fresh food for the senior’s holiday baskets. Carl and Barb Seymour adopted 10 families from Pittsfield. Many thanks to them for organizing and delivering the holiday baskets from TRJC.



Personals

By MaryAnn Callarman

- Floyd Wombles suffered a stroke last October, and came home early December. His wife had her own bout in another hospital, but is also home. She thanks the TRJC members for all the cards and gifts sent to them. She said it will be a slow road to recovery, but after 53 years together, they can get through this.
- Our Webmaster, Paul Beyer was also hospitalized last month. He is home now and back to maintaining the site for us. Check out the latest changes at www.trjc.net.
- Pokey is doing much better. He is able to walk about a bit. He went hunting and even got himself a deer. (We forgot to ask how he got it home.) He will still have to be off work for a few more months.
- Rongway had an operation on his right arm, and is recuperating at home. He may be down for a few months, but he still won’t switch to an automatic in his CJ.



Club Member Discounts

If any club members are interested in Amsoil synthetic lubricants, filters, etc. please let me know. I’m now a dealer and will sell to club members at my cost.

Dave Christensen 630-393-3314 or davec@millenicom.com



1999 4x4 Blast

We're still getting feedback on how much fun folks had to the 4x4 Blast. Here's a message that someone left on my website. This is a real tribute to the members of our club who make guests feel so welcome!

Name: Carson
From: Quincy, Ill.
Time: 1999-10-05 00:34:29
Comments: Hi Dave. I'm the one with the Mitsubishi Montero that ran on the 1st Annual 4x4 Blast in August of '99. Had a blast and can't wait for the ones in the years to come! Everyone was so friendly to me even though I didn't really fit in. Oh, and don't take my E-Mail personally, Jeepers!



Dues are Due !

If you don't get your dues paid by 12/31/99 you will lose your membership privileges. Call the club phone number (630 717 5337) if you need an application. Even the complimentary memberships require a yearly application since we must have a current liability waiver on file!



Newsletter On-Line

We are implementing a trial of an electronic version of the Newsletter. So far, all of the 1999 issues including this one are available for you to download and view. The URL is

<http://www.millenicom.com/davec/TRJC/NL/>

Statistics are being collected to see how much use these get. If usage warrants, we'll keep them current. Any questions or problems with access to the issues, send email to davec@millenicom.com



Events

The following page is a table of TRJC events for 2000. The next issue will have a list of national events, but we couldn't fit it into this newsletter. Please note that the official list of TRJC and National events is now on the web at <http://www.millenicom.com/davec/TRJC/Events/> or use the links from our club website <http://www.trjc.net>

The website has more information, including who to contact and, for national events, if TRJC members are attending and who is coordinating. For those of you without access to the web, updates will be published in the newsletter. Since the national events list changes on almost a weekly basis, you may want to contact someone with web access who can give you a more current update.

Upcoming Events

2000 Two Rivers Jeep Club Calendar

Date		TRJC Event	Location	Time
Jan	22	Awareness Class	VFW, Pittsfield	9:00 AM
		Kick off dinner and Board meeting	VFW, Pittsfield	6:00 PM
Feb	5	Organizational Meeting for 4x4 Blast	VFW, Pittsfield	7:00 PM
	5,6	Trail Building Weekend	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
	19,20	Trail Building Weekend	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
Mar	4	Board Meeting	VFW, Pittsfield	7:00 PM
	4,5	Trail Building Weekend	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
	18,19	Trail Building Weekend	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
Apr	1,2	Trail Building Weekend	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
	15,16	Trail Building Weekend	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
	29,30	Trail Building Weekend	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
	29	Board Meeting	VFW, Pittsfield	7:00 PM
May	6,7	Trail Building Weekend	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
	19-21	Land of Lincoln Jamboree	Pittsfield	
	27	Memorial Day Picnic		
Jun	10-11	Father's Day Run	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
Jul	1	Board meeting	VFW, Pittsfield	7:00 PM
	1-2	July 4th Run	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
	22,23	Trail Building Weekend	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
Aug	12,13	Trail Building Weekend	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
	18	Board meeting	VFW, Pittsfield	7:00 PM
	18-20	4x4 Blast (tentative)	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
Sep	16	Club run to Badlands	Attica, IN	7:00 AM
Oct	28	Annual meeting	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
	28-29	Ma Earth Halloween Run	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
Nov				
Dec		Christmas Party		

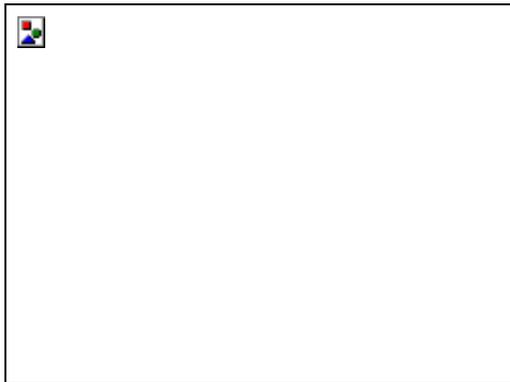


United Four Wheel Drive Associations Instructor Awareness Training

By Dora Fang

Let's Go Jeepin sponsored a United Four Wheel Drive Associations (UFWDA) 4WD Awareness Program and Instructor Training session held over the weekend of November 13-14th. United's 4WD Awareness Coordinator Chris Tefke flew in from Baltimore, Maryland to teach the course. Dave Christensen, Dora Fang, O.R. Freesen, Rodney Lewis, Rudy Martinez, Graham McNeill, Tim Miller, Tony Sain, Garry Shadwick, Gary Schreiter, Dan Wieringa, and Bill Zoetvelt attended the course.

Dora Fang, who owns Let's Go Jeepin, originally set up in course this summer in order to certify her guides and assistants through UFWDA. She arranged for Chris Tefke from UFWDA to fly to Chicago. Once the trip was confirmed, Dora called the club and offered some spots for interested club members.



The course had two components – 4WD awareness and an instructor training course. The student course was a good “back to the basics” refresher course that reminded all of us of things we could do differently or had simply forgotten. Vehicle basics, driving skills, challenges, recovery, maintenance, trip checklists, etc. were covered in the student course. The instructor course took place on Sunday morning and was geared toward training us how to convey the material we had covered in the student course to other people. UFWDA also covered proven strategies and helpful hints on managing a class of varying experience levels.

The following people were certified to be Chief Instructors: Dave Christensen, Dora Fang, Graham McNeill, Garry Shadwick, and Gary Schreiter. The following were certified to be In-field Instructors: O.R. Freesen, Tim Miller, Dan Wieringa, and Bill Zoetvelt. Dave and Graham will be the club's “northern” Chief Instructors; and Garry and Gary will be the “southern” Chief Instructors. O.R., Tim, and Bill will assist with the sessions as they are available. Dora, Dan, and Bill will be the certified instructors for Let's Go Jeepin.

The club's goal is to have most, if not all, trail guides take the course by the Jamboree. Once trail guides have finished, the class will be open to anyone in the club. The first offering, for trail guides, will be held from 9 AM to 3 PM on January 22. Tim Miller will contact Trail Guides for pre-registration.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact any of the TRJC instructors.



UFWDA Membership

Now that we have joined UFWDA, each member of Two Rivers is now a member of UFWDA. UFWDA publishes a newspaper called the “United's Voice” that deals with off-highway issues, land closure issues, and other articles of interest to four wheelers. The reduced subscription cost, now that TRJC is a member, is only \$6.00 per year. If you are interested, send UFWDA a check for \$6.00 to subscribe. Make sure you tell them you are a member of TRJC. Their address is:

**United Four Wheel Drive
4505 W. 700 S.
Shelbyville, IN 46176**



Annual Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Graham McNeill

October 23, 1999

Date: October 23rd, 1999
Time: 8.00am, CST
Place: Pike County Farm Bureau Building, Pittsfield, IL
Present: O.R. Freesen, John Toumbs, Graham McNeill, MaryAnn Callarman, Tim Miller, Hamer Tate, Don Walston, Gary Williams, Tom Wombles
Absent: Kris Hunt

The meeting was opened at 8.17am with a quorum present. 86 memberships were present

O.R. Freesen opened the meeting by singing the Beatle's song "It Just Getting Better all the Time" followed by introducing the current Board of Directors and welcoming club members.

The minutes of the 1998 Annual General Meeting were approved as read.

By-Law Changes – Article 1 – Board of Directors, Section 2 – Number and Qualifications. To add one permanent, non-elected, non-officer, voting seat on the Board of Directors for Tom Wombles as Founder. Approved by unanimous decision.

President's Report: O.R. Freesen reported that the year started off rough with executive sessions but that the club has grown back together. Monetary donations from the club are at an all time high. O.R. recognized the newsletter team – Frank and Jude Fleeger, Dave Christensen and MaryAnn Callarman and Webmaster Paul Beyer for their efforts. He also reported that the Land of Lincoln Jeep Jamboree was the best in the country and that our own 4X4 BLAST was excellent. He stated that the response to Donnie Walston's accident was overwhelming and unbelievable and thanked everyone for their support.

Treasurer's Report: Graham McNeill – Current checking account balance is \$12,017.33 and does not include any year 2000 membership dues. Total income for 1999 thus far is \$20,017.33 with expenses at \$19,881.80 leaving a net income of \$135.53.

Secretary's Report: Graham McNeill – Current membership stands at 239 memberships which comprises 200 Paid, 29 Landowner, 4 Courtesy and 6 Board of Director memberships. The club is represented by memberships from Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan and Ohio. Club trail run weekend participation averaged 65 memberships, Trail Building

weekends averaged 33 memberships, Landowner Appreciation weekends averaged 15 memberships.

Communication's Report: MaryAnn Callarman – Newsletter costs for 1998 were \$1,426.00 and \$1,623.00 for 1999 with the Web Page costing \$750.00 for 1999. MaryAnn thanked the membership for all the support given her and offered support to her successor and volunteered to continue to be active in raising money for the needy in Pike County. MaryAnn made an appeal for donations to "The Farm Safety for Kids Program".

Elections to the Board of Directors for 2000: Lee Ator, Durrell Miller and Carl Seymour were elected for a three-year term.

O.R. Freesen introduced one of the club founders Mr. Harry Wright. Harry welcomed everyone on behalf of the Pike County Board. He appealed for help in keeping lands open for hunters and Jeepers. He report that the Department of Natural Resources in Springfield was attempting to limit the use of private lands by hunters which would eventually also restrict the club's use of these lands.

Landowner Appreciation: Tim Miller – A request was made for a much bigger effort at next year's appreciation weekends.

Trail Leaders, Trail Maintenance and Safety: Tim Miller – Tim stated that year 2000 would be a year of awareness and safety on the trails with more Jeeps on the trails than ever before. A safety inspection program of Jeeps will be instituted in the new year. A UFWDA training was announced for Nov. 13th and encouraged as many members as possible to attend.

Logo Development and Club Apparel: - Graham McNeill announced a new two piece windshield decal that would available to all members a no cost with additional decals available for \$5.00 each.

Special Events/4X4 BLAST: John Toumbs announced that we will be using the VFW as a staging area and as a club house starting next year at a very minimal cost and no contract. It is possible that food will be available for major events. The 4X4 BLAST was reported as a great success with the club making \$5,940.98 profit. An overview of the statistics and suggestions from the participant's questionnaires were presented.

Don Walston thanked the membership for its prayers, money and tears following his accident. He asked that members make sure their vehicles are safe.

OR Freesen recognized the retiring Board of Directors – John Toumbs, Kris Hunt and MaryAnn Callarman for their efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.10am.

Note: The next board meeting of the Two Rivers Jeep Club Board of Directors will be held on January 22nd, 2000 at 7.00pm CST, at the VFW Hall in Pittsfield, Illinois.

ANNUAL SECRETARY REPORT

October 23rd, 1999

I. Membership Classifications Summary: -

	January 1998	January 1999	October 1999
Individual (Paid)	31	42	60
Family (Paid)	82	106	140
Landowner (Non-Paid)	9	28	29
Courtesy (Non-Paid)	1	2	4
Board of Directors (Non-Paid not incl. Landowners)	0	6	6
Totals	123	184	239

II. Geographical Membership Statistics:

States Represented by Membership -	January 1999		October 1999	
Illinois	151	82.1%	198	83.0%
Missouri	16	8.7%	17	7.1%
Indiana	4	2.2%	7	2.9%
Wisconsin	8	4.4%	12	5.0%
Iowa	2	1.1%	2	.8%
Kansas	1	.5%	1	.4%
Michigan	1	.5%	1	.4%
Ohio	1	.5%	1	.4%
Totals	184		239	

III. Trail building/Club Run Participation Statistics:

Date	Event	Memberships	Total Participants
January 23	Kick Off Dinner	52	87
February 06	Trail building	28	36
February 20	Trail building	28	37
March 6	Trail building	34	37
March 20	Trail building	33	50
April 03	Trail building	28	41
April 17	Trail building	Rained out	
May 01	Trail building	42	56
May 08	Trail building	35	53
June 13	Father's Day Run	60	107
July 4	July 4 th Run	50	109
July 17	Landowner Appreciation	14	19
August 14	Landowner Appreciation	20	28
August 21	4X4 Blast	63	112
October 23	Ma Earth Run		



ANNUAL TREASURER REPORT

October 23rd, 1999



1999 Cash Flow Summary (January 1 – October 23)

Beginning Balance January 1 1999	12,574.01
Income	20,017.33
Expenses	19,881.80
	\$12,709.54

October 23rd, 1999 Checking Account Balance

1999 Financial Analysis - See itemization for further details.

INCOME

Membership Dues	2,865.55
4X4 BLAST	14,951.78
Jeep Jamboree	1,000.00
City of Pittsfield	1,000.00
Fund Raisers	200.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$20,017.33

EXPENSES

4X4 Blast	7,881.80
Office/Admin. Fees	3,365.73
Entertainment	2,258.73
Equipment	196.99
Gifts Given	1,899.03
Insurance	1,129.00
Jeep Jamboree	696.46
Rent	200.00
Telephone	1,004.28
Web Page	749.78
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$19,881.80
NET INCOME	\$ 135.53



club Store and Want Ads



Classified should be limited to Jeep or vehicle related items between members of the club. A business desiring to advertise may do so on our business page every 2nd or 3rd issue, as space permits. We ask that businesses donate an item or money that can be given to those in need in Pittsfield and Pike Country.

For Sale:

- Complete set of 5 axles, 3 front (inner and outer) and 2 rear (no c-clip) for Dana 30 & Dana 35. Spare U-joints included. \$250.00
- Factory rebuilt ARB locker for a Dana 35. \$300.00
Dave Christensen, 630-393-3314 or davec@millenicom.com
- 1988 YJ, 44,000 miles with a 75,000-mile Factory Transferable Warranty, 4.0L 6cyl. 5 speed, sway bar disconnect, Bright red with tan top/interior, ARB compressor w/extra quick-connect, 3 tops: Factory hardtop, soft top, bikini top, 4:10 gears w/front and rear ARB, Air conditioning, 3"skyjacker lift with 2"body lift, JVC CD player w/sound bar & remote, Shanco rear rock bumper w/2"receiver, Deluxe interior, 8000lb Warn winch, Chrome front bumper, 32" BFG Mud Terrain's, Chrome front grille, American Racing Aluminum Wheels, Wider xenon fender flares, Yellow Top Optima Deep cycle battery, 1" Sound/thermal lining under carpet. This Jeep has tackled every 8-9 TRJC trail!

Asking \$12,900-o.b.o. Willing to remove some options to reduce price.

Also available for sale: Code 3 Intensity Strobe light bar with multiple custom off road lights and "Arrowstik" traffic directing lights, Code 3 "Mastercom" 200watt siren and light control-Perfect for Fireman or other 1st responders. Also 40channel Maxon CB with in-Jeep mic/amp cradle and "snap out" belt clip radio feature. These are currently installed on Jeep will sell in addition to Jeep or remove. Also have original Wrangler springs, shocks, gears and chrome bumperetts – make offer!

Drew Smith 314-394-0141

	<p>Let's Go Jeepin, Inc.</p> <p>www.letsgojeepin.com 773-395-8462 info@letsgojeepin.com</p> <p>off-road adventures four wheel drive instruction</p>
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Let's Go Jeepin Offers Four Wheel Drive Instruction

By Dora Fang

One of our members, Dora Fang, started Let's Go Jeepin, Inc. (LGJ) this summer and offers four wheel drive instruction at the Badlands Off-Road Park in Attica, Indiana. Dan Wieringa helps with LGJ's marketing efforts, and club member Bill Zoetvelt is a trail guide for LGJ. The 1.5 day outing includes a half day of classroom, and two half days of guided trails through the Badlands. They cover vehicle and 4WD basics, trail safety and etiquette, and driver education in the classroom portion. Clients are shown the difference that airing down and disconnecting anti-swaybars have on their own vehicles by ramping on the 23 degree RTI ramp before and after airing down and disconnecting. Clients also practice on a test course which has small rocks, a hill climb, moguls, pea gravel, a steep descent, and some off-camber. The final exercises before hitting the trail involve aiming for small rocks with their tires and making tight turns through safety cones to teach tire placement and raise awareness of body panels. Silver trail is a LGJ trail that was designed for teaching purposes. Day two's trails are more challenging and build on the skills and knowledge from day one. Trails for the second day include the silver and green trails at the park, as well as the pea gravel bowl and rock quarry. Clients have ranged from a built up 1983 CJ to a two week old 2000 Grand Cherokee. More information, testimonials, and pictures can be found at <http://www.letsgojeepin.com>. Contact Dora at dora@letsgojeepin.com or 773-395-8462 for an information packet. Gift certificates are available and are a great way to introduce one of your loved ones to the fun of jeepin!

Happy 2000 to All Two Rivers Jeep Club Members

*May your tires stay puncture-free
and may your U-joints never sieze
May your engine run like clockwork
may you never lose your keys
May your lockers last forever
and your tie-rods never bend
And should a part go hay-wire
may it be cheap to mend
May you never run outta gas while
you're a hundred miles from home
May you find the fun you're looking for
wherever you may roam
And when the day is over
and your buddy buys a round
May your designated driver
get you back home safe and sound!*

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