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Spring is Here

by Dave Christensen

Wow! Does time fly. Spring is here and this is the last newsletter until after the Illini 4x4 Safari. Here what's happening in Two Rivers for the next few months:

April 12: Trail Builder

April 26: Trail Builder, Board Meeting and Tom's Appreciation Party

May 8: Stormin' Springfield III

May 10: Trail Builder

May 15: Start of the 2nd Annual Illini 4x4 Safari

May 23: All newsletter articles due

May 31: Picnic and "demo derby" at Rooster's

June 14: Father's Day Run and Board Meeting

Please check www.trjc.com for all the latest updates to events and any changes to the schedule. If you don't have an internet connection, you may want to check with someone that does to make sure you are up to date with any changes.

Thanks to Doug Maxheimer who has been writing Trail Builder articles for the web site. Come on folks, help him out, please. Some of you are very talented writers. We'll need your write ups not only for the web site but also for the Safari issue of the newsletter.

Carl asked me to put in a notice that the Lions Club will be collecting eyeglasses at the Safari and Blast. They need your old eyeglasses and will give them to folks who can't afford glasses. Your generosity may help someone to see better. There will be a place to deposit your old glasses at both events.

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Membership: Annual membership in Two Rivers Jeep Club runs from January 1 through December 31. First time memberships accepted after June 1 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 for members who have participated in two work events (or equivalent) in the past year and \$120 for first year new members or those who have not met the work requirement. Landowners are given a complimentary membership.

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 15th of the month before the newsletter will be published.

Newsletter Article Submission

All articles and photos should be submitted to the appropriate columnist listed below. If you're not sure who to send it to, you can always send it directly to the newsletter Editor. 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. (Low resolution Jpg won't work.) Scanned photos may be sent directly to davec@millenicom.com.

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Next Newsletter Deadline: May 20

The Trail of Life

Submitted by Chief

Okay guys. You're killing me here. Every two months I get an e-mail reminder from Jude that it is time for another installment for the newsletter. Every two months I find myself frantically searching for information to include. This year it has been especially difficult because this "retirement thing" takes a lot of time and I have not been able to get to a work weekend to snoop around for information. I think I did forget to mention in the last Tracker that Mrs. Chief and I were blessed with our 6th grandchild, a little girl named Madelyn Marie. Luckily, just in time for this column, we were informed that we will be expecting our 7th sometime in October. (Don't panic. Different daughter!).

Congratulations to Dave and Connie Christensen on the birth of their first grandchild. On New Year's Eve their daughter, Amanda, presented them with a lovely little girl named Kailey. Also, as you read this, Connie has been discharged from the hospital following a knee replacement and is at home recovering from her surgery.

If you have any Trail of Life happenings you would like to share, e-mail me at chief351hfpd@msn.com or snail-mail Steve Gambrell, 396 N. Sunnyside Rd., Decatur, IL 62522. I will even accept phone calls. 217-423-2917.

Hopefully my schedule will clear out and I will see you on the trail.

Words of Wisdom: Today is a gift. That's why they call it the present.~

New Members

We welcome the following new members to TRJC:

Tim Haessler - Lisle, IL - 03 TJ - tjhsystm@aol.com
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Bloopie of the Month

Submitted by Screamin'



"Hey, Randy. Do you think we should let Gary know he's stuck on that rock?"
"Naah. If he can't get unstuck we can use his Jeep for parts!"

Fun Photo of the Month

Submitted by Jude



"What recently retired landowner/board member has been driving his wife's stock Liberty through the canyons of Arizona?"

Feature Jeep

Submitted by Sparky

Here is an awesome 1988 XJ Cherokee Jeep that always seems to do what no one expects it to (unless it is in a parking lot ☺!!!). Sponge Bob's Jeep truly does more than it looks like it can. Maybe it's the driver...nah! (Hey, Sponge, just kidding! It's fun watching you show up Screamin' all the time!).

Sponge Bob joined the club in 2002 and quickly got himself involved. Sponge has been elected to the TRJC board as the Communication Chairperson. He is always anxious to get dirty and lend a hand. So, say "hi" to Sponge and his wife Tammy when you see them on the trails. Check out the specs below:

- 3" home brew lift
- 31" tires
- open diffs
- custom made bumpers and rock sliders
- 4.0 H.O. with NP231 t-case
- custom storage box

- Future upgrades include;
- Rubicon Express 5.5 extreme duty lift (new in box ready to go)
- A full bumper to bumper cage
- Making it a convertible
- Lockers, gears, axles & tires ~



Where's the Rest of the Articles??

That's what we'd like to know. Doug has submitted some great articles for the web site on the recent trail builders but no one has submitted anything for the newsletter. There have been questions asked in the past if we even need to maintain a newsletter with so much being done electronically on the web. However, there are a lot of folks (almost 45% of the club membership) that don't have internet access and this is the only way they get club information. SO – unless we get some articles to go into the newsletter, we may eventually move to all electronic. So please – send in your article for the newsletter!

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