

Upcoming Events

2007 Event Schedule

The 2007 TRJC Event Schedule has been approved and is found on page 2. Pages 3 and 4 describe the events in more detail. Based on your requests, this year more events have been added for members only. If you have suggestions to improve the events or suggestions for new ones, please email trjc1@trjc.com or call the club phone at 866-483-3982 toll free.

Christmas Party

Reserve December 9! The annual Christmas Party will be held December 9 at the VFW. Doors will open at 5 PM with the meal starting around 6. There will be an optional gift exchange. Postcards will be sent out with the details.

New Year's Day Run

Tom and Debbie are again sponsoring their New Year's Day run at their new park in Hannibal MO. All members of Two Rivers are invited to attend this public run. Details of the run, including the cost, may be found at www.rorp.com or by calling the park at 217-437-5337.

Annual Kickoff Dinner

February 3 has been set as the date for our first Trail Builder (or snow run if there is snow.) In addition, the first Board Meeting of the New Year will be held as well as our annual kickoff dinner. This year there will be no auction, instead members will have an opportunity to linger after the meal, renew old friendships and meet some of the newer members of the club and have a chance to talk with them.

TRJC 2007 Calendar of Events

Date		Time	TRJC Event	Location
Dec 2006	9	5:00 PM	2006 Christmas Party	VFW, Pittsfield
Jan	1	all day	TRJC Invited to Hannibal Rocks	Hannibal, MO
Feb	3	8:00 AM	Trail Building (Snow run if there is snow)	VFW, Pittsfield
		3:30 PM	Board Meeting	
		5:00 PM	Kickoff Dinner	
	17	8:00 AM	Trail Building	
	20	Registration opens for the Illini Safari		
Mar	3	8:00 AM	Vehicle Recovery Techniques Seminar	VFW, Pittsfield
		8:00 AM	Trail Building	
	17	8:00 AM	Trail Building	
	31	8:00 AM	Member Appreciation Day: 1. Fool's Day on the Knob and other fun trails 2. Catered Member Appreciation Dinner	
		5:30 PM		
Apr	21	8:00 AM	Trail Building	VFW, Pittsfield
		6:00 PM	Board Meeting	
May	5	8:00 AM	Trail Building	VFW, Pittsfield
	16	Registration opens for the 4x4 <i>BLAST</i>		
	17-19	5 PM Thu	6th Annual Illini 4x4 Safari (open to public)	American Legion, Pittsfield
Jun	23	8:00 AM	Miller's TNT Farm Father's Day Run	VFW, Pittsfield
Jul	7	8:00 AM	1. Ladies Day on the Trail and	VFW, Pittsfield
		5:00 PM	2. An Evening at the Movies	
	28	8:00 AM	Trail Building	
		6:00 PM	Board meeting	
Aug	9-11	5 PM Thu	9th Annual 4x4 Blast (open to public)	American Legion, Pittsfield
Sep	8	8:00 AM	Better Late Than Never July 4th Run	VFW, Pittsfield
		5:00 PM	Board Meeting	
Oct	13	8:00 AM	Annual General Meeting and Board Elections	VFW, Pittsfield
		9:00 AM	Board Meeting	
		10:00 AM	Ma Earth Run	
	20-21	all day	Pike County Fall Color Tour	Pike Co.
Nov	3	1:00 PM	Board Meeting (2008 Event Planning)	VFW, Pittsfield
Dec	8	5:00 PM	Christmas Party	VFW, Pittsfield

To help with planning and advertising, dates for the 2008 Safari and Blast have been set:

May 15 - 17, 2008: 7th Annual Illini 4x4 Safari
Aug. 7 - 9, 2008: 10th Annual 4x4 *BLAST*

2007 Event Details

As always, information for each event will be in the newsletter and on the web site.

New Year's Day Ride

- This is an RORP event open to anyone. TRJC members are invited to attend. It's a good way to start off the New Year and meet folks from other clubs. RORP charges a fee for this event.

Board Meetings

- Board meetings are at various times and locations this year to more closely fit in with existing events. These meetings are always open to all members of Two Rivers.

Trail Building Weekends

- These leave from the VFW at 9 AM. Breakfast is available at the VFW on Trail Builder Saturday mornings starting at 7 AM.
- Concern was raised about those who may not be able to make any of the scheduled trail builders due to their schedules. Trail Guides have the ability to schedule work on additional weekends if they first clear the schedule with the Trail Coordinator and the Landowner(s). If you want to work on another weekend, contact a Trail Guide or the Trail Coordinator and he'll see if there are enough volunteers to warrant an extra weekend.
- If any information is posted on the forum about any trail building weekend or checking to see who is going, make sure that folks know these weekends are members only. Non-members can read the forum posts. Due to insurance requirements, we cannot accommodate any non-member who might randomly show up based on forum posts.

Member's Appreciation Day (Fool's Day on the Knob) and Lady's Day on the Trail

- These two new events have been added to provide more opportunities for club members to go wheeling and to socialize.
 1. **Member's Appreciation Day (Fool's Day on the Knob)** – The trail guides on Susie's Knob have been busy creating a number of new options. These will be opened for the first time on March 31, the day before April Fool's Day. Don't let Susie's scare you off! Many of these options will be easily doable by most vehicles. Of course, there will be other trails available for members to enjoy that day also. In the evening, we'll meet at the VFW and caravan to Hamer & Jenny Tate's place for a catered meal. This should prove to be a *fun* day!
 2. **Lady's Day on the Trail and an Evening at the Movies** - The ladies of or club are encouraged to come on out and drive the trails that day. If you haven't driven on any trail before, this is an excellent opportunity to learn. BYOM. (Bring your own mechanic!) But for the guys, if you come down by yourself or your partner doesn't want to drive, it's OK. You won't have to dress in drag to participate. After a hot day on the trails, plans are to meet at the Route 54 Drive-In theater south of town for a cookout and then sit back in your Jeeps and watch a movie. As details get firmed up, you'll be notified. This also should be a great time!

Kickoff Dinner, Father's Day Run, Better Late Than Never Run, Ma Earth Run, Christmas Party

- Members will be notified of these event details via the newsletter and web site.

Vehicle Recovery Techniques Seminar

- John Toumbs and his helpers will run a ½ day seminar on Recovery Techniques. Some of the questions to be answered will be:
 - How do I know whether to strap or winch?
 - What do I do if there is no safe place to attach a winch or strap?
 - What kind of strap should I buy?
 - When should I "double line"?
 - What are the most important things to do when recovering someone from a mud pit (other than taking incriminating photos for the newsletter.)

John's plans are to meet at the VFW, have folks pack a lunch and then go out on a trail and hold the seminar there, in a real environment. This course will be excellent for those new to wheeling and our club and will also be a good refresher for Trail Guides, Helpers and any members that want to attend. RSVPs will be required and details will follow in subsequent newsletters.

Safari and *BLAST*

- Dates have been set for 2007 **and** 2008. We need volunteers and new ideas from members. If you are willing to help, please contact our coordinator Kelly Knoll at 815-978-9802. With out your support and help, we cannot continue to sponsor these two events.

Annual General Meeting, Ma Earth Run and Pike County Fall Color Tour

- This year we held the AGM concurrent with the Fall Color Tour. The weather wasn't the greatest and neither was the turnout. For 2007, the AGM will be held a couple weeks ahead of the Color Tour and a Trail Ride will once again be part of the event. Also this year for the Color Tour, we did not sponsor Jeep rides as in the past. For next year we may resume that popular event but we'll make that decision in a few months.

If you have any questions about these events, or suggestions, please email trjc1@trjc.com or call the club phone. This is your club and these events are for you so please let us know if we're meeting your expectations.

Will this be your last Newsletter?

Membership renewals are due and have been sent out. If you did not receive yours, please use the copy attached to this newsletter. **By January 1, your name will be removed from the club roster if you have not renewed.** We realize not all members renew each year as interests and time constraints change. But if you want to remain a member of the best wheelin' club in the Midwest, please rejoin today!

Board Elections



Officers, left to right: Hamer Tate, Lee Ator, Frannie Suhre, Gary Williams

At the Annual General Meeting, elections for the Board were held. Since there were no additional candidates, the existing Board Members were re-elected.

Officers were selected as follows:

President: Lee Ator
Vice-President: Gary Williams
Secretary: Frannie Suhre
Treasurer: Hamer Tate

Please give the board members a phone call and let them know how much you appreciate their support for our club. Their phone numbers and email addresses are included later in this newsletter.

Thanks from the Gilberts

Two Rivers Jeep Club members,

It was two years ago, Oct. 28, that my wife Val was diagnosed with cancer. At times it seems like yesterday, at times it seems an eternity ago. Following many surgeries, a full year of chemo treatments, radiation and many more procedures, she is well and doing fine. There is no indication that there is cancer in her body. It is by the grace of God that she is with us today, that she is a wonderful mother, grandmother and wife, does a great job at work, and serves our church as praise and worship leader. We both want to thank you for remembering her in your prayers, thoughts and conversations. You have helped smooth the path on this difficult journey, and for that we are grateful.

Walt and Valerie Gilbert

Trail of Life

By Chief

As I began to write this column, I found myself typing out the old cliché about another Jeepin' season has come and gone, and how fast the time has passed. And even though all that is true, it's a boring way to start a column. So, hey what's to write about? The raccoon activity around here has really slowed down. I think the word has finally gotten out to the raccoon world, that the current resident will use the necessary force to protect his home from their ravaging. Due to the hectic schedule I imposed upon myself this summer, I had to miss several opportunities to enjoy running the trails. I did however experience something I must admit I enjoyed just as much and maybe even a little more than Jeepin'. Sorry, but it **was** a blast.

In late July, I had the opportunity to accompany the Decatur based 106th Aviation Regiment, in their Blackhawk helicopters, to a training exercise at the National Guard training facility in Marseilles, IL. The 106th had recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq. The young men and women's dedication to duty made me very proud to be able to fly with them. We flew from Decatur to Marseilles at 1500 feet altitude, 125 knots, with the doors open. What a rush!! I had a seat, that with just a turn of my head, I could look straight down to the ground. The patchwork of colors of the farm ground was beautiful. It's amazing how many swimming pools there are in the backyards of the farms we flew over. Upon arriving at the training facility, I was allowed to participate in a rifle firing exercise using the million dollar firing range simulator. This is a system which projects various scenarios on a screen and the various rifles are wired to a system which causes a recoil and a pop just as if you were firing live rounds. We did a beach landing, an ambush, and a night firing assault. After we finished at the range, we moved to the rappelling wall, a sixty foot wooden tower with rubber tire shavings all around the bottom, just in case you came down a little fast. It has been a while since I did any rappelling, but with the expert coaching provided, it was just like riding a bike, I came down in good shape. We were scheduled to do some more drills, but the weather was deteriorating and it was decided to get the birds back home. MRE's were given out and we loaded back up into the Blackhawks.

Okay, now is when I shine. After a day of activity which could have caused extreme bodily harm, hanging out of a helicopter, diving down a sixty foot wall on a tiny little rope, and shooting electronic weapons my cat-like reflexes let me down, literally. After an uneventful flight back to Decatur and all the thank yous and good byes were said, I was walking out of the hanger to the parking lot when I stepped sideways off the edge of the sidewalk. After doing a little footwork that would have made Michael Flatley, with his "Feet of Flames" jealous, I went careening sideways eight feet right into the wall of the building. If I was on a catapult, I could not have hit the wall any harder. My glasses put a two inch gash in my temple and the impact of hitting the wall separated my right shoulder. My first reaction was to look around to see if I had been caught on any electronic surveillance cameras. Those who came to my aid wanted to laugh, but was afraid I was really hurt. I managed to find my glasses in several pieces and popped my shoulder back into place so I could move my arm. Seems the only permanent damage was my pride, and God knows it has many scars from some of my previous adventures. Even with the crash at the end, it was a great day. The men and women of the 106th took excellent care of us. It was really an honor to spend the time with them. So I guess I will go back to Jeepin' and try not to walk anymore than I have to.

I have not received any information to pass along to you. If the editor has anything, he will add what he has.

Words of Wisdom: Why is it our children cannot read the Bible in school, but they can in prison?

AND--

Life is like a roll of toilet paper, the closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

See Ya on the Trail,
Chief

Catt on a Hot Tin Roof



My first experience with the Two Rivers Jeep Club began at the first 4 X 4 Blast back in 1998. In the past six years, I have been a member of the TRJC. I am currently in my second term as a Board Member for TRJC. During this time, I have volunteered as a Trail Leader for Suzy's Knob as well as bribed my wife to even get hitched to me during the May 2003 Safari.

Over the years I have been blessed to meet many new friends. I've enjoyed the camaraderie of all the new and old club members that I've had the chance to spend trailing time with. I look forward to many more events and the new friends I will encounter along the way. I might even let my wife drive a trail or two. It is the least I can do since I had her competing in the 2006 R-Rock competitions. She really is a TRJC trooper. Till next time, keep on Jeeping.

Cordially,
James Catt



Lisa Catt competing at the August 2006 R-Rock competition. "TRJC girls do it better".

Thanks from John Toumbs

Hi TRJC Members -----

I want to thank everyone that came to the Top Shop events this year and cheered for Team Toumbs Repair, we had a great year.

I'll give you a little idea on how Top Shop works. Rockport Off-road park hosted a spring regional event on May 6th and 7th, where there were 8 shops that competed, 4 from the western division, 4 from the eastern division.

The shops paid an entry fee of \$250.00 each, that was split up between the top 3 spots, that they donated to the charity of their choice (all 100% of the entry fees went to charity.) Each shop brought 3 rigs that best represented their shop. We competed for two days. The first stage of the day was the mud pit, farthest run wins. The second stage was the technical trail where there were cones and flags using a point system where the driver needed to stay in the confines of the trail without hitting flags or timing out. Lowest score wins. Third stage for the day was the timed trail run where you run through a narrow trail with mud and rocks. Fastest time wins. The second day held a dump truck pull up a grade where the farthest pull wins. Last for the second day was a very challenging rock course where you had to miss cones and flags within a given time. Lowest score wins.

Toumbs Repair, with team captain Tim Miller, John Toumbs, spotter Randy Whitaker, Brad Behymer, spotter Kurt Reische, Alan Grady, spotter Thomas Grady (all TRJC club members) won the regional event with a score of 469.1 for the eastern division and the win overall. Each driver won their own event, Brad got a score of 100 in the mud bog, John won the technical trail with a score of - 5, which earned a score of 100, Alan, Thomas, team captain Tim Miller won the rock crawl stage with a score of 3, which earned a score of 100. Toumbs repair won \$1000.00 that was divided between two charities: Brown Co. Sheriff Dep.t, and Brown Co. Senior Citizens.

For the Top Shop Nationals in the fall, Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st, the top 3 teams from the east and the west met at Hannibal Rocks, a new park run by Tom and Debbie Wombles outside Hannibal, MO. On a side note, Tom and Debbie have outdone themselves to put on two great events at two great parks. You can't imagine the work it takes, to make this happen. Thanks Tom and Debbie. Team Toumbs Repair, with the same winning team was ready to tear the place up, which we did.

With help from the team and everybody that cheered us on, we won by the narrowest of margins. First place points for Toumbs Repair was 450.7, second place points by The Shop was 449.6. Talk about close.

Brad had a great day. He had the farthest and fastest run in the mud bog. Tom had built a jump in the middle of the bog. I told Brad he needed to catch some air. He got the whole Jeep off the ground. Good job Brad - got a score of 100.

Next up was the technical stage. I was nervous; it looked tough. I had a couple of full tube rock buggies competing with me. All my guys run what I call old school Jeeps. You know, flat springs. I got my spotter Randy pumped up and decided that team captain Tim needed to help me get through the stage. Those guys did a great job. I got second place by one point, not bad for old school.

The last stage for the day was the timed trail run. Brad was one of the first guys out. He had one of the fastest runs, 37 seconds. Seems Brad was on fire for the day. Alan and I came up a little short with two 50 second runs. We were in the lead for the first day.

For the second day, Tom had brought in a tractor pull sled, again farthest distance wins. Brad and Alan did a good job. They got into the 150 foot range. I got my big block Chevy warmed up and made the longest pull of 191 feet. We won that event getting a score of 100. Not bad. The last stage of the day was the rock crawl. Alan, with his spotters Thomas and Tim, had some issues with stubborn rocks. They finished through the last set of cones with 2 tenths of a second left on the clock with a base score of 14 which netted a total score for that stage of 88.

Tom and Debbie kept the suspense up. We were all worried but Toumbs Repair won. We earned \$1350.00 that will be divided between YMCA Strong Kids and Brown Co. EMTs for equipment. Again, thanks to my guys. Their team work made it possible. I thank you and the charities thank you. **Old school rules.**

John Toumbs, Toumbs Repair

PS: The Top Shop finals will be aired on Extreme 4x4 TV on the Spike Network Feb. 17th and 18th. Watch and see some of the action.

Better Late Than Never Run

By Kelly and Sharon Bumgarner

We are so glad we made it for the July 4th run. The day was perfect with sunshine and a mild wind that kept the temp wonderful even in the deep woods. We were late for breakfast whereas we drove down that morning from near Peoria. Next time, we come down the night before so we are not only there for breakfast, but so we won't puppy out in the early afternoon due to a 5 AM wake up!

We had the trails of Atlas, Smacker, and Hopewell to choose from. I used the excuse that I might be selling the TJ and could risk no damage to sign up for the more mild Hopewell. Truth was I was feeling on the lazy side and just wanted a nice scenic leisure drive so Hopewell was a good fit. We were not the least bit disappointed in our choice and right at the start the view from the knob overlooking the river valley made the trek worthwhile. We could have sat there for hours but there were trails to run. Our trail guides Doug and Charlie were great and set the tone for a friendly and fun filled run. While Hopewell is not a u-joint or drive shaft consuming run, it has plenty of ups and downs and twists and turns to keep you busy. If you lax a bit on the attention, you can flex your TJ fender flare and transfer bark scrapes to it. Don't ask! I must confess though, that our early morning departure from home had Sharon and I wore out and we didn't stay for the last couple hours of wheeling. We headed back to The Gray House B&B (nice folks and a wonderful breakfast) to freshen up and maybe sneak in a nap! We had to gain some energy whereas we still had half the event to to yet? We arrived at Pine Lakes Campground for the evenings festivities with recharged batteries and with what was planned it was a good thing!

First thing was the games. The clevis toss was on and I managed to luck my way into the final. In the final myself, Paul, and Doug had one throw closest to the pin for the win. I went first and didn't leave much pressure on the others by ending up a huge 3 feet from the pin. However my competitors choked even worse so I ended up with the prize and must come back and defend my title next year. However in the next event, the egg race, Doug bounced back from his crushing defeat and snatched the win with an amazing 5 second run with his egg in the spoon! The next event was a trivia challenge. Since most my friends and relatives will not play me in trivial pursuit due to my prowess there, I felt pretty good about this. But wait! It is TRJC club trivia with a bit of the Jeep trivia thrown in. With Sharon and I mere rookies in the club (our sophomore year), we were at a bit of a disadvantage. But luckily we had a land-owner and long time member on our team and managed to eke out a fair amount of correct answers. We really held back the team though! While doing the trivia we ate a wonderful meal of lasagna with all the trimmings from a local caterer.

Next up was a scavenger hunt. This proved to be a challenge and was the cause of more than a bit of hilarity. We nearly ransacked the campground looking for items and more than a couple of the innocent unsuspecting campers thought we were a bit nuts. They are probably right. none the less our team was leading rather handily when I went out in search for a needle and thread as the lone missing item. After interrupting some drinks around the fire some folks said they had the needed items. I stood outside their camper waiting an eternity, about 5 minutes on my watch. They came out with the needed items and I find out what took so long was not finding them, but they couldn't get it threaded because they didn't have their glasses! Geeze I only needed the items not my pants hemmed, but there were very nice and I raced back to the pavilion to find I was 30 seconds too late!!! However we were good enough for second place and a nice little prize! Thanks to Gerald for giving us the shirt off his back, Literally!

Chad and Frannie did an excellent job of planning and carrying out the event. The people running the games and helping out were great too and it made for an extremely entertaining event. Thanks to all the trail guides and club members who worked on this event and made it a great time!

Thanks from Kelly and Sharon Bumgarner

Ma Earth Run 2006

By: Frannie Suhre

The day began as an ordinary one, or as ordinary as one can be lately. I was headed to Jacksonville at 6:30 a.m. to take Cory to the meeting place for a Boy Scout campout. Upon leaving home, I thought the day would be filled with helping Chad do some finishing touches on the ongoing roofing project before the really cold weather sets in and doing finishing preparations for the AGM. Well, everything changed when I got a phone call at 6:45. Chad had talked to Warren Anderson who was having some vehicle trouble trying to get to Pittsfield and found out that Dave DeJaynes had taken the morning off so he and his family could go out on the trails. So, the question was, do I want to join in the festivities. Now, who am I to turn down a beautiful fall day of Jeeping? So, I was instructed not to dilly dally too long in Jacksonville as Warren would be at the house soon to help put the hard top on the CJ so that Danielle and I would not freeze our tooshies off.

When I got home, I found Chad standing in the driveway behind the CJ with the hardtop on his back. I instructed him to put it down, but he assured me that if I parked the van and helped him, we could get the top on ourselves and be that much closer to leaving. It turned out to be a success and the top was secured by the time Warren pulled into the driveway with a truck that was spewing coolant all over the place and squealing loudly at him. While I finished preparing for the trail ride, Chad helped Warren try to cool down his buddy's truck (a friend that he hoped to have join the club). At 8:45, after a call to Dave telling him that we were really coming, we headed to Pittsfield. Just after going up the long hill after the drawbridge on Route 106, we could no longer see Warren. We found out that the overheating truck does not like big long hills and it was again squealing at Warren. He assured us that he was on his way, so we headed to the gas station to fuel up and get to the VFW as everyone was waiting on us. We arrived only a few minutes after 9:00 (to great cheers and applause from the gathered crowd; I didn't know we were so popular, thanks guys!), which I think was quite a feat considering I had only known since 6:45 that we were even going on a trail ride that day! After a quick consult with Elmo, it was agreed that we would trailer our Jeep to the trailhead to save time and in case there was any breakage (you know—if you are prepared for it, it won't happen). Apparently as Warren was pulling up to park at the VFW, the truck finally decided that it had had enough and died. He then coasted to a parking spot and unloaded the Jeep. We were finally headed to the trailhead and it was going to be smooth sailing from here on out.

Boy, was I wrong!! Just as we got outside town, we got a call, Warren's Jeep was making loud noises, presumably a wheel bearing, and he had to travel at very low speeds. Sometimes I wonder if there is not a storm cloud following over this man's head. Peej was very grateful that we pulled over so that Chad could unload our Jeep and put Warren's on the trailer. After doing so, Warren tells Chad that he will drive one of our vehicles while Chad drives the other. I must have given Chad some look because he told Warren that he would not be driving as he had already broken two vehicles that morning and we needed ours in working order. Thank heavens I had learned how to pull a trailer recently. Thanks to Peej, we found our way to the trailhead.

We had our trailhead meeting to learn what we might expect on the trail. Chad and I were designated to help Elmo by being tail gunner for the day. So, here is how the trail ride went, at least for the back half of the group.

We were glad to see Garry Shadwick joining us after a long sabbatical of gathering Jeep parts and custom fabrication. He was donning a new paint job and several new mods, looks good Garry!!! Teke was out for the first time with his new YJ (poor thing—the Jeep that is). Shortly after beginning the trail, he learned that four-wheel drive was not functioning properly. We got to the top of a hill and there sat his Jeep, abandoned. Chad hates to see a Jeep just sitting, so he stopped to check it out. He decided that it was something that he could remedy to at least get Teke through the day. Along with that, Dennis was having some brake troubles. Mongo is not a trail that would be fun to run with no brakes! After discovering that a washer was too deformed, causing a leak on a brake line, Chad found something that would serve the purpose (a book coming soon—"101 Uses for a 3/8 Electrical Crimp Eyelet"). While all of this was going on, Mad Dog was on the other side of the hill fixing his broken axle shaft. With all of that fun out of the way, it was time for a lunch break.

Time to hit the trail again. Now let me tell you, the more Jeeps that have gone through a valley between two hills, the harder it is to make it up the hill on the other side, that sand just seems to give way. Therefore, there was some minor winching done. We arrive at a hill that has some pretty good tree roots at the top. After waiting patiently for his turn, Dave DeJaynes goes for it. With full width axles, the Jeep doesn't exactly fit like all of the rest

that have gone before his. After a try, Dave rolled back to hear a loud thud when his Jeep came to a sudden stop. He and Tammy are looking around to see nothing that could have caused this to happen. That is until Nick tells his dad that there is a tree right behind the Jeep. There is something to be said for Jeeping toless, you don't have quite the problem with blind spots that are there with a hard top. So, back up the hill only to find out that the Jeep does not want to fit through the space as Dave asked it to, but wanted to climb a tree instead. A loud noise was heard by all. Upon getting to the top of the hill, Dave found out that he had snapped a spring in two. After some rearranging and getting Tyler into a Jeep that he was comfortable riding in (of course he chose the Jeep with Danielle in it for company), we were off again.

After a while, several things occurred, and I honestly do not remember the order in which they happened. Teke found a way to make his Jeep two wheel drive once again by breaking the rear driveshaft. Nobody had a spare, so he was in two-wheel drive for the remainder of the day. Mad Dog has some driveshaft issues also, but was able to repair his. Then, Warren has some transmission fluid coming out of his Jeep that decided to ignite. After briefly pondering on the thought of whether or not to roast hotdogs with the flames coming from around the shifter handle, it was decided to go ahead and extinguish the flames. While taking care of that situation, Danielle, Nick, and Tyler learned that hedge apples are great fun to throw down the hills and watch them bounce over the ruts and roots! Shortly afterwards, Warren decided that his Jeep had had enough (He did a good job keeping good spirits throughout the day!), so we went back to rescue Dave's Jeep and arrange things so that he could limp it back home to Griggsville. Teke was in front wheel drive only. Thank goodness the front drive axle was repaired earlier in the day so that he could follow us back to Dave's house where a rear driveshaft was found and installed.

Thanks to Elmo Johnson we had a great day of wheeling, which certainly did not lack adventure! Now, I had to head home to get the papers ready for the AGM, which is taking place in only 3 ½ hours. We manage to squeeze a trip back to Winchester, working on a truck, copying papers, showering, eating supper, and waiting for a barge on the drawbridge into those 3 hours and 40 minutes. Yes, it seems that my intention that day was to make a grand entrance, but we got the meeting done and we are ready to start planning for more fun next year! Thanks again, Elmo. By the way, that friend of Warren's filled out an application that weekend, so the day had to have been a success! Thanks to all that were on the trail that day. Hopefully someone from the front half of the group has also submitted an article so that I can hear about their adventures for the day since I was one of the stragglers in the back.

Rick Speaks

OK, you all thought you got me to step down. But guess what? I forgot some people who were outside and didn't thank them. Jim Smith and his crew did a wonderful job with the Rodeo. They had the ramp and I saw line to get on. The Swamper toss, for both men and women, was great. Jim and his crew do a lot of work to run the Rodeo. They are there for two nights with a lot of hours. Sorry folks, I left you all out. You all did a wonderful job and thanks a lot.

Went to the Board Meeting, but first went to the Color Drive. Of course being a guide on Pokey's made Shelley and I head to Time. With live music and very good food, we only bought a few items. Had some great rain gauges, made from metal looking like birds, frogs and whatever. After that, went to Nebo, Pleasant Hill, Atlas, Summer Hill, and New Hartford. Back to Pittsfield to eat but the line was too long so off to Griggsville for a pork chop sandwich.

For all of you members who have not done a Color Drive, it is a great time. Good food, lots of crafts, and some of the most beautiful miles of road trails you can ever see. This is another reason to come to trail cleaning; you learn the county roads and know short cuts. On Sunday we left Pittsfield after breakfast with the Don and Doug Maxheimer and Gary Shadwick (you all need to ask Gary why his Jeep is yellow) and found out Kathy will not sit in the crash dummy seat (but we all know that's Gary's seat.) But after a great breakfast, drove to Hannibal and a trip down MO 97 to Louisiana. This is a road all of you need to drive at least once with some of the best views of the Mississippi around. Then we followed the Mississippi down to Alton and on home. For all of you who have not made this trip, it is a great Sunday drive.

Well good luck to the new Board, although it stayed the same. The officers will also be the same. Lee did a great job of almost getting Gary to be the President, but Gary was not as asleep as all of thought he was. Congratulations to Lee, Gary, Hamer, and Frannie. I hope you do as good of job as you have done in the last year. I also want to thank you for all the help you all have given me in the past years as coordinator.

Rick Culberson

2007 Board Members and Responsibilities

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All articles and photos should be submitted to the newsletter coordinator. The preferred method to send articles and photos is email but hard copies of photos and typed or handwritten articles will also be accepted. If you need assistance in writing an article, we can help proof it and correct spelling errors. Photos can be black and white or color with a description of what, where and when. Scanned photos may be in any reasonable graphics format (medium to high-resolution.) Low resolution photos do not print well. Hard copy photos will be returned to the owner.

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Phone Home _____

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Jeep(s) _____

Membership Type

PAID MEMBER (choose one only) <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal (\$60.00) <input type="checkbox"/> New (\$60.00)

OR

COMPLIMENTARY (choose all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Land Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Guide <input type="checkbox"/> Special Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Only

Do not publish my address in the club directory

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Checking this box means you will receive only minimal paper notifications and no paper copy newsletter.

I hereby release Two Rivers Jeep Club and any other party or parties involved in any Two Rivers Jeep Club activity of any liability whatsoever for any loss or damage to property or personal injuries sustained or occurring on any Two River Jeep Club Event. I certify that I am at least 18 years of age and have liability insurance for vehicles I will use on the trails. Dues for the following year are to be paid by **October 1**. Make checks out to "Two Rivers Jeep Club" or "TRJC"

Applicant's Signature _____

Date Signed _____

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