

Two Rivers Tracker

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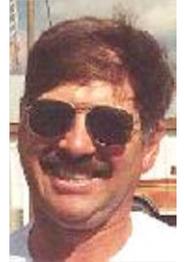
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The Prez Sez

Lee Ator

I knew I'd forget someone. I forgot to thank David and Iona Chandler for the ice cream at the Blast and Safari. Their efforts brought in almost **\$1200** for charity. Thank you!!! The TRJC runs and events for 2013 are over and everything went well. Thanks again to all that helped!!



At the Annual General Meeting, Warren DeWolfe was elected to the Board. We thank outgoing Board member, Alan Grady for his years of service on the Board. The 2014 TRJC event schedule was approved and is online and also in this newsletter. Disbursements from the two raffles were made as follows. All I can say is.....**WOW! Thank you for your support at our raffles!**

- Pittsfield High School After Prom Committee - **\$300.00**
- American Red Cross - **\$500.00**
- Pike County Unmet Needs - **\$2,500.00**
- Children First Preschool - **\$2,500.00**
- Seizure Dog - **\$400.00**
- Pittsfield High School FFA Project - **\$400.00**
- Pike County Relay for Life - **\$2000.00**

It's now time to get the Jeep in the shed and fix what's broken. Maybe Santa will bring some new stuff to add to the Jeep also. And don't forget to volunteer to help at TRJC, school, church, or other charities. Your pay is the good feeling you will have.

With the holidays upon us, remember at Thanksgiving all we have to be thankful for in this great land of ours. And on December 25th, don't forget why "Christ" is in the day's name. He is the reason for the season. Hope to see all of you on the trails in 2014. Happy holidays to all.

Reminder from our Club Secretary

Jeff Sorensen

We're only three months from getting back on trails. We have received many renewals but still have some missing. Please get yours in the mail now if you have not already done so. If we do not get yours by January 10th, you will not be listed in the directory. If you misplaced your copy, a membership form is included in this newsletter. If you know of someone who'd like to join our club, pass the membership form along to them.

We're trying to make this the best club and give its members the best experience. If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns please let someone on the Board know. We can't change things if we don't hear from you.

What a Great Club!

Warren DeWolfe

So I will try to keep my contribution to this month's newsletter short and sweet, unlike last month's long winded ramble. I just want to say how awesome a group of people there are in this Jeep Club! To put the word out to the members to come together and help a family in need is a great thing. To see the turn out on a scheduled run head out to one of our landowners property to help cut, split and stack wood for them to sustain them for what turns out to hopefully be at least 1-2 winters worth of heat is amazing!

Thank you to the Walstons for organizing this event. Thank you to all who came out. It was a pleasure working with you and breaking backs for a few hours and to give up some time trail riding to help others out. It is a truly unfortunate circumstance that this was needed. However it was a true blessing to witness everyone coming together for this family. I pray to the good Lord that the family will be eased in their time of suffering and comforted that there are many around them willing to help and ease a burden on them in a time of need. It is truly and honor and blessing to be a part of the community and club in some small manner. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve in some small way. God Bless!



Merchandise Corner and Special Events

Jen Bell

New club shirts will be available at the Safari. We will also be carrying winch line dampeners and fire extinguishers along with the return of can and bottle koozies. Online shopping will be available soon!

Special Events: There are two new events planned for this year. I know there are conflicts with club run days but special events often run on dates based on others' schedules.

One event is the Iowa All Breeds Jeep Show at Nevada, Iowa. This will be its fourth year. The club has been offered free booth space to sell our items as well as promote the club to new Jeepers.

The Midwest OffRoad Alliance is an event being held at SMORR (Southern Missouri Off Road Ranch - Seymour, MO). Multiple clubs are collaborating for this event. There will be no added fees, just the admission to the park itself (hotel/camping fees extra).

We will also be in the Quincy Dogwood Parade and Pittsfield Fall Festival Parade. Here are the 2014 special events:

- April 25-26th – Quincy Mall Jeep Display
- May 3rd – Quincy Dogwood Parade
- August 30th – Pittsfield Fall Festival Parade
- Sept. 20th – Iowa All Breeds Jeep Show
- October 3-5th –Mid-West off Road Alliance 2014

Trail of Life

By Chief

Hello Fellow Jeepers. Here we are once again in that time of year where we at TRJC take a brief hiatus from the fun and excitement of running up and down hills and hollers and through creeks and mud holes. What are we to do with ourselves? For some of us we will be spending time and money doing those upgrades on our Jeeps to make sure we make it though those nemeses that we didn't make it though last season. For others it will be a time to reflect on the past year and all the fun we had this season with old friends and the new ones we met. I will have to say for me personally it has been a unique time. I lost my mother in April at age 97. She loved going Jeepin' with us. She loved TRJC. She actually didn't start her offroad career until she was 80. Much to her dismay I retired her at age 92. I would have to delay telling her we were going Jeepin' until after we got back home to avoid the "LOOK". It seemed easier to take after a trip than before.



In June, Mrs. Chief was forced to have a total knee replacement earlier than planned following a slight mishap with our hundred pound yellow lab. We had planned on having the surgery done this winter during the so called down times, which I am not sure really exist. Anyway, Raylan (named after US Marshall Raylan Givens of the TV show Justified) just decided to move things up a little bit. He kind of ran her over while playing fetch one afternoon. The resulting surgery has proven to be a challenge also. She is making progress, but it is going slow. One thing I have noticed, as we get older we don't bounce like we used to. Continuing on, Raylan came to live with us last October. He was a shelter dog. Three years old and abandoned. Hard to imagine someone abandoning a full blood yellow lab, but I guess it happens. He had heart worms and the shelter told us he would need some special care which was not a problem. He was only seventy-five pounds then and still looked BIG! We had not had a dog since I had to put my old friend "Chief" down in '96. He was a Dalmatian I got as a pup and trained him to ride the rigs with us and do fire prevention programs with the kids around the area. He lived to be thirteen and just about had his head patted flat from all the kids loving on him. Anyway, it was devastating for me to have to put him down. I just couldn't think of having another dog until now, 17 years later.

There are nearly as many Chief stories as there are Raccoon War stories. That brings us to another topic. Raccoons! Even though the Shooting War has cooled off considerably, the truce is fragile. Last week I had the roof replaced. It was then the total effect of those masked marauders became apparent. I had repaired several damaged shingle holes as a result of the uninvited guests, but with all the shingles off, the underlying sheathing damage was unbelievable. I still have to chuckle every time I see one of the little darlings making a grease spot on the highway... and I am a lover of all wildlife. I just think their lives should stay in the wild. In the past few weeks I have noticed several nocturnal scouts testing my perimeter. Little do they know I have enlisted additional resources. Raylan I believe is going to live up to his name sake. He is pretty no nonsense when it come his territory. He is quick to react and it is "Justified" in my opinion.

Wow talk about ramblings of a tired old man. That's what happens when you don't get to lock into 4-low on a regular basis. So the Trail of Life continues. It has its ups and downs and sometimes it may even be a little off camber. Despite it all, we need to realize we are blessed. There are people out there who don't even own Jeeps and don't know about the fun and friendships you have along the way. How depressing is that?

Words of Wisdom:

**Never return to a doctor whose office plants have died.*

**If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?*

**There is no shorter sentence in the English language than 'I am'.*

Readers point out that actually, 'I do' is the longest sentence? Think about it!

See Ya on the Trail

Chief

2014 TRJC Calendar

All events are based in Pittsfield, unless otherwise noted.
Special events will be posted on the website and in the newsletter.

Trails leave from the VFW at the posted time.

Breakfast (and socialization) starts about 90 minutes earlier.

Date		TRJC Event	Time	Location
Feb	1	First Trail Builder of the Season (Weather permitting)	9:00 AM	VFW
	15	Board Meeting #1	7:30 AM	
		Trail Builder	9:00 AM	
		Kickoff Dinner (catered)	5:00 PM	
Mar	1	Registration opens for the Safari		VFW
		Trail Builder	9:00 AM	
	15	Board Meeting #2	7:30 AM	
		Trail Builder	9:00 AM	
	29	Member Trail Ride	9:00 AM	
		Member Appreciation Dinner (catered)	5:00 PM	
Apr	12	Board Meeting #3	7:30 AM	VFW
		Trail Builder	9:00 AM	
	26	Trail Builder	9:00 AM	
	25 - 26	Quincy Mall Jeep Display	TBD	
May	3	Quincy Dogwood Parade	TBD	TBD
	15	Registration opens for the 4x4 <i>BLAST</i>		
	15 - 17	13th Annual Illini 4x4 Safari (open to public)	4 PM Thu	American Legion
Jun	14	Board Meeting #4	7:30 AM	
		Miller's TNT Farm Father's Day Run & Catered Dinner	9:00 AM	
Jul	12	4th of July Run	9:00 AM	VFW
	26	Trail Builder	9:00 AM	
Aug	7 - 9	16th Annual 4x4 Blast (open to public)	4 PM Thu	American Legion
	30	Pittsfield Fall Festival Parade	TBD	TBD
Sep	20	Annual General Meeting and Board Elections	8:00 AM	VFW
		Board Meeting #5	9:00 AM	
		Ma Earth Run	10:00 AM	
Oct	18	Road Run	9:00 AM	VFW
		Board Meeting #6 (2015 Event Planning)	6:00 PM	
May 2015	14 - 16	2015 - 14th Annual Illini 4x4 Safari		
Aug 2015	6 - 8	2015 - 17th Annual 4x4 Blast		

2014 Board Members and Officers

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Membership: Dues are \$60.00 per year for a family membership. Yearly membership runs from January 1 through December 31. Dues are to be paid by December 1st each year with a 30 day grace period. Landowners, Board Members, Trail Guides, and major Committee Chairs receive 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 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 upon request.

Next Newsletter Deadline: December 15



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2014 Membership Enrollment Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Home _____

Phone Work _____

Phone Cell _____

e-mail(s) _____

Nickname(s) _____

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

I hereby release Two Rivers Jeep Club, landowners, 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. Membership renewals are to be received by **December 1** if you want your name in the club directory. Make checks out to "Two Rivers Jeep Club" or "TRJC".

Applicant's Signature _____

Date Signed _____

Office Use Only

Amount Received _____ Cash or Check # _____ Date Received: ____/____/____

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