



Two Rivers Tracker

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Upcoming Events

All activities take place or start at the WBBA radio station building otherwise noted. Trails leave at 9 AM. Always check the website for trails to be run or any last minute changes.

Trails to be run are to be determined. Check the web page for updates.

June 17: Board Meeting, Father's Day Run & Catered Dinner. The Board will meet at 7:30, trails leave at 9, and the dinner will be held around 5 PM. Meet at WBBA before 5 and we will leave at 5 to convoy to the dinner location TBD at the time this newsletter was printed.. We need to have RSVPs for the food. Either call the club phone (866-483-3982) or email warrendewolfe@gmail.com by June 13 please. Also check the web page for last minute updates.

July 8: Fourth of July Run: This is always one of our best member only events. Trails TBD depending on availability and weather. Check the website for details.

July 22: Trail Builder. This will be our last Trail Builder before the Blast so please try to attend and help make sure we're in tip-top shape. Thanks!

August 10 - 12: 19th Annual 4x4 Blast. Mark this one on your calendars, especially if you missed the Safari. More details are found below.

Aug. 26: Member Trail Ride. This is a fun trail ride with no trail maintenance! Again, trails are TBD so check the website.

2017 Blast News

The 19th Annual 4x4 Blast will be held August 10 - 12. Registration fees are the same as previous years. All members should have their discounted forms by now. If not, contact the club secretary or call the club phone. **There are openings, so send you application in now.** The Safari filled up and we had to turn people away so this the last chance this year to attend a major event.

This event does not always fill up, so a NON-MEMBER form is part of this newsletter. Please give that to any non-club member friends or organizations you may know. The better the attendance, the more fun we have and the more we can give back to the community. Any questions about the Blast, either email 4x4blast@trjc.com or call the club phone, 866-483-3982.

The Prez Sez

Lee Ator

The 2017 Safari is behind us now and no one complained about dust on the trails! We lucked out as Thursday's night rain ended Friday morning just about the time we left for the trails. Then Friday night's rain did the same for Saturday morning. So instead of dust we had plenty of mud. Trails moved slow but everyone took it in stride with no complaints. On my trail we waited till afternoon to cross the creek so it could go down. Saturday morning it was high enough to carry a Jeep away but by noon it was well down for crossing. We had a full house for the event with good participation in the raffle and auction. Good food was at the Legion as usual so I think everyone had a good time despite all the mud and rain. Oh yeah, I did hear something about some wet tents at the camp grounds. It's just part of the fun of tent camping. HA. HA. Don't forget to get signed up for the Blast and club run on Father's Day (June 17) and 4th of July run (July 8). Hope to see you on the trails!



Trail of Life

by Chief

The Safari is in the books and was, as you all well know, probably the soggiest event on record. I will have to say I have never seen as much water running in the creeks on Murphy's as I observed this Safari weekend. News Flash---We Did Not Turn Anyone Over---. That is not to say we didn't have the typical Murphy's Law issues. The mud and slick conditions actually didn't inhibit us too bad. We had good groups both days who worked well together and by staying off the big hills and running in the creek beds, we were able to cover a lot of trail.



But no matter how well things go for most of the trail, Murphy's Law always seems to find a way to reach up and grab you where you don't like to get grabbed. We went along all day Friday and Saturday morning pretty much unscathed. We might have gotten a little cocky in our ability to handle the slippery-slidy effects of 5 inches of rain on the trail. But Saturday afternoon, we paid the price. It started as we hit the trail head after lunch. I reached down to shift into 4-low and everything thing sounded and felt okay but as we started down the grade I began to realize I was going much faster than I should be, my crawl down the hill was not a crawl but a jog, I had to use my brakes to keep from running down the hill.

Not good--my linkage was not linked. I told Murphy to go ahead and lead, what was I thinking, but he did really well on point. At the bottom of the hill, a little wrench work and I thought it was taken care of. So I hurried to catch up with the pack. When I went down the next hill I then discovered the normally reliable transfer case would still not stay in its assigned position of 4-low. Now I am again screaming downhill riding the brakes. I made a soft landing at the bottom but now faced the challenge of running "Hummer Lane" in the only thing the transfer case would stay in, 2-high.

What is that smell someone might ask, Oh it is my clutch burning up as I am trying to feather it crawling over rocks and off camber terrain. Finally I made it back to the creek where I found the rest of the group. Great Randy "Ghost Rider" is here, he can help me, AGAIN. Problem, Randy's behemoth, unstoppable do everything Jeep managed to blow its radiator hose. Randy was down. Beside him set another Jeep with its hood up. It had decided to get a little drink of creek water in a rather deep crossing and was drowned out. Super Hero Randy was now working on three Jeeps at one time. He is laying under my Jeep giving me instructions, while advising the wet Jeep what he needed to do next. Murphy was now off the trail headed to civilization to get a radiator hose. It now is getting late and we still had to go quite a way to get back to the trail head to finish the day. Murphy discovered the auto parts stores in Pittsfield closed at noon and he had to drive all the way to Bowling Green, Mo. to find a hose. The guy at the parts store asked what kind of vehicle was needing the hose so he could look it up on the computer--how do you describe Ghost Rider's Jeep. It has parts from almost everything. A hose was finally found and Murphy hustled back and Randy was running, the wet Jeep dried out and I had 4-low. It's time to think about getting out.

No wait, let's have some flat tires first, that would be fun. Okay tires fixed, now it is getting really later that we want it to be and we still have to get back up the hill to the trail head. No problem, we will just take the emergency exit. It was fine Friday, we will walk right up. NOT--My Lord I really thought we were going to have to call a helicopter to lift us out. Winching and strapping and every once and a while an expletive, a tree cut down that everyone seemed to want to embrace as they went by and after nearly an hour we had everyone up and out. But you know what they say--A bad day Jeepin' is better than a good day at work.

Thanks to everyone who chose to run on Murphy's Law. I hope you had a good time and we hope to see you again.

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NON MEMBER Registration Form



1 Driver's Information

Applications will be accepted by date of postmark. Event details will be sent with registration confirmation.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

E-mail: _____

2 Vehicle Information and Trail Preference

Maximum wheelbase: 116". To protect the land, no full size trucks.
Maximum tire size: 44". Trail restrictions apply to vehicles with tires over 35".

Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

Trail Preference: 1 - 2: _____ 2 - 3: _____ 3 - 4: _____

3 Fee Schedule

Vehicle and Driver Registration \$ 130.00

Passengers 10 and older (\$70.00 each X # _____) \$ _____

Passengers under age 10 (no charge # _____) \$ FREE

Late registration (T-shirts may not be available) (add \$50.00 after May 5) \$ _____

4 T-Shirts

T-shirts are \$15.00 each. Enter the quantity for each size.

____ Small ____ Medium ____ Large

____ X-Large ____ XX-Large ____ XXX-Large (# _____) \$ _____
\$2.00 extra



5 You must complete and sign the second page of this form

Total \$

Do not send cash.
Make checks payable to **Two Rivers Jeep Club**.

Check in use only (do not write here)

Extra Passengers _____ Balance Due \$ _____ Cash Received \$ _____ Check # _____ Initials _____

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Two Rivers Jeep Club, Pittsfield, Illinois

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION



Please read and sign at the bottom of this page.

By signing you agree to the terms and conditions that follow.

- All occupants of the vehicle must be registered. Signed waiver of liability will be required at event check-in.
- All drivers must have valid driver's license.
- All trail vehicles must carry liability insurance and be licensed.
- Valid proof of insurance is required at check-in. Without proof of insurance you will not be allowed on any trails.
- No open headers. All vehicles must have an exhaust muffler.
- Tires can be no more than 44", based on DOT tire lettering. Not all trails will be open to vehicles with tires over 35".
- No full-size trucks. For example: K5 Blazer and Bronco (78 or later) are considered full size. Bronco IIs are OK
- Vehicles will be inspected at registration and **must be off the trailer**. There are addition items required to pass inspection. The additional inspection requirements are on the club website and will be included in the registration confirmation.
- Absolutely no alcohol while on the trails.
- No pets allowed on the trails.
- Firearms or fireworks are prohibited.
- Each vehicle must have at least one person 18 years of age or older who will be responsible for occupants of the vehicle.
- **Vehicle must be equipped with properly mounted tow hooks or substantially mounted pull point (front and rear). Tow hooks must be either factory mounted or mounted with two grade 8 bolts each.**
- I understand that the Two Rivers Jeep Club cannot be held responsible for any damage that may occur to my person, occupants or vehicle while attending the Two Rivers Jeep Club Illini 4x4 Safari.
- I understand that any violation of these rules will result in the termination of both my own participation and my passengers' participation in the Two Rivers Jeep Club Illini 4x4 Safari and the forfeiture of all registration fees.
- I agree to abide by the rules, guidance, and instruction of the Two Rivers Jeep Club Illini 4x4 Safari.
- I agree to abide by the principles of Tread Lightly!, Inc.

Driver's Signature and Trail Vehicle Insurance Information Required

Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature of Driver: _____ Date: _____

**You must bring proof of liability insurance with you to check-in.
Without proof of insurance, you will not be allowed on any trails.**

Allow 3 - 4 weeks for processing application forms.

Refunds may take 4 - 6 weeks to process. **No refunds after Aug 1.**

Do not send cash! Make checks payable to "Two Rivers Jeep Club". Please return this form with payment to:

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4x4 Blast
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