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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Barry Kellerman EC4WDA President

I sure hope the nice warmer weather we had recently is a sign that Spring is finally here and Summer is right around the corner. Of course, with that come the weekends and the time we get to spend on the trails, tracks and campgrounds! I hope you are able to get out and enjoy some of the great events our Association Clubs are offering this Summer and spend some quality time with friends.

Once again this year we will be participating in the Bantam Jeep Festival at the Coopers Campground near Butler, PA. Our team handles the Jeep Team Challenge and they are always looking for volunteers to help. It is a fantastic way to get out and have some fun while you work promoting the EC4WDA.

We are also considering a new "fundraiser" for the Association. We will be working out some details and we will be bringing them to our Annual Convention this fall for your consideration. But in order for us to make this or any other fundraiser work we will need your support. We need you to attend the Convention in November. We will need your input and we will need volunteers to make this work.

We have all been wondering what has happened to the Membership numbers and the involvement of our members over the past several years at Club and Association levels. I think I can finally put my finger on at least some of the problem, it's "Competition"! Now before you say "what are you talking about! The

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## EC4WDA RULES CHANGES FOR 2018

Following are official EC4WDA competition rules changes passed by the rules committee during their most recent meeting in November.

### PAGE 7

New rule: All automatic transmissions must have a dipstick that cannot be dislodged in the case of an accident. The dipstick can be safety-wired (metal wire only, nylon wire ties are not acceptable) or a locking dipstick may be used.

### PAGE 11-12

#23: Change "Remote cables must be metallic (plastic or plastic wrapped cable are not allowed) and installed so they are protected in the event of an upset or a collision."

To: "Remote cable and sheath must be metallic and installed so they are protected in the event of an upset or a collision."

### PAGE 25 #11: Change to:

Co-drivers are permitted in all events.

A. Vehicle must meet class weight without the co-driver.

B. Co-driver must meet all the safety rules of the driver (arm restraints, fire suit, etc.)

C. Co-driver must be at least 16 years old and be a member of EC4WDA.

D. Co-driver does not need to have a valid driver license.

E. Co-drivers under 18 years of age must have a signed permission from their parent or guardian to enter competitive events.

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

As we unleash the written word in the middle of summer, we submit to you the urgency of the association's genuine effort to attract your interest in the upcoming 50th anniversary of this body next year. This is no small effort. The 50th notch in our belt is a necessary exercise in recharging EC4WDA and in fact is a welcome exercise in a well-deserved celebration of our participation in organized four wheeling. For those who were on hand from the beginning in 1969, the journey has been an exciting one, from practically an all-Jeep 4WD activity to a smorgasbord of 4WD/2WD vehicles of many stripes; and from a crowded calendar of sanctioned events to a host of activity that numbers far less in the sanctioned realm, plus the inevitable expansion of non-sanctioned activity, and in the background the continuing rumble of trail riding that unfortunately really never got fair billing.

However, the association gets credit for a superb safety and rules structure that has served the sport well and has provided today's schedule of events with a firm foundation from which the sport has matured.

This issue features information concerning the 50th, how you can get involved, whether it be monetarily or physically. Consider the options and imagine just how exciting this event next year can be with unbridled cooperation from the membership.

Although the physical location is IOK's complex, it will take all of us, from this club and that club, to make it work. And well it should since the anniversary involves all of us.

Look all the information over and promise yourself you are going to get involved.

It's time for a party. And we deserve it.

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**THE EAST COAST FOUR WHEEL DRIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The East Coast Four Wheel Drive Association, Inc. (EC4WDA) was founded and incorporated as a non-profit corporation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1969. Realizing the need to standardize running classes, rules and safety considerations, the three (3) founding clubs; Tri-County 4-Wheelers (Lisbon, Ohio), Allegheny 4-Wheelers (Oil City, Pennsylvania) and Triangle Four Wheelers of Pittsburgh, gathered in State College, Pennsylvania, in the fall of 1969 to establish EC4WDA. Today the association is composed of five (5) geographical regions in eleven (11) states. This publication, "The East Coaster", is the official printed voice of EC4WDA and is mailed to all categories of membership two (2) times a year; December and May. Advertising, as well as general information is available by calling (513) 941-1450.

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numbers are decreasing at events!". That isn't the competition I'm talking about. I'm referring to the competition in your everyday lives. The competition for your time is greater now than it ever was. Many of you have young children that are growing up and there are so many things pulling at them, competing for their interest. Baseball, soccer, football, track and field, ballet, music recitals, and the list goes on. Spending time with the grandparents, family reunions and vacations are other things that we try to fit in to our summer. Not only do our children have these issues, adults do too! Spring chores, getting the yard ready, planting flowers and gardens, general home repairs, keeping the grass mowed, helping the kids with homework and such keep pulling at us. As we get older we want to spend time with family, grandchildren and some want to travel to see things they have always dreamed of seeing. We can't blame our members, or the lack of numbers on ourselves. The EC4WDA is just one "thing" in a world full of options vying for your time. Time is so precious, we must use it wisely.

So get out and enjoy this Summer! Hopefully you will find some time to participate in some of our events!



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**PAGE 22 #7**

A: unchanged: Vehicle cannot be driven in the same class by more than one (1) driver, except in timed obstacle course. Limit two (2) drivers per class unless track permits three (3) drivers.

Change item B to: A driver can enter a maximum of 2 different classes per vehicle as long as minimum/maximum weight for the class is met. Points will only be awarded to the first class run.

New item C: A driver can only enter once per class.

Change item C to D and now reads: Each vehicle may run unlimited amount of classes but only two classes per driver as long as minimum/maximum weight for vehicle class is met.

Current item D changes to E. If two drivers in one vehicle, one driver may move up one class without meeting maximum weight limits.

**PAGE 29 item B Buggy 2WD**

Remove requirement 11 "all vehicles must have a working reverse gear."

**PAGE 30 Buggy classes change to:**

Limited: 4-cylinder air or water-cooled engine with a production transaxle transmission (must have a working reverse gear). Front Volkswagen beam type axle and rear swing axle suspension. No turbo or nitrous.

Modified: 4-cylinder or water-cooled engine with a transaxle type transmission. Any front or rear suspension allowed. No turbo or nitrous.

Super Modified: No engine size restrictions. Chain/belt drive allowed in place of a transaxle type transmission for traverse mounted engines.

**PAGE 2: new item after F:**

Recommended that all vehicles have a marked tow point at the front and rear.

**PAGE 17 (Propane Fuel Systems) new rule #11:**

Must claim performance carburetor.

**PAGE 35 item D:**

Performance Carburetor / Propane Mixer.....15.....5

**PAGE 65 General 2WD rules:**

remove "All vehicles will have an onboard fire system in X2WD classes."

**PAGE 18 add new item 1b.**

Roll cages constructed with 1 1/2 "OD x 0.120" wall steel tubing are allowed in vehicles with non-removable factory hardtop, structurally unaltered doors, and class factor of 12.3 and higher.





**SUMMER, 2019**

## **50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT**

**JULY 5-6-7, 2019 / CLEVELAND, OHIO USA**

The East Coast Four Wheel Drive Association (EC4WDA) was organized in 1969 by three 4X4 clubs. (The three clubs were: Tri-County 4-Wheelers, Triangle 4-Wheelers and the Allegheny Jeepers). Today the last 2 active clubs that joined in 1979 are The Columbia Hill Climbers and Four Wheel Drive Trail Blazers. The next two joined in 1970 and they are I.O.K. 4-Wheelers and Line Mountain Four Wheelers. These two still have the own land and are still holding racing on their property. That is amazing and leads us to our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. It will be held at the I.O.K race grounds July 5<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>. We are planning on having all kinds of events and this is where we need you, every member from every region to get involved. There now are three active regions and we all need to come together as one association to show everyone what we can do as a group.

Fifty years is a great milestone in our history and we need to put on a celebration to match this accomplishment. There were many changes over the years as we grew from that first year. We did trail rides anywhere there were fields, hills and trees. Now we need to treat the land with respect and do organized trail rides to make sure places are kept open. We need to get involved to help get places opened up. We will have trail rides at this event and Ed McKillip is the man in charge.

The competition has changed in ways the original Rules Committee could never have imagined. From a few classes to many classes and the vehicles have really changed. All the stock vehicles that use to run are very rare to see out there. Mainly in street stock drags. From engine changes to suspension modifications to body designs it is unlimited.

The safety of the vehicles has really advanced and is reviewed every year to find ways to make the sport safer. The safety of the tracks have improved also thanks to the Sanction Committee that also review any incidents that happen the past year and work to improve the grounds.

We are asking every club to send their delegates to the fall meeting at the DuBois Comfort Inn and help put this together. We were just at the Hotel and it is wonderful. The pool has a slide and the kids will love it!!!! If you can make it and want to get involved just call or e-mail us and we help find a job or jobs that will suit you.

Brad Shoff and Steve Forrester  
EC4WDA50 Chairmen

# FIFTY IS NIFTY / EC4WDA50 / 2019

July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend next year! Then, we will celebrate our association's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. To enable this event to happen with the necessary financial reinforcement, we are asking our Regions, Clubs, Individuals and Businesses for help. We are not talking big dollars by anybody, just a little from everyone. Sure, there will be those who will help in a larger fashion, but what we really need is everybody pitching in.

## SEVEN LEVELS

There will be seven (7) levels of participation available to all. With each level there will be recognition in the form of an advertisement in the East Coaster as well as the event program, plus acknowledgement at the event itself. The levels are:

**MAJOR SPONSOR** -- \$1000. / Full page ad in East Coaster & Program.

**PRO CLASS** -- \$500. / Half page in both.

**TRAIL BOSS** -- \$300. / Quarter page in both.

**SEMI-PRO** -- \$250. / Eighth page in both.

**WINCH LINE** -- \$200. / Business card in both.

**STREET STOCK** -- \$100. / Listing in both.

**PATRONS** -- \$75, \$50, \$25 / Listing in both.

Right now we are looking for pledges. The funds, we would like by January 31, 2019, payable to the EC4WDA. A pledge form is included in this and the next East Coaster and you may make copies for as many as you will need.



Let's go back about 30 years, when Pennsylvania's "Hill Huggers" club was active and racing in Region A. Both John Nigon and Tim Phillips (the latter is closest to the camera) are dueling it out on the drags, somewhere in "A". Tim retired from racing years ago, while John has made a comeback and has resumed racing following an absence.



George McGuire! Does that ring a bell? It should. He was around since the beginning of the association as a member of "Triangle Four Wheelers of Pittsburgh." He retired from the sport a couple of years ago, but not after being a very active member who enjoyed the trails and loved obstacle course racing, as exemplified in this photo as he negotiated a wet one in his famous green flat fender.

## FINANCIAL / EC4WDA50 /2019

Again, there are seven (7) levels of financial participation available to clubs, regions, Individuals and businesses. Please indicate which level you wish to participate in. This is a pledge form and funds are not required as of now. **Deadline for remittance is January 31st 2019.**

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|  | Check...           |
| <b>MAJOR SPONSOR -- \$1000</b>         | _____              |
| <b>PRO CLASS -- \$500</b>              | _____              |
| <b>TRAIL BOSS --- \$300</b>            | _____              |
| <b>SEMI-PRO -- \$250</b>               | _____              |
| <b>WINCH LINE -- \$200</b>             | _____              |
| <b>STREET STOCK -- \$100</b>           | _____              |
| <b>PATRONS -- \$75 -- \$50 -- \$25</b> | _____ (Circle one) |

Amount Pledged \_\_\_\_\_

\*Funds are due, payable to EC4WDA, no later than January 31, 2019.

\*Please mail this form to: Brad Shoff, EC4WDA Treasurer, 1781 Palomino Rd.

Dover, PA 17315 no later than January 31, 2019 or bring to the Fall Convention.

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**SUMMER, 2019**

*Golden Anniversary*

## **VOLUNTEERSVILLE / EC4WDA50 / 2019**

**Humans.** There never has been an event worth its salt without capable, responsible, knowledgeable and sincere humans who made it happen. EC4WDA50 is no different. We will need qualified Members / Clubs / Regions to "work" the event. The association is renting the competition grounds and will be expected to produce the weekend, supply the man/woman power to get it done. There are many aspects to a competitive and trail ride event, as you all know and there are many slots to be filled. We are looking for clubs and/or regions to handle the 3 competitive events, (Uphill Drags, Flat Drags and DE Obstacle), trail ride, registration, social, gate, security, inspection, tower and sanctioning.

The anniversary event is important to our association. Your participation in making the 2019 July 4 weekend a success is additionally important. The financing and human involvement is critical.

We are confident that together **WE WILL** pull it off, fashioning memories of a fun weekend, certainly worthy of an association that has meant so much to so many for many years!!!

### **SUPPORT**

Listed are the various support positions that will have to be filled. Please check those you are volunteering for. Send this form to EC4WDA, Brad Shoff, 1781 Palomino Rd, Dover, PA 17315 by January 31, 2019 or bring to the Fall Convention in November in Dubois.

### **OFFICIALS**

Flat Drags \_\_\_\_\_

Uphill Drags \_\_\_\_\_

Obstacle Region B \_\_\_\_\_

Jr. Racers \_\_\_\_\_

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Staging \_\_\_\_\_

Trail Riding Ed McKillip \_\_\_\_\_

Sanctioning \_\_\_\_\_

### **PERSONNEL**

Campground \_\_\_\_\_

Tower \_\_\_\_\_

Front Gate \_\_\_\_\_

Trash Control \_\_\_\_\_

Security \_\_\_\_\_

Announcers Kim Shanks \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Registration \_\_\_\_\_

Social \_\_\_\_\_

\*Regions, Clubs or Individual(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



# NOVEMBER 2017 EXEC BOARD MTG MINUTES

**President Barry's** opening message was highlighted by an appeal to board members that we need to get more members involved. Convention attendance has dropped and there seems to be a loss of interest. Touched in the upcoming 50th Anniversary in 2019. He will be asking for members to step forward and help with the milestone event. Touched again on the realignment issue in a follow-up to the Spring meeting.

**Vice-President Steve's** report to the board included remarks about Bantam and the fact it is a good outreach for us. Also spoke of the 50th anniversary.

**Treasurer Brad** submitted Treasurer's Report.

**Membership Cathy's** report included association numbers and that renewals were out.

**Region A chair Bryan Rensi** was late for the meeting.

**Region B chair Jim** mentioned he'd heard his region is struggling in addition to the remainder of the association. Events are not as strong as they were previously and not as viable, especially with the loss of County Line's grounds. He trying to justify the cost of the convention to his region and questions if a convention is really viable.

**East Coaster editor Jerry** apologized for missing the inclusion of the spring meeting minutes in the paper and printed off an insert that was provided in the packets. Continues to be very difficult in receiving articles from members and clubs, despite encouraging clubs to provide race results for publication. He feels the paper should reflect in the association in its entirety.

**Cyber coordinator Brady** mentioned looking forward to the convention and he has made some small updates to the website since spring. If clubs have events they wish promoted, they should send the information to him.

**Trail boss Ed** talked about the association trail ride in the spring in Ohio. There were 11 Jeeps that participated. Will start a little earlier in planning the 2018 event.

**Rules chair Chad** thanked everyone for being here and he too sees a decline in other events, such as NASCAR. Had one accident this year, a badly burned driver.

**Sanctioning chair Larry** did some inquiring about insurance for the association and the result was no one is willing to

insure. Asked if we have a D&O policy or liability policy? He received paperwork and costs and will find out more information. Has not heard of any sanctioning issues to date.

**Community projects chair Carrie** mentioned Bantam and the great time there, inviting everyone to join them next year. Encourages clubs to contact her regarding community projects completed.

## GEN'L MTG MINUTES NOVEMBER 11, 2017

**President Barry** call to order, followed by club roll call and determining quorum. Recognition of veterans in the meeting. Review of motions by Recording Secretary Wendy Forrester. President's Report followed and included remarks concerning a challenge from Barry to the membership to find a way to increase participation. Mentioned a club had come forward and bid for the association's 50th anniversary celebration in 2019. He pointed out it will take a lot of planning, cooperation and especially volunteers to make it happen. He would like to see many events, including trail riding, competition, etc. His hope is that everyone will rise to the challenge presented by the 50th. Barry pointed out the increase in side-by-side vehicles and we have the network to provide that. He encouraged clubs to take advantage of side-by-side competition. Reminded all this is an election year and nominations will take place on Sunday, so please consider running for a position. Thanked all for attending.

Vice President's report by **Steve Forrester** commented on the Bantam Jeep event and encouraged all to attend next year. He reminded all that 2019 is our 50th anniversary and recalled the 20th and 25th anniversaries and the great times remembered.

**Brad Shoff**, treasurer, reviewed the association's financial report.

**Cathy Klotz**, Membership Secretary, pointed out things were done a little differently this year concerning club renewals in order to save some money. She pointed out her position possibly might open up for a new person to take over.

**Bryan Rensi** gave Region A report. He's been communicating with ATV, UTV, racers, etc., to encourage them to consider participating on our association. He has received no feedback from Region A on anything, especially concerning

what we might be able to do for them at an association level. He pointed out it is time to make some type of change as what we have now is fading.

**Jim Kopfer's** Region B report was highlighted by the comment that most of "us know there is a problem within the association but most are at a loss as to what to do about it." There is a drop in the count of competitors as well as spectators. County Line lost their grounds due to environmental concerns. Overall health of the region is OK but not great.

**Tom Eaton's** Region C report pointed out there was only one (1) sanctioned event this year and noted an obvious increase in the growth of buggies and side-by-sides. Membership has increased and IOK has volunteered to host the association's 50th anniversary event in 2019. There will be another fire ring raffle.

East Coaster report by **Jerry Schwartz** opened with the comment that there is hardly any input from the membership on race event results, community events, etc. Next issue will be early spring.

**Brady Forrester** gave his cyberspace coordinator report. He's made some new changes to the website with rules changes, layout changes and race results. If your club would like to promote any of your events, contact him.

Trail Boss **Ed McKillip's** report concerned the association's trail ride that was held in May in Wintersville, Ohio.

**President Barry** mentioned after listening to all the reports, he heard the term "not many changes." He feels we have only about 5% of our membership in attendance at the convention and he has seen a lot of changes over the year with some good and some not. How can we stop the change now. We are not sure how to handle it. He feels the economy has had a big hand in our sports and in motor sports in general. He is hoping we can change things around and help increase attendance. "We, as the board, are always open to any suggestions." One thing that hasn't changed is the camaraderie and the selfless acts that we do for each other and the sportsmanship by watching competitors help each other and clubs working together.

**Pappy Fry** voting was next. The nominees were Bryan Rensi (A), Dave & Liz Hummel (B) and Tom & Tanya Eaton (C). Ballots were distributed and voting commenced. Ballots were collected and

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the results will be announced at the evening's festivities.

General meeting adjourned for the mid-day break and committee meetings.

**President Barry** called the delegate meeting back to order at 3PM. The committee chair reports follow:

**Rules Chair Report – Chad Owens.**

Thanked all for coming this weekend and hoped everyone had a great summer of events. Touched on the decline in attendance at other motor sports such as NASCAR. One incident of a badly burned driver in Region B. Spoke of the importance of why rules are put in place. Reviewed rule changes that were passed in the afternoon's meeting and the changes will be uploaded onto the website. He will be staying on as the Rules Chair.

**Sanctioning Chair Report – Larry Keim.**

Thanked everyone for coming. Was not aware of any changes. He will be staying on as Sanctioning Chair.

**Community Projects Chair Report – Carrie Swain.**

Volunteers had a great time at the Bantam Jeep Team Challenge and looks forward to going next year. Encouraged all to come out. She is asking clubs when they have events to be sure to record any type of community projects and forward them to her. She provided her email address. Thanked everyone for the toy and food donations over the convention weekend. She is staying on as chair.

**One Of Our Own Fund Report – Steve Forrester.**

Thanked the following for donations: Region C and Susquehannocks (B). Received two (2) requests for monetary help and also received another this weekend. He talked about all the cards and thank you notes he has received from recipients. He did NOT mention names, but simply mentioned a few lines from a card he received. Reminded all that if anyone had a request, to contact him this weekend.

**By-Laws Report – Bryan Rensi.**

Stated nothing has been brought to his attention.

**Land Use Report – Gary Marr.**

Nothing specific to report.

**President Barry** mentioned this

concludes the day's business and those who are going out for supper, plan to be there by 5PM and we will return about 8PM for the awards evening.

Question from the body asked if the excerpts from thank you notes and letters received be included in the East Coaster so all members could be made aware of



# EC4WDA Application for Membership

I pledge to support the goals and objectives of the EAST COAST FOUR WHEEL DRIVE ASSOCIATION, INC., in the protection, respect and enjoyment of our public domain and private lands and towards the betterment of off-highway vehicle recreation and competitive racing. I am enclosing

\_\_\_\_\_ \$26.00 for my yearly Individual Membership dues.  
Ownership of a four wheel drive vehicle is not a requirement for membership.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE OF 4X4 VEHICLE \_\_\_\_\_  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER( ) \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ MARRIED?  YES  NO  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please send information on how I may become a member of the EAST COAST FOUR WHEEL DRIVE ASSOCIATION, INC. by:

Becoming an Associate Member (business firm)

Joining an established club

Forming a new four wheel drive club

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

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the impact of the "One Of Our Own Fund".

## GEN'L MTG MINUTES NOVEMBER 12, 2017

**President Barry** reconvened the convention delegate Sunday morning meeting.

**Treasurer Brad** discussed the dollars collected last evening for the raffle and the 50/50. Region B will determine which charity the donation will go to.

**President Barry** opened the floor to discussion concerning the 50th anniversary (2019). The Executive Board voted over the weekend that the event will be held July 4th weekend at IOK's (C) complex in greater Cincinnati (Cleves). **Co-chairs Brad and Steve** will be mailing out information on the event. There was discussion concerning what will be taking place. **Ed Mckillip**, EC4WDA Trail Boss, pointed out there will be trail activities. There was questions concerning the obstacle and the possibility exists that two-at-a-time will take place, running in opposite directions. **President Barry** pointed out the committee will be working on the event and will be getting information out asap. He also thanked the

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Won't you please consider a donation to our "One of Our Own Fund?" It is designed to help members who are "up against it," and you will feel good donating. Do it today!!

**EC4WDA**  
...promoting responsible four wheel drive activities and protecting our resources!!



## MINUTES continued

clubs that submitted bids and the board for their assistance. He also reminded the delegate body to encourage their members to plan to attend, especially so since it is our 50th anniversary and we all want to make the event one that is memorable.

Next item up for discussion is a possible change in the convention venue, since there are issues with the Park Inn in Clarion. Discussion followed with potential sites in DuBois. Three sites were checked and Wnedy & Steve Forrester recommended the Comfort Inn & Suites / DuBois Country Club. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Dale Dettinger and seconded by Larry Keim to move the convention to the Comfort Inn in DuBois. Motion carried by a significant margin. Convention date will be November 9-11, 2018. Decision was also made to not have a banquet. Region C will be hospitality host. Theme is "Retirement Home." We will also continue our community service project of toys for tots and food donations for local food banks and also raffles.

**Tom Eaton, Region C chair,** asked that a correction should be made on the total number of new members that joined and Brad will check the financials.

**President Barry invited Cathy Klotz** to discuss the Bantam Jeep festival, dates June 9-11, 2018. Shwe discussed the Jeep Team, Challenge, for which the association is responsible for staging, the fact the event is a family affair and the potluck time is a great time for fellowship among association members attending. She mentioned the association did receive a \$600. check in 2017 for our participation and handling the Jeep Team Challenge. Cathy encouraged all the volunteer and reminded them to be sure and indicate you are part of EC4WDA and Jeep Team Challenge to attain access to some free amenities. Camping reservations are through Cooper's Lake. Carrie Swain mentioned she will be working on some things since the event is in Region A to possibly promote and gain new members to grow the region.

**President Barry** opened the floor to any new or old business to which no one responded.

**Elections followed. Nominations were Cyberspace Coordinator Brady Forrester, East Coaster Editor Jerry Schwartz, Membership Secretary Cathy Klotz, Treasurer Brad Shoff, Recording Secretary Wendy Forrester, Vice President Steve Forrester, and President**

# A BRIEF LOOK AT A LEGEND FROM THE PAST; THE 80's



In the little more than ten (10) years Zanesville, Ohio's Hilltoppers had one of the association's outstanding racing programs, legendary Jerry (Jug) Hazen was on top of things during the 80's. He's pictured here at "Gravelrama" in his hemi-powered Bronco. Unfortunately, their success on Granger Hill in South Zanesville didn't last nearly long enough, but they certainly did prosper with their program in the 80's with their great races and an enviable amount of support from Zanesville's business community.



## **Barry Kellerman.**

Raffle proceeds from Saturday evening's awards went to Community Services For Children (see their thank you letter in this issue).

Region C fire ring raffle was won by **Larry Kuhns.**

Motion to adjourn the 2017 annual convention by Larry Keim and seconded by Toby Kelly.

The side-by-side phenomenon continues this summer with increasing numbers of participants and clubs who are producing races involving the recreational machines. The picture here was taken earlier this year during one of IOK's side-by-side series events which are continuing throughout the summer.

# 2018 EC4WDA ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

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Following is the 2018 Activity Schedule for member clubs of the East Coast Four Wheel Drive Association. Events do not have to be solely EC4WDA-sanctioned to be listed; they must be events sanctioned (S), or hosted, involved in by EC4WDA, an affiliated club, or a region. Details herein are subject to change during the 2018 year. For general information, feel free to call (513)941-1450 or (814)357-8142.

DATE	PRODUCER	EVENT / LOCATION	INCLUDES	CONTACT
March 10	Region C	SPRING REGION MEETING Mansfield, Ohio	MTG	Tom Eaton (419)677-5733
March 25	Region B	SPRING REGION MEETING Kempton (Pennsylvania) Rod & Gun Club	MTG	Jim Kopfer (610)935-3701
March 30	IOK Four Wheelers (C)	SXS / WHEEL 2 WHEEL / RUN WHAT U BRUNG Cleves, Ohio	W2W	Jami Wallick (513)787-0152
March 31	IOK Four Wheelers (C)	FLAT DRAGS Cleves, Ohio	BFD	Mike King (812)537-9572
April 6-8	IOK Four Wheelers (C)	SWAP MEET Cleves, Ohio	SM	Louis Sneed (812)432-5075
April 14	EC4WDA	SPRING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING DuBois, Pennsylvania	MTG	Barry Kellerman (814)537-8142
April 21	IOK Four Wheelers (C)	TEST AND TUNE Cleves, Ohio	FD	Mike King (812)537-9572
April 28	IOK Four Wheelers (C)	SXS / WHEEL 2 WHEEL / RUN WHAT U BRUNG Cleves, Ohio	W2W	Jami Wallick (513) 787-0152
May 5	Pine Creek 4-Wheelers (B)	TEST AND TUNE Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania	TT	Craig Carr (570)447-4708
May 11-13	EC4WDA	Association Annual Trailride Rausch Creek (PA) & The AOA	TR	Ed McKillip (814)739-2945
May 11-12	IOK Four Wheelers (C)	"SPRING FLING" / OUTLAW SAND DRAG SERIES Cleves, Ohio	TT, FD (1st Leg)	Nathan Sneed (812)208-0305
May 19	IOK Four Wheelers (C)	SXS / WHEEL 2 WHEEL / RUN WHAT U BRUNG Cleves, Ohio	W2W	Jami Wallick (513) 787-0152
May 26-27	Tucker County 4-Wheelers (A)	"39TH ANNUAL CHALLENGE IN THE HILLS" Parsons, West Virginia	FD, MB, JR.	Tom Hardy (304)478-2386
May 26	Franklin Cty 4-Wheelers (C)	SAND DRAG RACE Brookville, Indiana	FD, JR.	Justin Ball (765)580-0596
May 26-27	Delaware 4-Wheelers (B)	"FLAT-A-RAMA"(S) (Marvin Thompson Memorial) Frederica, Delaware	FD, F8, OB, JR.	Ken Mullins (302)363-6199
June 9-10	IOK Four Wheelers (C)	"JUNIOR GRAVELRAMA" Cleves, Ohio	FD, HD, OB	Mike King (812)537-3181
June 9-11	Butler County	"BANTAM JEEP HERITAGE FESTIVAL" Butler, Pennsylvania (bantamjeepfestival.com)	JAMBO	Mike / Cathy Klotz (570)758-2575
June 9	Line Mountain 4-Wheelers (B)	"COAL BUCKET" Dornsife, Pennsylvania	JR. SatPM F8 Sun	TJ Lenig (570)797-4540
June 16-17	Columbia Hill Climbers (B)	"49TH ANNUAL 4x4 OFF ROAD CHALLENGE" (S) Delta, Pennsylvania	JR., OB, 2F8	Kirk Shenberger (717)755-3252
June 23-24	Susquehannocks 4-Wheelers (B)	"45TH ANNUAL SUSQUEHANNOCKS RACE" (S) Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania	2FD, F8, 2HC, JR	Tom Leonard (570)932-0317
June 23	Franklin County 4-Wheelers (C)	SAND DRAG RACE" Brookville, Indiana	FD, JR.	Justin Ball (765)580-0596
June 26	Rensi Off Road	"SHORT COURSE, WHEEL 2 WHEEL" Harrison County Fairgrounds, Cadiz, Ohio	4WD TRUCKS UTV, BUGGIES	Bryan Rensi (740)491-0571
July 6-7	Outlaw Series	"OUTLAW SAND DRAG SERIES" Western Michigan Sand Dragway, Mears, Michigan	TT, FD (2nd Leg)	Nathan Sneed (812)208-0305
July 14	Line Mountain 4-Wheelers (B)	"3 1/2 MILER" Dornsife, Pennsylvania	UTV, OB,	TJ Lenig (570)797-4540
July 15	Line Mountain 4-Wheelers (B)	FLAT DRAGS (S) Dornsife, Pennsylvania	FD, JR	TJ Lenig (570)797-4540
July 14	IOK Four Wheelers	SXS / WHEEL 2 WHEEL / RUN WHAT U BRUNG Cleves, Ohio	W2W	Jami Wallick (513)787-0152
July 20-21	Franklin Cty 4-Wheelers (C)	SAND DRAG RACE / FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR Brookville, Indiana	BFD	Justin Ball (765)580-0596
July 21	Pine Creek 4-Wheelers (B)	"RUN WHAT YOU BRUNG" Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania	BFD	Craig Carr (570)447-4708
August 3-4	Franklin County 4-Wheelers (C)	"OUTLAW SAND DRAG SERIES" Brookville, Indiana	TT, FD (3rd Leg)	Nathan Sneed (812)306-0305
August 10		"TUFF TRUCK" Carbon County Fair, Palmeto, Pennsylvania	TTR	Chad Kohler (610)413-5546



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August 22-27	IOK Fo Wheele
Sept 1-2	Pine Cr 4 Whee
Sept 8	Frankli 4-Whee
Sept 15-16	Line M 4-Whee
Sept 28-29	IOK Fo Wheele
Sept 30	IOK Fo Wheele
October 5-7	IOK Fo Wheele
October 13	Region Pine Cr
October 13	Pine Cr 4-Whee
October 13	Frankli 4-Whee
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October 26-27	IOK Fo Wheele
Nov 9-11	EC4WD
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# ASSOCIATION'S TWO TOP 2017 AWARDEES



Usually, the association November convention's Saturday night award presentations are anchored by the two top awards that can be given for the year. This past evening of awards was no different. The final recognition came at the end of the evening, highlighted by the Pappy Fry and the President's Award. Both are given to members who have certainly gone the extra mile, with the Pappy Fry the most prestigious of the two. The latter is chosen from a field of three, each representing their region. The President's award is chosen by the association leader.

The 2017 Pappy Fry went to Bryan Rensi, long-time member. His home club is DieHard Off Road in Hopedale, Ohio. He is chairman of Region A and an EC4WDA board member by-laws chair. He is pictured on the left with the Pappy Fry trophy, which he will keep for a year and return this November when he will receive a permanent plaque. Bryan and Farrah have three (3) girls and just recently were blessed with their first grandchild.

Steve Forrester, EC4WDA Vice President and chair of our popular "One Of Our Own Fund" received the 2017 "President's Award", selected by the association President Barry Kellerman for his outstanding contributions to the sport. Steve is also co-chair of the upcoming 50th Anniversary of the association in 2019.

## FAST FORWARD TO SEPT 8-9 FOR ROLLING W NEWS

A racing spot that is sometimes a favorite of EC4WDA racers, the Rolling W Ranch in West Sunbury, Pennsylvania, has announced their September 8-9 dates as a weekend of racing as well as music.

Featuring rally cars, side-by-sides, buggies and trucks, racing will commence September 8th at noon. That evening will be music time, with the Eldorado Band.

Next day, Sunday, racing will return at 10AM.

Rolling W Ranch is in Butler County, 128 Whitmire Road, West Sunbury, PA 16061.

County	TOLEDO "JEEP FEST"	JEEP PARADE	(419)321-6404
Tourism	Toledo, Ohio (downtown)	ALL-JEEP SHOW	
hannocks	"WHEEL TO WHEEL"	W2W	Tom Leonard
lers (B)	Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania		(570)932-0317
ur	"GRAVELRAMA48" (S)	BFD, IFD, HC, OB,	Mike King
rs (C)	Cleves, Ohio	JR, ELIM2	(812)537-9572
reek	"THUNDER IN THE HOLLOW" (S)	BFD, HC, FD, OB,	Justin Boatman
lers (B)	Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania	JR, ELIM	(570)295-2239
n Cty	"SAND DRAG RACE"	BFD, JR.	Justin Ball
lers (C)	Brookville, Indiana		(765)580-0596
ountain	"SEVEN MILER" (48th Annual Running)	OB, FD, JR.	TJ Lenig
lers (B)	Dornsife, Pennsylvania		(570)797-4540
ur	"OUTLAW SAND DRAG SERIES" (Season Finale)	BFD, JR.	Nathan Sneed
rs (C)	Cleves, Ohio		(812)208-0305
ur	SXS / WHEEL 2 WHEEL / RUN WHAT U BRUNG	W2W	Jami Wallick
rs (C)	Cleves, Ohio		(513)787-0152
ur	SWAP MEET	SM	Louis Sneed
rs (C)	Cleves, Ohio		(812)432-5075
C	REGION MEETING	MTG	Tom Eaton
	Mansfield, Ohio		(419)677-5733
reek	BENEFIT RACE	W2W, BFD	Jerry Harris
lers (B)	Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania		(570)398-3978
n Cty	SAND DRAG RACE	BFD, JR.	Justin Ball
lers (C)	Brookville, Indiana		(765)580-0596
B	REGION MEETING	MTG	Jim Kopfer
	Kempton, Pennsylvania		(610)926-3701
ur	"ANNUAL LAST BLAST"	HD, BFD	Mike King
rs (C)	Cleves, Ohio		(812)537-9572
DA	"49th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION"	MTG	Barry Kellerman
	DuBois, Pennsylvania		(814)355-3181
B	REGION B COMPETITION AWARDS BANQUET	MTG	Jim Kopfer
	Trexlerstown Fire Company, Pennsylvania		(610)926-3701

t drags, CS -- camping fee, CAMP - organized camping, CF - campfire, CS - community service, DE - double  
 1 - eliminator, ED - education, END - enduro, FD - flat drags, F8 - figure 8, JAM - jamboree, JR - junior  
 - hillclimb, HCU - highway cleanup, HD - hilldrags, MB - mud bog, MC - motocross, MCA - miscellaneous  
 y, MR - mud race, MTG - meeting, NFD - night flat drags, NF8 - night figure 8, OB - obstacle, RC - rock  
 ion, RR - road rally, RTI - ramp travel index, SOC - social, SD - street drags, SM - swap meet, SXS - side-  
 ride, TT - test & tune, TTR - tough truck, W2W - wheel to wheel.



## ASSOCIATION TRAIL RIDE

By Ed McKillip  
EC4WDA Trail Boss

The association's annual trail ride took place at the Rausch Creek Off Road Park in Pine Grove, Pennsylvania. Mark McCall and I arrived May 11th and camped Friday and Saturday nights.

The trip for me is always an adventure. After having a flat on my pop-up tent camper in Cook Forest, Mark and I joined up in Brookville about 2PM. Then, making it almost to Snowshoe in the middle of no-where on I-80, the spare blew out. Mark returned in about an hour-and-a-half later from Tractor Supply with two new tires. By 8:30, we pulled into Rausch Creek, setup camp and had a fire and supper before the rain moved in.

Saturday morning we were greeted with heavy fog but the day only got better. After signing in, we headed out for the blue trails with Randy Kline from County Line (B) leading the group of seven (7) and Regan Hermany being the tail gunner. So, who was the first to break? Me, of course. A front spring shackle came apart. Who has not just a 3-inch bolt to stick it in for the day, but Regan ran back to his car trailer and found a stock shackle.

Jim Rainey (from Ohio) in his JK was first to be pulled after following Mark through a deep mud hole. Next was Randy dropping into the mud hole with his CJ5, not being able to back out, played there for awhile before being snatched out. Then Mark and his YJ tried the hole to no avail. Driving out the left side of it, he laid it on its side in the next set of ruts. Backing up to help him, I got crossed up on ruts and snatched out while two other guests were only too happy to get to put Mark back on his wheels.

Next was Shawn Davies in his JK getting high centered on a rock, then Mark in the playground doing the same with the front differential.

Cruising all day with no trouble was Colton Rohrbach in his Wrangler and Regan in his racer turned trail rider. Arriving back at camp, the guys had their rigs tied down on the trailers before it started to rain. Before everyone headed out, the "Worst Stuck Award" was given to Randy Kline as Mark wasn't stuck; he just fell over.

Sunday started out foggy and when it started raining, Mark and I packed up and headed back. Making it 35 miles from home, that vibration I had went away when the rear u-joint broke. Of course,

## HELLO EC4WDA!

By Brady Forrester, Cyberspace  
Coordinator

Hello EC4WDA and welcome spring weather. Finally, I'm looking forward to not only warm weather but races as well.

Since the fall, I have added a "Convention Recap" on the website, summarizing the weekend for those who missed it. Some pages like the Officer Page have been updated with new photos along with other layout changes on the website like the homepage with a new competition video.

If your club would like to promote events, please send me information or a flyer I can post. Also, if your club has any photos of events and especially community service projects, please send them to me! (Bforrester4444@gmail.com)

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## REGION A REPORT

By Bryan Rensi, Chair

It has been a quiet winter as far as the region is concerned. I believe this is a bad thing. As this off road season begins, I would like to hear all kinds of activities going on in the region, but sadly, I have not. I really feel I am at a slight disadvantage geographically speaking, by living in Ohio and so far from our region's active clubs. Plus, this really make it hard to find new locations to put on events. So this is my cry out to ALL Region A members, **"WE NEED YOUR HELP AND INPUT!"** I have been talking to everyone I can through social media and face to face when possible to try and gain new interest in our sport. To be honest, I am running out of ideas. I am very thankful to the Region A members that I know are working as hard as they can getting the word out too.

We have been trying to come up with something that I could bring to the board as to what our region needs, or an individual club may need, that the association maybe able to help with. Unfortunately, I keep coming up empty. I still believe this region can grow. Maybe not to the level it once was, but with a little but of luck a close second. This takes time, and our hard work has to pay off at some point. So, let's keep digging, fighting and scratching for all that we can get.

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more fun, pulling the rest of the rear drive shaft and locking into 4WD.

Next year is our 50th Anniversary at IOK on July 4th weekend. We will plan a trail ride venue, so we hope to see you there.

## Columbia Hill Climbers Off-Road Challenge 2018

By Brad Shoff, Sr., Member

I wish I could say there was a great turn out for our race, the weekend of June 16-17, but I can't as this year was worse than last year. We want to thank the 7 women and 20 men that supported us and put on an Awesome Show. Thanks to the campers that came out to watch the racing. There were no UTV's or Buggies and that is a shame as we had lots of racing for everyone that was there. The track conditions were a little harder to handle as the water truck was busy all weekend and we able to keep the down for the most part.

We also want to thank everyone that supported the Farmers Market again this year as they were very happy. We started the day with the Short Figure-8 (Double Laps & Double Elimination) and that had no jumps. Next up was the Long Figure-8 that included the jumps and again with Double Laps. Every driver was ready to go when we called them and that helped

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## REGION B REPORT

By Jim Kopfer, Chair

We recently held our spring regional meeting. We held some discussions on the health of the region, its treasury, membership and this year's race season. Again, there are more non-sanctioned events than sanctioned. Clubs do what they must to get money and interest in the gates. County Line seemed to have two (2) leads for event grounds, but as of yet nothing has panned out.

This is an election year for us, and to my surprise there seemed to be some interest from some of the members to hold an office. All positions are up for election excepting vice president. Mike Klotz informed me he could not make either meeting this year. Hear the train whistle?

As in the past, we'll just have to wait and see what this year brings. People and clubs in Region B are still dedicated to keeping our sport and organization alive. There is always hope things will turn around.



## CATHY'S CHAT...

By Cathy Klotz  
EC4WDA Board Member

### INVEST!

As I get asked to come up with an article for the Coaster each issue, the ideas get harder and harder to come up with. So I used my hour long drive home to try and think about things happening, or not happening, within our association. My thoughts tonight, lead me to the 50<sup>th</sup> year of EC4WDA, and what it's going to take to get there, and then surpass that mile stone. As an executive board member since 2009, I sit in meetings that seem to go the same way, have ideas made by the same people, and get frustrated over the lack of growth in many ways of our Association. And then I think, what can I do to try and change the dreary future of our Association.....Just don't complain without making a strong effort to make it change. So, I look back at our spring executive board meeting. I asked the board themselves to do something positive for our association in some way or another and now I'm asking you all to do the same thing. Make an effort to do more, or a simple thought.....INVEST! And then, attend the fall convention in November, to see what I am offering to do with the help of the entire association. It's way too big for just the board members to do! Got your interest? .....GOOD!!

Invest what you might maybe asking yourself? I'm not exactly thinking you should all write a check to the Association. But we are looking at 50 years here, let's get excited about it! We all may not attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, but let's make it a solid effort to make it

beyond that Golden anniversary. I look at one of my clubs, Line Mountain 4-Wheelers. Line Mountain not only will be celebrating 50 years in 2019, but they are strong and looking well beyond the 50<sup>th</sup> year. And how does that work for them? Well, the simple answer is INVEST! Do their club members just keep writing checks? NO! But what they do is much more valuable to the club. They stay active. They offer suggestions for new ideas (look at their name, 4-wheelers, and yet they have many, many members that race on 2, 4WD and 2WD, they have captured the market). They plan big events! They make necessary changes to keep their racers, their fans, their land owners, their members interested in continuing a tradition that 8 men started in 1969. Club members, Old and New, INVEST! Not only are they spending time planning future events, they are planning a year of celebration! Why just look to have 1 big event, do what Line Mountain Members do best, go BIG and party it up.....It's that important and that exciting! As I speak with members more active in the club than myself, I hear bits and pieces of their plans and everyone telling me their ideas are so excited about the clubs future plans! Even to the point where, what can they do to do more with their events? How can they get into more of the action, what can they do to make it successful? All members investing to celebrate 50 years and beyond, and then planning for the 50<sup>th</sup> annual running of the Line Mountain 7-Miler in 2020. Now consider this, image a new race venue. Thanks to Lee O'Donnell and his crew of supporters, Line Mountain gained a new location to race (The AOAA) this spring. It sounds to me as though it was very successful in many ways, and with a team effort, I'm sure this will continue into Line Mountain's and maybe even Region B's future. Which, if INVESTED properly, EC4WDA could win on this one too! Do you realize just how many people come from neighboring states to ride the trail of the AOAA? Well, I can tell you, that on a Friday morning as I drive to work, I pass countless trail riding vehicles headed their way. Just may be the ticket to grow interest & membership for all of us. And then, imagine this.....as a member of Line Mountain, I can freely say, we all love to have a good time (that's not a secret to anyone!) and now give us a reason to Party. Can't wait to see what our club puts together to celebrate 50 years and beyond in 2019.

And the big plans being made by the club following that golden anniversary year, the celebration of the 50th annual running of the Line Mountain 7-Miler in September 2020. All because their members....Old, New, and Future, get involved and INVEST!!!

Our club doesn't have all the answers, but thanks to active members willing to INVEST in their club, the sport they love, and the friendships their families have gained, the fun the club plans for their members, their families and their events, they are a club moving in the right direction. Although they don't change their board members often, they change! They get new "blood" into the direction of the club, they grow! Line Mountain will be celebrating their Golden Anniversary in 2019 just as EC4WDA will be celebrating theirs. The difference is, they aren't just looking to get to 50. They are looking at what's next for them as a 4 wheel drive club and how they are going to get there.

So INVEST! Plan an event, it doesn't need to be an all-out race or trail riding event. Plan a campout or a kayak adventure and invite our entire membership. Look at taking over the role of one of our board members, you have ideas and frustrations waiting to come out. Consider attending an already scheduled event you normally wouldn't attend, We can all use your support in any way. INVEST in the Association, attend Bantam and help the Bantam Gang promote our Association while having a great time doing it. Look at ways in which the association can gain interest in growing it's membership or it's bank account. You have it in you.....INVEST! It's that important!

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us get done in time to have a Tough Truck event in the evening.

We had a break and a band was playing for the spectators. Next up was the Tough Truck racing and we had some spectators showed up to watch the show and what a show it was. We had 4 classes 2WD, Stock 4WD, Modified 4WD. There was 2 Woman's Classes which were 2WD and Stock 4WD and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place women got to move up to the modified class. We had a bunch of outside racers come in for this but many East Coast racers also got into the action.

The photo eyes were awesome as we

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### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Chairman Carrie Swain requests  
Community Service reports be  
sent to cjsfox@gmail.com.

# COMMUNITY SERVICE. WE GLADLY WALK THE WALK!!



Where Early Education Works!™

November 29, 2017

East Coast 4 Wheel Drive Assn, Inc  
1781 Palomino Rd  
Dover, PA 17315

Dear Barry and Bruce:

Thank you for supporting Community Services for Children and our Annual Fund with your generous contribution of \$305. We will continue providing quality early development programs and services to thousands of children from low-income families throughout the greater Lehigh Valley and beyond.

Our mission is to prepare children to succeed in school by supporting their parents and early development from prenatal to age 5. In 2016-17, 96% of our Head Start children were fully ready for kindergarten. Our SafeStart children, now enrolled up to 72 with the recent expansion, are also improving their chances for success despite their rocky beginnings. 80% of them at age 3 are hitting normal milestones.

Sincerely,

*Sara*  
Sara George  
VP, Development  
610-437-6000; x 2101  
sgeorge@cscinc.org

*Thank you for choosing us!  
Please stop by next time you're in town.*

*CSC is a 501-c-3 not-for-profit organization, tax id #23-2204725. You received no gifts or services in exchange for this gift. Therefore, the entire amount may be considered a charitable donation for income tax purposes. Official registration and financial information of CSC may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling toll free within PA 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.*

We're very proud of the association's effort regarding community service and our contribution of \$305.00 to "Community Services For Children" in Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley. These dollars did not come

out of our treasury, but were raised at the convention in November through basket raffle tickets purchased by attending delegates and their families. Job well done!

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had about 12 races that were only 0.1 seconds difference and many other races were close also throughout the evening. It would have been impossible to call the winners on those races.

Sunday morning started with the Jr. Racers that ran the same track as the adults. Next was the fast Obstacle that is ran part of the way on the other side of the Jersey wall and the drivers did a great job of driving fast and keeping it safe.

Great job goes out to all the Men and Women that came out and supported us and hope to see you next year Father's Day Weekend if all the details work out for us. **We need more racers, campers and spectators.** We are losing tracks and many are complaining about not having places to race but look in the mirror and if you aren't coming out to support clubs that do hold races then you are the ones to blame. Every club needs as many to show up as possible as the costs keep going up and the money coming in is dropping. There are several races left and hope to see you there.

The Short Figure-8 1<sup>st</sup> place winners were: Jessie Doll, Allison Breslin, Victoria Gray, Danielle Sulzer, Brad Shoff Jr, Larry Keim, John Foieri, Zayne Gray, Steve Forrester and Jeremy Crone. 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners were: Jessica Wilson, Jenn Keim, Kaitlyn Keim, Kevin Reimert, Christopher Flinchbaugh, Chris Wilkinson and Ronnie Bellscheidt.

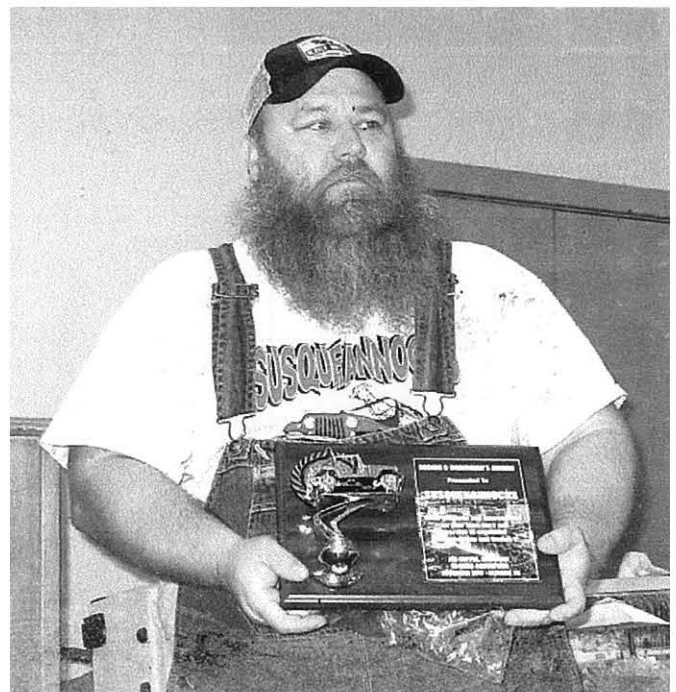
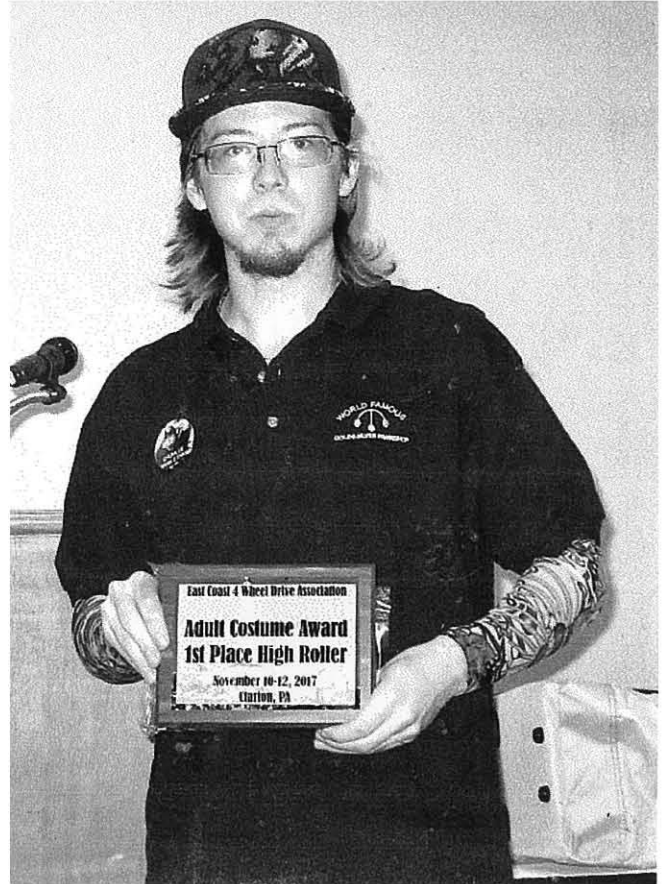
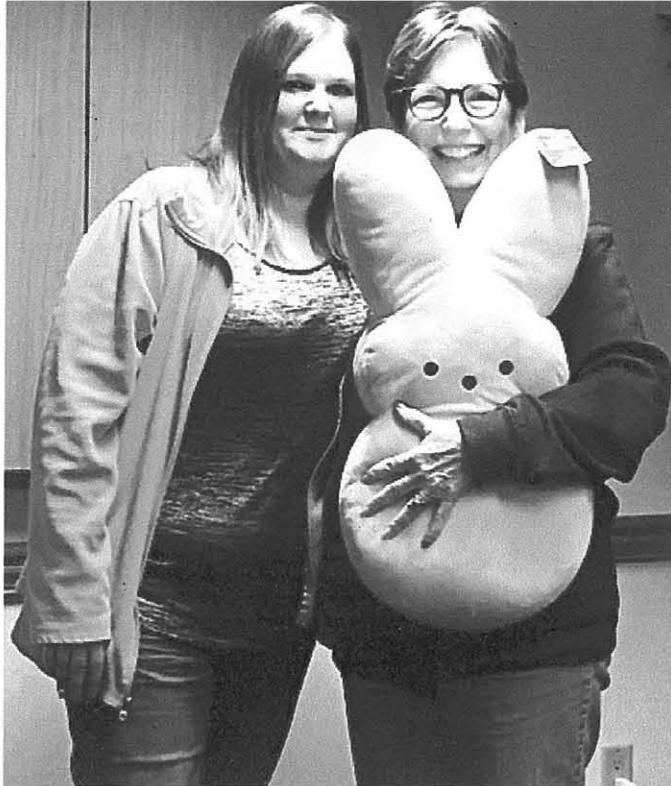
The Long Figure-8 1<sup>st</sup> place winners were: Jessie Doll, Jenn Keim, Danielle Sulzer, Gary Greene, Brad Shoff Jr., Chris Wilkinson, Ronnie Bellscheidt and Jessie Sulzer. 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners were: Kaitlyn Keim, Allison Breslin, Victoria Gray, Adam Doll, Kevin Fullin, Gary Reed and Steven Heilig

The Obstacle 1<sup>st</sup> place winners were: Jessie Doll, Danielle Sulzer, Jenn Keim, Gary Greene, Dustin Fenstermaker, Larry Keim, Monte Hayes and Jeremy Crone. 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners were: Kaitlyn Keim, Allison Breslin, Jesse Sulzer, Adam Doll, Brad Shoff Jr., Chris Wilkinson and Ronnie Bellscheidt.

The Tough Truck winners from the Region were: Stock 4WD 1<sup>st</sup> Adam Doll, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brad Shoff Jr., Modified 4WD 1<sup>st</sup> Jeremy Crone, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brad Shoff Jr. and Modified Women class 1<sup>st</sup> Danielle Sulzer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Samantha Green.



# CONVENTION GLIMPSES THRU A CAMERA LENS

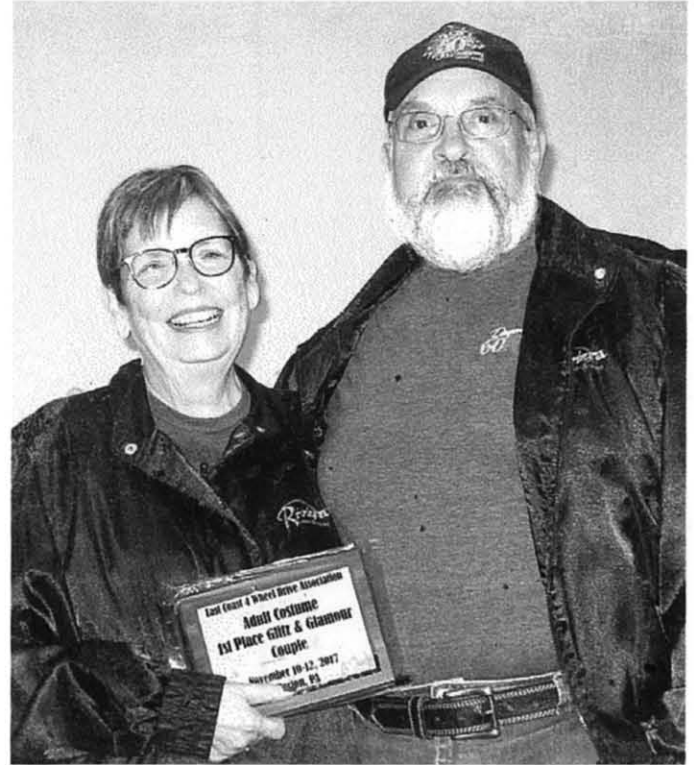
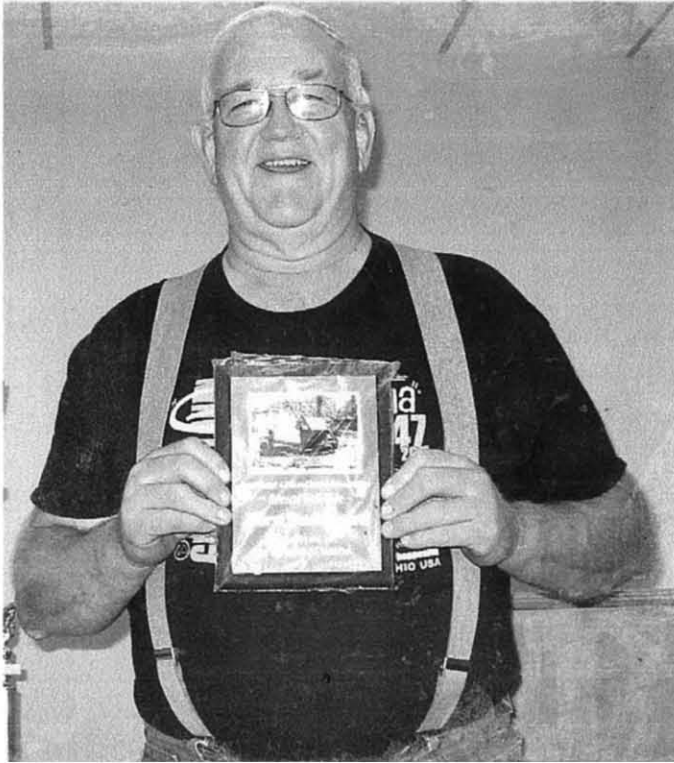


Accepting Region C's Chairman's Award is Tonia Eaton and Karen Reinhardt, the latter embracing the "peep." Don't ask. Don't know. Maybe Lensey knows. Pretty big "peep". doncha know!! Upper right is

Brady Forrester, EC4WDA Cyberspace Coordinator, posing with his award, "Best Guy Costume Award." Bottom left is IOK's Jannie Kelly, accepting the award for 2017 community service for the IOK Four Wheel-

ers Ladies Auxiliary. Bottom right is Susquehannock's Mark "ZeeZee" Baylor with Region B's Chairman's Award for 2017.

# Happy Faces and EC4WDA Recognition



Lensey” was busy during the convention in November. Upper left, wearing a huge smile, is long-time racer and rules advocate, Terry Mutchler, Loudonville, Ohio, member of Firelands, Region C. He is pictured accepting the Richard Gordon Sportsmanship Award for Mark Brady, member of POW/MIA. Mark is from Swansea, Illinois.

Upper right is Ken and Karen Rinehardt, Gregory, Michigan, accepting the “Best Couple Costume Award” at the convention. The theme was “Las Vegas.”

The big photo is all about “Toys For Tots”, our annual convention community service exercise when attending delegates bring in a toy that will be distributed in, this instance, to needy-children in the Clarion, Pennsylvania, community. Included, although not readily seen, are two (2) youth bicycles w/helmets. And, no, the corner of the picture didn’t disappear. That’s the counter behind which the toy display was located.



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# EC4WDA ANNUAL TRAIL RIDE



These photos were taken during the association's annual trail ride. On page 12 of this issue is the story penned by Trail Boss Ed McKillip. Pictured in the bottom picture on this page is Randy Kline who captured the coveted "Worst Stuck Award" which is displayed in the middle photo. Randy is a member of County Line 4X4 Roughriders (B) and resides in Mertztown, Pennsylvania.



## **PINE CREEK (B) SCHEDULES "BIG MONEY" BRACKET RACE SATURDAY, AUGUST 25TH**

Pine Creek President Chad Dunlap announced in late June his EC4WDA Region B club, Pine Creek 4-Wheelers, will be hosting a one-day bracket race that will have a \$2,000 purse, providing at least 40 competitors sign on. Race date is Saturday, August 25th on their grounds in Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania

First prize is \$1,500. while second place winner will earn \$500.

The race will feature ATV's, side-by-sides and dirt bikes. Each competitor will be permitted three (3) time trials and those will get under way at 10AM.

Single eliminations will prevail, although competitors can choose to buy back in the 2nd round. Dial-ins can be changed.

Competitors must be at least 18 years of age and are required to wear sleeved shirts and long pants.

Contact person is Chad Dunlap, 50 Market Street in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania 17745.



# SIDE-BY-SIDE RACING CAN

Association member club, the IOK Four Wheelers, have been conducting, since late March, a series of five races (two more to go) featuring, among other vehicles, the very popular side-by-side (UTV) offroad utility. Sometime known affectionately as “razors”, they feature high ground clearance, legendary ride and handling, great off-road performance and control, plus a degree of safety. They are immensely popular with racing fans and the action and speed on short course road racing is something to see.

Sometimes, things can get a little hairy on a tight course, shown in this group of photos by Ken Boggs during one of the series weekends in May at IOK. Negotiating a tight turn resulted in what you see. Rest assured, both the driver and co-driver were not injured in the slightest. However, it was quite a ride for the both of them.

## 2018 OUTLAW SERIES SAND DRAGS FIRST LEG RESULTS

Another season of highly-charged off-road drag racing, featuring cars and drivers from Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri, Georgia, Michigan and others opened with a bang the weekend of May 12th in Cleves. Boasting a compliment of some of the fastest and most powerful racers in the midwest, veteran Kyle Farwick reigned as King of the Outlaws, defeating Missouri’s Johnny Dreher. Both race consistently around the three second mark. The second leg of this year’s competition was held in Michigan in early July. The 3rd round is scheduled for Brookville, Indiana in early August and the final leg will be in Cleves later in the year.

The other results follow:

### 4.50 Index

Cole Bowling, Ryan Wilson

### 4.0 Index

Austin Bullock, Richard Harney

### 3.50 Index

Blake Cole, Rodney Upchurch

### Nickel Nightmare

Tyrone Short, Brayden Kocher

### Juniors

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PIC 2



PIC 3



# SOMETIMES TURN ON A DIME.....

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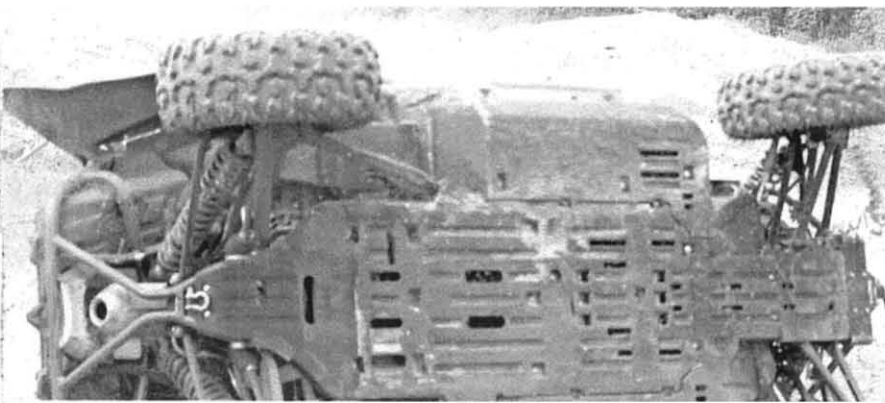
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PIC 6



PIC 7



## TOLEDO JEEP FEST AUGUST 10-12

The 2nd Toledo Jeep Fest is scheduled for August 10-12 in the northern Ohio city. Toledo has been the home of Willys-Overland, original manufacturers of the "general purpose" vehicle in conjunction with Ford Motor Company and American Bantam, the latter's original design forming the concept from which the "Jeep" emerged at the beginning of WWII.

The welcome party begins Friday the 10th, 3:30PM with a Jeep Off-Road Course. Next will be a Kick-Off concert at 6:30 featuring the nationally known "KC & The Sunshine Band".

Saturday, the 11th, will get underway with an "All-Jeep" parade at 11AM, plus an "All-Jeep" car show. There will also be a vendor area, live bands & entertainment, a Kid's Zone, food trucks and beer gardens.

Sunday, August 12th, things begin 8:30AM with a 4-Mile Run and a 1 Mile Walk. The All-Jeep car show continues at 11AM as does the other attractions listed in the previous paragraph.

Closing ceremony and raffle is at 12:30PM.

The event is billed as a community festival and is free to the public.



## MEET THE "BANTAM GANG" ..... FOURTEEN VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE!!



Take a very close look at these EC4WDA members. They are the association's special team of outreach folks who work very hard at promoting EC4WDA during the very popular Bantam Jeep Heritage Festival, every June in Butler, Pennsylvania. Most have been doing it for a number of years, and that is running the event's Jeep Challenge, one of the activities that make up the event, celebrating the Bantam military vehicle, whose original design contributed to the development of the Willys "General Purpose" vehicle at the beginning of World War II, 1942. It was not long after the reconnaissance vehicle was deployed to the troops in the early days of the war that it became affectionately known as the "Jeep", a result of the "G" and "P" of General Purpose. It was Bantam's original design that was given to Ford and Willys when it was determined Bantam did not have the manufacturing resources to provide the military with the numbers they needed. Willys eventually won out after both they and Ford produced 1500 prototypes each. It is this history the festival celebrates each year in Butler, home of Bantam. And we participate in the above fashion, creating EC4WDA's presence each year, promoting our mission in the sport. The above folks are very special in that they volunteer every year, carrying the message of EC4WDA. They are, in no particular order, Pam & Brad Shoff, Linda & Andy Miller, Karen & Ken Rinehardt, Cathy & Mike Klotz, Carrie Swain, Mike Ion, Ed McKillip, Mark McCall, Blaine Boeckel and Carrie's grandson. Fourteen very special people.



### **Hmmm. Gettin' It Straight.**

This photo with Tonya Eaton and Karen Rinehardt should be on Page 15 with the correct caption about receiving awards from EC4WDA Region C. Somehow, the photo on Page 15 of these two ladies features a "Peep", a very large "Peep". Don't ask about the "Peep". We haven't a clue what it is all about. Perhaps you could ask either of the ladies. They just might know. At any rate, here is the picture that belongs on Page 15. Isn't it comforting to know we've got everything under control.