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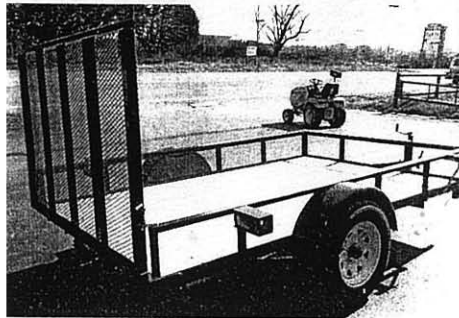
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## OUR SIDELINED RAFFLE MOVES TO YEAR 2021 THANKS TO COVID-19

Our planned annual association raffle was hijacked earlier this year when Covid-19 overtook the world. The necessary distribution of raffle tickets to the membership didn't take place when meetings, racing as well as trail events were cancelled. Purchase of the raffle items, including a trailer and a Polaris 450 Sportsman were completed on schedule. And that was it.

Now, EC4WDA is getting the raffle back on the rails and distribution of raffle tickets to the membership will begin with the convention coming up in November. What was originally considered the 2020 raffle is now the 2021 raffle and as conditions return to a more normal environment, the winner will be announced at the 2021 convention in November next year.



get back to what we expect as normal.

Because of the virus we had many of our events cancelled this year causing financial hardships to those clubs holding the events. Those clubs will need all the support that you can muster next year as they try to recover.

**The Association itself had to postpone the ATV Raffle we had planned for 2020. We will be going ahead with that raffle for 2021 and we will have tickets ready to distribute at the Annual Convention in November. As a reminder, the raffle is for a new 2019 Polaris 450 4 Wheeler that will come with it's own trailer included in the prize!**

We have had some promising things

## CONVENTION INFORMATION

The EC4WDA convention will again be in DuBois, Pennsylvania. Location is the Comfort Suites at the DuBois Country Club, 10 Lakeside Avenue.

Dates are November 13-15. To reserve a room, call 814.375.6028. The convention begins Friday evening when the executive board meets.

The first general delegate session is Saturday morning, 9AM. There will be a break mid-morning for committee meetings and lunch. Delegate body will reconvene at 3PM for committee meeting reports and additional business.

Saturday night is the banquet with recognition awards following and social time finishing up the evening.

Sunday morning will be another delegate session, wrapping up the weekend.

Again this year the community service committee will handle the annual toy and food collection for the DuBois community needy.

Concerning the banquet, the menu features beef tenderloin w/mushroom onion demi, chicken w/roasted red pepper cream sauce, au gratin potatoes, mac & cheese, carrots, dinner salad w/ranch or italian dressing, dinner rolls and chef's choice dessert. Banquet is \$20. Payment can be made at the convention

happen this summer for a couple of our clubs. The Region A club, Erie County 4X4 Club, after much hard work have secured their own property and should be up and running for 2021. The Region B club, Columbia Hillclimbers finally were able to pull off their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event at their new home grounds.

The Annual Convention is still on as planned. The dates are Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Barry Kellerman

The year 2020 will go down in history as the year of the disrupter. There is not a person in this country that hasn't seen or felt the effects of the COVID 19 situation. No matter what your beliefs or your interpretation of the event, it has caused the largest disruption to this country in recent history. I know that some of you have felt the effects of the virus personally. My wish is that you all will remain safe and healthy as we try to

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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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**CHC TOPS "B" CLUBS  
IN POINT STANDINGS**

Columbia Hill Climbers, one of two surviving EC4WDA clubs to join the association in 1969, captured club honors with the highest point total among clubs who had competing racers during the 2020 season. The club's home of record is Ephrata, Pennsylvania and they boast a membership of roughly 23 families.

**CLUB POINTS 2020**

- 1 Columbia Hill Climbers
- 2 Susquehannocks
- 3 Pine Creek
- 4 Twin County
- 5 In The Circle
- 6 US Mules
- 7 County Line
- 8 Line Countain
- 9 Stump Jumpers
- 10 Trail Blazers



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**CONVENTION  
BOUND?**

*OUR COMMUNITY  
SERVICE PROJECT  
CONTINUES----*

**DON'T FORGET TO  
BRING NON-PERISHABLE  
FOOD AND TOYS FOR  
TOTS!!!**

**"PRESIDENT" from Page 1**

15<sup>th</sup>. The event is being held at the same location, The Dubois Country Club in Dubois, PA. We will once again have the Saturday night banquet followed by the Awards Ceremony. We will be collecting non-perishable food and toys as before to help the local families. Please plan to attend. It is important for your voice to be heard. We need the input of our members to help us set the path for the future. Make plans to attend and let your voice be heard!

I hope to see you all in Dubois!  
Barry



**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!!**

**"50TH ANNIVERSARY RACE"**  
Sanctioned EC4WDA Region B  
Windsor, Pennsylvania  
September 12-13, 2020  
Columbia Hill Climbers  
*Official Results*

**FLAT DRAGS / OPEN**

- XD John Lyons, Jerry Harris
- B Rick Weber, Tom Hartman
- C Fred Nolte, Steve Forrester
- D Steven Heilig, Jeremy Dietrich
- E Sput Wilkinson, Dave Grove
- F Dustin Fenstermaker, Ronnie Bellscheit
- H Colton Rohebough, Frank Ryczak

**UTV / OPEN**

Mike Eck, Mike Leigh

**UTV / WOMEN**

Jenn Eck, Camryn Schooley

**FLAT DRAGS / WOMEN**

- B Debbie Hayes, Stephanie Knopsnider
- D Camryn Schooley, Kaylea Dietrich
- E Liz Hummel, Camryn Schooley
- H Caitlin Keim, Jessie Doll

**FIGURE 8 / OPEN**

- B Joseph Merkle, Monte Hayes
- C Steve Forrester, Fred Nolte
- D Jeremy Dietrich, Mike Leigh
- E Dave Grove, Sput Wilkinson
- F Dustin Fenstermaker, Chris Wilkinson

- H Gary Greene, Cory Pappas

- I Colton Rohebough

**FIGURE 8 / WOMEN**

- B Debbie Hayes
- D Kaylea Dietrich, Camryn Schooley
- E Liz Hummel, Camryn Schooley
- H Jessie Doll, Vaitlin Keim

**OBSTACLE / OPEN**

- AA Jeremy Dietrich, Colton Rohebough
- A Monte Hayes
- C Mike Leigh, Dustin Fenstermaker
- E Jeremy Getegen, Frank Ryczak
- H Jeremy Dietrich, George Schooley

**OBSTACLE / WOMEN**

- A Debbie Hayes
- C Camryn Schooley, Lynz Leader
- E Caitlin Keim, Jessie Doll
- H Kaylea Dietrich, Camryn Schooley

**JUNIOR RACERS / DRAGS**

- PW Laila Doll, Bradley Shoff
- PW50CC T. Dietrich, Corey Shenberger
- PW90CC Bradley Shoff, Laila Doll
- 90CC Colton Keim, Kenzie Shenberger
- 400CC Wyatt Grove, Keaton Grove
- S CARTS Kacey Miller, Aura Firestone
- RZR Adrina Getchen, Cory

# REGION A's ERIE COUNTY HAS A BRAND-NEW HOME!

By Carrie Swain

Erie County 4-Wheel Drive Club is excited to announce we have a new property in Union Township, near Erie, Pennsylvania. Featuring 29 acres, the property has a lot of nice camping areas, plus a big pole building with restrooms and showers.

We were hoping to have a track built by the end of fall. However, like most clubs, we are having problems obtaining insurance.

We feel strongly this will contribute to a good start in rebuilding our club as well as Region A.

We have been cleaning up the property, putting in new trails to play on and enjoying weekends of camping.

We are planning a community garden for next spring to help feed our campers as well as donating to local community food banks.

It's so nice to have a home again.

Wagner

**JUNIOR RACERS / OBSTACLE**

- PW Laila Doll, Brayden Place
- PW50CC Corey Shenberger, Lilly Green
- PW90CC Laila Doll, Bradley Shoff
- 90-110CC Calvin Leader, Brenden Simon
- 400CC Keaton Grove, Wyatt Grove
- S CARTS Aura FCirestone, Kacey Miller
- RZR Cory Wagner, Adrina Getchen

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- Fisher Auto Parts*
- Stump Jumpers*
- Donnie Dietrich*
- Andy & Linda Miller*
- Robbie Williams*
- Kinsley Construction*
- Todd Fenstermaker*

**RONA2020**

Cleves, Ohio

August 28-29, 2020

**IOK 4-Wheelers**

**Official Results**

**QUALIFYING ORDER 1st SESSION**

Kyle Farwick	3.059
Craig Gum	3.171
VanBennekom	3.264
Johnny Dreher	3.395
Andrew Meyer	3.511
Kathy Ellington	3.551
Ryan Wilson	3.717
Cody Trice	6.024

**50/50 SPORTSMAN BRACKET**

**ATV**

Tim Engel, Darren Butts

**4.0 INDEX**

Darren Smith, Ryan Kerr

**3.50 INDEX**

Ryan Wilson, Rodney Upchurch

**50/50 SPORTSMAN**

David Trice, Branden Berry

**PEE WEE**

Jaylon Meyer, Austin Rosenberger

**JUNIORS**

Trinity Montgomery, Jared Welke

**QUALIFYING ORDER 2nd SESSION**

Kyle Farwick	3.046
Burt VanBennekom	3.151
Craig Gum	3.171
Ryan Wilson	3.333
Joe Gorney	3.337
Johnny Dreher	3.380
Blake Cole	3.461
Kathy Ellington	3.464
Andrew Meyer	3.511
Cody Trice	4.693

**CLASS FINALS**

**ATV**

Chad Means, Chad Ohmer

**5.0 INDEX**

Carole Patterson, Michael Becken

**2.95 INDEX**

Burt VanBennekom, Craig Gum

**D/PRO MODIFIED**

John Brown, Austin Bennevento

**SLOW CLASS BRACKET**

John Brown, Austin Bennevento

**FAST CLASS BRACKET**

Aaron Korner, Ashton Wilson

**QUICK 16**

Kevin Trainor, Kyle Harney

(Thanks to WSDN for results)

## THE CHAIRMAN REPORTS ON A BUSY REGION B & COVID-19 RAMIFICATIONS

By Kirk Shenberger

EC4WDA Region B Chairman

What's new in Region B? I guess it depends upon whom you ask.

The year started out on a bad note.

The first race on our schedule, FLAT-ORAMA, held by the Delaware 4-Wheelers had to be cancelled because of the Covid scare. The second race was Line Mountain Coal Bucket, which had a great turnout for the non-sanctioned event. The EC4WDA racers, however, were pretty light. The third race was postponed from June until August which unfortunately meant a non-sanctioned race to be held by Susquehannocks had to be cancelled.

Pine Creek 4-Wheelers stepped up to the plate by switching a non-sanctioned event to a sanctioned one to make up for losing a points race. However, the event got very little support as it was suspected many racers had already made other commitments that weekend, or perhaps many were worried about Covid 19. Such a shame as this really got people talking about how the sport is dying.

Then, we had a little sunshine break thru the clouds come August when the Susquehannocks race was finally held. It was a pretty good turnout for both racers and spectators and it must have sparked fire in some. Next was the Pine Creek Labor Day weekend event. It was well attended and appeared to bring out racers who had been retired or sitting for quite some time. Social media was alive with positive messages. Things are finally looking up!

Big question was, will Columbia Hill Climbers finally pull off their 50th Anniversary Race and get the proverbial "monkey off their back?" Well, everything was going good with less than two weeks to go. That was when the bottom fell out once again. The event insurance they thought they had was pulling the plug. Can you say WTF! How much bad luck can a club have? It was believed that there was no way to acquire a new policy with so little time left. The club unfortunately had to announce once again the race was not to be.

Other Region B members encouraged CHC to strive forward. And they did on the hope there was a chance a new policy might be possible. Then, good news

appeared on the scene. They pulled it off and got the "binder" just in time. THE RACE WAS ON!!

And - - what a race it was. Competitor count was 51 EC4WDA racers, 49 tough truck competitors and spectators like they have not seen in 20 years!

Everybody seemed to like the new grounds and there was a real sense of excitement in the air all weekend. There are people talking about building new racers and racers talking about having friends that are going to join and race. Maybe, just maybe 2020 hasn't been a total waste.

But wait! There is more! This year is the 50th Anniversary of the famous Line Mountain 7-Miler. The event was a huge success with over 200 competitors, 50 Junior Racers and about 1500 spectators. Sunday featured an Old Timer's Race that was also well-attended.

On a sad note, we did lose a couple wonderful members this year and they will be sadly missed.

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## THE SAGA SURROUNDING A SUCCESSFUL CHC 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

By Kirk Shenberger

EC4WDA Region B Chairman

Well, we finally did it. Columbia Hill Climbers (CHC) was finally able to hold our 50th Anniversary Event. It was more than a year past due considering the race weekend was originally scheduled for June of 2019. After all the issues last year with not getting the support needed from Mason Dixon, we were forced to cancel.

Then, we found a new track in Shade Gap, Pennsylvania and things were looking up. We then suffered the blow of having our insurance denied. New insurance was found and the race was rescheduled for September of 2019. But, once again, hopes were crushed when the new track advised their fire fighters and EMT's had to attend a mandatory emergency training course as they provide coverage for the PA turnpike.

We immediately started pursuing another new location. Everything came together real nice and the best news was there was room to once again have DRAGS! The new land in Windsor, Pennsylvania is the home of The Early American Steam Association. They have held tractor pulls in the past and their insurance would cover our race.

## FRANKLIN COUNTY (C) 2020 RACING SEASON COMP WINNERS

Brookville, Indiana's Franklin County Four Wheelers, boasting a dirt drag strip to die for, reports their competition results for the 2020 season. Beginning in June, the club had six race dates scheduled. A portion of the June race was rained out and the entire August 22nd meet was cancelled because of rain as well.

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Well, that changed less than two weeks before the race was to happen. We once again found ourselves scrambling to find insurance. The new policy was secured and the race was on. The good news traveled fast and the racers started to roll in Friday. We also had a good many EC4WDA members come just to camp and spectate. We are very grateful for their support.

The drags went off without a hitch. Many people commented the track was very nice. We were even able to get that little red truck out of hibernation and man, that thing was hungry. The figurer 8 went over really good and we had only one roll-over. The tough truck racing on Saturday night was full of fierce competition. Some of the local racers bumped up to run modified and they knocked out some really good racers.

Sunday rolled around and somebody (no names mentioned) jinxed us by shooting off his big mouth saying, "I can't believe we only had one roll-over yesterday. We ran 51 EC4WDA racers and 49 tough truck racers."

Well, the obstacle course looked like a blast to run. I wish I had my racer there to run. However, it did take a toll on a number of machines. There were six (6) roll-overs and a couple broken racers. All said they liked the course.

We were very impressed with the help we got from the members of the Early American Steam Association.

Let's not forget the junior racers. We had twenty (20) competitors and they ran the drags and the obstacle.

Almost forgot the most important part. We had spectators!! It sounded like they all enjoyed the show. The kids under 12 got free prizes thanks to Dale and Dottie Dettinger for running the kid's prize tent, the Red Neck Auction, and selling t-shirts.

It's certainly worth noting the club has one of the most successful programs in the association. They consistently draw in excess of 100 cars each session and can boast of ample camping and a well maintained dirt strip.

**June 27**

**PEEWEEES**

Gunner Powers, Hank Buckler

**JUNIORS**

Ryanna Phillips, Kayden Kerr

**ADULTS**

(Rained out)

**July 17th**

**HOFFER'S FUEL & SERVICE QUIK**

**8**

Rodney Upchurch, Tim King

**FAST CLASS**

Tyrone Short, Kevin Banks

**SLOW CLASS**

Trent Sampson, Brandi Brusler-cole

**July 18th**

**PEEWEEES**

Luke Ross, Jensen Short

**JUNIORS**

Jared Welke, Brandy Rush

**FAST CLASS**

Dylan Cregar, Kelin Traynor

**SLOW CLASS**

Blake Hensley, Rob Edwards

**STANT MIX 16**

Daniel Sizemore, Aaron Korner

**August 8th**

**PEEWEEES**

Hank Buckler, Gage Korner

**JUNIORS**

Carson Combs, Kenna Bell

**FAST CLASS**

Tyrone Short, Justin Ball

**SLOW CLASS**

Damian Bowers, Dan Stenger

**August 22nd**

(Rained Out)

**September 5th**

**PEEWEEES**

Luke Ross, Gage Korner

**JUNIORS**

Jestin Robinson, Kenna Bell

**FAST CLASS**

Jamey Vail, Dave Cregar

**SLOW CLASS**

Dennis MacDonald, Damian Bowers

The last two race dates could not be included in this report due to press deadline.

# FENSTERMAKER, HAYES TAKE FIRST PLACE HONORS IN "B" COMPETITION

Dustin Fenstermaker and Debbie Hayes captured first place honors in Region B's points competition during the 2020 season. Beset with complications arising from Covid-19, the region did succeed in completing the 2020 season amid what appears to be a resurgence in interest. Boasting a chairman who goes the extra mile to get "things" accomplished, Region B had been suffering from reduced competitor counts the last couple of years. According to reports, things have taken a significant uptick during the 2020 season and bode well for 2021 and beyond.

In the OPEN division, Fenstermaker, recently a member of County Line, finished on top of the points race as a member of Columbia Hill Climbers. He and Jessica reside in York, Pennsylvania. In woman's point standing, Debbie Hayes was the winner. She and husband Monte live in Kutztown, Pennsylvania and are members of Twin County.

**OPEN DIVISION**

- 1 Dustin Fenstermaker  
Columbis Hill Climbers
- 2 Brad Shoff, Jr.  
Columbia Hill Climbers
- 3 Jeremy Getgen  
Pine Creek
- 4 Dave Grove  
Susquehannocks
- 5 Jeremy Dietrich  
County Line
- 6 Chris Wilkinson  
Line Mountain
- 7 Cory Wagner  
Pine Creek
- 8 Larry Keim  
Susquehannocks
- 9 Allan Wise  
Columbia Hill CLimbers
- 10 Stephen Heilig  
In The Circle

**WOMAN DIVISION**

- 1 Debbie Hayes  
Twin County
- 2 Kaylea Dietrich  
County Line

**"SXS / W2W RACE SERIES"**  
EC4WDA Region C Unsanctioned  
Cleves, Ohio  
October 2-3, 2020  
I.O.K. Four Wheelers  
*Official Results*

**DASH FOR CASH**

Truck	Sean Ford
1000cc	Philip McFerron
Payout	\$600.

**1000 NON-TURBO (Side By Sides)**

1st	Bob Heinzeman
2nd	Dylan Moore
3rd	Buddy Spears
Payout	\$420.

**1000 TURBO (Side By Sides)**

1st	Philip McFerron
2nd	Josh Jones
3rd	Zach Mitchell
Payout	\$315.

**MODIFIED (Jeeps/Trucks)**

1st	Sean Ford
2nd	Ben Barnhorst
3rd	Mike Wysocki
Payout	\$840.

**BUGGY**

1st	Brandon Souder
2nd	Terry Bessenbacker
3rd	Nick Baxley
Payout	\$420

**YOUTH / 170cc**

1st	Dylan Hardine
2nd	Ellie Engel

**YOUTH / 150cc and under**

1st	Matthew Heile
2nd	Corbin Stidd
3rd	Chris Browning
Payout	\$500. (Bone Miller)

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- 3 Caitlin Keim  
Susquehannocks
  - 4 Jessie Doll  
Columbia Hill Climbers
  - 5 Liz Hummel  
Susquehannocks
  - 6 Gabby Harris  
Pine Creek
  - 7 Jenn Eck  
Pine Creek
  - 8 Savannah Merkle  
US Mules
  - 9 Camryn Schooley  
Columbia Hill Climbers
  - 10 Janelle Carney  
In The Circle

## **EC4WDA Region C/MID-AMERICA Spring Executive Board Meeting, March 14, 2020 / Mansfield, OH**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Lowe / 8:57AM. Pledge and roll call followed. Quorum was met.

Minutes of October, 2019 meetings were emailed, printed and passed out. Treasurer's report followed. Terry Mutchler motioned to accept and Jerry Schwartz seconded.

Chairman's report by Mike was next. He introduced himself as the new Region C chair. We found a new hotel and all were pleased. He commented that we need people to show up for meetings and races. It's troubling that we are slowly shrinking. He mentioned the association's raffle of the Polaris 450 w/trailer. Winner will be announced in November. We lost two racers this year. Town & County (Region B) is also dropping because of low participation. IOK is also a maybe for next year, but we'll wait and see what happens after Gravel 50. Franklin County, Show Me and Ram will probably follow whatever IOK does. Both regions are having participation problems. Discussion followed on no bracket rules vs. our rules and how it is affecting our sport, as well as trail riding.

Vice Chairman: No report.

Membership Secretary: Jill was not here but Mike Thomas gave her report. He has directories and membership cards and Jill has mailed all others out. We lost one club, Hard Times. We gained 41 members this year for a total of 413.

Recording Secretary: Minutes have been passed out and if there is anyone willing to take over this position, let me know.

Rules Chair: Last summer at Gravel, several rules people thought he was playing fair so they asked him and he didn't do anything they asked him to do, so he was disqualified. The main rules that were voted on in DuBois in November, 2019, was that a class for electric vehicles was established.

Sanctioning Chair: Nothing.

Land Use Chair: Not here.

East Coaster Editor: Jerry reported the East Coaster was put into the mail yesterday (700 pieces). The current mailing list needs to be updated and he plans on bringing that up at the EC4WDA

board meeting. It costs roughly \$1,000.00 to print and mail each issue.

By-Laws Chair: Not here.

Junior Points Chair: Seth reported that not much went on this winter so nothing to report.

Community Projects: Open position.

Competition Points: Open position.

Theme for this year is ??? for the DuBois meeting in November.

We sold \$82. of raffle tickets for the fire pits at the EC meetings. The fire pit was obtained by Tommy Eaton and now we need to know if he wants to continue or do we want to continue to raffle them off? Seth will call his Dad to find out. We will leave this open until the general meeting.

New hotel. Consensus was that we like it. Prices will be a bit higher (from \$65. to \$79) in the fall because of the Mid-Ohio race. Will need a motion this afternoon.

Raffle for the EC meeting. Karen offered to get another canopy for Region C.

Richard Gordon Award and Pappy Fry Award – both will be nominated and voted on in the fall meeting.

One Of Our Own – We will need a motion for a donation to the general meeting.

Bantam 2020: They are always looking for volunteers to help with the EC Jeep Challenge. Dates are June 13-14, 2020.

This is election year for all positions in Region C which happens in October. It would be nice if we could get a person from each club to come and participate.

Dues for OMT and Blue Ribbon—Karen will bring her computer down so we can try to pay them this afternoon.

We will want to bring up the fastest reaction time for Gravel this afternoon.

We will also need to discuss what Region C does if IOK drops. We would probably lose Franklin County, Show Me and RAM. We need to figure out what direction we want to take. Jerry hopes to continue with RAM for people who want to stay members but have no club.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15AM

Meeting reconvened at 2PM for the following vote:

Motion was offered to give \$ 50. to the fastest reaction time at Gravel on the flat drags. Seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned 2:15PM

*Submitted by Karen Reinhardt, Region C  
Acting Recording Secretary.*

## **CAN "U TOP THIS?"**

For the first time in a half century, "Gravelrama" didn't happen in 2020, a rather significant happening (or lack thereof). However, I.O.K. decided to have a sand drag event the hallowed weekend before Labor Day weekend which took up just two days. Although the usual "AMERICA'S ANNUAL 4WD HAPPENING" did not happen, something rather unusual did. To say the least.

*For perhaps the only time in EC4WDA's 50+ years of competitive 4X4 racing is concerned, four (THAT'S FOUR) generations of the same family competed in a single day of competition at the same location.*

If you've competed at "Gravelrama" or Brookville (Franklin County) you will know the Banks' name. Out of Connersville and Brookville, Indiana, the Banks family has been racing forever, or so it would seem, Three generations competing have been pretty common among their clan over the years. But four generations?

I.O.K. reasons it could be a first, and welcomes your comments.

Anyway, the day went like this.

1. Great-grandfather George Banks
2. Grandfather Kevin Banks
3. Johnathan Banks  
Travis Amburgy  
Brian Banks
4. Lydea Amburgy  
Braxton Banks

All are direct descendants of George. Carl Banks (better known brother of George) was a racing icon and piloted "Speed Buggy". His branch of the Banks family had raced three generations for a number of years. He passed years ago.

The East Coaster welcomes any commentary concerning multiple generations racing on a single day in one location.

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**our resources!**

# OVERVIEW OF "C" FALL MEETING IN LOUDONVILLE

Representatives of seven (7) clubs, out of nine (9), took part in the Region C fall meeting in Loudonville, Ohio, week-end of October 17th. President Mike Lowe presided.

There was a board meeting as well as a general meeting. Things got underway at 8:00AM.

Early discussion concerned the Spring 2021 meeting in Mansfield. Date picked was March 13th. There was also talk concerning the POW/MIA club with the future of the club questionable since the death of Sheri Hunt, who with husband Paul, were responsible. Terry Mutchler and Mike Lowe agreed to contact Paul and see what the situation is.

The board expressed concern over IOK's plans to take "Gravelrama51" in 2022 to unsanctioned status. This would leave the region without a sanctioned event and no prospects.

There was nothing new from the rules, sanctioning and land use chairs. Coaster editor shared the fact that the fall issue would contain a story of the

association's junior racing program and how successful it has been in preparing the youth for the transition to adult racing.

The region's Richard Gordon Award recipient was announced. The award will be presented during award ceremonies at the association's Saturday night banquet & Awards night.

Motion was passed to purchase 10X10 canopy for raffle at the convention.

Discussion concerning Blue Ribbon Coalition dues. It was decided there was no reason to pursue.

Motion passed to adjourn the board meeting at 9:36AM.

During the break, the rules committee met. Convention delegates to the rules committee were decided.

General meeting opened 10:26AM. Quorum was met.

Minutes as mailed or emailed were approved. Treasurer's report was approved.

Rules, sanctioning, land Use, East Coaster and Junior Racing reported 75% of canopy raffle receipts at the convention will go to the Children's Tumor Foundation.

The region's selection for Pappy Fry candidate was decided and will be announced during the voting process at

the convention.

Region will donate 25% of canopy raffle receipts plus \$100. to EC4WDA One Of Our Own Fund.

Concerning region election, a "Single Ballot" was approved, meaning all board members will stay in their positions.

Adjournment 11AM.

## RICHARD GORDON SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNER

During their recent region meeting in Loudonville, Ohio, the weekend of October 17, EC4WDA Region C announced the 2020 awardee of their Richard Gordon Sportsmanship Award. A member of Franklin County (Indiana) and resident of Laurel, Indiana, Dylan Cregar is the winner. The presentation will take place at the association's award night (following the banquet) at the November convention in DuBois, Pennsylvania.

An active and successful racer, Richard Gordon lost his life in a drag racing accident near St. Clairsville, Ohio, in the early 90's. He was a member of Tri-County (C) in Lisbon, Ohio and resided in East Sparta, Ohio with his wife Martha.



### 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.

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 TELEPHONE NUMBER(    ) \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ MARRIED?  YES  NO  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_  
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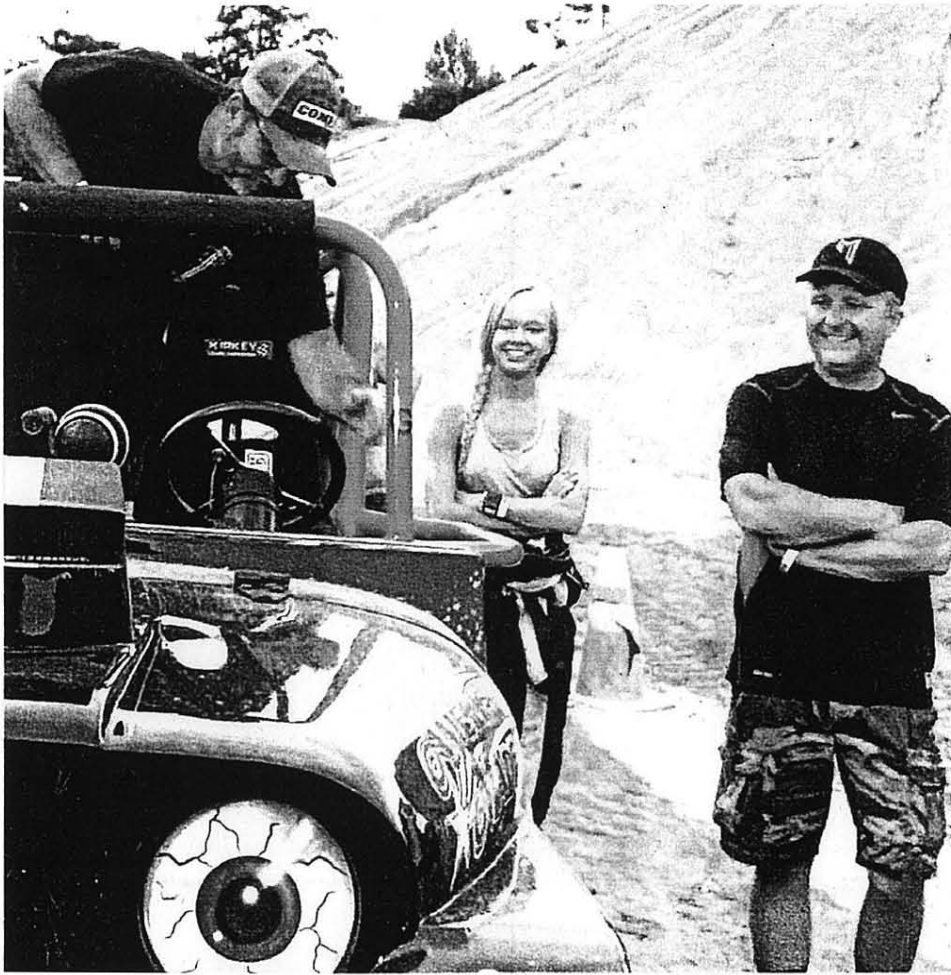
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Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

Return to:  
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*As a "varsity" competitor today, did you participate in EC4WDA's junior racing program? If so, please let us know. Send your info to EC4WDA, 101 South Miami Avenue, Cleves, Ohio 45002. We will be doing a special section in the next issue, listing all who 16 or more and are active racers today. Got a special story? Tell us all about it. We are anxious to hear from all you guys and gals who graduated from junior racing in our association!!!*

# JUNIOR RACING! EC4WDA's SMARTEST MOVE



In the 51 years EC4WDA has been in existence, nothing we have instituted within the framework of the organization has paid the dividends that adopting a junior racing program has. Nothing.

And this is a fair question. What does the picture of Wayne Gunter climbing around in his Jeep have to do with that? A lot.

Let's start at the beginning. Early on, EC4WDA was preoccupied with producing races, establishing running rules and sanctioning requirements, growing, regionalizing and taking a great deal of pride and satisfaction in maturing into a safe and fun-family-oriented racing and trail riding group encompassing hundreds of families in a number of states.

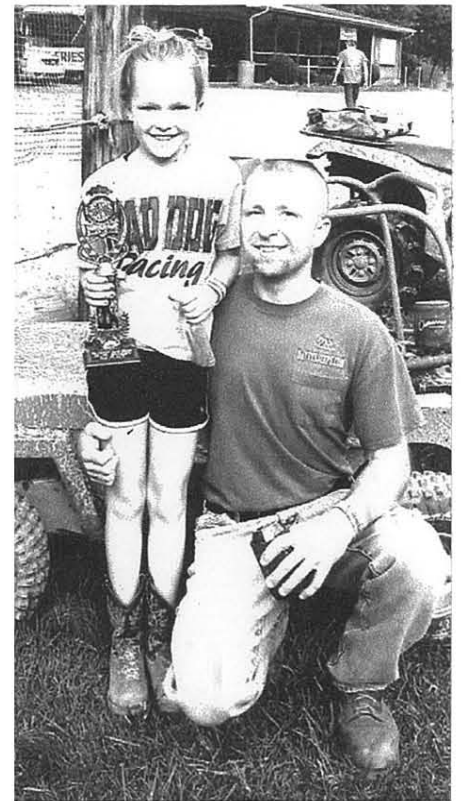
Sometime during the 80's, a group of racers within EC4WDA, anxious to establish an alternative racing program as opposed to class racing, got their idea off the ground, and staged races. One aspect of their program caught the attention of the association leadership. They liked

what they saw and were inspired to incorporate the idea within the EC4WDA network. What ASRO (American Sand Racing Organization) was doing was promoting children's racing, something EC4WDA was quite simply lacking.

We initially called it "Junior Jeepers" and later modified it, incorporating the name that survives to this day; Junior Racing. Without a doubt, it has proven to be the smartest thing EC4WDA has ever done. It's difficult to tally how many junior racers have honed their racing skills from an early age to slip into the adult category at age 16. In all respects, it has been and continues to be a very successful program.

Now, back to the picture. Truth be known, the picture of Wayne, by itself, has really nothing to do with junior racing. But the two onlookers, they do.

The gentleman, seemingly amused by Wayne's movements within the vehicle's cage, is Matt Peters and the young lady is his daughter, Zora. She is a 16-year-old graduate of junior racing who entered the



adult phase of the sport this year with a wonderful "racing Jeep" her father built for her. Her racer is a testimonial to her father's genius and certain acumen in engine-building as well as vehicle design.

And Zora's initial foray into adult racing has led her to quite a few tracks in the mid-west, a journey probably not many 16-year-olds could experience while racing with the "big boys". The "Retriever Racing Team" has been to Atoka Motorsports Park, Atoka, Oklahoma (home of Race#2 Mid-America Sand Drag Series), Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley, Missouri (near Kansas City, MO), West Michigan Sand Dragway, Mears, Michigan, Gravelrama Park in Cleves, Ohio (Cincinnati), Tri-County 4-Wheelers in Lisbon, Ohio and Bull Run Raceway in Rogers, Ohio. Hopefully, we didn't miss any.

Zora's success is well documented. She has won and lost and her adeptness on the starting line has resulted in remarkable reaction times.

As was pointed out earlier, the adoption of junior racing within the EC4WDA structure is by all measure one of the smartest moves we have ever made. Just ask Matt and Zora Peters.