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## Our Proud Volunteers at Bantam; Handling the Challenge & More!



Join the crew and make sure you are in this picture next year!!

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Andy Miller, member

Columbia Hill Climbers(B)

We arrived for the 2015 Bantam Jeep Festival in Butler, Pennsylvania, Thursday, June 18, towing my friend's 62 Willys pickup. "Willard The Willys" was entered in the parade on Friday to help break the Guinness Book of World Records for most Jeeps in a parade.

The parade got underway at 2:30 and finished up five hours later at 7:30. There were a staggering 2420 Jeeps in the parade, breaking the Guinness Book record for most Jeeps in a parade. The

original Bantam jeep led the parade and the last Jeep was a 2015.

Saturday was "EC4WDA Team" job to set up the festival's Jeep Team Challenge. Our fantastic volunteers under the guidance of Mark McCall and Cathy Klotz, set up the course and we ran participants through, 10AM till 4PM. Everyone seemed to enjoy our event very much.

One thing that would help involves MORE EC4WDA volunteers helping out. Tremendous shout-out to all our Region A (The Original) and Region B (Atlantic) Please see "BANTAM" Page 3

## THE 2015 "SUSQUE STORY"

By Cathy Klotz, Member  
Susquehannocks 4-Wheelers

Although the weekend change didn't do much to encourage many more racers to attend the Susquehannock's event, Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28, it was still a great time. The weekend may have been a little over "soggy" but the Region B family had fun anyway! The Mud drags with the traditional Region B double elimination and the hill climb (2 rounds) on Saturday; went off without a hitch. Although the weather did not permit us to follow through with the Jr Racer event, the kids still had a chance to run on Sunday after the sanctioned events. On Sunday we started off without anything falling from the sky, but as our events got started so did a few rain showers. With 2 events scheduled for the day, we still had plenty of time to do a double elimination figure 8, and a double elimination-long obstacle. The competitors that attended sure did get some seat time at this weekend long event. And with only 1 rollover, the excitement came only from the mud!

I want to give a shout out to all that attended the event! Your support for the club is very much appreciated by all its members! We still know how to have a lot of fun in the mud and then we can still come together in the evening for a little social time with cake and snacks to celebrate another special birthday for Mike. I believe with the exception of 2 families (those dealing with medical issues of their own) attended the birthday celebration for Mike. What an awesome why to celebrate your 50<sup>th</sup> birthday! And as I learned over the weekend, it's not the 1<sup>st</sup> milestone birthday Mike celebrated at a Jersey Shore event. He also celebrated his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday there and had plenty of memorable stories to share with his Region B family this weekend. It was also good to see some old time Susquehannock's members not only at the event, but helping out as well. A big thank you to Cliff Horton for announcing Please see "SUSQUE Page 3

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**TRI-COUNTY'S 50TH!!!  
EC4WDA FIRST!**

A warm, sunny, July Saturday greeted spectators, campers, and competitors, the 25th, when the Tri-County 4-Wheelers (C), one of three original clubs in 1969 that formed EC4WDA, celebrated their 50th annual 4X4 Rodeo, the first club in the association to do so. Although their initial rodeo took place prior to the establishment of EC4WDA, nevertheless they staged their half-century mark with 50 consecutive events and with the exception of just several, all were run under EC4WDA sanctioning.

Their tenure within the association produced several outstanding leaders, including Tucker Cope, who as president of the association in the 70's, conceived the notion of regionalizing the association, the initial split resulting in Regions A and B. Another example was Diane Evans, who became an early president of United Four Wheel Drive Association, the umbrella group that presided over every major regional 4X4 association in the country. Diane's husband, Bob, led the initiative that resulted in the formation of Region C in 1981. Still another was Tom Darling, who was an early advocate of competitive sanctioning and led the association in the development of many rules in force today. Another was Jim Donaldson, who served as president of EC4WDA in the early 70's. Yet another was Martha Mottice who served at the regional level for a number of years. Add Chris Waters to the list, who also served at the regional level as well and also as a chairman of three EC4WDA anniversary competitive events spanning 15 years.

Tom Kennedy, a long-time member of Tri-County, known for his successful

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start-up company called "Four Wheel Drive Hardware", was a generous benefactor to the sport and supported more than one EC4WDA anniversary event with financial backing.

Tri-County's outstanding leadership made an enormous difference over the years.

The rodeo matured under EC4WDA participation and was one of the largest events for many years within the sanctioned-event stable. Everybody participated in "Lisbon's race", as they called it back in the day. A competitor count of well over 200 was routine.

Following are this year's results, run July 25-26:

**PEE WEE DRAGS**

Brody Pyles, Colton Wickersham, Michael Eaton

**JUNIOR/JR. DRAGS**

Hunter Cooper, Jacob Poynter, Calden Hayes

**JUNIOR/SR. DRAGS**

Michael Poynter, Zora Waters Peters, Brett Davis

**ADULT QUAD DRAGS**

Travis Mathias, Chris Henry

**PRO DRAGS**

Doug Smith, Andrew Darling  
**STREET STOCK DRAGS**  
Bill Butts, Shane Lester

**SUPER PRO DRAGS**

Doug Smith, John Stevens

**ELIMINATOR DRAGS**

Doug Smith, Travis Mathias

**OBSTACLE Q3**

Travis Mathias, Ryan Smith

**OBSTACLE M6**

Sean Ford

**OBSTACLE ELIMINATOR**

Wm. Lewton Memorial Trophy

Sean Ford

**HILLCLIMB M2**

Shawn Donnelly

**HILLCLIMB Q3**

Bryan Filicky, DJ Hickman, Travis

Mathias

**HILLCLIMB SS**

Eric Filicky, Jason Wells

**HILLCLIMB S6**

Cathy Burcham

**HILLCLIMB M4**

Zeke Darling

**HILLCLIMB M6**

Sean Ford

**HILLCLIMB M8**

Doug Smith, Brad Westover, Mel Bricker

(Editor's Note: Many thanks to

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# BANTAM PICS.....



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Barry Kellerman, President  
EC4WDA

Summer months are upon us and that means our clubs are in full swing. I hope you are able to find the time to enjoy some of the many events that our clubs have to offer. Our clubs need your support not only in attendance but in helping with the events. Remember to volunteer to help out!

Speaking of volunteers, while I wasn't in attendance at the Bantam Jeep

Festival it sounds like our group, led by Cathy Klotz, did a fantastic job at the event. I would like to thank everyone who attended and helped out. It is because of you that we are able to get out there and promote our Association and the sport we stand for. Great job!

In the last issue of the East Coaster we advertised that we were taking bids on the Associations trailer. We received a few bids and when the bids were opened and read, the winning bid went to Tom Leonard from the Susquehannocks out of Williamsport, PA. Congratulations Tom

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volunteers! You guys and gals were awesome!! And a big thank you to all the extra volunteers who were not EC4WDA members.

Later, Saturday evening, we got together for our annual pot luck dinner. As usual, plenty of good fun and fellowship.

Sunday, we ran the course, 9AM thru Noon. Great to see whole families participating in our challenge.

We did experience intermittent downpours this year, but NOTHING like the drenching we experienced last year. But, we are EC4WDA, so we are accustomed to Mother Nature's freaky weather conditions.

Some stats from the festival: 25,000 people went through the gates, representing 38 states and Canada. 2,937 Jeeps registered as participants for the 3-day event (EC4WDA Team Challenge, 5K Mud Run, trail rides, scenic tours, glacier tour). This really was a Jeep INVASION!

We were in Jeep heaven without having to pay St. Peter.

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the weekend, his wife, Joan, for helping in the concession stand and Harry Strahley for all his help in the concession stand as well. Awesome Job!

I hope that other Region B families and even families from other regions, plan on attending the next Susquehannock's event in Jersey Shore, PA, where you always get plenty of seat time! And as always, the family atmosphere is probably the most memorable parts of the weekend!

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and we hope the trailer gives you many years of service.

At the Spring Executive Board meeting we were informed that an online parts supplier had contacted us about access to our Association. As always we take the privacy of our members very seriously and we will not give out or sell our membership list. We came up with an alternative solution and decided to offer a "banner" ad on our Association Website. This would be an opportunity for the company to reach our membership without affecting your privacy. Keep your eye on our website and see if this becomes a reality.

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# CATHY REPORTS ON THE EC4WDA TRAIL RIDE

By Cathy Elliot Burcham  
Member, Tri-County 4-Wheelers(C)  
EC4WDA's annual trail ride was held May 1st and 2nd at Southington Offroad Park. We had members from Erie County(A) and Tri-County(C). Everyone had a great time!! We trailed on sand dunes, through woods and above cliffs.

There were seven (7) vehicles in total, all of which were guys, excepting one that was girls.

Sorry to say EVERY single guy got stuck somewhere during the ride (with the exception of trail guide, Ed McKillip). The girls seemed to rule this one.

One funny that happened Saturday. Scott White, from Tri-County 4-Wheelers, got up in the morning and couldn't understand why hi jeans were s-o-o-o tight. He finally realized he had somebody else's jeans on.

Southington hosted a night ride Saturday evening, which was fun, as well.

We all sat around the campfire later and told stories and lies, before going to bed.

Sunday morning came and trail boss

Ed presented Larry Munyon with the "Worst Stuck Award" this year. Yeah! Cathy didn't get it! Congratulations Larry.

Thank you Ed McKillip for being our trail guide and great Jeoper friend. Thanks to all who came out and participated.

Oh yeah. Almost forgot. On the way out to go home, Ed ran out of gas, so Cathy Burcham stopped and took him to the gas station.

**LEAVE NO JEEPER BEHIND!!**

*(Editor's note: EC4WDA Trail Boss Ed McKillup also offered his views on the trailride. We include Ed's report as well.)*

## TRAIL BOSS REPORT ON EC4WDA RIDE

By Ed McKillip  
EC4WDA Trail Boss

A small group of members camped out at the Southington Off Road Park on Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2nd for the EC4WDA Annual Trailride. We were joined on Saturday morning by a few others and a few of them also camped Saturday night.

After breakfast, we were playing in the sand when Larry Munyon needed a tug out of a water-filled sand hole. We then headed for the woods with Rich Bundy, running out of ground clearance in the hole Mark McCall was stuck in last year. Mark was next needed the strap in a hole beside that one, which we made it thru last year. Going around these, Larry had trouble keeping his XJ in 4WD and needed the strap. Later it was Pete Burcham skirting a hole and ending up with the two right side tires not reaching the ground. Next it was Rich and Mark taking turns playing in some of the tougher holes.

After lunch, we went to the main side of the park to play. Larry found a water hole that his "sometimes" 4WD didn't like. James, a friend of Mark, got his Rubicon crossed up in some ruts and found a stump he could not get around and had to be rescued. This was his first time with it on a trail. The only problem Scott White had was on the way back to camp we crossed a large swampy area and he and a few others could not make it out the other end.

After supper a couple of us went on a guided night ride for a couple of hours  
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with no incidents.

On Sunday, with a good camp breakfast in our bellies, we rode around on the trails with no problems. Cathy Burcham, who received the “Four Wheeling For Dummies Award” in the past, read the book and showed everyone how not to get stuck in her Wrangler. Larry received the “Worst Stuck Award” for being pulled out the most times. After lunch, we all headed home and I want to thank Cathy for getting me gas when I ran out with half a tank.

See ya next ride!!

**TRI-COUNTY’S SAND DRAG SERIES, JUNE 13, RESULTS**

Tri-County(C) reported a total of 80 racers participated in their initial sand drag series event, Saturday, June 13, in Lisbon, Ohio. The second in the annual series is scheduled for July 11th.

**JR. / JUNIOR RACERS**

Jacob Poynter, Cody Lewis, Gabe Wilson

**SR. / JUNIOR RACERS**

Zora Waters Peters, Brian Westover, Hunter Jones

**ADULT QUAD**

Travis Mathias, Alex Yarab

**STREET LEGAL**

Luke Darling, Tom Hoover

**PRO CLASS**

Randy Mackall, Donnie Parker

**SUPER PRO**

Jacob Cutright, Brian Campbell

**“SPRING FLING”**

May 15-16, 2015

Cleves, Ohio

I.O.K. Four Wheelers

First Leg “OUTLAW DRAG SERIES”

**Official Results**

**350 OUTLAW**

Ryan Wilson, Kip Martin

**400 OUTLAW**

Kyle Harney, Lance Kiser

**450 OUTLAW INDEX**

Andrew Meyer, Andrea Sneed

**NICKLE NIGHTMARE**

Butch Cregar, Ryan Kerr

**FAST BRACKET**

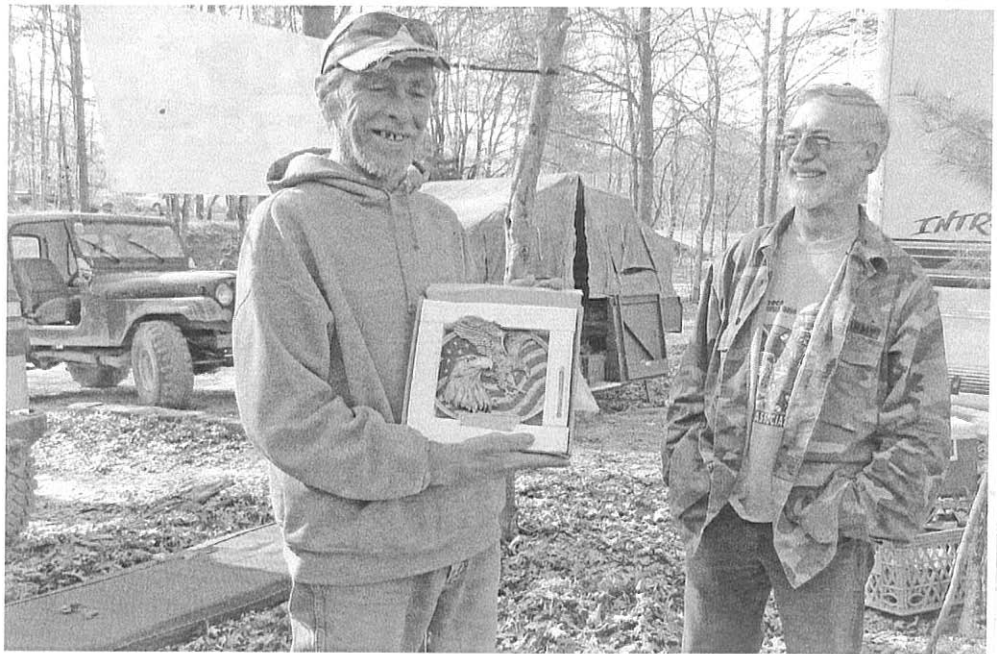
Melissa Robbins, Andrew Meyer

**SLOW BRACKET**

Cheyenne Hischelman, Larry Stafford

**QUADS**

Josh Manfra, Trevor Harney



One happy guy, Larry Munyon, with the trail boss Ed smiling, as he presented the Tri-County member with the ride’s “Worst Stuck Award.”

**GRANDSON RECEIVES “GARNEAU”**



Blake Markland was not able to make last year’s annual convention. It is during the award dinner that trophies and recognition are presented. As a result, Mark was presented his 2014 “Garneau Award” during his home club’s Christmas Party a month later, by none other than his grandfather, Toby Kelly, I.O.K.’s delegate. Blake is the son of Rodney, and Jill Kelly Markland.

**JUNIORS**

Michael Robbins, Logan Dilts

**PEEWEEES**

Kayden Kerr, Kelly Kaiser



**Better Together.**

## Convention--Sunday General

### Meeting - 11/16/14

--Meeting called to order by Barry.

--Reminded the Association body of room checkout time.

--First order of business is a by-laws change from last year's convention.

Terry read by-law change: Article 9 Sec. 1 Item I, Article 11 Sec. 8 Item I.

Webmaster to Cyberspace Coordinator.

Call the question. Motion read again by

Terry. Voting by flag. No opposition.

Unanimous. Motion passed.

### OLD BUSINESS:

--Jerry talked about final thoughts on the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. Thanked the Pine Creek Four Wheelers for the event namely Craig Carr. Again touched on the lack of participation from the Association than what we had planned for. We lost a substantial amount of money from the event. Other than some personality clashing or viewpoint differences the event on the whole he thought went well.

Also thanked Chris Waters and the committee for their hard work. The grounds were immaculate with enlarged camping in anticipation of a larger attendance. Jerry opened up floor for questions and comments. We were unfortunately left with many trophies and dash plaques. Question was asked from Cathy what will we do with the leftover trophies? Barry suggested getting a list of what was left over. Dave Hummel made suggestion of maybe reusing them for the junior achievement program. Kirk Shenberger suggested if someone can give him a list of what was left over and if someone from each region could contact him with what they need maybe he can reuse those trophies. Jerry asked if Craig Carr if he had someone who could take inventory of them and contact Kirk.

Cathy suggested maybe opening up the option for clubs to make bids on those trophies who maybe could use them for events that they may be scheduling.

Terry stated we should not need a motion for this but leave it up to the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee. Sput Wilkinson suggested splitting up the trophies between each region which would help

the clubs with purchasing trophies for their junior racers. Question asked from the floor what size trophies they are and Craig Carr replied they are assorted sized and would basically only need new name plates.

--Barry called upon Cathy to give us a synopsis of Bantam Jeep Festival 2015. Cathy talked a little bit about the events of Bantam 2014 and the good time the Association attendees had. This year it will be held the weekend prior to Father's Day. The Association will hold another potluck meal again for fellowship. Cathy has received info from Patti Jo Lambert. Parade will be held on Friday and will be a two segment parade. Cathy informed the Association that we received a check for \$250.00 from Bantam just for participating and mentioned that she asked the Board if we can use that money to help promote and give recognition to EC4WDA. Rich Bundy mentioned how he helped guide the trail riding event that weekend. Volunteers will be needed for the trail riding event. Cathy encouraged everyone to plan to volunteer and attend. Dates are June 12-14, 2015. Camping reservations start 12/1/14.

--Barry next brought up the topic of jamborees and the expense. The Region chairpersons and the Board made decision to suspend the jamborees and focus more on our target audience. Gave an example of the Bantam Jeep Festival which is located in Region A's area and there are some clubs in that area that currently do not belong to EC4WDA. He talked about jamborees cost us \$850.00 and we only did 2 jamborees last year and with the loss of the Raffle Jeep project that really does not justify the expense. Also focus on PA Jeep Show and an event that Fred Mottice has a connection with. Barry encouraged the Association of anyone has any suggestions of events that may benefit the Association to please let us know. Barry talked about a type of a giveaway such as a water bottle that may also help promote our Association and this can be a very minimal cost item to obtain. Expressed that it has been a struggle to get people to help at the

jamborees. Barry opened up the floor for questions or comments and nothing was mentioned.

--Next item was the Raffle Jeep. Talked again about the change with the small game of chance licensing and how he found this out when he went to the printers to get the tickets printed. Talked about the time Cathy Klotz has invested in obtaining a small games of chance license for us and how 60% must be donated to a charity and the One of Our Own Fund does not qualify for that charity. Barry talked about the fines and possible jail time that could have come of this if we would have pursued this and he did not want to put the Association at risk for this. The Board then made a decision to sell the Raffle Jeep through a contact that Barry knew from his business. We had approximately \$10,000.00 invested in the Jeep and the Board told him we needed to get \$13,500 for the Jeep. The Jeep was eventually sold. We have tried all options to get around the small games of chance license but we have found no way and will not work. Only decision left was to suspend the Raffle Jeep project and come up with another fundraising project. The Board is asking the Association to come up with a fundraiser. Right now the treasury is okay but looking down the road if we don't have some type of fundraiser we may need to consider a dues increase which hasn't happened for quite a long time. Barry opened up the floor for any type of suggestions. Question asked if we are still obtaining items for the Jeep could we still consider flipping a Jeep as we have done this year. Barry explained that regarding the sponsors they would not receive any type of advertising and he wasn't sure if we would be able to get the same type of donations from our sponsors if all we are going to do is flip a Jeep. Question from floor asked instead of just buying it and flipping it about obtaining a Jeep and taking it to places and not selling chances on it but advertising that it will be auctioned off on Ebay. Barry stated this suggestion was brought up by the Board at their meeting but he wasn't sure

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of the legalities of doing this and maybe Cathy could use her connections that she has with the games of chance license process that she could find something out. Cathy will do some research on this.

--Barry posed the question if we again flip another Jeep which region will do the work on it and do we reward that region in some way since with the Raffle Jeep project that some of the profit is split among all the regions? If anyone has any suggestions, to please contact Barry either via email or telephone call. He again stressed we are not proposing a dues increase at this time but we do need to consider a fundraiser. He asked if anyone had anything else under Old Business to talk about.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

--Barry talked about the car trailer that we have used to transport the Raffle Jeep. He believes it is a late 1990's open deck car trailer and with the loss of the Raffle Jeep project and the trailer is just sitting there that it needs to get some things taken care of such as rust, fenders, etc. Discussion from Executive Board meeting that we should offer it to sale for to our members and if we do pursue another Raffle Jeep that we could purchase a new trailer when needed. Barry is going to take some pictures of the trailer and advertise it in the East Coaster with the next issue coming out in February and accept sealed bids and they are mailed to Wendy Forrester (address in directory) and indicate on envelope it is a sealed bid. The sealed bids will be opened at the Spring Executive Board meeting (meeting date to TBA). He is afraid if we let the trailer set it will get rusty. Opened up the floor for any thoughts or comments. The trailer will be in the February issue of the East Coaster and will help increase our treasury.

--Next order is the 2015 Convention.

Floor opened for comments on the hotel venue. Wendy talked about concerns expressed to her and she will relay to the sales manager when she talks to him tomorrow. Date chosen for 11/13/15-

11/15/15. Floor opened up for themes:

- Blue Hawaii.
- The 50's
- Zombies
- Circus
- Dead Musicians
- Down on the Farm

*Theme: “Down on the Farm”*

*Hospitality Room: Region C*

*Continue with theme baskets from each region. Region C will determine the charity that the proceeds go to from the Raffle.*

*Bring your toy donation & also food drive items!*

--Brad mentioned we got charged for breakfast this year and Steve Forrester will check into that. Cathy asked if we could bring back the option of decorating balcony and courtyard rooms and Wendy will incorporate that into the awards listing.

--Janey Kelly on 4/18/15-4/19/15 announced there will be a junior event at Gravelrama.

--Steve Forrester introduced Lindsey from the hotel management staff. Lindsey gave a brief discussion on the toy collection program. Program is called “The Parade of Trees”. There are 7 school districts in the county and the county in general is considered a somewhat poor county. The toys go to children who truly need them. Last year the hotel helped 143 students in their school district. They obtain a listing of names of students who truly need help. Talked about local organizations and businesses that also contribute to the program with boots, clothing, etc. They have 160 kids on their list for this year and she thanked the Association for their donation of toys we collected this year. Question from floor if we decided to do a food drive would that be acceptable and Lindsey agreed absolutely. Remember to bring food donations & toys next year!

--Rep from IOK announced they have a 3 day event. Info on website.

--Motion to adjourn from Steve Forrester and second by Brad Shoff.

**\*\*Spring Executive Board Meeting Date – 3/28/15-3/29/15.**

**\*\*Fall Convention Date – 11/13/15-**

11/15/15

**Convention -Saturday General Meeting - 11/15/14**

--Meeting called to order by Barry.

--Pledge to the flag.

--Club roll call by Cathy.

--Introduction of new clubs. None announced.

--Motions review from Fall Convention meeting by Wendy.

--**President's Report** by Barry: Thanked everyone for attending. Hope for a good weekend. Year had ups and downs.

Biggest issue was the loss of our Raffle Jeep project. Decision was made to pull the plug on the project due to needing a small games of chance license for PA.

Many requirements we could not adhere to. Proceeds needed to go to bona fide charity, every state needed to be notified in writing that a drawing was occurring, etc. Association would be fined as well as the President could have incurred jail time. He decided not to put the

Association at risk. Jeep sold and we received a nice profit. We will need to find another way to raise funds and need the help from the Association body with suggestions or the possibility exists for a possible dues increase. Warn winch will be given away as a prize this weekend.

Talked about his meeting with Bryan Rensi to help keep IOK in the Association membership. Talked about the 45<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary event and expressed the great job Pine Creek Four Wheelers did for the race. Turnout was less than expected.

Talked about all of the events that were scheduled that weekend and the Saturday night meal. All in all great weekend.

Convention location was a struggle for us. Talked about the prior location that was chosen and the experience the Board had that weekend and how the decision was made to move our convention. Asked the Association to give this hotel a chance.

What does the future hold for this Association so we know how to help you. Expressed the Board are not paid positions but simply volunteers and we are doing the best we can to the best of our ability. We welcome your

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suggestions.

--Vice President's Report: Steve thanked Pine Creek Four Wheelers for hosting the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. Would have liked to have seen more competitors but felt everything went well. Hope's this new hotel works out for the Association. Thanked County Line 4x4 for hosting the Legends race and the great turnout and great job on the banquet meal.

--Recording Secretary Report: Wendy did not have a written report since not much to comment on without Raffle Jeep project this year.

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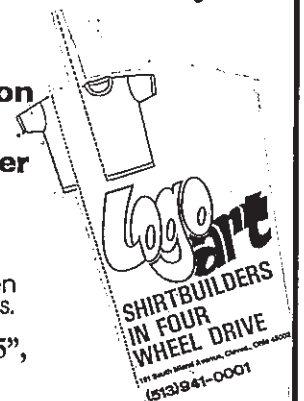
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# 2015 EC4WDA ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

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18-19	4-Wheelers(B)	Dornsife, Pennsylvania		
July	Tri-County	"50th ANNUAL 4X4 RODEO"	FD, OB, HC, JR	Rick Roby (330)398-8546
25-26	4-Wheelers(C)	Lisbon, Ohio		
August	Columbia Hill	<b>"46th ANNUAL 4X4 OFF ROAD CHALLENGE(S)"</b>	NF8OB, JR	Kirk Shenberger (717)755-3252
1-2	Climbers(B)	Delta, Pennsylvania / Mason-Dixon Fairgrounds		
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2	4-Wheelers(C)	Lisbon, Ohio		
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16	4-Wheelers(C)	Lisbon, Ohio		
August	I.O.K. Four	<b>"45th ANNUAL GRAVELRAMA"(S)</b>	HD, FD, HC,	Nathan Sneed
26-31	Wheelers(C)	Cleves, Ohio	OB, JR, ELIM2	(812)208-0305
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9-11	Wheelers(C)	Cleves, Ohio		
Oct	Region C	FALL REGION MEETING	MTG	Terry Mutchler (419)994-4847
18-19		Mansfield, Ohio		
Oct	Region B	FALL REGION MEETING	MTG	Jim Kopfer (610)926-3701
18		Kempton, Pennsylvania		
Oct	I.O.K. Four	"ANNUAL LAST BLAST"	HD, FD	Nathan Sneed (812)208-0305
23-24	Wheelers(C)	Cleves, Ohio		
Nov	EC4WDA	"46th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION"	MTG	Barry Kellerman (814)355-3181
13-15		Clarion, Pennsylvania		
Nov	Region B	REGION B COMPETITION AWARDS BANQUET	MTG	Jim Kopfer (610)926-3701
21		Germansville, Pennsylvania		

BFD – bracket flat drags, CS – camping fee, CAMP – organized camping, CF – campfire, CS – community service, DE – double elimination, ELIM – eliminator, ED – education, END – enduro, FD – flat drags, F8 – figure 8, JAM – jamboree, JR – junior competition, HC – hillclimb, HCU – highway cleanup, HD – hilldrags, MB – mud bog, MC – motocross, MCA – miscellaneous community activity, MR – mud race, MTG – meeting, NFD – night flat drags, NF8 – night figure 8, OB – obstacle, RC – rock crawling/competition, RR – road rally, RTI – ramp travel index, SOC – social, SD – street drags, SM – swap meet, TR – trailride, TT – test & tune, W2W – wheel to wheel.

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**Region A – Bryan Rensi**

**Region B – Cathy Klotz**

**Region C – Toby & Jannie Kelley**

**--Voting for Pappy Fry commenced & ballots were collected.**

**--Barry reminded the Association body time of the banquet.**

**--Reminder to Association body to pick up and pay for your banquet tickets.**

**--Barry informed where committee meetings are being held.**

**--Meeting recessed to go into committee meetings. Will reconvene @ 3:00pm.**

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**--At 3:00pm meeting called back from recess from Barry.**

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Liz explained how we had a major decline in the PPP program this year and lack of slips she received. She expressed if anyone has any suggestions on how to encourage members to fill out slips to let her know. Reminded Association body to see her for this weekend's drawing for a Warn Winch along with 5 additional prizes available only for convention attendees.

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**--Meeting adjourned until tomorrow morning.**

***NOVEMBER BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES;  
CONVENTION 11/14/14***

**--Meeting called to order by Barry.**

**--Roll call by Wendy.**

**--Review of motions from 2014 Spring Executive Board Meeting.**

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## CATHY'S CHAT.....

By Cathy Klotz  
EC4WDA Board Member

So as most of you don't know...the board gets these emails from our editor asking for assistance with articles for the coaster. So I feel obligated to respond with something. And then I start researching something. This time, I only got out my notes from 2015! And here it is:

I reread the reports from the executive board meeting (I'm guessing you will see them in this edition as well). I also looked over my notes from the Region B Spring Meeting and then thought, I wonder if I open my directory to the by-laws if I can use the page I open to as an educational tool for our members. So, I sit here wondering "where is this going"?

I find my notes remind me of the difficult times we are going through as an association and the threat of losing clubs and members without very good reason other than the thoughts of our members not understanding where we are headed while remembering where we came from. I see that we tend to ask EC4WDA to do something for us, yet no one can really say what they need done. I wonder why we get to the point of what seems like "the point of no return" before we even say there is an issue. And I keep wondering "where is this going"?

I'm sure my report to the board from the spring meeting will get a lot of attention from many of you, as will some of the other reports. I'm sure you will notice that a lot of your board members really do get it and understand each other and their concerns for this organization. I'm also sure that these board members could easily end their positions in November as an executive board member to this organization. And I'm sure many of you are saying "Thank God"! But how many of you are saying, "I'd like to be a member of the executive board". And I'm sure there are a few that says, "Holy

Crap, what if they don't jump back on the train"? I'm confident that our spring board meeting was an eye opener for even some of us in attendance. I am sure that most of the people in that room are definitely there for you and this organization. I am also sure that some of the people in that room shouldn't be there! Do you feel that way too? And again I ask myself, "where is this going"?

I now look at the page in the directory I opened to. As luck would have it, Page 86 of the directory. The page is right before the by-laws. Our EC4WDA Roster, as usual asking for assistance at the top of the page from members to help me get it right. And then, the first club listed "Tri-County 4 Wheelers", established February 1969. And if the letter we received as a board is not followed with a rebuttal, this club will not be listed in the next printing of the EC4WDA directory. What a shame!

This club has been with us since the beginning. And yet, they now feel that all the hard work their former members and probably still some current members have put into establishing this organization, starting a rules page which developed into the book we use today, is not worth their time and energy. I don't understand! Again, I look at this and say "where is this going"? I hope this club and its members continue to look at their past before they choose to throw away their club renewal form in the fall. Your club is definitely going in a different direction than the past sanctioned events you use to hold; but, would you be moving into the future with a new direction without your past to support you? You're roots are strong, look at them closely! The next 9 clubs rounding out the top 10; are mostly from Region B. (6 of the 9). And there too, "where is this going"? Region B knows where they come from, they actually enjoy celebrating it! They too have new ideas to move forward within the organization and feel that the road blocks set up for them at the fall convention may be their downfall. Is "B" gone, really the slogan we want to see or hear? I would honestly like their slogan to say "B-Strong"! Again, "where is this going"?

My plea with the executive board members in the spring was that each of them reaches out to you in an article for the next few editions of the East Coaster and helps educate our members. I truly feel that a lot of our problems are because our new/younger members don't

understand the obstacles that our early members faced in developing our organization. They don't understand that the rules book really didn't fall from someone's laptop. It took many years to develop the rules book and our by-laws. It grew as things became more popular and as "Jeeps" developed new designs and technology. Our members did that!!! Our members are the answers to our concerns and issues. We must grow with the organization in order to continue to grow our association. Is there anyone out there that could even drive their "4x4" to the track, race it, hook their camper or trailer back up to it, and drive their family back home after a long weekend of racing? My guess is who would want to? But this is the stuff our founders did! I'm sure Rick Weber would love to drive his little red truck back from Gravel. It sure would make the trip go by a lot faster! But does it even seem logical to do that? So why are we not looking at our rules books, ALL OF US, and trying to improve this organization together? Why would we want to move forward without the support of all our members and start over? Why don't we bring those ideas we have of being on our own to the table at the convention and discuss them for more than 5 minutes and move onto the next without any resolution?

So again, "Where is this going"? I leave you with that final question. It's up to you! All of you!!! We are all members of 1 organization with more than just a few members. Let's get involved within our association, let's move forward together!!! Let's educate each other! Let's see where we can go as an organization to help ourselves, our families, our communities. After all, this organization is so much more than a weekend of competition, camping and family fun; that's just where we came from!

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In closing, I would like to take a moment and extend my deepest sympathy to Carrie Swain on the loss of her son, Kyle. I ask that each of you say a prayer for Carrie and her family as they try to deal with this sudden loss in their life.

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Barry hopes people would consider attending the banquet next year. Steve and Wendy both talked about the hotel this year and cleared up any confusion on initial information.

--Jerry wanted to talk about the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary race. Talked about the disappointment in the poor turnout for the committee and Pine Creek Four Wheelers. We lost money but does not know exactly how much as he hasn't had chance to reconcile but will have definite numbers by the spring meeting. Gave an approximate about of \$3,000.00 mainly because we did not have the attendees there. Took a beating on the food as it was planned for a larger turnout but commented how good the food was. Monte talked about the low attendance at some of the Region B events as well as some people wanted to “take the year off” and he thought there might be a low attendance as well. Jerry reiterated that he was not blaming Region B at all. Steve asked if the balance that was left over from the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary race helped in any way with the loss suffered from the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Jerry isn't sure at this point. Jerry explained that he paid for a lot of items out of his own pocket. Explained how there were several mailings to the clubs. Bryan talked about how some members worked the gate and how numerous Pine Creek members came in without paying saying they did not have to pay because they were Pine Creek members. Jerry explained the understanding that they were supposed to pay.

--Cathy talked about the Bantam Jeep Festival and mentioned that we received a check for \$250.00 from Bantam which was deposited into the Associations account. Everyone had a great time. Talked how it is a great venue to promote our Association since we have a large area to work with. She has details on Bantam for next year. Barry talked about how this event is held in Region A and there are a lot of “untapped clubs” in the Region A area which would be good to help the struggling region. Steve did talk

asked if Cathy needs some type of budget and she wasn't sure of exact number. Barry stated that if we want to promote Association that every attendee who leaves there has something with EC4WDA on it such as a plastic water bottle, etc. Brady explained the career technical school that he attends could possibly do some yard signs very inexpensively as we would only have to pay for materials. Cathy talked about schedule for Bantam 2015 and gave the dates (June 12-14, 2015). Contact her by 12/1/14 for camping spots. More decisions can be discussed at the Spring Executive Board meeting.

--Brad talked about the jamborees. He feels if we aren't selling anything like the Raffle Jeep it is not worth the expense. He feels we should spend more money at Bantam and his club would continue to promote at the PA Jeep Show. He feels Bloomsburg is not necessary. Terry expressed it is hard to get volunteers to help at Lima and talked about another event that is held in Toledo. Monte doesn't feel there is a point either in returning to Motorama. We are spending approximately \$850.00 on the jamborees. Barry feels we should step back from the jamborees. Terry feels we can inform the general body that we want to drop the jamborees. General consensus from the Board was to drop the jamborees and use the money previously spent on jamborees on other educational events.

--Gary asked about the mailing issues and the labels for the newsletter and if it was ever resolved. He feels that someone other than Jerry should be made aware of how this process works. Jerry mentioned that Cathy is a little familiar with the process. Discussion on the cost of postage vs. electronic processing. Barry suggested that Jerry talk to the label representative and find out what it would cost. Jerry informed the last mailing was 946 copies. Jerry will talk to the gentleman and find out a cost.

--Barry talked that our website forum doesn't get very much usage at all. He got a new request for the forum recently and that in order to sign up you have to

answer 2 questions in order to avoid the spammers. The answers were not correct so he could not approve the member request. He is glad to see the Facebook page is getting a lot of usage.

--Barry wanted to talk about the fundraiser. Obviously everyone is aware of where we are at with the Raffle Jeep fundraiser. It is becoming tedious for us not to do this. Feels we need to look at other ways of soliciting funds. Barry had an idea of buying a Jeep and reselling it. Asked the Board to come up with things that legally we can do. If the Association is not going to have a Raffle Jeep to transport around that maybe we should consider selling the trailer. Bryan stated his region did express an interest in purchasing the trailer and asked if the profit from the Jeep we flipped this year would be split among the regions? Barry asked what all things Region C took care of with the Raffle Jeep. Barry asked what does Region C feel they should receive from the profit? Barry stated that Region C should probably submit a motion requesting that. **\*\*\*MOTION\*\*\*** –

**Move to reimburse-Region C for expenditure for the Raffle Jeep in the amount of \$250.00. Motion by Terry and seconded by Bryan. \*\*MOTION CARRIED\*\***

Barry just expressed this is simply a suggestion for a fundraiser. Brady suggested maybe considering something like Ebay or Craigslist as a venue for selling a Jeep. Steve stressed that we need an alternative for a fundraiser as this Association will not survive on just membership dues. Barry wants us to have a “game plan” and not pursue anything haphazardly and we cannot gamble with the Association's money. Bryan feels we should discuss this with the body and table it for a year as there are so many variables with everything and we cannot take a risk. Barry feels we can get through a year without a dues increase and stressed that we need the Association body's input. Sput feels we need to take a look at a dues increase as it will help alleviate the burden of those who have worked or transported the Raffle Jeep. Bryan feels Please see “MINUTES” Page 14

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this might be a sensitive subject since the Association is already dealing with loss of clubs. Brad relayed that right now the treasury is in decent shape but we do need to work on something for the future.

Barry feels we need to do something with the trailer. The Board is in agreement that we need to get rid of the trailer.

Sput stated he heard some negative comments from members of the Association that they did not know the Jeep was going to be sold or they would have offered to purchase and he feels we should offer it up for sale to the Association. Barry has concerns if we could sell it as an online auction. Terry suggested putting it on our "For Sale" forum on the website. Brad suggested a sealed bid to be opened up at the spring executive board meeting. Barry states that it will be put on the front page of the East Coaster and we will accept sealed bids which will be opened up at the spring executive board meeting. Discussion on having a reserve amount. Barry believes

the trailer is a 1998. **\*\*\*MOTION\*\*\* I move that the Association take no less than \$800.00 for the car trailer to be opened at a sealed bid at the spring Executive Board meeting. Motion made by Steve Forrester and seconded by Chad Owens. \*\*MOTION CARRIED\*\*.**

Barry stated a deadline date will be announced to the Association body when the sealed bids are due. They will be mailed to Wendy Forrester and opened at the spring executive board meeting.

--Cathy stated it would be nice if we had some EC4WDA information stocked up on hand for such events such as Bantam. Barry will talk to Jerry and maybe come up with some inexpensive ideas for promotional items such as water bottles, etc.

--Barry had suggested that each club compile a history of information, pictures, etc. that can be scanned and incorporated onto a DVD that clubs can use as a delegate gift from the convention and also help the clubs to promote the Association and educate younger members.

--Discussion from Barry and Jerry about a special recognition award that was created

for Sugar. It was going to be presented to Sugar at the banquet Sat. night but Sugar was unable to attend the convention.

Discussion on videotaping the presentation for her to view and calling her on the phone during the presentation. --Monte brought up topic of cancelling or suspending the Garneau award due to the difficulty in choosing a recipient. Barry agrees maybe we should suspend the award and then coming back with specific guidelines for a recipient to be nominated. Region C agrees we should suspend it for next year. Region A agrees we should suspend it with reservation. Region B agrees to suspend it until further clarification is determined with guidelines in writing. Carrie feels maybe each region should decide whether or not to participate in the Garneau award and not suspend entirely. Discussion on renaming the award.

--Motion to adjourn by Steve Forrester.

Seconded by Brad Shoff.

--Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy M. Forrester

Recording Secretary

  
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# COMMUNICATION IS VITAL IF EC4WDA IS TO FUNCTION & GROW

Most of the regional four-wheel-drive associations in the country today have a newsletter, magazine or newspaper, as well as an online presence. As costly as printed material is, combined with the postage necessary to get the news into member's homes, the printed word is still out there, doing its job. EC4WDA is certainly not an

exception. Our East Coaster is mailed out three times a year to our membership. The mission is simple. We attempt to educate the membership, to advise them of the activity schedule, to share convention and board meeting minutes. No secrets here. We lay it on the line so every member is informed. And, we afford our clubs the opportunity to have a reasonably-priced vehicle to advertise in. Plus, we attempt to print as many results as we are provided concerning race results, community service and trailride news

with photos, if we are lucky. Unfortunately, very FEW clubs submit race results, or, quite frankly, any news of any kind. We know there is community service, races and trailrides, plus lotsa activities. Clubs are reluctant to share. Who knows why? Please be advised. WE ARE EASY. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF US!



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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

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Ownership of a four wheel drive vehicle is not a requirement for membership.

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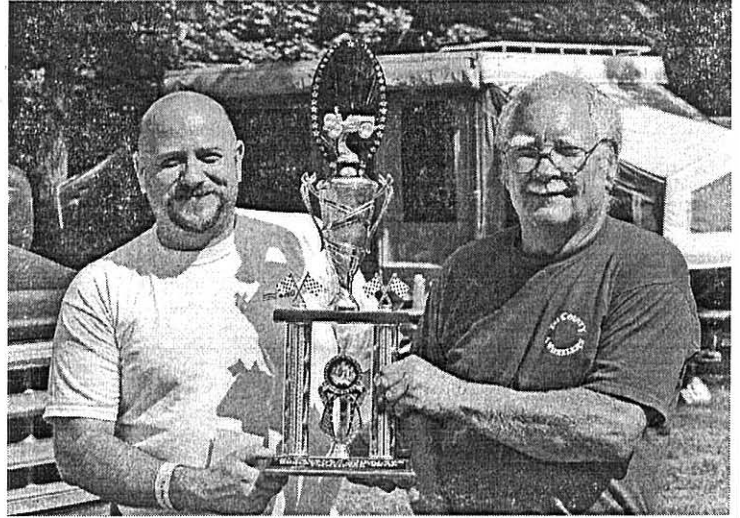
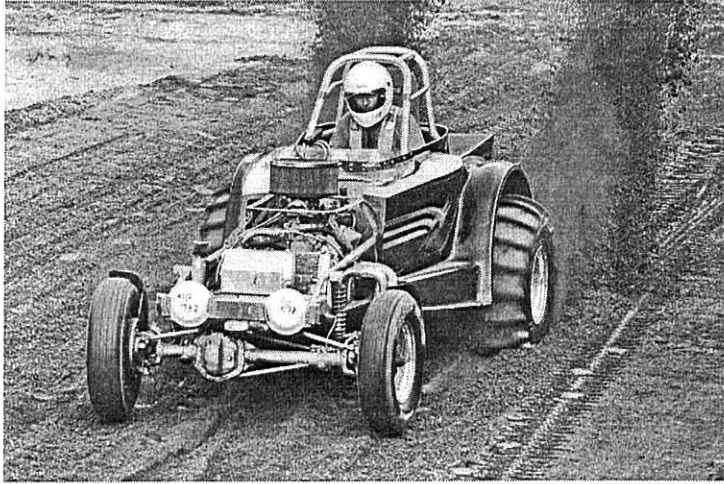
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# TRI-COUNTY'S 50TH RODEO! LENSEY WAS THERE.



## “50th RODEO” from Page 2

*Cathy Burcham for submission of these results in a timely fashion, despite a short stay in the hospital following a nasty tumble on Tri-County's hill Sunday afternoon. In an attempt on the hill, Cathy's Jeep conked-out and in backing down the hill following loss of power, her Jeep took a bad turn and rolled several times to the bottom. To quote Cathy, "I am home with a*

*concussion, bumps and bruises. Thank goodness for safety features. A BIG THANK YOU to those who looked after me until the ambulance arrived. I am grateful."*)



*Starting upper left and clockwise: Jim Brumbaugh launching on the drags, Dave Lewton on the right presenting William E. Lewton Memorial trophy to obstacle eliminator winner Sean Ford, competitor launching on the hill, Sean Ford forging through the wet obstacle, competitor jumping the hill "step", and 50th Rodeo signage. (Photos by John Grossen)*