

the east coaster

Better Four Wheeling. Better Together. Better Believe It.

Volume 46, Issue 4

Official Publication of the East Coast Four Wheel Drive Association

Winter 2015

President's Report

By Barry Kellerman
President EC4WDA

Good morning and welcome to our Annual EC4WDA Convention. I thank you for taking the time out of your schedule to be one of the decision makers for your association.

This past summer our beloved and admired Sugar Fields left her life on Earth and joined her husband Ken to begin their eternal life together. It was a sad occasion for us, but I am sure it was a joyful reunion in heaven! However, that was not the only sorrow that was felt in our ranks. Our heartfelt condolences go out to fellow board member Carrie Swain on the untimely passing of her son. I would also like to extend condolences to Region B and the Susquehannocks in the passing of long time member Bob Pfirman. And to anyone else who experienced a loss this past year, our hearts are with you.

Earlier this year our Trail Boss, Ed McKillip held the Annual EC4WDA Trail Ride. Although the attendance is not what we would like to see, it is nice to know that the folks who do participate seem to enjoy themselves greatly! I would love to see this event grow and hopefully I won't have a conflict and will be able to attend the ride next year! Thank you Ed for your continued organization of this event.

As I attended a couple of our sanctioned events this year, I noticed some similar situations that arose at events that made for some "tense" times. It was evident to me what the core of some of these issues was. What I found was that we need to be more specific in our rules and regulations. We need to

Rules Committee

By Chad Owens
EC4WDA Rules Chairman

Didn't get to attend many races this 2015 year, but the overall feedback I received from those who did was, for the most part, positive. We are still facing a continuing decrease in event turnouts and clubs are struggling to just pay bills from holding an event. There were a few issues brought to our attention this year, but overall it was quiet for the committee.

For this year's rule change considerations, there are several proposals from both Regions B and C. We are pleased that a lot of the discussion during the convention meeting centered about ways to change the rules, adding more classes for different vehicles and ideas about holding different types of events. These are steps we believe are necessary to adapt to the changing times and start to gain competitors and members for the association. With everybody's time so limited and the number of events and organizations competing for people's time at an all-time high, we will have to continue to think of new ways to attract people to our events and market ourselves as an organization if we are going to survive in today's society.

(Editor's Note: Elsewhere in this issue are rule changes that will take effect in 2016.)

eliminate the need to "interpret" our rules and make them more defined. It is a problem not only in the Classification / Safety Rules but in our Sanctioning Regulations as well. I shouldn't be able to go to a sanctioned event and have two

Vice President's Message

By Steve Forrester

We started the year off with the Bantam Jeep Festival. We had a great team this year to set up and run the "Jeep Team Challenge." Thanks to Mark McCall (Erie County, Region A/THE ORIGINAL) for always coming in early to get things in order.

We had the opportunity to watch the Jeep parade. You would think after seeing 2400 Jeeps it would get old, but it did not. It seemed like every Jeep was so different and some of the builds were off the chart.

It has been a tough year for some of our association members, having lost someone special in their lives. And, even within our own association family, with the passing of "Sugar" Fields, who helped make the association what it is today. Our deepest sympathy goes out to anyone that may have experienced a loss this year.

different sanctioning or rules people interpret the same rule two different ways. At our board meeting last evening I asked our rules and sanctioning chairpeople to be diligent in trying to be more specific and make our rules more clear and precise.

I would also like to clear up a huge misconception about EC4WDA sanctioned events. EC4WDA does not limit your seat time. There are no rules or regulations that govern the clubs as to how much or how little seat time a competitor will have. Clubs are free to run as many events, eliminations, class or bracket style events as they choose. I get so frustrated when I hear EC4WDA being blamed for things they do not control. We do not control your seat time, we do not control the payback / trophies that a club chooses to give to the competitors, we do not tell a club when it needs to hold its' event, nor we tell them in what order they have to run the events. We, EC4WDA, do not have anything to do with any competition points structure. If you want more seat time, let the clubs that are

101 South Miami Avenue, Cleves, OH 45002
"ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED"



Please see "PRESIDENT" Page 2



**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.

2016 EC4WDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- PRESIDENT**
Barry Kellerman
895 Jacksonville Rd.
Bellefonte, PA 16823
(814)355-3181
ec4wda@comcast.net
- VICE PRESIDENT**
Steve Forrester (Wendy)
2069 Orrstown Road
Shippensburg, PA 17257
(717)532-9506
4ester@innernet.net
- RECORDING SECTY**
Wendy Forrester
2069 Orrstown Road
Shippensburg, PA 17257
(717)532-9506
4ester@innernet.net
- TREASURER**
Brad Shoff, Sr. (Pam)
1781 Palomino Road
Dover, PA 17315
(717)292-0470
shoffies@msn.com
- MEMBERSHIP SECTY**
Cathy Klotz (Mike)
393 Creek Road
Dornsife, PA 17823
(570)758-2575
cathyk24@pdt.net
- REGION A CHAIR**
Carol Rice
3700 Olivet Road
Avonmore, PA 15618
- (724)478-2640
ricer234@windstream.net
- REGION B CHAIR**
Jim Kopfer
1317 Maiden Creek Road
Fleetwood, PA 19522
(610)926-3701
jkopfer@aol.com
- REGION C CHAIR**
Terry Mutchler
16213 State Road 39
Loudonville, Ohio 44842
(419)994-4847
tlm@skyrunner1.net
- REGION D CHAIR**
(Vacant)
- REGION E CHAIR**
(Vacant)
- RULES CHAIRMAN**
Chad Owens
11388 Flint Hill Road
Coopersburg, PA 18036
(610)346-8607
cmo201@alumni.lehigh.edu
- SANCTIONING CHRMRN**
Larry Keim
117 Greenwood Street
Trevorton, PA 17881
(570)797-4307
- LAND USE CHAIRMAN**
Gary Marr (Robin)
2790 Silver Fox Drive SW

"PRESIDENT" from Page 1

producing events know this. Don't like the points system your region is using? Let them know, it is in their control! If you want additional styles of vehicles added to our events, changes in classification, changes in safety rules, then these are things we can help you with. But don't just bad mouth us about how we don't allow this or we are too liberal with that, come to a meeting and give your input! Volunteer for a position in the association and help to shape the future of this association. We are not mind readers nor are we closed minded. We want to make this association work but we can't do it without your input.

We are starting to feel a little bit of a financial crunch. With the loss of the raffie Jeep project we have suffered a big loss in our income. This has weighed heavy on my mind over the past year. Add to that the potential loss of one of our biggest clubs, our annual operating income is shrinking. At the EC4WDA board meeting I made some proposals to help combat the situation while trying to eliminate the need for a dues increase. I am proposing several changes in our Saturday evening festivities during our convention. We will suspend the meal portion of our night and replace it with an awards ceremony. We have already eliminated the "coffee" service during our weekend which has been a cost savings. The East Coaster is another area that I am looking to trim. You will begin to see a semi-annual newsletter, one edition in the fall right after the convention and one edition to be published in April. I would like this to be a much more "club involved" publication. Jerry has done and I'm sure will continue to do a great job for us, but he needs your help and we

- Warren, Ohio 44481
(330)824-3296
teammule@embarqmail.com
- TRAIL BOSS**
Ed McKillip (Linda)
11141 May Road
Wattsburg, PA 16442
(814)739-2945
mckillipeld@verizon.net
- COMMUNITY**
PROJECTS CHRMRN
Carrie Swain (Mike)
4808 Foxboro Court
Erie, Pennsylvania 16510
(814)825-4773
carriesyorkies@aol.com
- BY-LAWS CHAIRMAN**
Bryan Rensi
- 86280 Miller Station Road
Hopedale, Ohio 43976
(740)491-0571
Raggity@live.com
- PPP CHAIRMAN**
Liz Hummel
264 East Shamokin Street
Trevorton, PA 17881
(570)797-4089
hummels@pdt.net
- IMMEDIATE PAST**
PRESIDENT
Jerry Schwartz
101 South Miami Avenue
Clevs, OH 45002
(513)941-1450
logoart@swohio.tvcbc.com

Region A Report

By Carol Rice

Region A/THE ORIGINAL Chairperson
Yet another race season has come and gone with some hard times of loss for club members and/or family members. Our deepest condolences goes to those.

We've had some venue changes with Erie County starting the season with new facilities at Wattsburg Fairgrounds on Route 8. With that said, they would like to give an invite to all EC4WDA members to attend one of their events which are held the second Sunday of each month, June thru September. The club offers a fun-filled day of drags, obstacle and mud bog. Camping is available.

West Virginia's Tucker County had a great season and excellent weather for their 38th Annual Memorial Day Challenge In The Hills. They continue to have a positive response concerning the change of running an index format from both racers and spectators.

Holeshot is still holding its membership as a paper club, lending assistance to others when needed with their venues.

need stories about your club and its' activities. We have tried to get the cost offset by advertising but that doesn't seem to work for various reasons. We will continue to look for advertisers or other forms of "donations" to offset the publication cost. We have decided to suspend the Participation Points Program (PPP). However we will still seek donations for "door prizes" to be given out at the annual convention. We will continue to look for ways to cut cost, but we can only do so much. Do I want a dues increase? No, but it may be what we are faced with in the future. By all recollection, the last dues increase was about 30 years ago! Put that into prospective with the cost of living in that same time period and you will realize the value you are receiving for you dollar with EC4WDA.

In closing, it was coincidental that when I was at the SEMA Show the theme was "Together we drive" and our theme has become "Better together". So let's put them together and say "Because we are better together, together we will drive" and we will drive, we will drive this association into a stronger future, together!

(Editor's Note: This message is the report as given by President Barry to the general delegate meeting, Saturday morning, EC4WDA Annual Convention, November 14th, Clarion, Pennsylvania.)

Tom and Karen Leonard, Winners 2015 EC4WDA Pappy Fry Award



Susquehannocks' President Tom Leonard and wife Karen took home all the marbles during Saturday night's recognition presentations when they learned of their selection by the convention body to be the 2015 Pappy Fry Award honorees. Residents of South Williamsport, Pennsylvania, the couple joined Region B's Susquehannocks in 1991. Six years later, Karen became the club's treasurer and has kept the job for an astounding 19 years running. Tom became club president in 2012 and just completed his fourth year in the office.



President Barry is pictured with last year's Pappy Fry awardee, Cathy Klotz, EC4WDA board member, receiving her permanent winner's plaque. Bottom photo is (coincidentally) Cathy's mom, Bonnie Wilkinson, who took top honors in the FARM BABE category.

Ladies and Gentlemen: "The Captain's Table!"



Region C / MID-AMERICA Report

By Terry Mutchler, Chairperson

The year has been a reorganizing one due to an almost complete change at the top. That means I have no idea what I am doing.

Our region will be losing one club, The Tri-County Four Wheelers. Tri-County was one of the three (3) original clubs who came together to form EC4WDA in 1969. Our sanctioned race schedule is low in numbers. However, we will be adding more in the spring of 2016. There are new tracks operating in our region and our membership is working with them to maintain a safe environment for all concerned.

Region clubs are still participating in clean-ups and community projects, as reported at our recent region meeting by Michigan's 4Fun 4Wheelers, southern Ohio's I.O.K. Four Wheelers, and northern Ohio's SUV4 Adventure.

Also, the region nominated the I.O.K. Ladies Auxiliary for the annual Connie Benner Award

Region B / ATLANTIC Report

By James Kopfer, Chairperson

The region struggled this year. For some reason, competitor and spectator counts were way down. The season started off very strong at Delaware and quickly deteriorated from thereon. We are not quite sure what happened. Though numbers have been dwindling throughout the association for years, we've always felt Region B was strong enough to avoid such a drastic decline. Some clubs have already declared they will not host an event in 2017 if turnout is too poor in 2016. The clubs simply cannot afford the cost of holding an event.

At our recent region meeting, plans were initiated to pursue the possibility of having sanctioned events to include ATV's, UTV's and 2WD dune buggies with the hope this would draw more people to support the host clubs and make events more entertaining. (Editor's Note: The subject was discussed at the recent convention rules committee meeting and results are in this issue.)

It's difficult when you hear people say, "Oh well, it's been a good run." Region B is not ready to roll over and play dead or give up on the association. We've been reminded 2017 is the 40th anniversary of Region B/ATLANTIC and the possibility exists some sort of benefit race or celebration event will take place.

Sanctioning Report

By Sput Wilkinson

EC4WDA Sanctioning Chairman

We hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and racing season. Attended all the races in Region B/ATLANTIC and there were few problems, none of them out of the ordinary. Didn't hear of any problems in Regions A or C.

Attendance was down at all Region B races and the lack of competitors seemed to deter past racers from putting money in their racers and coming back out. We have to encourage everybody to come out and race to support the clubs putting on the races.

One Of Our Own Fund

By Steve Forrester

We would like to thank the following clubs for making donations to the One Of Our Own Fund: Columbia Hill Climbers (B), Susquehannocks (B), and Tri-County (C).

We also had two requests for help in 2015. If any individual, club, or business would like to donate, or if there are any requests, please get in touch with me.

Community Service

By Carrie Swain, Committee Chair

Members of our organization are shy about reporting their community service. Therefore, my report is short.

It is important to document. Our community service works as part of our non-profit status. Each region needs a community service chairperson.

Carrie Swain represents Region A/THE ORIGINAL. Sue Wilkinson is for Region B/ATLANTIC. It was revealed during our convention committee meeting that a new community service representative has been selected for Region C/MID-AMERICA.

Please call or text to report your community service projects. (814)825-4773 or (814)440-8902.

Elections were held. Community service chairperson continues to be Carrie Swain, Land Use is Gary Marr and Ed McKillip continues as Tripoli Ross.



Better Together

And, a special thanks to Wendy Forrester and all who worked so hard to make our very recent 2015 convention possible.

Cyberspace Coordinator Brady Speaks Out!!

By Brady Forrester

EC4WDA Cyberspace Coordinator

Salutations EC4WDA! We will start by thanking everyone who has liked the page, so far and those members who are posting on the page themselves. It's always nice seeing activity on the page. Anyone is allowed to post on the page, but posts will be kept separate from the main association posts. We also recommend checking it as some people post special offers or events in this section. If any club would like to have an event sponsored on the page, please don't hesitate to let us know. You can contact us through email or via Facebook message. Even better, if you have any photos of events, we would love to post them and you can send them via email to (bforrester4444@gmail.com), Facebook message, or tag us in them on Facebook.

We are toying with the idea of a Facebook convention alert group to better provide information about the annual convention. Anyone who would join this Facebook group would receive alerts when we or any group member posts information regarding the convention. This would even be easier than having to check the main page itself. We want to hear your opinion on this.

Now, for Facebook page insights! Currently the page has 612 likes.

Last spring, the highest concentration of people who follow the page was from New Tripoli, Pennsylvania. Now, the number one spot is over 4-times higher than New Tripoli and it is Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Second is Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

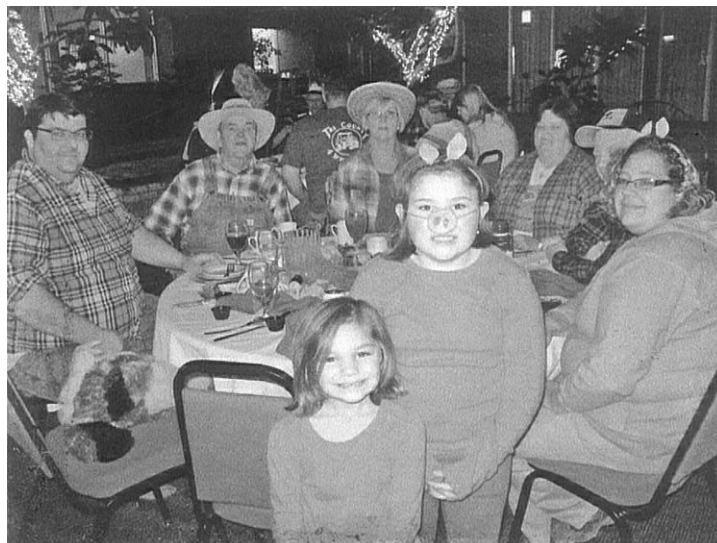
The countries of people who follow the page now includes Afghanistan, South America, Iceland, Germany and others.

Please remember to continue to send in any photos and information you would like on the page to us!!

DIEHARD'S "SHOOTOUT" DATES, JULY 23 AND 24

DieHard Offroad recently announced their dates for their annual "Shootout" weekend in East Palestine, Ohio. Located at Echo Valley Dirt Drags, competition will take place Saturday and Sunday, July 23rd and 24th.

The Celebration. Convention's Saturday Night Dinner



What: The annual convention's Saturday night dinner prior to an evening of awards, 50/50, and recognition for the year 2015. **When:** November 14th. **Where:** Clarion, Pennsylvania. Flannel shirts and bib overalls were the uniform of the day. **Theme:** "Down On The Farm." It was, without question, a hoot!! Picture lower left is the "Toys For Tots" annual community service project. Non perishable food was also collected for Clarion's food pantry.

GRAVELRAMA45

SANCTIONED REGION C / EC4WDA

August 27-31, 2015

Cleves, Ohio

I.O.K. Four Wheelers

*Official Results***UPHILL DRAGS / OPEN**

XXA Jody David, Justin Dees
 XXB Andrew Meyer, Cody Gum
 XXC Casey Kaiser, Cory Gum
 XXD Tom Bowers, Mark Hembree
 XA Frank Olszewski, Ryan Wilson
 XB Terry Wies, John Dreher
 XC Richard Harney, Dave Trice
 XD Jim Rhodus, Randy Dowd
 A Butch Cregar, Ryan Wilson
 B Jason Jobe, Derryl Cregar
 C Rick Weber, Carol Patterson
 D Melissa Robbins, Alex King
 E John Brown, Tom Smith
 F Dan Stansberry, Brandi Cole
 G Eric Reuther, Wayne Gunter
 H Mike Tally, Denie Tally
 I Mike Tally, Sean Ford
 J Mike Thomas, Mark Brady

DRAGS / STREET STOCK / OPEN

C3 Josh Berling
 C4 Jason Steele, Luke Darling
 C7 Patrick McClaskey, Ken Ageter
 F2 Michael Cozart, Derrick Combs
 F4 Steve Sharp, Seth Cude
 F5 Ryan Niehoff, Alex Bruce
 F6 Nicole McMichael
 F7 Toby Kelly, Branden Otter

DRAGS / OPEN

XXA Curtis Combs, Kathy Ellington
 XXB Ryan Wilson, Brian Harrison
 XXC Mike O'Neal, Casey Kaiser
 XXD Tom Bowers, Mark Hembree
 XA Kyle Farwick, Tina Olszewski
 XB Mike King, Andy Burchman
 XC Richard Harney, Blake Cole
 XD Jim Rhodus, Ben Steele
 A Ryan Wilson, Butch Cregar
 B Richard Harney, Jason Jobe
 C Rick Weber, Curtis Upchurch
 D Melissa Robbins, Joseph Reuther
 E John Brown, Tom Smith
 F Brandi Cole, Ken Reinhardt
 G Sean Ford, Terry Mutchler
 H Bob Ford, Bill Butts
 I Mike Tally, Sean Ford
 J Mike Thomas, Mark Brady

DRAGS / WOMEN

XXB Jami Wilson, Haley Presley
 XXD Angie Bowling
 XB Kay Dreher
 XC Andrea Sneed, Jami Wilson
 XD Ashton Wilson, Glenna Trice
 A Jami Wilson, Carol Mousa
 B Kasi Powell, Jodi Stockhoff
 E DJ Brown
 F Karen Reinhardt, Angel Howell

THE BOB BLACK

DNF

DRAGS / STREET STOCK / WOMEN

C1 Shelli Campbell, Katie Stovall
 C4 Sharon Steele, Kayla Bolte
 F4 Sandi Stone, Courtney Berling
 F6 David Butts, Ladonna Kaiser
 F8 Stacy Davis

BIG ELIM HILL / OPEN

XXA Jody David
 XXB Terry Taylor, Ryan Wilson
 XXC Cory Gum, Casey Kaiser
 XXD Keith Manfra, Kyle Kelly
 XA Frank Olszewski
 XB John Dreher, Sean Kerr
 XC Nathan Sneed, Ryan Wilson, Blake Cole
 XD Randy Dowd, John Kilgour, Ben Steele
 A Butch Cregar, Greg Houghland, Sr., Joe Zwick
 B Richard Harney, Derryl Cregar, Rebecca Boyce
 C Larry Stafford, Craig Gum, Doug Reuther, Sr.
 D Alex King, Mike Thomas, Joseph Reuther

E Tom Smith, John Brown, Tom King
 F Lynn Reuther, Cody Sorrell, Ronald Kee
 G Wayne Gunter, Sean Ford, Terry Mutchler
 H Mike Tally, Kyle Farwick, Bob Ford
 I Sean Ford, Jill Thomas, J. Barry Goldsmith
 J Mike Thomas, Mark Brady

JUNIORS (11-16)

Michael Robbins, Blake LaGory
PEE WEES (6-10)
 Hunter Wallach, Kayla Ellington

OBSTACLE / OPEN

A Duane Zaugg, Doug Reuther, II
 B Justin Zaugg, Joseph Reuther, Doug Reuther
 C Bob Ford, Ken Reinhardt, Lynn Reuther
 D Sean Ford, Terry Mutchler, Eric Reuther
 F Sean Ford, Bubba Wilson, Robert Howell
 G Mike Thomas, Mark Brady
 H Caleb Zaugg
 I Bryce O'Dell, Rick Reichman

OBSTACLE / WOMEN

B Karen Reinhardt, JoAnn Reuther
 F Angel Howell, Lindsay Colwell, Kayla Bolte
 I Valerie Lichon, Anna Zaugg, Lisa Zaugg

JERRY ZAUGG ELIMINATOR

Valerie Lichon, Angel Howell
"BIG T"

Franklin County 4-Wheelers

"HIS & HERS"

John and DJ Brown

BEST ENGINEERED

John Dreher

HAAG FORD QUICK 16

Blake Cole, Richard Harney

CINCINNATUS SAVINGS BRACKET**THURSDAY BRACKET****FAST TIMES / DRAGS****MALE / 2-WHEEL-DRIVE**

Brian Harrison -- 3.49ET

MALE / 4-WHEEL-DRIVE

Kyle Farwick -- 3.20ET

FEMALE / 2-WHEEL-DRIVE

Kathy Ellington -- 3.22ET

FEMALE / 4-WHEEL-DRIVE

Tina Olszewski -- 3.16ET

DIEHARD ECHO VALLEY EVENT

SANCTIONED REGION C / EC4WDA

June 6-7, 2015

East Palestine, Ohio

Diehard Off Road

*Official Results***DIEHARD HILL / OPEN**

C George Clooney
 D Rick Reichman, Mike Thomas
 F Chad Steiner, Terry Mutchler, Ken Reinhardt

DIEHARD HILL / WOMEN

E Jill Thomas
 F Missie Simmerman, Karen Reinhardt

OBSTACLE / OPEN

B George Clooney
 C Terry Mutchler, Ken Reinhardt
 ILWB Mike Thomas, Rick Reichman

OBSTACLE / WOMEN

Jill Thomas, Karen Reinhardt

SAND DRAG SERIES

August 15, 2015

Lisbon, Ohio

Tri-County 4-Wheelers

*Official Results***PEE WEE**

Brody Pyles

JUNIORS/JR.

TJ Moore, Carter Hayes, Jacob Poynter

JUNIORS / SR.

Zach Poynter, Michael Poynter, Cameron Poynter

ADULT QUAD

Jarod Lamb, Neil Toalston

STREET LEGAL

Donnie Parker, Luke Darling

PRO

Adam Fruth, Brad Westover

SUPER PRO

Doug Smith, Brian Campbell

**DIEHARD ECHO VALLEY EVENT
SANCTIONED REGION C / EC4WDA**

July 18-19, 2015
East Palestine, Ohio
Diehard Off Road

Official Results

DIEHARD HILL / OPEN

- C George Clooney, Nathan Reichman
- E Mike Thomas, Rick Reichman
- F Chad Steiner, Terry Mutchler, Ken Reinhardt

DIEHARD HILL / WOMEN

- E Jill Thomas
- F Missie Simmerman, Karen Reinhardt

OBSTACLE / OPEN

- B George Clooney
- C Ken Reinhardt, Chad Steiner, Terry Mutchler

- H Mike Thomas, Rick Reichman

OBSTACLE / WOMEN

- C Jill Thomas, Karen Reinhardt, Missie Simmerman

SAND DRAG SERIES FINALE

September 12, 2015
Lisbon, Ohio

Tri-County 4-Wheelers

Official Results

PEE WEE

Brody Pyles

JUNIOR / JR.

Cody Lewis, Carter Hayes, Jacob Poynter

JUNIOR / SR.

Zach Poynter, Zora Waters Peters, Cameron Poynter

DNF / RAIN

SPRING FLING

May 15-16, 2015
Clevs, Ohio

I.O.K. Four Wheelers

Official Results

350 OUTLAW

Ryan Wilson, Kip Martin

400 OUTLAW

Kyle Harney, Lance Kaiser

450 OUTLAW INDEX

Andrew Meyer, Andrea Sneed

NICKEL NIGHTMARE

Butch Cregar, Ryan Kerr

FAST BRACKET

Melissa Robbins, Andrew Meyer

SLOW BRACKET

Cheyenne Hischelman, Larry Stafford

QUAD

Josh Manfra, Trevor Harney

JUNIORS

Michael Robbins

PEE WEES

Kayden Kerr, Kelly Kaiser

**REGION C COMPETITION
2015 SEASON WINNERS**

Winners for the recent 2015 competitive racing season for Region C / MID-AMERICA were announced during the region's annual fall meeting in Mansfield, Ohio, Saturday night, October 17th.

In the women's division, Karen Reinhardt, member of Show Me, and a resident of Michigan, took first place honors while Jill Thomas, Alliance, Ohio, member of DieHard, came in second.

In open competition, Mike Thomas captured top honors, while Terry Mutchler, Loudonville, Ohio finished second, Ken Reinhardt, Show Me, was third and George Clooney was fourth.

In junior racing, Mike Eaton took the Power Wheels division, Hunter Cooper was first in Junior Class while Seth Eaton finished first in Senior Class.

In the region's "His & Hers", winners were Jill and Mike Thomas.

**PENNSYLVANIA W2W
OFFROAD TRACK
ANNOUNCES '16 SKED**

Rolling W Ranch, West Sunbury, Pennsylvania, has announced their 2016 schedule dates for wheel-2-wheel offroad racing. Located just outside Butler, part of greater Pittsburgh, the location has attracted the attention of a number of EC4WDA racers who delight in road racing.

The dates are: May 14, June 4, June 25-26, September 10-11, October 1 and October 22.

If you have questions, contact Bryan Rensi, DieHard (C) member.

GPS coordinates are 40-944526, 79-864064. Address is 128 Whitmire Road, West Sunbury, Pennsylvania 16061.

LAST BLAST

October 23-24, 2015
Clevs, Ohio

I.O.K. Four Wheelers

Official Results / Partial

4.70 & SLOWER INDEX

LeRoy Kocher, Shawn Wittenberg

4.60 & FASTER INDEX

Austin Bullock, Reny Villemure

QUAD CLASS

Brian McWethy, James Wallach

FAST BRACKET 4.78 & FASTER

Brayden Kocher, Cody Trice

SLOW BRACKET 4.79 & SLOWER

Dylan Cregar, Mike Keeler

**Tri-County Participates in Home-
town Christmas Parade, Dec. 5**

Tri-County 4-Wheelers (C) took part in the Lisbon, Ohio, Christmas Parade in early December. Those members involved included Amy & Brad Poynter & family, Cathy Burcham, Pete & Nicole Pyles & family, Tina Coleman, President Rich and Jennifer Bundy & son, Martha Lewton, Mel Bricker & daughter Cindy & family (driving their race Jeeps). The club handed out nearly 700 candy canes with their 2016 race schedule, plus 500 flyers for their upcoming January "Flashlight" race event.

**TERRY AND "LIZ" SHOOK'S
DAUGHTER PASSES AT 45**

Past and present members of EC4WDA were saddened to learn of the recent passing of Belinda Shook Terzich, Treesdale, Pennsylvania, at the young age of 45 following several years of battling cancer. Surviving her are her parents, her husband Michael and two daughters, Sydney and Addison.

The Shook family entered the EC4WDA competitive arena around 1977 when Belinda was 7, a very outgoing little girl who everyone in the off road racing fraternity knew. If her dad Terry, in his white "Iron Horse" Jeep, was racing, Belinda was his biggest fan!

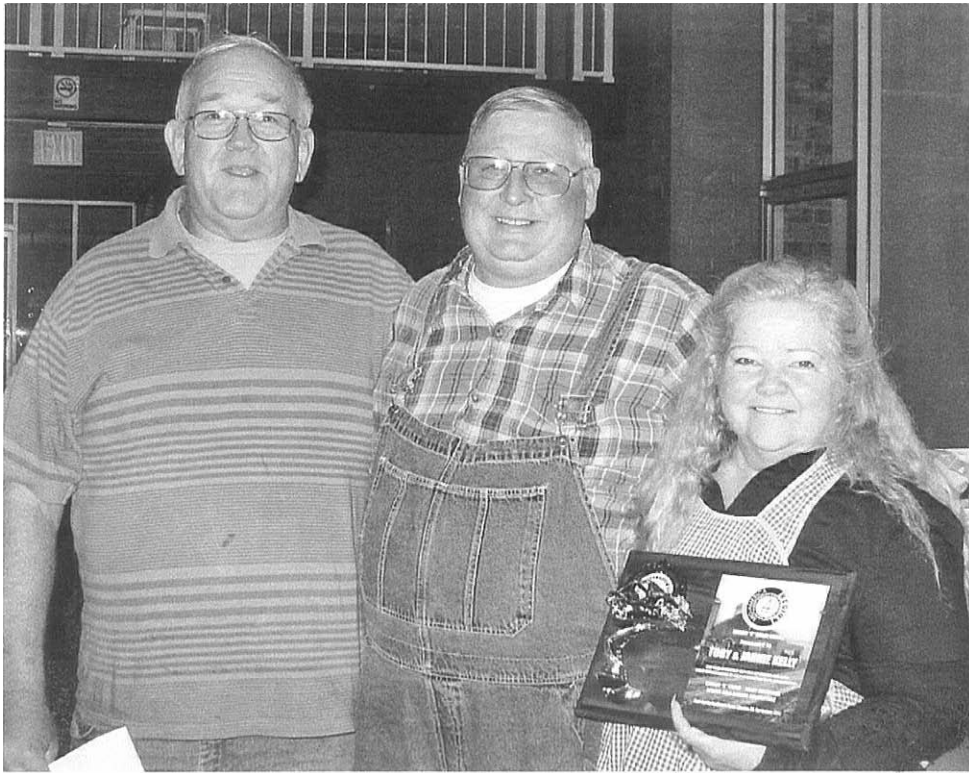
In his nearly fifteen years in the sport, Terry was a high profile racer who succeeded and managed to find time to be a leader, not only at his club level, but at the association level as well. He served six years as president of two clubs, was active in rules and sanctioning, as a convention delegate and also served as chairman of Region A in 1979-80.

Belinda passed September 26th while a patient at UPMC Magee Women's Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Memorials can be sent in care of Magee Women's Hospital Breast Cancer Program, 300 Halket Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213.

SPECIAL THANKS.....
this issue to Kim Shanks, Cathy Klotz, Lensey, and Wendy Forrester.
NEXT ISSUE will be May, 2016, deadline May 20th.





Terry Mutchler, Region C/MID-AMERICA's chair, is pictured with his choice for outstanding 2015 region members Jannie and Toby Kelly, members of I.O.K.

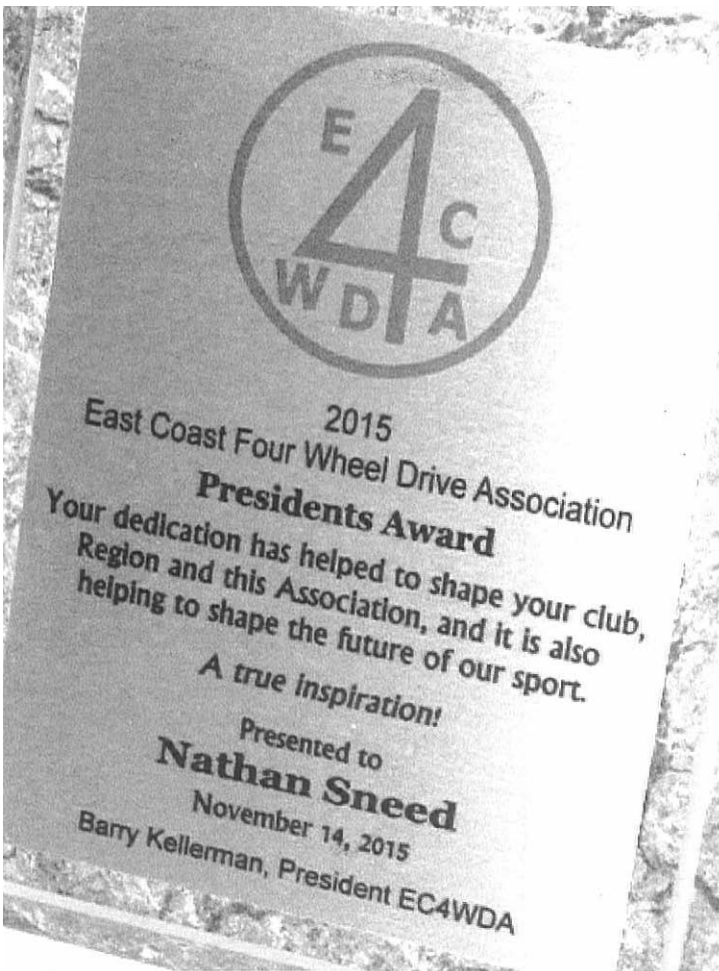


Pictured at left is the award presented to I.O.K.'s Nathan Sneed by President Barry. Literally growing up in the sport, Nathan is a second-generation family member and spent all of 2015 as one of the chairmen of I.O.K.'s ambitious racing program.

Top right picture is Carol Rice, Region A/THE ORIGINAL with her choice of the region award, Carrie Swain, Erie County member.

It's Terry again with his region's Richard Gordon Sportsmanship Award to Mike Thomas of Hard Times Racing.

Bottom right is Carrie Swain presenting scrapbook award to Tri-County's President Rich Bundy.



Association Convention In Clarion, Pennsylvania November 13-14-15

Amid the sounding of the gavel Saturday morning, November 14, at 9AM, the annual EC4WDA Convention was off and running under the leadership of President Barry Kellerman, in the Park Inn Hotel, Clarion, Pennsylvania.

The evening prior, the Executive Board of the association met for a grinding session that lasted nearly five hours. The board centered their attention on cost-cutting in an honest attempt to prevent the necessity for a dues increase. Decisions were made to cut where they could and an increase in the annual dues was not even an issue in the end. Association finances came to the forefront in the last year or two since Pennsylvania's stringent games of chance rules have made it all but impossible for the association to continue raffling off a Jeep vehicle as had been the practice. Money earned each year as a result of the raffle had been an important financial subsidy. It has been more than thirty years since dues have been increased.

The Saturday morning session of delegates was concerned with reports of each association officer. Voting by the attendees concerning the Pappy Fry Award candidates wrapped up the morning.

Committee meetings as well as lunch took place between the morning recess and resumption of the general meeting at 3PM.

Reports by committee chairpeople concerning their meetings was the content of the afternoon delegate gathering.

Table and balcony decorations ("Down On The Farm" theme) were completed prior to the evening's award dinner at 7PM.

Following dinner was ticket-selling time for region baskets and the 50/50, as well as a coveted winch.

Awards, both association as well as regional were presented, capped by the prestigious Pappy Fry.

(Editor's note: Award winners are elsewhere in this issue)

A short Sunday morning session began at 9AM and was gavelled for adjournment by 10:15 and the delegate session highlighted election of officers. All existing officers were reelected. Committee chairpeople, who are elected by their respective committees, had but one change and that was Sanctioning. Larry Keim replaces Sput Wilkinson.

OUR EAST COAST- ER - - - TELLING IT LIKE IT IS!

Our bi-annual newsletter should be and is a reflection of the association. The paper can tell everything about us to the outsider, period. It is also a valuable communication and educational tool for our membership. So, we must take advantage of it. Some do. Some don't. We would like to see more community projects reported. Many of our clubs are involved in their communities, participating in activities, assisting in projects for the good of

CONVENTION TID-BITS!!

Several changes were put into place during the convention that will take effect in 2016 and thereafter.

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER will be discontinued. The evening's festivities will begin 8PM and will feature the usual award program.

POINTS PARTICIPATION PROGRAM (PPP) will be discontinued in 2016 and thereafter. Lack of participation was given as the reason.

Beginning in 2016, the **EAST COASTER** will be published twice a year. First issue will be in the mail by May 1 and the second one will follow the convention, no later than the first week in December.

The surplus **EC4WDA 45th ANNIVERSARY TROPHIES** are for sale. Bids will be accepted, no later than February 14th, 2016. You can call Liz Hummel for specifics.

\$396.00 WAS RAISED at the convention by raffles. Those dollars will go to the Children's Tumor Foundation! We also conducted a food drive and Toys For Tots and those items will go to the needy in the local Clarion community by direction of the hotel.

NEXT YEAR'S CONVENTION will be November 11-12-13, in Clarion, Pennsylvania. Hospitality host will be Region A/THE ORIGINAL and the convention theme will be "The 70's!"

The 2016 convention will be held November 11-12-13 in Clarion at the Park Inn. Theme will be "The 70's". Hospitality host will be Region A/THE ORIGINAL.

Minutes of both the board and the general sessions will be in the next issue.

their areas. Unfortunately not nearly enough clubs are willing to share their activity reports with EC4WDA. Articles submitted to the editor would help. It is really not a question of "blowing your horn", but rather a sharing of accomplishments with your peers. You'll never know what articles of this nature could do to a club who needs just a little motivation to "get involved" in their community. It's wholesome, it's rewarding, it's fulfilling. And it is done regularly by a lot of our clubs. It's been suggested we should "dig" for this information. It might be like pulling teeth, but that is what our paper is all about; reflecting what club A does as well as club B, club C...and so on. We must, somehow, encourage clubs to share their community involvements with us. It's important for two reasons. One, to serve as an inspiration to others, and second, so we can document what organized four wheeling really means to our communities in terms of "giving."

REGION B BENEFIT RACE KEMPTON / SEPT., 1989

Independent Jeeps Racing Team was in charge of the Figure 8 Saturday morning. The women ran first. Ray Kamp rolled on his roof and John Vandervander rolled on his side. Chris, Brenda and Tom got 1st in this event and Patrick Duncan got 2nd.

County Line was in charge of the drags. First set of drags started at 4:30 with the winner sitting out until the 2nd set, which started at 8:30. Results were Bruce Dalrymple and William Graham both got 1st, Larry Dalrymple, John Miller and Brenda Risser got 2nd. The drags were over at 12:00 and Larry was still sitting outside his camper at 1AM. We were so proud of him. This was the 2nd time this summer he's done that!

Columbia Hill Climbers were in charge of the obstacle on Sunday. Women ran first with Chris taking 1st place and fastest time of 48.761 seconds. Bruce took 3rd in D class. Scott Buskaritz ran off course after flying over the first two humps of the course and was disqualified. Al Berner got 3rd in C class and Tom got 3rd in A class. Dan Owens took a hard nose dive over the first two humps, but luckily the clocks stopped because of the dust and he got to re-run. He broke a coil wire and replaced it with Bruce's.

(From the "Trailblazer", September 1989)

Spring Executive Board

Meeting, 3/28/15

- Meeting called to order by Barry Kellerman.
 - Board roll call by Wendy.
 - Review of 2014 Fall Convention motions by Wendy.
 - Placement of items by Barry.
 - President's Report – Given by Barry. Expressed his biggest concern is the loss of a cornerstone club and the movement of some in one of the larger regions to move away from EC4WDA. Barry read letter he received from Tri County Four Wheelers that states they will be severing official ties w/EC4WDA at the end of 2015. Also stated that he was informed in the fall that a movement was afoot to investigate the desire of some to move the clubs of Region B away from EC4WDA and the concerns that were voiced. Stated that if we as a Board do not get a handle on these types of problems we will soon be seeing this Association shrink greatly in numbers.
 - Vice President's Report – Given by Steve. Stated he was looking forward to the Bantam Jeep Festival. Felt the 2014 Fall convention went well. Posed the question "What can we do to make EC4WDA more than it is today?"
 - Recording Secretary Report - Wendy had nothing really to report.
 - Treasurer's Report – Given by Brad. Passed out copies of the fiscal report.
 - Membership Secretary Report – Given by Cathy. Membership cards and directories have been distributed. IRS situation has been handle and we now have an EIN # We need to keep educating our Association. Challenged everyone to write an article for the East Coaster that covers an education topic of EC4WDA or an article on promoting us all the good things we can do.
 - Region A Chairperson Report – No report provided.
 - Region B Chairperson Report – Given by Jim. Discussed his number one topic of concern is the discussion of regions leaving the Association and what is to become of our sport? Region B has had several problems but none unimportant or unrepairable. Hopes that Region B can start to repair itself. Thanked Barry for attending the Region B meeting to offer his insight and knowledge.
 - Region C Chairperson Report – Given by Bryan. Has seen a drop in participation at region meetings. Reported Region C does have three sanctioned events and seventeen non-sanctioned races and several other events planned this year.
 - East Coast Editor Report – Given by Jerry. He verbally apologized for accidentally omitting Brady Forrester as a Board Member. There is virtually no advertising which places an undue burden on the Association finances. More emphasis placed on member education. Now do three issues a year instead of four which saves some money. Encouraged membership to send in race results, community projects and other relevant news concerning clubs and regions.
 - Trail Boss Report – Given by Ed. Discussed the Association Trail Ride. (see his flyer for info.).
 - Rules Chairman Report – Given by Chad. Quiet winter for the rules committee. Did receive a few telephone calls and emails regarding some rules clarification type questions but nothing to be concerned about.
- Only real issue he is aware of is a growing concern with the structure of the rules committee and passing of new rules.
- Sanctioning Report – Verbal report by Liz on Sput's behalf. Has sanctioning packets. Otherwise nothing really to report.
 - Land Use Chairperson Report – Given by Gary. Talked about Blue Ribbon Coalition in process of trying to send Del Albright to some events on the East Coast including Bantam Jeep Festival. Blue Ribbon magazine is now available in digital format on the website.
 - Community Service Report – No report provided by Carrie.
 - One of Our Own Fund Report – Steve read a letter to the Board that he received from a Fund recipient. He did receive one request recently.
 - PPP Program – Given verbal by Liz. Thought the convention prizes went. Asked for Association donation again for prizes.
 - By-Laws Report – Given by Bryan. Nothing has been brought to his attention. He will continue to study the by-laws in case someone has a question.
 - Cyberspace Coordinator Report – Given by Brady. Over the winter there wasn't much to post or repost about the Facebook page since no racing happening. Would appreciate any photos or videos you may have and to send to him. Members are to feel free to make posts on the Facebook page. It is similar to the forum section on the website.
 - Special Events Coordinator Report – Given by Wendy. Talked about some of the concerns that were expressed to her about the 2014 Fall Convention. Disappointed in the lack of member attendance to the meal. Hopes the 2015 Fall
- Please see "MINUTES" next page



CATHY'S CHAT.....

By Cathy Klotz
EC4WDA Board Member

Bantam 2015 – Report

Another great festival with fun for all! A great, big THANK YOU to Mark McCall for all his hard work in organizing our 2015 festival participation., He took the job and ran with it which really saved us this past summer. Thanks Mark!! Your design was fun and a huge success.

The Bantam Gang grew a little this year which was great help at the festival. We had four (4) Region A members, nine (9) Region B members, and four (4) non-members volunteering at the “Jeep Team Challenge.” Of course, it rained again! Just doesn’t seem right if it doesn’t rain! We also got time to enjoy each other after the event Saturday with our famous pot luck dinner. Wonderful food and fellowship yet again!

When we were done with the event on Sunday, we all took a moment to share our ideas and concerns for next year’s festival. So, yes, we are volunteering again! We have decided our course for next year will consist of the same layout, but our challenges will be made up of our personal favorites that we put together over the years we’ve worked the festival. This should alleviate a lot of work that falls to Mark. We also discussed things we brought to the EC4WDA board in asking for assistance by the association.

Now, we must take a few moments to “gloat” about the success of *The Bantam Gang* and a few additional EC4WDA members. Since our 2015 challenge began, not only has our association’s name been “out there”, but some financial favors have come our way. In the past, we have paid hundreds of dollars to be involved in events, and yet, this venture has cost us NOTHING!! Actually, this festival has funded us. Maybe not by thousands of dollars, but considering our costs – hundreds is GREAT! In 2014, we received a very unexpected payment from the festival committee for our efforts in putting on the “Jeep Team Challenge.” In

“MINUTES” from Page 11

Convention has a good attendance and will be working on planning that event. Barry discussed that he would like to keep going with the meeting since some Board members have a long distance to travel home.

OLD BUSINESS:

--Barry opened up the topic to Cathy. She talked that the Association received money from Bantam and how appreciative we are that they did that as they did not have to. Event will be held the weekend before Father’s Day. She

the spring meeting, we asked the board to allow us to purchase a give-away for the individuals that participate in our event at Bantam. It was approved. We used our allotted funds to buy “blue reusable Solo-cups.” The amount of money we were given to spend wasn’t much more than the “unexpected check.” So, we purchased the gifts in a higher quantity than we figured would be needed. In turn, the extras were sold by members of *The Gang* and my mother at region events during the summer racing season. So, with little effort from a few of our members, we are pleased to announce we turned in our receipts from the sale of the extra cups that just falls short of our initial investment of \$365.00! However, considering the unexpected gift from the festival board covered over \$200.00 of the costs, *The Bantam Gang* has done very well for this association!!! Then, our mail is opened and we receive another payment of \$200.00!! Yep....a few volunteers having a great time can really pay off for our association!!! \$\$\$

So, without feeling we are taking advantage of our treasury, we asked the board for a few more things for 2016 Bantam Jeep Festival’s Jeep Team Challenge volunteers.

We would also like to note that not only did the members of *The Bantam Gang* make awareness of our association visible to thousands of people, raise funds for the treasury, but also helped bring a new, individual member to our association. It’s only ONE, but you always have to start somewhere!

Next year’s festival will be the weekend before Father’s Day. Make plans to join us. You won’t regret it.

would like us to use that weekend to help promote our Association. Right now there are 74 competitors registered for the Jeep Challenge. She feels we can use Bantam to help promote us and recruit new members to the Association. Barry showed an example of distributing plastic water bottles that has our name on them. Cathy suggested some promotional items ideas that she received from the company that we utilize for our printing needs.

Also she suggested maybe using these items to sell to our Association members as a fundraiser also. Suggestion of giving something to the registrants of the Jeep Challenge that has our Association name on it. Brady mentioned that he is enrolled in a Graphics program at a vocational school and explained that these items could be obtained there with only the cost of the materials and the labor would be at no cost especially given that we are non-profit organization. Cathy suggested ordering a specified number of items (such as water bottles) to give out to the Jeep Challenge participants and then having the remaining number available for sale for the Association members.

Barry stated that if the Association wanted to sell items it does not have to be limited to water bottles as it could be anything like a blanket, collapsible cooler, etc. Bryan stated whatever item is given away it should be something that is visible that can be seen to other people and nothing like a dash plaque.

Wendy suggested whatever item we choose that it should be universal to appear to anyone – male or female. Barry showed a flyer listing possible item suggestions. Brady spoke about some items that his Graphics shop would be able to do. ***MOTION – I make a motion to spend up to \$300.00 on promotional items to hand out to participants of the Jeep Team Challenge at the Bantam Jeep Festival. Motion by Steve Forrester and seconded by Cathy Klotz. *Motion Carried* ***

Jim Kopfer asked what the Jeep Team Challenge is and Cathy explained some of the events and gave the times of the events. It is scheduled for Saturday

Please see “MINUTES” Page 13

“MINUTES” from Page 12

10am-4pm and Sunday 9-12pm. Right now there are 74 participants signed up and only 100 participant spots available. Cathy would like permission to provide extra prizes for some of the participants such as fastest male and fastest female, etc. Barry has some plaques available we can use and has offered those up and would only need to get the plates engraved. These would still fall under that allotment of money. If we do the grocery bags, which was suggested, Cathy said it would be a good idea to have some literature in those bags to help promote the Association. Jerry suggested membership applications for club membership as well as individual membership and activity schedule. Jerry talked about a book the Association has called “4x4 What’s the Score” which would also be helpful for potential new members explaining what is required of them to join. Discussion on having some plastic bags that contain membership literature to hand out to potential members and use the promotional items for the Jeep Team Challenge participants.

--Barry next talked about the names that are reflected on awards that are given out at the convention. Discussion on creating new awards. Barry re-read a motion that was made on a specific award decided on in 2010. The Board agreed to the new naming of an award. Other awards that are given out at the convention will continue to have the same names. Barry suggested that since Region C presents their Richard Gordon award at the convention that other regions are more than welcome to present any specific award they may give out at the convention also.

--Cathy talked about a gentleman who has an online business that wants to advertise on our website and is willing to pay an additional membership fee. Cathy also suggested we offer the availability to advertise on our website as a way to help increase our funds. Discussion on the definition of associate membership and what access to Association members information the associate membership includes.

**AMENDMENT CHANGE

PROPOSED - ARTICLE IV SEC. 3 “Add or utilize to membership mailing list”.

Barry reiterated that years ago the association body asked that we not distribute their personal information (mailing address, etc.) to vendors requesting our mailing list. Discussion on proposed amendment change which will be discussed and voted upon by the Association body at the fall convention. Discussion then resumed back to the topic of if we would allow advertising on our website. Question asked what the cost would be to the advertiser who wanted to put an ad on our web site? Discussion on possible ideas for costs for a banner ad, etc. Barry can possibly rotate banner ads on the website between advertisers.

MOTION – “I make a motion to offer banner advertisements on our website that also enables a link to their sites at the rate of \$500.00 per year”. Motion made by Cathy Klotz and seconded by Chad Owens. *Motion Carried*. Discussion on the size of a banner ad. Barry will be in charge of this as the webmaster and will also monitor the content of the advertiser.

--***MOTION*** I move that the EC4WDA donate (10) \$50.00 cash prizes for the PPP drawing at the 2015 convention. Motion made by Elizabeth Hummel and seconded by Cathy Klotz. ****Motion Carried****

--Next item of business was the Rules Committee structure. Chad talked a little bit of what he heard from the rules committee meeting. Barry talked about how regions are discussing how they would like to have the rules set up. Discussion on why so many clubs are putting on non-sanctioned races vs. sanctioned races. Discussion on the (thirteen) 13 man committee. The Board can only offer input and we cannot direct the rules commit as they are their own body such as some decisions need to be made at the rules meeting as far as “line by line” items.

--Barry suggested adjourning for a supper break and then reconvening at 7:30pm.

Meeting reconvened by Barry.

--Next item of business was the topic of the convention. Wendy asked the Board if there are any other suggestions that she should relay to the hotel management. We will do away with the bar in the courtyard during the banquet as well as the coffee service that we used for the Saturday and Sunday morning meetings.

--Barry next brought up the top of repairing clubs. Discussion of some clubs choosing to leave the Association. Barry discussed that the letter he received gave no specific reasons why they made the decision to leave the Association and he is at a loss as to what to do. Barry asked the Board if we should patent or copyright our rules book or expressing no unauthorized use of our rules to help protect the Association from any type of liability from clubs who chose to hold non-sanctioned events. If the opportunity presents itself for this club to return to EC4WDA, then the Board could reach out and try to help them. Barry is going to follow up with a letter to this club.

--New item on the agenda is Region B. He turned the discussion over to Jim Kopfer. Jim talked about a recent movement talk of Region B leaving the Association. Jim expressed how since Region B is such a large part of the Association that Region B should have more power in decision making and they feel no need is necessary for Region B to come to the convention to make decisions. Barry clarified that it is not the entire Region but only certain clubs who are talking about leaving the Association. Jim says he believes that nothing is going to happen immediately. Barry asked Jim if there is anything on an executive level that can be done to help Region B? Liz talked about issues the Region has at a rules level in trying to get rule changes passed and their frustration. Barry talked about discussions that were held at the Region B meeting stemming from the Anniversary race and the event the Region B had responsibility for. Terry relayed the fact that sometimes members

Please see “MINUTES” Page 14

“MINUTES” from Page 13

get upset because they bring up rules changes and they feel their voices aren't being heard and get “ganged up on”.

Brad talked about frustrations that Region B had with other region members that occurred during the drags event that Region B was in charge of and how other region members did not want to follow rules that Region B had in place for that specific event. Barry expressed we cannot change what happened in the past and we can only move forward from this point. He explained we need to try to repair the damage and get all of the regions back to working together. Barry feels that the competition rules are the major stumbling block with problems within the Association. Jerry mentioned that IOK has no plans on leaving the Association at this time. Jim asked Jerry what is the reasoning for IOK mentioning they wanted to leave the Association. Jerry explained there are only a few members of IOK who are talking about this and it is not the entire club. Barry suggested maybe the Rules committee might want to consider a change in their operating procedures. Steve threw out the goal of maybe someday the idea of having designated rules and sanctioning committees that would travel to the events and help relieve this burden from the individual clubs.

--Next item on the agenda Barry mentioned is membership costs since we do not have a raffle jeep to help sustain our finances. Steve suggested maybe obtaining and designating someone to write grants possibly every year to help us obtain grant money. Gary talked at length about what is involved in the grant writing process. Liz offered to look into the grant writing process and Wendy said she could find out some information on grants also through her job. Brad discussed the costs involved to keep the Association running throughout the year. Barry asked the Board if we need to consider a dues increase? Cathy made a suggestion raising the dues which would consist of a 2 yr. membership and then the directory only gets printed every 2 yrs. Barry posed the question of how this will

affect clubs and their by-laws? Steve suggested maybe the Board should come up with a figure to present at the General Meeting at the fall convention. Liz suggested presenting the option of a \$3.00 dues increase or a 2 yr. membership. Bryan and Jerry suggested publishing the directory every 2 yrs. Steve suggested the idea of posting a listing of new members on the website with a secure link for each club to access if there is a question of a membership and no directory is accessible. Discussion on again the idea of buying and flipping a Jeep. Jim asked the question when the last dues increase was? Jerry stated it was more than 30 yrs. Barry suggested that the Board go to their regions and pose the possibility of a dues increase and see what the Association members feel about it.

--Last item on the agenda is Barry wanted to know if we were going to consider the possibility of having another anniversary event 5 yrs. from now. Discussion on recycling trophies that were left over from the anniversary event. Cathy suggested having bids on them. Barry will contact Craig Carr to get an exact number of trophies that were left over. Barry suggested composing a letter to be sent out to each of the club presidents informing them of the availability of the trophies to see who might be interested in them since the next issue of the East Coaster will not be mailed out again until July. Cathy can give him mailing labels for the club presidents. Cathy suggested if the Association decides to have another anniversary event we need to have at least 2 meetings during the year and there needs to be more time involved with the planning process. Discussion on would there be a conflict if there would be another Legends race during the same year as a potential anniversary race?

--Barry asked if the Board had anything else that needed to be discussed. Cathy asked who gets the inspection forms and fuel stickers? Barry said he believes the forms only go to clubs holding sanctioned events but he wasn't sure about the fuel stickers. Cathy was thinking of costs and wanted to know where our money is going to and wanted



The association's Saturday night extravaganza included awards for the top "COLT" and "FILLY" get-ups geared to the "Down On The Farm" theme. Here are the winners. Top photo is Brady Forrester, COLT winner, and the bottom photo is Danika Rensi, who took top honors in the FILLY division.

to be sure the forms and stickers are going to the people who need them.

--Motion to adjourn by Steve Forrester and second Bryan Rensi.

--Meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Forrester
Recording Secretary

Sugar Fields

It is indeed with a very heavy heart the I.O.K. Four Wheelers finds it necessary to report the passing of Helen "Sugar" Fields, matriarch of the club, August 11th. As the recognized "First Lady of Four Wheeling" throughout the country, Sugar's love affair with our sport in general and I.O.K. as well as "Gravelrama" in particular, manifested itself in a human endeavor, unmatched, as well as unrivaled in the arena of off road activity, both recreational and competitive. From the day she and husband Ken became members of I.O.K. in 1968, she began an adventure in the sport, raising the bar to unbelievable heights, tackling head-on every challenge that came her way with the aplomb of a seasoned veteran. When I.O.K. decided to get into the racing business with the initial "Gravelrama" in 1971, she left nothing to chance; visiting the president of EC4WDA in Pittsburgh, nudging the bastion of organized four wheeling in the mid-eastern portion of the USA to hours of tutorial substance, charting the foundation of what would become one of America's premier 4X4 competitive events. And she rode the event, year after year, fine tuning, tweaking, creating, leading, encouraging, doing whatever it took to firm up and grow what would become, in addition to her family, the love of her life. She never ran out of boundless energy in the sport, even when she took her talents to region, association and national levels within organized four wheeling.

The sport will not soon forget Sugar. All of us in this off-road adventure have been lucky to have known and worked with her, and together celebrated what we have reaped. We've admired her spunk, her endurance to get the job done, especially her uncanny ability to look ahead and calculate what the traffic will bear and how we could all arrive unscathed. That was one of her many gifts.

BACK IN THE DAY..... SUSQUE / MAY, 1989

The Trail Blazers had a very good weekend. All our competitors came home with a 1st in at least one event.

The drags started out the weekend on Saturday under sunny skies. Dan Owens got a 1st place in C class after Art Turner in the Orange Crusher red lighted so bad that Dan saw Art's tailgate before Dan's green light came on. Tom Norley got a 1st in the X class in the drags, and went on to get a 1st on the hill Sunday morning.

Of course, what would a race be without a little rain to keep the dust down. With only a few races left, it started to rain Saturday afternoon on the 1st run of the hillclimb. It stopped in time for the usual sit and eat around the campfire.

Sunday morning's 2nd run on the hill gave Larry Dalrymple a 1st in his class. Sherry Kady gave everyone a good scare on her run at the hill, when she went sideways and flipped upside down, still catching the light for a good time in B class. Husband Joe had his work cut out for him this week, with Columbia's event being next weekend. She did it in real good.

The obstacle Sunday afternoon gave Bruce Dalrymple his 1st place win against Jim Kofer. It was Bruce's 2nd time running obstacle and he really gave veteran Jim a good run. And to keep up with the club's other 1st place wins, Chris Owens got a 1st in the women's obstacle against Jean Pompilio. Dan got down to the final run against Blaine Boechel in the obstacle and finished with a 2nd place after having to run around finding a replacement tire, when Dan's went flat before the final round.

Although all the 1st places were great at the time, they took their toll on the machines. Tom came home with transmission problems. Bruce over-tested his shocks, motor and radiator. Dan needed to get a tire fixed and the shocks should have been replaced last year already - oh well, and Larry will be helping Bruce all week.

(From the "Trailblazer", June 1989)



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 _____

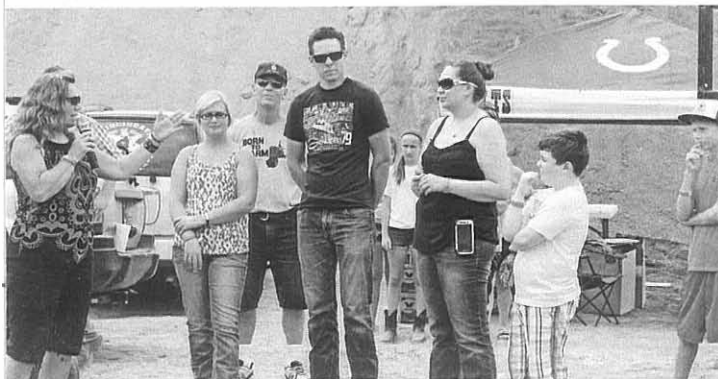
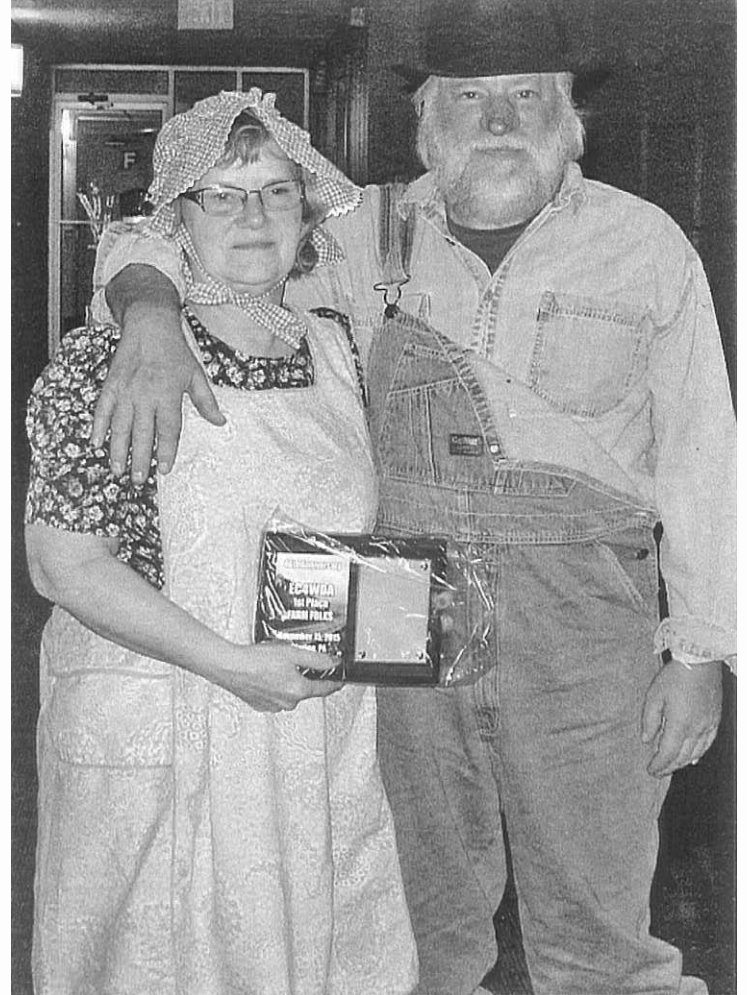
Return to:
 East Coast Four Wheel Drive Association, Inc.
 Cathy Klotz
 393 Creek Road
 Dornsife, Pennsylvania 17823
 (570)758-2575

**GET READY. GET SET.
GO BANTAM!!!**

**Pledge to join the
"Bantam Gang",
June 10-11-12!!**

CONTACT CATHY TODAY

Little Bit of Dis and a Little Bit of Dat....



As usual, Lensey has been busy. Beginning at top right, Debbie and Monte Hayes (past Region B chair) receiving top honors as first place winners in the "Farm Folk" category. Lower right is Rich Bundy (Tri-County(C) president) representing his club as winners of the Connie Benner Community Service Award, Carrie Swain the presenter. Lower left is a shot of Sugar Fields' daughter Kim introducing the grandchildren during a break in competition at Gravelrama45 in August in a portion of the ceremony honoring Sugar. Above that photo is Kyle Farwick receiving the award as the fastest male 4X4 racer at recent Gravelrama. Kyle turned an ET of 3.20. Looking on, approvingly, is Kyle's father, Tim. Top left is Wendy and Steve Forrester, EC4WDA vice-president, second place winners in the "Farm Folk" arena.