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This group shot of vehicles and EC4WDA Annual Trailride participants includes, from the left, Rich Hamm, Ed McKillup (Trail Boss), Pete Burcham, Cathy Burcham, Tim Sanders, Rich Bundy, Scott White, Nick Riazzo, Mark McCall, Jim Rainey, Mike Flugher, Mike Ion, and Carrie Swain. EC4WDA President Barry Kellerman and James Shuster participated but were not able to be in the picture. Was taken Sunday, May 22, 2016, in Fischer's Pine Lake Raceway near Jefferson, Ohio.

TOLEDO JEEP FEST SET FOR AUGUST

Organizers of the upcoming Jeep Fest say there's been a large response following the announcement of the August 13th event celebrating the brand's 75th Anniversary was made public, recently. Leaders have also announced they've secured their first, major sponsor, Toledo's Mercy Health, who've committed \$25,000. to help defray costs associated with the event.

Final details are being hammered out, but the Jeep Fest will include indoor and

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WAY BACK WHEN? YOU WERE DOING WHAT??

By Brad Shoff

EC4WDA 50th Co-Chair

The year was 1969, almost 50 years ago. Let's remember some things that happened back then.

Neil Armstrong was the first human to walk on the moon, Richard Nixon becomes President of the United States, 350,000 rock and roll fans attend Woodstock, 250,000 march on Washington in protest of the Vietnam War, Wal-Mart incorporates as Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., the U.S. Air Force closes its Project (Blue

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Barry Kellerman

For years I have been wanting to attend the EC4WDA Annual Trailride, but I've always had conflicts. That is until this year! I had the pleasure of attending this year's ride that was held in conjunction with the Northeast Ohio Jamboree near Jefferson, Ohio. Let me tell you, I had a great time! Our EC4WDA Trail Boss Ed put together a great weekend. The entire group made me feel welcomed. After attending a drivers meeting we hit the trails. My Jeep was clean when we started but not so much when we came back to camp! I was glad to see the Boy Scouts had a "wash area" set up and they got a very well deserved "donation" from me! If you ever want to know what East Coast does for you, here is an example of an awesome opportunity to get out and trailride and fellowship with a great bunch of people! Be sure and check out the photos on our Facebook

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

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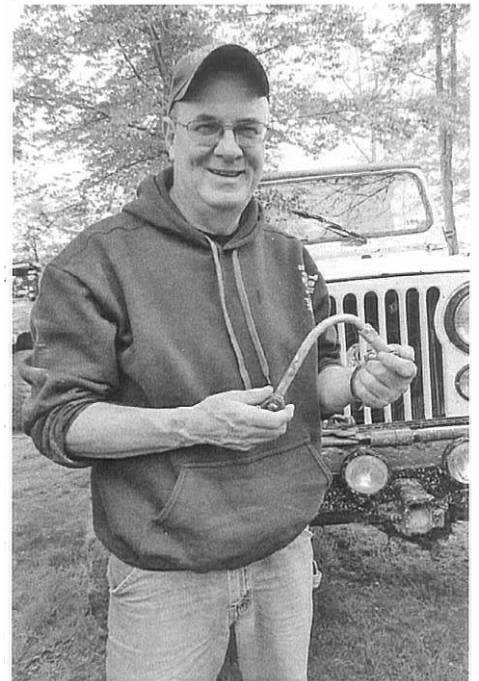
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page. Thanks again everyone for a great time and I look forward to seeing you all at the next ride!

You asked, we reacted. At our Convention held in early November of 2015 a group of EC4WDA members asked us to allow the addition of Side by Sides at our sanctioned events. Our rules and sanctioning committees went to work and adopted safety rules and classifications for the addition of these classes. We reacted, exactly what we get accused of not doing, but it appears that in some people eyes we are still the bad guys. I've sat back, watched and read comments all over social media and listened to people's points of view. For the most, everything is positive input, but some comments have me puzzled. For example (copied from a Facebook post) "Hate to say it. But. This is why I don't race ec4wda anymore. I love the people but hate the political nonsense". This comment was made in a discussion about the fact that Delaware 4 Wheelers Club, (Region B) elected for insurance reasons, not to include the side by side classes in their event. "Political nonsense"? Sorry, I just don't see any political nonsense here with EC4WDA. Or there is this post also copied from the same Facebook discussion "Clubs get hung out to dry with no help from the region or association". Our members and clubs have been asking "what does East Coast do for us?" How about we listened, and we reacted! You asked for this to help attendance at your events, and I truly feel this will help any club that produces a

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President Barry

Sanctioned event. Face it, the "side by side" industry is booming! The EC4WDA, at your request choose to get on that fast moving train. Let's ride with this wave and do it safely! If you have ideas or suggestions as to how the EC4WDA can help in other ways please don't hesitate to let us know.

This summer why not make it a point to get out and attend one of the many events that our member clubs produce. If you'd like to get involved I'm sure that the clubs would welcome the extra set of hands. If we work together we can make a difference.



Do not know who, where, or when aside from the fact the racer is from Region B.

RULES COMMITTEE; THE ONLY WAY TO PROGRESS IS CHANGE

By Chad Owens, Chairman
EC4WDA Rules

“The world hates change, yet it is the only thing that has brought progress” – Charles Kettering.

As an association we have reached a point where change is needed if we are going to survive and we all know this. During the November convention, the rules committee took a big step towards change by adding both UTV classes and 2WD buggy classes. Over the winter I did hear some resistance from clubs on these classes and not wanting to include them at their events.

Are the rules for these classes perfect? Probably not. Will there be issues and problems associated? Most likely. Are these classes the answer to our problems? No one knows, but the only

NEW SANCTIONING CHAIR REPORTS –

By Larry Keim, Chairman
EC4WDA Sanctioning

Hello, my name is Larry Keim. I am the new EC4WDA sanctioning chairman. I hope everyone is getting ready for another season of racing and good fellowship. There were a few changes to some of the sanctioning rules at the convention. So here they are...

way to find out is to try.

Change is difficult, but a necessity for our clubs, events and organization to remain relevant into the future. As an association, everyone needs to accept that there will be some discomfort, not let that deter us from trying, and instead unite in finding ways to solve the problems that arise. As the quote from Charles Kettering says, the only way to progress is to change.

Page 63 first paragraph, change to: “EC4WDA sanctions four wheel drive and all approved two wheel drive classes. All competitors must be an EC4WDA member to participate in sanctioned events.”

Page 64 omit next to last paragraph starting with: “Sanctioning will begin with the inspection of the first competitor and end when event is completed.”

Page 68 Rule #20 clarifies the beginning and ending of sanctioning.

Page 69 Rule #26 change to read: “While sanctioning is in effect the use of atv’s, golf carts, and side by sides will be by the club, for official club use only. Only at the club’s discretion may atv’s, golf carts, and side by sides be used with a posted sign at registration with rules pertaining to their use. Atv’s or side by sides used for towing purposes will be used only for towing purposes. No junior racer vehicles are to be used except during junior racer competition, unless they are used for towing purposes.

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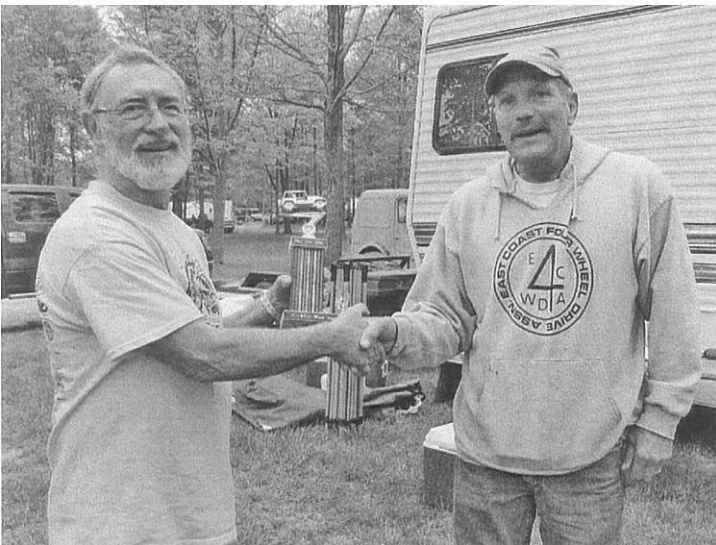
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ANNUAL EC4WDA TRAILRIDE THRU LENSEY'S EYE-



A few more pics of the annual association fun trailride. Middle picture on the left is trail boss Ed McKillip (Region A / Erie County) giving Pete Burcham (Region C / DieHard OffRoad) "Worst Stuck Award" for his nice handiwork as shown in the photo opposite, the Jeep that appears to be taking a dive.

THE "EAST COASTER" IS YOUR COMMUNICATION TOOL. SHARE WITH THE MEMBERSHIP WHAT YOU DO SO THAT WE MAY ALL LEARN. STORIES. PHOTOS. THE WHOLE NINE YARDS!

ANNUAL EC4WDA TRAIL RIDE / JEFFERSON, OHIO

By Ed McKillip
EC4WDA Trail Boss

The EC4WDA Annual Trail Ride was held May 21-22, with camping beginning on Friday, the 20th. We gathered at Fischers Pine Lake Raceway near Jefferson, Ohio. The event was Lake County Off Road's Spring Jamboree, who rents the grounds for the weekend from the raceway. It was a sold out affair with a limit of 350 bikes, quads, utv's and Jeeps. The weatherman had rain all around us so over 100 people didn't show up. Didn't

matter to us. We only had light sprinkles a couple of times and that helped keep the dust down.

We had a fair turnout of 10 Jeeps and 3 quads. Association President Barry was able to make the ride for the first time and was our only casualty when he overextended his right front. With the sway bar disconnected, it went over center and bent the link in a U. After some head scratching back at camp, it was finally bent back pretty close to straight.

The trails, for the most part, were pretty mild, but hills and mud could be found and they had what one could call a "roller coaster" ride play area. Things got a little tight when Mark McCall and I took

the 4-door Rubicon, piloted by Jim Rainey, on one of the many ATV trails.

If you were looking for rocks to crawl, you would have been out of luck as none were to be found.

Pete Burcham won the "Worst Stuck Award" when he stalled in a mud hole and ended up with the right side buried and the left rear 3-feet in the air.

There was also a guided night ride with ATV's in one group and Jeeps in another on the better trails to keep everyone moving. Of course, everyone enjoys getting back to the campfire with good friends, lots of great food, a brew and some BS.

Hope to see YOU next time!!



CYBERSPACE IS TALKING TO US!!

By Brady Forrester, Coordinator
EC4WDA Cyberspace

Hello EC4WDA! As the weather is warming up, so is the race season. I'm getting excited for a few races, not only for the experience but the memories made at the races.

The association Facebook page is at 682 likes. Total page views have gone up 286% in past weeks due to recent posts, and have reached 596 people. The highest engaged post recently, is the video I shared from Wayne Gunter which was of the hill drags at "Gravelrama" in 1987. That post reached 943 people who saw it, 194 people who clicked it and 31 people who liked/commented/shared. The second most popular post was a picture of an old flyer from a race held by Firelands 4X4 (C) guessed to be between the 70's and 80's. Videos still have the most reach followed by cool photos. I would encourage anyone who has anything of that nature to send it to me or tag me in it on Facebook.

37TH ANNUAL "CHALLENGE IN THE HILLS" RUNS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND IN WEST VIRGINIA.

EC4WDA's Tucker County 4-Wheelers hosted their 37th Annual "Challenge In the Hills" over the recent Memorial Day weekend in Parsons, West Virginia. The long-running event features sand drags on Saturday and mud bog on Sunday.

For some fun statistics: most of the followers of the page are men aged 25-34 from Lehigh, and Trevorton, Pennsylvania. The list of countries of people who like the page now includes Iceland.

Some plans I have this year include finding more things to post in order to reach more people, and create an event page for the fall convention. This way, everyone can come to the page for the information on it, and indicate if they will attend or not all in one place.

Just to recap, anyone can post the page, but in a separate section from the main association page. I would recommend reading through sometimes.

OPEN SAND DRAGS

- A Tom Hardy
- C Mike Armstrong
- D Mike Hardy
- E Ron Allen
- F Kevin Kepple
- G Chris Cutwright
- H Mike Henderson
- S Logan McKown

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Mike Hardy

WOMEN'S SAND DRAGS

- F Tammy Carr
- H Carol Rice
- S Suzanne Allen

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Tammy Carr

JUNIORS

- 6-9 Marky Phillips
- 10-15 Emily Carr

ELIMINATOR

Emily Carr

NEXT ISSUE OF "THE COASTER" WILL BE PRIOR TO OUR NOVEMBER CONVENTION!!

LAND USE CHAIR POINTS OUT THE POSSIBILITIES

By Gary Marr, Chairman
EC4WDA Land Use

My name is Gary Marr. Sugar asked me to take over the land use position before she passed away. She felt I would do a good job in the position. I am not convinced. I had been posting things on the website but it does not seem many people use it. I find that unfortunate. I look at numerous websites about the sport of four wheeling. If you would like a list, send an email
teammule@embarqmail.com

Attendance at EC4WDA Region C MID-AMERICA and the annual EC4WDA meeting is down, so I am not sure how people are getting their information. Add to that the East Coaster is going to only come out twice a year.

During the last annual meeting I was able to attend, I talked about the \$500. grant available thru Tread Lightly! Extreme Terrain is offering a \$350. grant also. Did you know these grants are available? I am close to Youngstown (Ohio) which has a grant center at the public library. I reported on the various libraries in the EC4WDA geographic area at the board meeting that are part of the Grant Foundation Network.

Have you heard about the EPA? In July, 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency introduced a proposal that would have prohibited the conversion of street vehicles into race cars used exclusively for the track. While the EPA has withdrawn the proposal, the agency continues to assert authority under the Clean Air Act to regulate the modification of vehicles used for competition. Congressional action is the only way to guarantee that street vehicles can continue to be modified for the track, well into the future.

The Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports (RPM) Act of 2016 is a bipartisan bill in Congress that will confirm that it has always been Congress' intent that race cars are not included in the Clean Air Act's definition of "motor vehicle." The RPM ACT makes clear that it has always been legal to modify a street vehicle into a race car used exclusively at the track, and confirms that modifying these vehicles for exclusive track use would not be considered tampering.

Enjoy the summer activities.

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outdoor car shows, a parade, history displays, Jeep accessory vendors, food, and music. The event will be free to the public and should attract hundreds of Jeep owners throughout the region.

The celebration will honor the workers who created the success, Jeep's role in World War II, what the plant has meant to the growth of Toledo and the standard of living people got from working there.

The day-long festival will kick off with a parade that will transition into a car show. Some streets in Toledo will be closed for the event while other exhibits will be at the SeaGate Convention Centre. There is the possibility of showing old Jeep movies in the Valentine Theatre, downtown. Organizers say they expect 800-1,000 vehicles.

The Jeep brand was born out of a military need for a tough, lightweight vehicle that could quickly get troops and equipment across the battlefield and serve as a mount for everything from guns to stretchers.

Though Willys-Overland didn't draw up the original designs – the Bantam Motor Car Company of Butler, Pennsylvania, takes most of the credit for that – the Toledo automaker did improve it, particularly by adding a torque engine. Eventually, Willys won the first full-scale production contract in 1941 and would go on to build some 368,000 Willys MBs during World War II. That was the start of a tradition that's 75-years-old and going strong.

Jeeps have been built in Toledo continuously since July of 1941 and millions have been built. Immediately following the war, Willys started making the CJ-series vehicle, which was later replaced by the Wrangler. Over the years, the Toledo factory also built the quirky cab-over Forward Control pickup trucks, the world's first luxury sports utility vehicle in the Grand Wagoneer and three varieties of the Jeep Cherokee.

For a long time, Jeep was the only manufacturer producing a four-wheel-drive vehicle. In fact, they would make anything you wanted in any color you chose. The organizers hope to get as many of the historic Jeeps as they can to attend the event. They've approached some 4X4 clubs, some military vehicle preservation groups and asked them to attend the event in the hope they can display one of

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Book) concluding there was no evidence of UFO's, Chappaquiddick Affair when Senator Edward Kennedy, drives a car that plunges into a pond and a body of a woman passenger is later found in the car, and the most famous to us is the formation of EC4WDA by a group of diehard four wheelers. I was nine (9) and remember most of these, but did not know about EC4WDA until 1976 and have been a member ever since.

Besides Wal-Mart, the only thing still going on is our EC4WDA and we are heading towards 50 years of recreational 4-wheeling with many different types of vehicles and activities.

We are starting to plan our *Golden Anniversary* and need some help and input. Steve Forrester and I are co-chairs for the event as Jerry would like a break. We are on a fact-finding mission and looking for any club that would be willing to host it. We already have a club that would like to host the event and we are looking at the July 4th weekend in 2019. We would like three (3) racing events, trail rides and a social.

Any clubs interested in hosting this memorable event, please contact Steve (4ester@innernet.net) or myself (shoffies@msn.com) for an information package to be filled out and sent back to us by the convention in November.



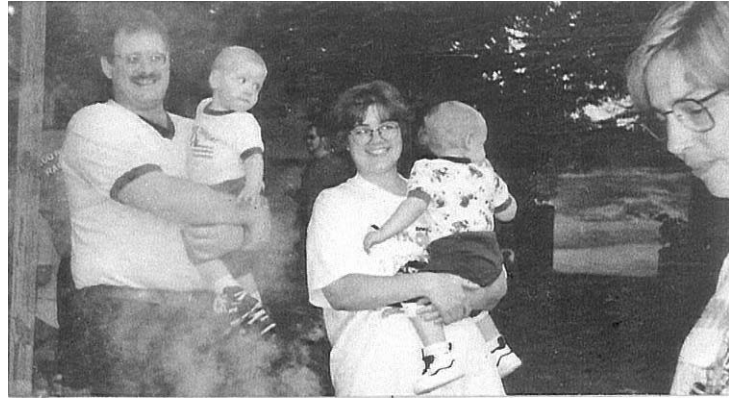
everything built

There's discussions going on with Fiat Chrysler, Jeep's parent company, about bringing historic vehicles from the Walter P. Chrysler Museum in Auburn Hills, Michigan, plus some of the recent concept and celebration Jeeps created for the annual Easter Jeep Safari in Moab, Utah.

Event organizers say they've already secured more than 200 volunteers to work the event. Further information is available by calling 419-960-5337 or emailing toledojeepfest@gmail.com. There is also a facebook page.



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- Friday, August 26PM -- UpHill Sand Drags(S)
- Saturday, August 27AM/PM -- Flat Sand Drags(S) / PM Bracket Race
- Sunday, August 28AM -- Juniors / Bob Black / PM Big Eliminator Hill(S)
- Monday, August 29AM -- Obstacle Course(S)

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2016 EC4WDA ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Following is the 2016 Activity Schedule for member clubs of the East Coast Four Wheel Drive Association. Events do not have to be EC4WDA-sanctioned to be listed; only must be events sanctioned (S), hosted or involved in by EC4WDA, an affiliated club or a region. For general information, feel free to call (513)941-1450 or (814)357-8142.

DATE	PRODUCER	EVENT/LOCATION	INCLUDES	CONTACT
March 6	Region B	SPRING REGION MEETING Kempton (Pennsylvania) Rod & Gun Club	MTG	Jim Kopfer (610)926-3701
March 12	Region C	SPRING REGION MEETING Mansfield, Ohio	MTG	Terry Mutchler (419)994-1847
April 8-10	I.O.K. Four Wheelers(C)	SWAP MEET Cleves, Ohio	SM	Louis Sneed (812)432-5075
April 9-10	EC4WDA	SPRING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Clarion, Pennsylvania	MTG	Barry Kellerman (814)357-8142
April 15-17	I.O.K. Four Wheelers (C)	"GRAVELRAMA FOR JUNIORS" Cleves, Ohio	JR	Toby Kelly (812)584-4249
April 30	Line Mountain 4-Wheelers(B)	"UTV's / Buggies / 4WD" Rausch Creek, Pennsylvania	TBA	T.J. Lenig (570)797-4540
May 7	Pine Creek 4-Wheelers(B)	"TEST & TUNE" Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania	TT	Craig Carr (570)447-4708
May 13-14	I.O.K. Four Wheelers(C)	"SPRING FLING" (<i>OUTLAW SAND DRAG SERIES</i>) Cleves, Ohio	TT, FD PW, JR	Nathan Sneed (812)208-0305
May 20-22	EC4WDA	"ANNUAL ASSOCIATION TRAIL RIDE" Jefferson, Ohio (<i>Lake County Off Road Jamboree</i>)	TR, CAMP	Ed McKillip (814)739-2945
May 28	Franklin County 4-Wheelers(C)	"SAND DRAG RACE" Brookville, Indiana	BFD, JR	Justin Ball (765)580-0596
May 28-29	Delaware 4-Wheelers(B)	" <u>FLAT-A-RAMA</u> "(S) (<i>Marvin Thompson Memorial</i>) Frederica, Delaware	FD, F8 OB, JR	Ken Mullins (302)363-6199
May 28-29	Tucker County 4-Wheelers(A)	"37TH ANNUAL CHALLENGE IN THE HILLS" Parsons, West Virginia	FD, MB, JR	Tom Hardy (304)478-2386
June 4-5	Line Mountain 4-Wheelers(B)	"COAL BUCKET RACE" / (S) <u>OB Sunday</u> Dornsife, Pennsylvania	<u>JR Sat Eve(S)</u> FD, <u>F8 Sun (S)</u>	T. J. Lenig (570)797-4540
June 11-12	Pine Creek 4-Wheelers(B)	"ATV RODEO" Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania	HC, BFD, OB	Justin Boatman (570)295-2239
June 10-12	Butler County Tourism	"BANTAM JEEP HERITAGE FESTIVAL" Butler, Pennsylvania (<i>bantamjeepfestival.com</i>)	King of Hollow JAMBO	(724)234-4619
June 18	Franklin County 4-Wheelers(C)	"SAND DRAG RACE" Brookville, Indiana	BFD, JR	Justin Ball (765)580-0596
June 25-26	Susquehannocks 4-Wheelers(B)	" <u>43rd ANNUAL SUSQUEHANNOCKS RACE</u> "(S) Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania	2FD, F8OB, 2HC, JR	Tom Leonard (570)326-6116
July 5	Columbia Hill Climbers (B)	"TOUGH TRUCK" Mason-Dixon Fairgrounds, Delta, Pennsylvania	TBA	Kirk Shenberger (717)755-3252
July 16-17	Line Mountain 4-Wheelers(B)	"3½ MILER" Dornsife, Pennsylvania	OB, JR	T.J.Lenig (570)797-4540
July 22-23	Franklin County 4-Wheelers(C)	"FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR RACE" Brookville, Indiana	BFD, JR.	Justin Ball (765)580-0596
July 23-24	DieHard OffRoad (C)	"THE SHOOTOUT" East Palestine, Ohio (Echo Valley)	HC, OB, END, W2W	Brian Rensi (740)491-0571
July 30	Pine Creek 4-Wheelers(B)	"HELPING HANDS FROM HUDSON" Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania	BFD	Craig Carr (570)447-4708
August 5-6	Franklin County 4-Wheelers(C)	"OUTLAW SAND DRAG SERIES" (3rd Leg) Brookville, Indiana	BFD, JR	Justin Ball (765)580-0596
August 13	Franklin County 4-Wheelers(C)	"SAND DRAG RACE" Brookville, Indiana	BFD, JR	Justin Ball (765)580-0596
August 13-14	Susquehannocks 4-Wheelers(B)	"RUN WHAT YOU BRUNG" (<i>Buggies / Side-by-Sides</i>) Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania	OB (2 day)	Tom Leonard (570)326-6116
August 20-21	Columbia Hill Climbers(B)	" <u>47th ANNUAL 4X4 OFF ROAD CHALLENGE(S)</u> " Delta, Pennsylvania / Mason-Dixon Fairgrounds	NF8OB, JR TT	Kirk Shenberger (717)755-3252
August 24-29	I.O.K. Four Wheelers(C)	" <u>46th ANNUAL GRAVELRAMA</u> "(S) Cleves, Ohio	HD, FD, HC, OB, JR, ELIM2	Nathan Sneed (812)208-0305

Sept. 3	Franklin County 4-Wheelers(C)	"SAND DRAG RACE" Brookville, Indiana	BFD, JR	Justin Ball (765)580-0596
Sept 3-4	Pine Creek 4-Wheelers(B)	" <u>THUNDER IN THE HOLLOW</u> "(S) Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania	HC(2), FD, OB, JR	Charlie Cochran (570)398-1107
Sept 10-11	County Line 4X4 Roughriders(B)	" <u>MOUNTAIN MADNESS</u> "(S) Kempton, Pennsylvania	F8, SD, FD OB	Jim Kopfer (610)926-3701
Sept 16-17	I.O.K. Four Wheelers(C)	"OUTLAW SAND DRAG SERIES" – <u>2016 FINALE</u> Cleves, Ohio	FD, JR	Nathan Sneed (812)208-0305
Sept 17-18	Line Mountain 4-Wheelers(B)	"SEVEN MILER" – <u>46th ANNUAL RUNNING</u> Dornsife, Pennsylvania	OB, FD, JR	T.J. Lenig (570)797-4540
Oct 7-9	I.O.K. Four Wheelers(C)	SWAP MEET Cleves, Ohio	SM	Louis Sneed (812)432-5848
Oct 8	Franklin County 4-Wheelers(C)	"SAND DRAG RACE" Brookville, Indiana	BFD, JR	Justin Ball (765)580-0596
Oct 15	Region C	FALL REGION MEETING Mansfield, Ohio	MTG	Terry Mutchler (419)994-4847
Oct 15	Pine Creek 4-Wheelers(B)	"BENEFIT RACE" Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania	BFD	Craig Carr 570)447-4708
Oct 16	Region B	FALL REGION MEETING Kempton, Pennsylvania	MTG	Jim Kopfer (610)926-3701
Oct 21-22	I.O.K. Four Wheelers(C)	"ANNUAL LAST BLAST" Cleves, Ohio	HD, FD	Nathan Sneed (812)208-0305
Nov 12-13	EC4WDA	"47th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION" Clarion, Pennsylvania	MTG	Barry Kellerman (814)355-3181
Nov 19	Region B	REGION B COMPETITION AWARDS BANQUET Germansville, Pennsylvania	MTG	Jim Kopfer (610)926-3701

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 – hillelimb, 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, TTR – tough truck, W2W – wheel to wheel.



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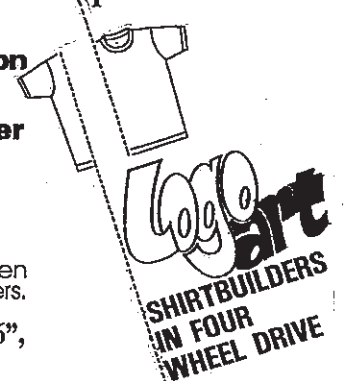
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| 1999 - Debbie Kitchell | 2006 - Krista Randolph | 2013 - Scott Smith |
| 2000 - Carmen Banks | 2007 - Jeff Banks | 2014 - Kay Dreher |
| 2001 - Mike Henderson | 2008 - Kathy Ellington | 2015 - DNF |
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ASSOCIATION NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING OVERVIEW

Meeting called to order by President Barry, followed by board roll call and a review of minutes of the last board meeting.

President's report follows: Thanked the board for their attendance. Talked about some of the hardships some members have felt and experienced over the past year and extended condolences. Talked about association trail ride and thanked Ed McKillup for handling the event as Trail Boss. Wants to clear up any misconception of EC4WDA regarding rumors of "seat time" and how the association is getting blamed for those issues. Discussed that clubs run their events at their own discretion. Wants to clear up any issue on points. Covered the issue with declining revenues for the association treasury as a result of no longer having a Jeep raffle as well as losing a large club. Covered some of his proposals to help combat a dues increase. Proposing to print the directory every two years instead of annually and any changes be sent to each region's membership secretary. Proposing some changes in our Saturday night convention festivities. Proposing some changes in the printing of the East Coaster to be semi-annually.

Vice President: Alluded to the "great team" that produced the Jeep Team Challenge during 2015 Bantam. Offered condolences to those who have suffered a loss in their families and reminded all it is an election year and to consider running for a board position.

Recording Secretary: Nothing.

Treasurer: Discussed our treasury is dropping and encouraged members to find ways for fundraisers. Last year's (2014) convention cost was less than the previous year, but we need to drop that amount even more. Provided copies of the financial report.

Membership Secretary: Talked about the Bantam Jeep Festival and the \$200. check the association received for helping with the event. Membership numbers are dropping.

Region A Chair: Offered condolences. Tucker County had a great season.

Region B Chair: Talked about some issues with his region such as some clubs may not have events in 2017 if the turnout is poor in 2016. AT region meeting, plans were introduced to pursue the possibility of having sanctioned events for ATV's,

dune buggies, etc. to help draw in more people.

Region C Chair: Talked about trouble getting people to come to meetings to let us know what is going on. Talked about the loss of Tri-County and the addition of a new club, Mudslingers. Has one scheduled sanctioned race for 2016.

East Coaster Editor: Pointed out that if board decides to eliminate East Coaster he would be OK with that. Not much has changed in that clubs do not share their news and community services/events.

Cyberspace Coordinator: Talked about the facebook page and some of the postings there. If anyone has photos please send to him, especially if you have older photos. Would like a facebook convention alert page and would like some feedback on the idea. The "likes" are down a bit from last year.

Trail Boss: Talked about the association trail ride and about the loads of Tri-County.

Rules: Stated he personally didn't attend may races in 2015. However feedback he received was positive. Some issues were brought to his attention, but overall it was a quiet year. Discussed how some clubs are struggling to pay their bills associated with events.

Sanctioning: No major issues other than the usual with dogs in the spectator area and bicycles. Attendance down at races. He will not be seeking reelection for his position unless no one else is nominated.

Community Service: Talked about Bantam and community service in each region. Hopes there will be community chairs for each region.

One Of Our Own Fund: Steve talked about clubs that donated to the fund. Reminder if any requests to let him know.

PPP Program: Decline in participation in the program over the past few years. Thanked the sponsors and members who do participate. Liz will not resume position of the program. Asked if we were doing a winch for the convention this weekend.

By-Laws: Has been quiet. Nothing has been brought to his attention. No pending changes at this time.

Land Use: Barry talked about how he received a call from Gary, that he would not be here tonight. He would be sending his report in the morning. Steve

will stand in at the Land Use meeting tomorrow morning.

Events Coordinator: Wendy talked about being behind on some things and numerous correspondence w/hotel sales manager regarding the banquet menu and ticket price. Hoped everyone has a good time this weekend. Feels attendance is down. Pointed out how the hotel has been remodeled, how accommodating and friendly the staff has been. Isn't sure about staying on in this position with trying to juggle Recording Secretary position and feeling like things are sliding and not keeping up with tasks. Thanked Jerry for picking up the awards.

OLD BUSINESS – Jerry talked about the 45th anniversary event. Reviewed financial breakdown of the event and talked about the low turnout. Posed the question as to whether we should ever do this again...maybe?

Cathy talked about Bantam Jeep Heritage Festival. Thanked Mark McCall for his help and about a check the association had received from the festival. Used the money to purchase Solo cups for the event and any remaining cups were sold at EC4WDA events. There are still some available for purchase. Bantam ever brought on a new member to the association. Next year's event is scheduled for June 10-12, 2016.

Barry talked about the loss of Region C's Tri-County. He read a letter he had sent to John Grossen (President) and to date had not received a reply. Terry talked about how fast the decision was made by the club to drop out of the association and how he sent a letter to the club and also received no response. Jerry said the club's new president is Rich Bundy. Barry read the letter he had received from Tri-County announcing their plan to withdraw from EC4WDA.

Cathy asked if we could return to the topic of the anniversary race regarding the trophies. There are 32 first place and 29 second place trophies left over. Barry will have Craig Carr provide a photo of the trophies in case anyone is interested. Barry asked that Jerry include in the next issue of the East Coaster following the convention. Bids should be submitted by the end of February, 2016. Bids will get submitted to Barry. There will be a picture of the trophies in the next issue of the East Coaster as well as on the facebook page.

Liz asked about the issue of the winch for this weekend. Discussion

followed on how to give away this weekend. Possibly everyone in attendance get a free chance to win and also sell additional chances to win it. Liz will handle the PPP and win tickets for this weekend.

MOTION – “I make a motion to suspend the Point Participation Program until the association is financially stable as determined by the Executive Board.” Motion made by Cathy Klotz and seconded by Liz Hummel. MOTION CARRIED.

Next topic of discussion was cost savings. Discussion on reimbursing mileage back down to \$0.15 per mile since the gas prices have gone down. It will help save the association money as well.

MOTION – “I will make a motion to lower the mileage to \$0.15 for the Executive Board members.” Motion made by Brad Shoff and seconded by Jerry Schwartz. MOTION CARRIED.

Next topic of the discussion was the convention. Barry is suggesting doing away with the banquet and that everyone goes out on their own to eat and then coming back just for the awards presentations. This will help people save money in decorations, etc., and also help inform the association body we are trying to save money. Discussion on only utilizing just the ballroom for everything – hospitality room & awards presentation since not using courtyard for banquet meal. Cathy suggested we get the beer on our own to help save money as there is a local distributor close by with Sunday hours for the keg return. Carol Rice will handle taking care of getting the beer. Carol asked if we are still putting membership into Blue Ribbon, SEMA, and Tread Lightly? Barry stated we are still paying for Blue Ribbon and Tread Lightly and we do not pay for SEMA. Carol wanted to know since we are trying to save money. Brad asked instead of taking it out of our general fund, but maybe taking it out of the Land Use fund. Steve suggested bringing it up in the Land Use meeting tomorrow morning for some feedback. Carol asked if we truly need to have a spring executive board meeting. Most of the board members agreed that we do need to have the spring meeting. Barry feels we are trimming a lot of expenses that were discussed at this meeting, such as cutting the banquet meal and also printing the membership directories. Terry mentioned that it is in the by-laws that the board is required to meet 2 times a year and if the

spring meeting is eliminated, the by-laws would have to be changed.

Discussion again on cutting back on the printing of the East Coaster. Brad said it would save about \$1,000. per year. Discussion on electronic vs. paper printing of the East Coaster. Discussion on the importance of the East Coaster and how members enjoy having a tangible paper to read. General consensus is we need to continue with the East Coaster, but discussion followed on how frequent it needs to be printed such as in the spring and after the convention. Jerry suggested printing after the convention which would include details of the convention, reports, etc. (November after the convention and in the spring such as April). Discussion of doing a pre-convention mailer to be sent to every member. Discussion on possibly just sending a postcard “save the date” or just a 2 issue East Coaster with a trial of a year. Discussion on doing beginning of May and late November or early December. He will do a folded letter/postcard prior to the convention.

Next topic Bantam 2016. Cathy talked about a wish list for Bantam include a grab bag for kids, handout for adults. Association to help with purchase of drinks and hot dogs, rain poncho with logo on it and signage of who we are and where we are located. Steve suggested that the signage be decided on this weekend as Brady could create when he returns to the graphics communication program at school in January for little cost. Barry suggested that Cathy come up with a cost analysis and present a package to the Executive Board at our spring meeting. Barry suggested that a committee be formed and that Cathy be the head of the committee to create a plan to be presented at the executive board meeting. Wendy made suggestion of trying to get a business to sponsor items such as water or hot dogs and Barry suggested they contact a local business in Bantam for sponsorship as it would be beneficial to that business.

Next topic is membership directories. Barry proposed that the directories be printed every other year. Barry checked the by-laws and found no mention that a directory be printed every year. Each club’s membership secretary would receive an updated listing. Brad mentioned that directory ads are paying for the printing of the directories. Final discussion is that we will leave the directories as they are being printed with

no changes.

Jim asked what we can do to stir interest in our events such as expanding events as ATV’s, buggies, etc. Discussion on sanctioning issue of when sanctioning starts and when sanctioning ends. Barry posed the question to the board of “what can the association do for you?” Carrie suggested more help with advertising. Discussion that we need to move forward as an association and we continue to grow or we will just become stagnant.

Barry suggested we wait a year to see how our cost cutting measures work out before we consider a dues increase. He reminded that it has been 30 years since there was a dues increase.

Brad mentioned if the association should obtain another credit card to replace the prior one we had for certain expenses. Discussion that we really don’t need one as members are reimbursed for out of pocket expenses.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Forrester and seconded by Jerry Schwartz.

ASSOCIATION CONVENTION SATURDAY 11/14/15 MINUTES THE MORNING SESSION –

Meeting called to order by President Barry. Club roll call by Cathy. We have quorum (22 clubs). No new clubs petitioning for membership. Review of minutes by Wendy. Barry recognized members who are veterans and the body acknowledged with a round of applause.

President’s Report: Barry talked about the passing of Sugar Fields, Carrie Swain’s son and Pine Creek member Bob Pfirman. Thanked Trail Boss Ed McKillup for his part in the association trail ride. Talked about the misconception members are having with rules & sanctioning issues. Would like to clear up an misconception about sanctioned events – no limitation on “seat time”. Each event is solely run by the club having the event. The association does not tell the club how to run their events. If you have concerns about events, members should express those concerns to their individual regions and not voice frustration on the internet, etc. Barry talked about financial constraints the association is facing with the loss of the Jeep Raffle as well as the loss of a cornerstone club from the association. Barry read a letter he received from John Grossen (Tri-County President) that indicated their decision to “MINUTES” continue next page

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withdraw from the association. He then read a letter that he wrote in response to Mr. Grossen. To date, he's never received a reply. Barry talked about some of the proposals that were discussed at the Executive Board meeting including changes to the convention such as eliminating coffee service, etc. We are going to eliminate the meal part of the banquet and he has noticed how many people actually attend the meal vs. eating out. We will have an awards ceremony only. We are also eliminating some awards like table decorating, etc. He mentioned the East Coaster will only be printed two times a year (spring and fall). Also a small convention flyer will be sent out prior to the convention. This will help save the association some money. Asked clubs to help communicate events, race results, etc. to Jerry. We are trying some cost saving measures to avoid a dues increase. Last dues increase was 30 years ago.

Reports were read by EC4WDA board members, as outlined in Executive Board minutes, herein.

President Barry alluded to the PPP program, the lack of participation by the membership, and that the program would cease to exist beginning in 2016. He also mentioned that the weekend would feature some prizes. He was able to procure a donated winch and everyone attending the convention would get one (1) free ticket for the winch raffle, plus additional tickets are available for purchase, \$1.00 each or 7 for \$5.00.

Barry mentioned the Pappy Fry Award, the history involved. He asked Cathy Klotz to approach the podium and talk about the award, its history as it is printed in the directory.

The nominees as selected by their respective regions for the 2015 Pappy Fry were introduced: Carrie Swain, Region A (nomination read by Carol Rice), Tom & Karen Leonard, Region B (nomination read by Jim Kopfer, Ken & Karen Reinhardt, Region C (nomination read by Terry Mutchler). Pappy Fry voting commenced. Results would be announced during the evening's award banquet.

Saturday's morning delegate session was adjourned to permit convention attendees the opportunity to take in scheduled committee meetings.

ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

MEETINGS 11/14/15 MINUTES 3PM AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called back to order by President Barry.

Rules Chair Report: Reviewed the rules changes (see last issue of East Coaster). Staying on as Rules Chairman.

Sanctioning Chair Report: Not seeking reelection. New Sanctioning Chair Larry Keim, Region B.

Community Chair Report: Thanked everyone for their support during the loss of her son. Members are shy about reporting community service projects. Remember to document community service, an important factor in maintaining our non-profit status. Announced that Region C has a new community service chair. Carrie is staying on as association community service chair. Land Use chair is still Gary Marr and Ed McKillup is still Trail Boss.

One Of Our Own Fund Chair: Report ditto report given and reported during previous evening's executive board meeting.

PPP Program Chair Report: Program has been suspended and as a result, Liz will no longer be chair. She thanked all who have participated in the program.

By-Laws: Nothing to report. Everything is quiet and unchanged.

Land Use Chair: Gary unable to attend Steve Forrester handled the meeting. Talked about some land use issues with grounds and trails. Nothing as far as land closures. Gary Marr reelected as Land Use Chair.

Special Events Coordinator: Report given by Wendy Forrester.

President Barry asked Cathy Klotz to give a report on the Bantam Heritage Jeep Festival. Thanked Mark McCall for all of his help with the festival. Had volunteer members from Region A and Region B as well as some individual members. Unfortunately had rainy weather, but had a great time. Reminded the association body in attendance that this festival exposure cost the association nothing. Pointed out to the body how we received a check in 2014 from the festival which was unexpected, was then used to purchase blue plastic Solo cups as giveaways and extra cups were sold at other EC4WDA events. Again we received another payment from Bantam in 2015 for our participation. The "Bantam Gang", aka EC4WDA volunteers, would like to ask the board for some assistance to help purchase some items for

the 2016 festival, which will be discussed at tomorrow's general meeting.

Barry stated this concluded the meeting, adjournment followed.

ASSOCIATION CONVENTION MEETINGS 11/15/15 MINUTES 9AM SUNDAY MORN SESSION

Meeting called to order by President Barry. Congratulated the winners from the awards banquet the previous evening.

Vice President Steve introduced the hotel manager on duty, Caleb, who talked about our convention community service project, "Toys For Tots" for the Parade of Trees. Caleb explained there are 10 Clarion (Pennsylvania) schools that decorate the trees and then donations are accepted for needy families in the local area. These donations will greatly benefit local families. He thanked the association body for the generous donations of toys and non-perishable foods.

Barry discussed the decisions made by the executive board as far as cutting costs, helping the association avoid a dues increase. He thanked the board for coming up with ideas for cost savings.

Cathy discussed the 2016 Bantam Heritage Jeep Festival and some ideas she has sketched out. The course will be the same but the challenges will be different. Looking for more volunteers. Will have the potluck supper again Saturday night. asked the board for some assistance for handouts to Jeep Team Challenge participants as well as some goody bags for the children. More ideas will be discussed at the spring board meeting. Cathy is looking for ideas for handout items for participants. She will be signing up for the muddy 5K and encouraged people to join her! We already have a camping site for our association members. If you plan to attend, let Cathy know so she can check to make sure all can fit in the area reserved. Rich Bundy suggested they are always looking for trail guides there as well.

Barry reminded the association body we will now be going to the printing of the East Coaster twice a year – spring and after convention and a pre-convention small edition. Reminded association delegate body to submit club events before the printing. There is an advertising schedule ad rates in the association body's packets received this weekend. Before next year's (2016) convention, members will receive a small mailing with convention details. We will do our best to get that out in a timely fashion for members.

Next topic was the 2016 convention. Barry mentioned we will NOT be having a banquet meal. We will still have a theme with costumes, table decorations, etc., but no meal. Everyone will be free to eat outside the hotel and then return for the awards, etc. Barry feels eliminating the meal will help save the association some money. The board has also given up things as well to help save dollars. Board gets reimbursed for fuel and decided to reduce the amount of reimbursement.

Barry opened up the floor for questions.

Discussion opened up regarding the 2016 convention. Date will be November 11-13, 2016. Hospitality room will be hosted by Region A. Location will still be the Park Inn by Radisson. Theme suggestions included "The 70's" – WINNER, "Travel Around The World", "Cartoon Characters." We will continue to have table and room decorations and costumes!

Elections were conducted:

President –Barry Kellerman

Vice Pres –Steve Forrester

Recording Secty –Wendy Forrester

Treasurer –Brad Shoff

Membership Secty –Cathy Klotz

East Coaster Editor –Jerry Schwartz

Official ballot was cast by Recording Secretary. Barry reminded the association body if they have any questions or concerns, to please contact EC4WDA Executive Board for help.

Floor was opened for additional questions. Kirk Shenberger asked if the association will still be doing shows. Barry discussed that some of those are not planned until paperwork is received from events. Kirk was asking about some fund raising ideas at the shows. Bryan wanted to emphasize that clubs should take back information to their clubs that was received this weekend, especially concerning buggies, any complaints, etc. We will still accept prize donations even though there will be no PPP. If someone owns a business or knows of a business that may want to donate a prize, we will gladly accept types of prizes, as well. Cathy mentioned we still accept fund-raising ideas and that we still have blue Solo cups for sale and any little type of fundraising will definitely help the association treasury.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Forrester and seconded by Toby Kelley.

Minutes respectively submitted,

Wendy M. Forrester

Recording Secretary

FIRST LEG OF "OUTLAW SAND DRAG SERIES" RESULTS, PLUS "SPRING FLING" WINNERS

The initial leg of the popular 2016 Outlaw Sand Drag Series ran the weekend of May 13-14 in conjunction with IOK's "Spring Fling" event in Cleves, Ohio. Nearly 150 competitors participated.

PEE WEE

Kayla Ellington, Marin Powell

JUNIORS

Logan Dilts, Michael Robbins

NICKLE NIGHTMARE

Andrea Hulse Sneed, Justin Dees

3.50

Trent Everett, Cody Gum

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Brian McWethy, Nathan Sneed

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Austin Bullock, Cory Gum

KING OF THE OUTLAWS

Kyle Farwick, Johnny Dreher

The second leg of the "Outlaw Drag Series will run July 1-2 at West Michigan Sand Dragway

SPRING FLING SLOW CLASS

Brandy Cole, Brice Odel

SPRING FLING FAST CLASS

Daniel Sizemore, Austin Bullock

TOLEDO JEEP FEST; MORE ABOUT IT....

Organizers behind the upcoming Toledo Jeep Fest have booked a full lineup of local bands and have finalized plans for much of the one-day event, but they are still looking for vehicles. "We've just over 350 vehicles registered so far", event co-chair and former Chrysler executive Jerry Huber said, June 22nd. "We have an additional 50 or so that have been identified to be on display in SeaGate Convention Centre. We've got kind of a push going on for registration right now."

The August 13th event in downtown Toledo is meant to be a family-friendly celebration of the Jeep brand's 75th anniversary. In addition to a parade of Jeeps and the all-Jeep car show, there will be live music, children's activities at Imagination Station, historical artifacts, and a pair of beer gardens bookending the event.

Organizers plan on closing registration July 15th. It can be done online at

event.com/d/lfqf6m. There's a \$15. fee to participate in the car show and parade.

One of the goals the committee set was getting every model year represented – so far they think they have 59 of the 75 years covered – but Mr. Huber stressed the show isn't just for historical Jeeps or custom rock crawlers.

"It's for everybody and it is really a celebration of Jeep, not just specific models", he said.

Officials have been in contact with a number of Jeep clubs around the region and country, and Mr. Huber said there's been a good response. They expect people from a number of surrounding states to attend.

The event will cover much of downtown, stretching from the SeaGate Centre to an outdoor beer garden at United Way's green space at Jackson and Summit Streets.

Inside SeaGate will be a number of specially selected vehicles, including some from Fiat Chrysler's collection of Historic, concept and custom built Jeeps. –ADA, a Georgia-based producer of aftermarket Jeep parts, is expected to bring several Jeeps from its collection.

Other key attractions of the Toledo Jeep Fest include:

Local nonprofit Heroes In Action will help to put on a military ceremony to honor veterans and the men and women who built the Jeeps that went overseas during World War II.

Several films about Jeep's history, such as the WGTE-produced "Jeep: Steel Soldier", will be screening inside SeaGate.

ProMedica and Imagination Station are partnering for a kids zone at the science museum.

Three bands will play at Levi Square. Country act Rodney Parker and Liberty Beach is scheduled to play from 11:30AM to 1:30PM; Americana / rockabilly group Kentucky Chrome is scheduled to play from 1:45PM to 3:45PM; and the country / classic rock band Last Born Sons is scheduled to play from 4-6PM. A fourth group, Josh Boyd and the VIP Band will play from 1-2PM and again, 4-5PM at the Jackson Street Stage.

In the lobby of the Edison Building, an exhibit featuring old photographs, a collection of postwar Jeep toys, Jeep-related artifacts and other items will be on display.

Led by a \$25,000 donation from

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PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Jerry Schwartz

Welcome to our 47th year. Since our inception in 1969, the game plan hasn't changed to any degree. Only the players. We still strive to conduct safe and entertaining four wheel drive racing. We still organize and conduct trail riding events. We still encourage conservation of our

valuable resources. And the inevitable still happens. Family and friend get-togethers develop into annual events, friendships develop and are sustained between clubs and regions. And, through it all, we have brought to the table a superb set of competition running rules and sanctioning elements that result from year to year into one of the sports most ambitious racing schedules.

As we continue to mature as an organization, we realize that effort must be directed to other aspects of our being.

That is to say, there is more to organized four wheeling than simply racing, or trail riding or attempts at conservation of the elements. We continue to explore seriously how to better educate ourselves and how to implement it. We are also very concerned about involving ourselves into our respective communities, for the good!

For many years, our only vehicle for education has been this publication, that is aside from region meetings and the annual convention. Could we be doing a better job? Yes. And we will diligently work on it.

Community service has evolved over the years to have a much higher level of priority among association and region leadership. Community involvement means work for the good, something we can all relate to. Just as importantly, community service also brings about a better understanding within our communities of organized four wheeling. Assimilation into our communities by sharing not only our assets, but our most precious commodity, ourselves, returns enormous dividends in terms of what our neighbors think of our organization. We know for a fact many of our clubs are involved in their communities for the good and some take the time to tell us about it. Others do not share the news. I would only hazard a guess as to why those who do not report continue to not share their projects with us. And that would be, they've not been asked to do so. You are probably thinking that reporting to the association, so to speak, is not nearly as important and being involved, and you may think you are right. But you are not.

Sharing what you do is as important as doing it, for part of membership education is concerned with motivating clubs towards community service and often a club will copy-cat another club in a particular project in their community. Bingo. They're involved, for the good!

Share with us what you do so that we might all learn.

1983 RACING - REGION B

Region B has had a full, fun year of racing. Last year it looked as if the sport was dying. Hardly any competition showed at the events which made it boring for those eager to run. This year competitors appeared by the 100's. It was a great feeling to know you would have someone to run each event; competitively! Here's hoping for a bigger and better year in '84!

Susquehannocks 4 Wheelers, May 13-14, 1983

A lot of work was put into the construction of the new Pine Creek Grounds. The obstacle is exactly that, hills, gullies, water, trees, stumps, straight aways, and much more. You could get your money's worth of driving. The hill had a big dip in it for the Susquehannocks event which was proven a little dangerous by Pop Haines when he tried the uphill roll at the grounds first event. By the Pine Creeks own event, it was smoothed out. Nice work, Pine Creek!

Columbia Hill Climbers, May 28-30, 1983

Columbia Hill Climbers held their annual race at their grounds in Felton, Pennsylvania. The weather was lousy as usual for Columbia, but at least the heavy rains waited until the evening hours, allowing us to "move right along" with the race, which we did!

Saturday morning was the drags, followed by the 1st run on the Hill on Saturday afternoon. Sunday morning was the 2nd run of the hill. Everyone's time was a little slower due to the rain we had Saturday night (which also kept the camp grounds fairly quiet). The competitors still put on a great show. The most consistent time on the hill for the men was Russ Barraclough and for the women Fran Neff. Sunday afternoon was the obstacle. There were quite a few obstacles for some. Dapper took his Sidewinder through to show us which way to go but got eaten alive in alligator alley! Galen Dehoff then took Preston's jeep through to show us the whole course. Preston's run was much more impressive than Galen's seeing as how Preston had the fastest time in the obstacle. Most consistent time in the obstacle for men was Russ Barraclough, (Again!), and for the women, Lorin Stanton.

There was a total of 168 men and women competitors and on top of that we had 99 campers. What a great turn out! Those of you who left Sunday night, count your blessings. Sunday night at midnight, the bridge was under water. The majority of people who stayed until Monday needless to say, got pulled out.

Thanks to all who supported our race. Special thanks to Bruce Cox who was our announcer. He did a great job, especially with the sound effects.

Some bad news is that we are to lose the grounds in Delaware in 1984. There goes the figure 8 track. Thanks Delaware 4 Wheelers for all the years you have sponsored a good event.

Allentown doesn't have a swimming hole close to the camping area, so this year they built in a few throughout the obstacle course. A lot of racers tried to fly across the water only to bog down and quit in the first hole or spit' an sputter' through the rest of the course. The new additions proved to be pretty good. You didn't have to wash your jeep for the next event!



Hey brother and sister. Time to get out the magnifying glass.....

JEERS GREET FINAL JEEP; 1,000 LOSE JOBS AT AMC

TOLEDO, Ohio—Like the old soldiers it carried to war, the venerable Jeep faded away yesterday after four decades of civilian production at the American Motors Corp. plant here.

A red four-wheel drive civilian Jeep, or CJ, was scheduled for assembly Monday afternoon as the last of the descendants of the workhorse that was "strong as a mule and agile as a goat," in the words of World War II correspondent Ernie Pyle.

AMC said at least 1,000 of its 8,600 workers here will be laid off, and workers greeted the final Jeep with loud boos and catcalls, drowning out the few cheers.

"I'm sorry for the young workers. They'll be out looking for jobs because of this," said Duane Betz, 58, of Weston, Ohio, a 38-year veteran of the Toledo plant.

Cheers and jeers

Workers shouted, "Keep the Jeep," and "It was born here," when the last Jeep rolled to the end of the line.

A Jeep with the same tiny wheelbase and familiar grille, called the YJ, will go into production in Canada once machinery and some dies are shipped from Toledo.

The YJ will closely resemble the CJ but will have permanent doors and top and car-like niceties such as plush seats and carpeting.

The ride will be softer because the YJ, to be sold under the name of Jeep Wrangler, will have axles borrowed from bigger Jeep products, the Cherokee and Wagoneer family-style vehicles.

Room for new models

AMC can't meet the demand for the profitable Cherokees and Wagoneers, and Toledo now will have room to make more of those and more Jeep pickup trucks.

The first CJs were copies of the military Jeeps, minus wartime hardware such as gun mounts. Over the years, the CJ got softer springs, bigger seats, longer springs and stylish paint jobs. AMC's official view is that the YJ is a natural evolution.

"This vehicle will be much better matched to the needs of the people today than the CJ was," AMC spokesman Steve Harris said of the YJ Wrangler. AMC president Jose Dedeurwaerder said when the CJ's demise was announced in November that "things have to change after 40 years."

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TOLEDO JEEP FEST UPDATED INFO-----

Here's some info from an update release by the Steering Committee of the August 13th Toledo (Ohio) Jeep Fest. The event is free to attend and promises fun for the entire family.

Activities include:

- *Jeep Parade -- 11AM in downtown Toledo.
- *Jeep Car Show -- Noon-6PM at the SeaGate Center and on select downtown streets.
- *Kid's Zone -- hosted by Imagination Station.
- *Beer Garden -- Live entertainment, vendors and so much more.

Don't miss the opportunity to help Toledo celebrate 75 years of Jeep history and experience some one-of-a-kind historical Jeep vehicles and military programming.

You can visit their Facebook page, call 419-960-Jeep (5337) or email Toledojeepfest@gmail.com for more information.

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Mercy Health, the planning committee has raised more than \$100,000. for the event, though officials say they're still seeking partners to reach their fundraising goal.

For a first-time event, Mr. Huber said he is pleased with how quickly things have come together. Though the idea had been kicked around for several months, the event was officially launched in April.

"We are going to try to do as much as we can, but whatever we do we want to do it well, so everyone comes away happy, so it will be a win-win for our sponsors and participants.



From Region B, it's a US Mules competitor/racer.



EC4WDA Application for Membership

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

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

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TELEPHONE NUMBER() _____ YEAR _____
ADDRESS _____ MARRIED? YES ___ NO ___
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ NUMBER OF CHILDREN _____
EMAIL _____

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- ___ Joining an established club
- ___ Forming a new four wheel drive club

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THE EC4WDA "BANTAM GANG" IN BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA



BANTAM & EC4WDA; TOGETHER, DOING THE CHALLENGE!

Regions A and B combined the weekend of June 11-12 in Butler, just outside of Pittsburgh, volunteering to again stage the Jeep Team Challenge in conjunction with the Bantam Jeep Heritage Festival. The "Bantam Gang", as they've labeled themselves, welcomed the challengers, steering them through the course Saturday and Sunday.

EC4WDA also furnished some trail leaders for the trailriding activity during the festival.

Thanks to Andy Miller for the photos.

TOP DRIVERS IN 1988; REGION B'S JIM KOPFER AND CHRIS OWENS!

And twenty-eight years later, both Jim and Chris are still doin' their thing. Jim is Region B/ATLANTIC chairperson, member of County Line Roughriders. Chris is President of Four Wheel Drive Trailblazers.

