



Two Rivers Tracker

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Labor Day Weekend

By Sherry Wieland

We attended the parade and Jeep show on Saturday and a trail ride on Sunday. We counted 16 Jeeps in the parade, but we were told later that there were 18. Whatever the count, it was FUN!! Candy was thrown to the kids along the parade route by the Jeepers, and the streets were lined with spectators of all ages, from babies to grandparents. After the parade, and after checking the food and craft booths, we lined up our Jeeps on the square for the Show and Shine event. There were seven Jeeps pre-registered, and twenty-six entered for the show! (The judges said that next year there would be more trophies if more pre-registered!). There were some beautiful Jeeps competing and they gave prizes for oldest, newest, best modified, peoples choice, original, and most rugged. It was great to see these rigs all polished. Their tires were even clean!

The next morning (Sunday) we met at McDonald's to set up for the trail runs. Thirty-some Jeeps gathered and Tom Wombles had us move on to the American Legion lot to line up. Three trails were selected for the day: Mossy Mountain, Mississippi Views, and another one. I did not catch the name of that trail, however we were told it was more challenging than the Mississippi Views run.

Temperatures reached the mid-nineties by afternoon, which meant hot and humid weather...although we found mud and fun every minute of the time! There were a few that had to be pulled out of the water holes, but nothing was damaged except a little pride! Our trail run ended around 5 PM. By then we were ready for a shower and so were the Jeeps. After washing the mud off us and the Jeep, we loaded up and headed home. Monday (Labor Day) was to have a trail run for those who were going to stay over. By then we were home and still washing the mud from under and over the Jeep.

It was a great weekend. We're looking forward to another event with the club members and some more off-road fun!

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Membership: Annual membership in Two Rivers Jeep Club runs from January 1 through December 31. First time memberships accepted after the Land of Lincoln Jamboree will be applied to the following year. Annual Membership dues are to be paid by October 1st each year with a 30 day grace period. Membership fees are \$40.00 for an individual membership and \$60.00 for a family membership. Landowners are given a complimentary membership.

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Next Newsletter Deadline: December 1



ALL 4 FUN WEEK

By Carl Seymour

What does Colorado have that Pike County doesn't? ABSOLUTELY NOTHING! Sure, Colorado hills are taller, but we have hills, too. Sure, Colorado trees are different, but we have trees, too. Sure, Colorado has deeper ditches, but we have ditches, too.

All differences aside, Barb and I left home July 29 about 7:30 am on what was to become one of the most memorable trips of our lives. We were headed for Silverton, Colorado and the festivities at the All 4 Fun. Our first day out was not really exciting, but we were busy enjoying being together and away from home for a few days. We just messed along and if we saw something we wanted to explore, we did. It had been twenty years since traveling into the west and we were amazed at what we had forgotten. At Paxico, Ks we pulled off the highway for a break and ventured into town where we found numerous antique shops to browse through. As we were returning to the highway, we witnessed the process of branding calves. Neat! Made it to Hayes, Kansas and spent the night.

Early morning the next day we were awakened by a big thunderstorm. After getting up we discovered that there had been quite a large rain during the night. Luckily, I had put a tarp on the Jeep so it was mostly dry. Once we hit the road, the weather turned to clear and sunny. We got into Aurora, Co. shortly after noon and stopped to visit a few hours with my nephew and his 3-year old twin girls. From there we headed for Colorado Springs. Now it's time to offer some advice. If you ever have to decide between driving from Denver to Colorado Springs during a downpour, in rush hour traffic, pulling a 16' flatbed trailer loaded with a Jeep, or doing the Rubicon in an early 70's model Toyota Corolla, take the Rubicon!



I can tell that some of you are getting bored so I'll try to drive faster (even though Barb is constantly telling me to slow down). At any rate, we spent Thursday night in Colorado Springs and headed for Pike's Peak the next morning in the Jeep. We enjoyed the trip up the Peak except for the narrow road with no guard rails and recent washouts. Once on the top, we experienced our first encounter with altitude sickness. You know - light headed and dizzy. Have no idea how blondes can go through that constantly. After a short time we headed back down and got to the bottom around

noon, so we stopped at a very small café for lunch. To give you an idea of how small the café was, when they brought us the bill, they had to open the door. (The bill was that much bigger).

OK, OK. We loaded up again and moved on. Got into Silverton shortly after noon Saturday and checked in. We asked about others from our club and were told that they had not arrived yet, so we parked the truck and trailer and headed out in the Jeep to find our lodging. After unpacking, we went back to the main camp and ran into Val and Pam DeTrou, John & Joan Davis and Dawn & Michael Britton. Later that evening we also encountered Frank & Jude Fleeger. We all gathered for the driver's meeting at the main camp that evening where a total of 200+ Jeeps had gathered.

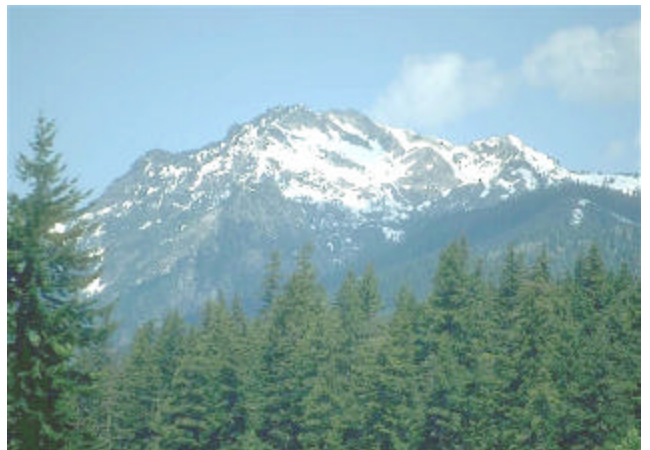
All Right! Sunday morning! Time to hit the trails! This is what we came for. We all met at the Fleeger/Davis/DeTrou camp for departure. The morning dawned foggy and dreary but we were all ready for some action. Nothing could dampen our spirits. With this in mind, the Missouri Eagle headed out with the rest of us following in hot pursuit. We went a block and made a right turn. Well, everybody but Val, Pam,

Dawn and Michael made right turns. I didn't worry because I knew that they knew the way. Went two more blocks and made another right turn. Well, everybody but Barb and I did. I didn't worry because I knew the way to the camp. Didn't know what channel John was on so couldn't call him to let him know he was going the wrong way. Figured (wrong) that he'd see me turn in the fog and turn around, but he didn't. Val managed to get things on the right track and after explaining that anyone from the "Show Me" state should not lead, we headed for Engineer Mountain.

Wow! By the time we made the drive to the mountain the weather had cleared and we were in for a terrific day. To keep this short and not waste paper, I'll recap the days activities in a nutshell. When Frank wasn't eating, he was looking for Julie Andrews. Jude thought the sky was bluer, but we all decided it was because she comes from the Chicago area. Val lost his right nut. Pam kept busy trying to figure out how to run her camcorder. Michael thought Dawn was driving too close to the edge. Now that she's blonde, Dawn had no clue as to what she was thinking. John was still muttering about the trip from their campground to the main camp. Joan had a headache so no change in her attitude was noticed. Barb kept busy telling me to move over – keep both hands on the wheel – and don't look at the scenery. And I was accused of harassing everybody. Believe that! At one point Jude asked for a limerick, and maybe it's here in the newsletter someplace. Also, don't worry about Val as he put another nut on his shock when he got back to camp. We all got back to town and relaxed as best we could. Almost forgot that we met some of our new club members, too. Arnie and Jeannie from Madison, WI. At the main camp that evening we also ran into Bob and Harriet Theige, so it seemed that the Two Rivers Jeep Club was well represented out there. Day's end.

Monday morning. Have to admit that I've forgotten the trail we took as we let Val pick the trails each day. This was the day we went to the mine for a hearty breakfast before trailing. Some of the club members also toured the mine, but Barb and I opted to sit in the sun and relax instead. The day went about the same as the day before. Same mountain, other side. Seriously, for anyone who's not been to Colorado, words cannot explain the raw beauty of the Rockies and the wildflowers, lakes and streams. At the end of the day we went to the F-D-D camp for a cookout and to let everyone enjoy my company. While there, Theige stopped in to invite the gang to join him on a renegade trail the next day. He assured us that he knew the trails in and around Silverton as well as anybody, so we all agreed.

Tuesday am, we all (12 Jeeps) met at the F-D-D camp to head out behind Bob. Right off the bat he dubbed himself "Lost Leader" and next after the bat he proved just how appropriate the handle was. Don't feel bad, Bob, we all enjoyed seeing whatever that lake was and I'm sure some of us had even wondered where it was. The trip back down the mountain was just as beautiful as the trip up. About this time Frank put down his sandwich, consulted his GPS and the recently purchased book of trail locations and helped "Lost Leader" become unlost. Yea! There's Imogene Pass! Another great day. We trailed into Telluride, had lunch in the park, watched part of a Little League game, and headed up the other side of the valley. I was also lost so I'm not sure if it was north, south, east, or west. Feel better now, Bob? All in all it was a day well spent what with the mountains and the good friends and all.



As Barb and I had not been able to secure accommodations for the entire week, we had decided to leave Silverton Wednesday morning and head on to California to visit a sister and family that I have living there. Frank, Jude, Barb and I had entertained the idea of leaving together and going on to Moab, but scrapped

the idea. We invited the Fleeger, Davis and DeTrou group over to our apartment for breakfast before we left Wednesday morning. I didn't realize at the time that bacon was \$5.00 a pound and one can't buy just a quarter pound at a time. Don't begrudge the cost one bit as I had that much in laughs before the morning was over. (Ask Michael about the bear).

We had a delicious breakfast, the girls cleaned up the kitchen, the guys helped load the luggage, we all watched the Jeep Parade and we left for more of the West. As luck would have it, we got about five miles out of town and had a blowout on a brand new tire on a brand new trailer. All the time I'm changing the tire I'm telling myself, "I won't have a heart attack, I won't have a heart attack." Barb got out the trusty camera so she could show the kids what Dad looked like just before the end if I did have one. (You'll have to ask for details as I have to keep this short.)

We stopped in Moab on our way through and picked up information on the area in case we decide to go back for some 4-wheeling there. Will not be in August though. That crazy desert was hot!!

We made it to California Friday morning and had a good visit with Sis and family. Even managed to do a little 4-wheeling at an ORV park near Hollister. We left CA on Tuesday morning (roughly 24 hours before the quake hit, darn the luck). The trip home went well until the last day. We had driven extra the day before so we would get home at a decent time, but weren't on the road an hour when the fan clutch and water pump went out on the truck. After being towed into the Ford dealership in Manhattan, KS, we were repaired and back on our way about four o'clock that afternoon. In spite of all the trouble of the day, we kept driving and arrived home before midnight.

All in all, we had a GREAT trip and are looking forward already to All 4 Fun next year. Hope to see more of you there!

ENOUGH MOUNTAINS FOR A LIFETIME

author unknown
(. . . but it's NOT Carl!)

Illinois state was their home,
but they got the urge to roam,
So to the Rockies they went,
for a jeeping event,
and there the seeds were sown.

9700 feet up they ventured,
and joined their friends in adventure,
from Silverton they explored afar,
most often to a place called Handlebar's.

Each day they played in their jeep,
Crossing ledge roads that were so steep,
That Barb, she said, I really dread,
the thought of taking a peek."

But Carl, you know, is a weird kinda guy,
he was getting a Rocky mountain high.
He thought and thought 'til his hair turned brown,
then he said, Hey Barb, come here - sit down".

"I know you're afraid of all these heights,
so lets go to a place with lots more sights,"
off they went like they had a new toy,
to a place best know as the gold mine Tomboy.

The trail begins in the town of To Hell U Ride,
and ends at 13000 feet with snow at your side.

The start of the trip went just fine,
'til they met a Grand Jeep in a bit of a bind.
That old Grand had been parked on a ledge,
so Carl had to find a way to wedge,
his YJ between the Grand, the edge, and the scene
1000 feet below.

To Barb's delight they got on by,
with just one humongus horrendous cry,
"If ever I get off this mountain,
I vow I will always be lowland toutin'.
I was born and raised in the land of Time,
and now I am sure that I'm,
sick and tired of pucker factors,
while sitting around in a gear refractor,
I've had enough mountains for a lifetime!"

ANOTHER STRAY THOUGHT from Airborn

A group of Jeepers from
Two Rivers
In Colorado created some
shivers
When they drove to the
edge
of a sheer-drop ledge
Proving they weren't "lily-
livers".

Wabash Summer Fest 98

By Graham McNeill

"A bad day of wheeling is always better than a good day at work" --- well, that's in theory anyway. Compared to the Land of Lincoln Jeep Jamboree and the Kentucky Challenge, Trail Rides the Wabash Summer Fest was poorly organized, overcrowded, and permitted far too many full size vehicles that were incapable of traversing the tight trails, or just plain tore them up with their huge tires and powerful V8s.

It had all the makings of a fine event. A 700 acre location within 3 hours of Chicago, monster sand dunes to play in, and your choice of nine trail rides which turned out to be 3 trails just led by different people in different directions. The trails were fine until the various groups ran into each other!

The organizer spent just about the entire weekend standing around doing nothing or drinking beer (perhaps he was still debating if the one port-a-potty was enough for the hundred or so 4x4 drivers and their families, not to mention the hundred plus ATV and dirt bike drivers). Most participants just figured out where the trail



rides were gathering on their own. If it was not for the preparatory trail building work of the Wabash Trail Blazers 4x4 club and the camaraderie of the Two Rivers Jeep Club members, the event would have been a complete disaster.

There were no vehicle checks. Far too many vehicles did not have tow hooks or straps, and several were without spare tires or jacks. As a result many hours were wasted on the trail.

The '2' rated trail was guaranteed not to get your Jeep dirty, the '3' necessitated the use of four wheel drive on occasion, mostly over short burns and sand dune hillclimbs. The '4' was, I heard, somewhat extreme and had to be canceled because it was too impossible on the second day.

My first day on the trail was quite pleasant. We were wheeling for about 6 hours with a fairly steady pace. The trail leader knew where he was going, but apart from that we didn't hear from him much. The second day was the same trail with parts driven in a different order, some in the opposite direction. The first four hours we crawled less than 1-1/2 miles. The next 2 hours about 1-1/2 more miles. The excitement for the day was 20 or so of the vehicles going back to camp and a few of us moving on to a greater challenge. Sadly, a Ford F150 with 38.5" Boggers chewed up the trail in front of us so badly most of us were unable to continue. We were left on our own to find our own way back to camp. We got lost in the woods and one vehicle fell into a mud hole. We had fun pulling him out.

The first day included a night trail run which I declined after witnessing the number of beers that were sold by the organizers and consumed by the drivers waiting to start the night run. Fortunately, the trail run was very mild and no one was hurt.

The next morning we were 'treated' to a bikini contest which included under-age young girls --- enough said!!

The catered food was excellent. A band played Saturday evening, but anyone in the staging area found the quarry sand dune hill climbers of greater interest.

The Attica 'Badlands' - the location of the event, would be an excellent club weekend. There are certainly enough challenges to keep everyone well entertained. A mini Rubicon challenge, 90 foot sand dune hill climbs, an ATV/dirt bike race course, and of course the trails themselves. I thoroughly recommend this venue as a fun weekend getaway, but not as part of the Wabash Summer Fest. I would be glad to organize an outing to the Badlands next year if anyone is interested.



WHERE DO WE MEET?

By MaryAnn Callarman

There seems to be some confusion about where to meet for club events. Our membership has grown too large for the McDonald's lot, so we have been lining up at the Legion Hall parking lot (9:00am) for the past several trail rides. However, certain events that include a meal will have a reserved place to meet. For example, the Ma Earth/Halloween Run will line up Saturday morning at the Farm Bureau, and the evening run lines up at WalMart (see

invitation in this newsletter). We stress again the importance of registering for each event. This lets the coordinator know how many to plan for, and lets you ask, "Where do we meet?"

The Good, The Bad, The Ugly

By Graham McNeill

So you want to upgrade your gears and add lockers. You don't know anyone, and the nearest 4x4 shops are 100 plus miles away. You read on the Internet about a shop within 2 miles of your house. Amazing!!! What's more, their prices are very competitive.

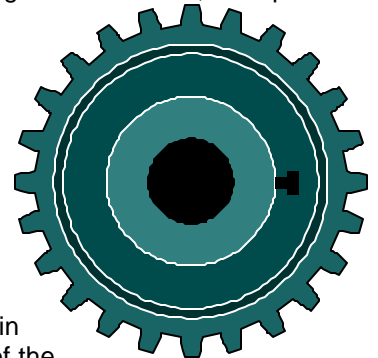
I book in my Jeep, They are a little slow getting the work done, but no big deal.

Less than two months later my Jeep is lying by the roadside with the ring and pinions in a hundred pieces and the locker cracked and destroyed. I call the shop that did my gear and locker install. Guess what? The doors are locked, the phones are disconnected and there is a line of very unhappy customers wanting their money back. Some just wanting their vehicles back that are locked up inside the shop!

The Schultz's to the rescue! Fellow club members Brad and Larry take me and my Jeep in and offer to help in any way they can. They pull off the diff cover and the entire contents of the pumpkin fall to the ground. They call heaven and earth trying to locate gears and helping me get warranty on the locker. These two guys are great. I'm about ready to kill and toss the TJ in the river. But, they got me and my Jeep up and running, with everything working just as it should.

There are some great people in this Jeep club. Larry and Brad Schultz are two of the best. Thank you gentlemen.

If you need outstanding work done on your Jeep at a very fair price, call Brad and Larry. You won't regret it.



Looking for Something to Wear??

Be sure to stop at the promo table during October's annual meeting and purchase Two Rivers Jeep apparel. There will also be some Jamboree shirts available, discounted to you at our cost.



Names & Faces

Member Profile: GARY WILLIAMS



Gary, A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF Pike County, has been on the board of directors for 2 years. He lives on the family farm, some of which has been "Williams" property for over a hundred years. Gary and his wife Sharon have been married for 24 years and have two children, Kurt (21) and Kelli (18). While Gary is engaged in farming, (grain, hogs, and cattle), Sharon and Kelli are employed at ShopKo in . Kurt works for Tom Wombles Dozing.

They have been landowners and club members since the beginning of the club. Sharon owns a stock 94 Grand Cherokee, Kurt owns a slightly more than stock 92 Baja Cherokee. Gary and Kelli haven't wised up and joined the jeep family yet! They enjoy all their new friends and "family" within the club and have fun getting together with

different people from different places and finding that we all enjoy "wheelin" no matter what our backgrounds. Although Gary ("Murphy") really gets a KICK out of showing off his country knowledge to the city folks that have never seen a cow or pig or driven a tractor, beware!! Only believe about half of what he tells you! Another word of advice: Unless you have a couple hours to listen to tall tales, DON'T say, "How's it going today, Murph?" Kurt is a bit of a gearhead, but he has a heart of gold---so if you find yourself in need of help, mechanical or otherwise, don't hesitate to ask him.



The Williams family welcomes everyone to Pike County and hope you love it as much as they do!

New Members

Let's welcome the following new members:

Leo Schneider, DeForest, WI

Bob Pawelek, Foristell, MO

**Jeff & Lisa Mammoser (White),
Glendale Heights**

Rob Block, Janesville, WI

Tom Seiler, Roselle

Matt & Judie Carrino, Berwyn

Tim Conley, Warrenville

Sherry Wieland, Riverton

David Harris, Ashland

Ed & Nan Schoen, Waterman

Thanks, club members!!

Submitted by MaryAnn Callarman

Once again the members of Two Rivers Jeep club helped out the Pittsfield community. You donated over 7 large bags and two boxes of school supplies to the local outreach program. These items were distributed to the kids just before school started. Judi Sutton sent this card of appreciation:

Thank you, Pike County 4x4 Club. Your generous donation of school supplies will help many disadvantaged children of Pike County start to school with supplies.

***Sincerely, Judi Sutton
Pike County field rep.***

Also, the Kepley House sent us an update of what they did with the donation we gave them back in July. Here is what they wrote.

In reference to the cash that the Two Rivers Jeep Club donated to the Kepley House in July, we wanted to report to you that our Resident Service Director, Ann Ferguson, has ordered a set of bells and two music books. The residents are going to learn Christmas songs to play at our Christmas activities this year. Thank you so much for making this happen.

Kepley House residents and Staff.

Please remember to bring some child size mittens or coats for the local kids to the Halloween Run this year. Thanks everybody!

Important

Fill out your membership form within this newsletter and mail it today.
Annual dues are to be paid by Oct 24th meeting.

Personal s

- ◆ Have you heard the news? Tony "Sparky" Prochaska confirmed the rumor that he and Andrea Washlow are engaged. Tony also graduated from college, bought a new jeep and started a new job. Will we see you anymore, Sparky?
- ◆ Our condolences to Tim and Kim Miller on the loss of Kim's mother last month.
- ◆ If you have a personal note you'd like to see printed, please submit it to our editors at:

FazeOut@aol.com

Upcoming Events

*Two Rivers Jeep Club
Ma Earth Halloween Club Run
Saturday, October 24th*

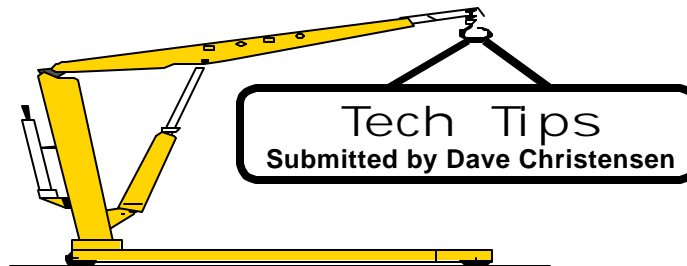
Agenda



7:00am - 8:00am	Pike County Farm Bureau, Pittsfield Event Registration Annual Membership Renewals Continental Breakfast
8:00am - 10:00am	Annual Meeting Board of Directors Elections
10:00am - 4:00pm	Ma Earth Trail Ride
6:30pm - 10:00pm	WalMart Parking Lot, Pittsfield Departure for Haunted Trail Ride & Bon Fire

The Haunted Trail Ride is put on by the Rockport 4-H Club. This group does a spectacular job orchestrating our annual Halloween event. After the ride there will be a bon fire for all Club Members to attend along with the 4-H Club. There will be plenty of tricks and treats for everyone.

Telephone in your registration for this event **by October 18th**!
Leave your name and the total number of participants in your vehicle on the club line.
217-437-5337



Reseating a tire bead on the trail: At the Dakota Challenge I broke off a valve stem. I didn't want to use my spare, so instead I replaced the valve stem on the trail with some help from the Colorado crew.

After removing the tire from the Jeep and laying on the ground, we had another vehicle drive over the side of the tire to break the bead. Pulling the new valve stem was a piece of cake with a little WD40.

Now the fun began - - seating the bead. We pulled the valve out of the stem, sprayed a little **(keyword: little)** starting fluid around the inside of tire, between the tire and the wheel. Standing back about 10 feet, we tossed a match and "Boom!" the starting fluid exploded, the bead was set, and after a few pounds of the expanded air had escaped, we put the valve back in, aired up, put the tire back on and went on our merry way.

This trick works also if your tire has broken the bead, but **be careful!** *This can be a dangerous procedure since if you use too much ether you can explode the tire.* If you try this, **exercise caution!**

ELECTIONS

The following club members will be on the ballot for the Oct 24th Board of Directors election:

◆ **O. R. Freesen**

O.R., a lifelong resident of Bluffs, IL., has the distinction of being the first paid member of Two Rivers Jeep Club. He considers the landowners to be the club's lifeblood and hopes to continue to provide continuity in emphasizing their relationship to the success of our club.

◆ **Graham McNeill**

Graham is an international event organizer specializing in electrical manufacturing exhibitions and conferences. He hopes to bring his organizational, communication and promotional skills to the board of the Two Rivers Jeep Club.

◆ **Tim Miller**

Tim has been involved with the club since the first Jamboree six years ago. He's a trail guide and very active in building new trails. He has just volunteered to organize a class for other trail guides.

◆ **Tom Wombles**

Tom is the founder of our club and has been the President since it began. He has worked hard building trails and negotiating with landowners to provide our club with a place to go 4-wheeling.

If you have a desire to run for the board of directors of Two Rivers Jeep Club, call Durrell Miller **TODAY** to be put on the ballot. **Elections are October 24th!!!**

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Only requirements are:

- Be a member in good standing for one year
- Have desire to help the club

This organization is created for the purposes of promoting the principles of safety in off-road vehicles and for the enjoyment of all members to explore new country and increase the member's awareness of the environment and appreciation of the natural resources.

A note from the newsletter team:

We are sad to report that Durrell Miller will not be running for a position on the board again this year. He and Syndy have done a wonderful job of keeping the club organized and informed. Their superb expertise will be missed. They will still be important members of the club, and we can all look forward to wheeling with them and their family in the future.



Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Durrell Miller

September 26, 1998

Location: Hammit's Cottage, Lake Pittsfield (The meeting was relocated from the Pike County Farm Bureau)

Time: 7:00pm

Board Members Present: O.R. Freesen, VP

Absent: Tom Wombles, Pres.

Durrell Miller, Treasurer/Secretary

Mary Ann Callarman

Kris Hunt

Hamer Tate

John Toumbs

Gary Williams

The meeting was called to order at 7:20pm. In Tom Wombles absence, VP O.R. Freesen presided over the meeting.

I. Club members were welcomed. Seven people were present from the club membership.

II. July 4th meeting minutes were approved.

III. Officers reports

A. Treasurer report - Durrell Miller

1. Current checking account balance is \$6,483.13.
2. Year-to-date income is \$9,498.39 with an additional \$7,800.00 in estimated dues/membership renewals expected before year end.
3. Year-to-date expenses are \$13,399.01 with an additional \$1,200.00 in estimated expenses associated with the upcoming Halloween run and annual Landowner gifts.
4. Unexpected excess inventory of Jeep Jamboree T-shirts will be on sale at the October annual meeting for club cost.
5. Membership renewals are now due. All members must renew their membership prior to November 1st in order to remain in good standing.

B. Secretary report - Durrell Miller

1. Current memberships are 187. 118 of these are family, 55 are individual and the remaining are landowner/courtesy memberships.
2. Our club represents 9 states including Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan.
3. Club attendance at this years club runs was as follows:

Father's Day Run	58
4 th of July Run	47
Pokey's Run	32
4. Club attendance at trailbuilding weekends was exceptional with an average of 28 members present at each weekend.
5. There are 3 Board seats up for election at this year's Annual meeting on October 24th. These seats currently are held by Tom Wombles, O.R. Freesen and Durrell Miller. Durrell Miller will not be seeking re-election.
6. Any club member in good standing who is interested in running for a Board seat should contact Durrell Miller by October 18th to have their name placed on the ballot.
7. All members in good standing who are present at the annual meeting are eligible to vote at the upcoming Board Member election. Family memberships will receive 2 ballots and single memberships will receive one.

IV. Committee reports

A. Trail Leader and Maintenance report - O.R. Freesen

1. Trail guide training classes will be organized by Tim Miller.
2. Many club trails will be closed during the upcoming hunting season.

B. Communications report - Mary Ann Callarman

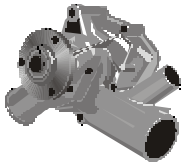
1. Two Rivers Jeep Club annual schedule will be made available to membership at the annual meeting.
2. The annual schedule will also be published in the local Pike County newspaper.

Board Meeting Notes – II

- C. Logo and Promotional Items report - Durrell Miller
 1. Club patches will be distributed to each paid membership in 1999.
 2. Club apparel will be available for purchase at the annual meeting on October 24th.
- D. Landowner Appreciation report - Hamer Tate
 1. The list for all landowners has been turned over to the communication committee without addresses. This will be searched out by the communications committee.
 2. The club has restored an antique firearm that was destroyed in a fire for landowner Fred Bradshaw. Dennis Anderson (Fuzzy) did the restoration.
- E. Event Coordination report - Halloween Run
 1. The Annual Ma Earth Halloween Club Run will be held on October 24th beginning with a continental breakfast at 7:30am.
 2. The breakfast and trail sign-up/line-up will be at the Pike County Farm Bureau in Pittsfield.
 3. A choice of trails will be offered ranging in rating from 4-8. The trail rides will be departing immediately following the annual meeting.
 4. Members need to provide their own lunch.
 5. The Haunted trail ride will depart from the WalMart parking lot in Pittsfield at 6:30pm.
- V. Special Activities - 4x4th Fun Blast
 - A. This event has been rescheduled from July to September due to the unavailable rooms at local hotels.
 - B. The new name for this event will be 4xFall Blast.
 - C. This event will be open to all short-wheel base 4x4 vehicles.
 - D. There will be a minimum charge for this event to be determined by the Event Coordination committee under the direction of O.R. Freesen.
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Liability insurance - O.R. Freesen has received a quote and will present it at the next board meeting.
 - B. Answering machine for Tom Wombles - no change.
 - C. The landowner list has been forwarded to the Communications committee.
 - D. Trail guide classes will be organized by Tim Miller.
- VII. New Business
 - A. The Board has approved the compensation to Dennis Anderson of \$200 plus one year club membership for the restoration of Landowner Fred Bradshaw's antique firearm.
 - B. The Board has approved membership fee changes for the following:
 1. Beginning January 1, 1999, the club will pay the annual dues for Board Members.
 2. Beginning January 1, 1999, the club will pay annual dues for Trail Guides not to exceed two guides per trail. Trail Guides will be designated by the Trail Leader and Maintenance committee. Trail Guides will be required to attend Guide Training classes and the committee will provide the Club Secretary with a list of Guides no later than the January Kick-Off dinner in 1999.
 3. Beginning October 1, 1999 for the year 2000, all paid club memberships will be one flat rate. This rate will be determined by the Board of Directors in 1999.
 4. Beginning 1999, all new memberships received prior to April 1, 1999 will pay 100% of the current dues. All new memberships received April 1 or later, will pay 50% of the current dues.
- VIII. Resolutions - none presented.
- IX. The meeting was adjourned 10:15pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
Durrell G. Miller, Secretary

NOTE: *The next board meeting will be the ANNUAL CLUB MEETING and will be held on
October 24th at 8:00am CST
at the Pike County Farm Bureau Building in Pittsfield, IL.*



club Store and Want Ads



Policy for ads:

Classified should be limited to Jeep or vehicle related items between members of the club. A business desiring to advertise may do so on our business page every 2nd or 3rd issue, as space permits. We ask that businesses consider donating an item or service for our club's annual board meeting.

- New 35" 12:50X15 BFG mud tire \$150. Steve 630-357-3695
- 4" lift Skyjacker front leaf springs for Wrangler. New \$175. Steve 630-357-3695
- Confer skid plate and truss for CJ. \$75 Steve 630-357-3695
- Ford 351 cu in, C6 auto, with np203 transfer case. \$350 for all Steve 630-357-3695
- 1996 Ford F-150 long bed, 5.0 liter auto, 4x4 w/towing pkg. Book value \$18,600, asking \$16,000. Mike Keller 630-695-4677 (pager after 6pm)



Fun at the Dakota Territory Challenge

1999 Membership Enrollment Form

Send to:
Two Rivers Jeep Club
C/O Durrell Miller
1N045 Richard Ave.
Wheaton, IL 60187-2976

Name: _____

Nickname/CB Handle: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Work Telephone (optional): _____

Fax Number (optional): _____

e-mail Address (optional): _____

Jeep Model/Year: _____

Type of Membership (check one):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual	\$40.00/yr
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family	\$60.00/yr
<input type="checkbox"/>	Landowner	\$0.00/yr

I (and my parent or guardian in case of person(s) under 18 years of age) hereby release the Two Rivers Jeep Club and any other party or parties involved in any Two Rivers Jeep Club activity of any liability whatsoever for any loss or damage to property or personal injuries sustained or occurring on any Two Rivers Jeep Club event.

Furthermore, by signing this form, I certify that my vehicle is street legal and properly insured according to the laws of the State of Illinois.

Applicants Signature:		Date:
Signature of Parent/Guardian:		Date:

NOTE: Annual membership in Two Rivers Jeep Club runs from January 1 thru December 31. First time memberships will be accepted at any time after the Land of Lincoln Jamboree and will be applied to the following year. Annual Membership dues are to be paid by October 1st each year.

NOTE: IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO HAVE YOUR ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER PUBLISHED IN A CLUB DIRECTORY, PLEASE CHECK HERE:

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