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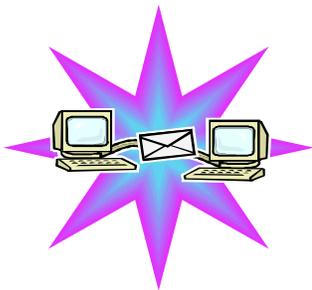
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## *NEW CLUB PHONE NUMBER!*

Our new club phone number is **630-717-JEEP (5337)**. It has voice mail, and one of the three messages will give trail building information. Members can call this number to get the current weather forecast for Pittsfield and other relevant news (cancellations, etc.) regarding that weekend. It will be updated until the Thursday evening immediately prior to the trail building weekend. When trail building ends, it will give club event information. The other messages will give membership and 4x4 Blast information. The phone is located in Graham's home office, so most callers will get a real person instead of a recording.



**E-mail:** If any members have gone on-line since they filled out the 1999 enrollment form, or did not add their e-mail address on the form, and would like to receive club updates and general information via e-mail, please contact Graham at [MadBrit@worldnet.att.net](mailto:MadBrit@worldnet.att.net) and request to be added to the automated club info e-mail system.



**Fax Service:** If you are not online but would like to be included in an automated fax service (similar to the e-mail system), please contact Graham by club phone or via his fax number (630-355-0956) and give him your fax information. Even though your fax number may be included in your enrollment information, you will not be contacted with this club information unless you



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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 \$60.00. Landowners are given a complimentary membership.

**Article Submission:** Articles and photos from members can be published in the newsletter. Preferred article submission is by e-mail to outbac4x4@aol.com in any reasonable word processing format but hand or typewritten material can also be used. Photos can be black and white or color with a description of what, where and when. Put your name on the back of the photo when submitting. All photos will be returned to the owner. Scanned photos in any reasonable graphics format will also be accepted.

**Newsletter Deadlines:** This newsletter is published 6 times a year (**February, April, June, August, October, and December.**) All articles and photos are due by the first day of the month in which the newsletter will be published.

**Next Newsletter Deadline: June 1**

# 4X4 BLAST NAME AND DATE CHANGE

Two Rivers Jeep Club has changed the date of the 4XFLING mailed to you earlier this month. It is now known as the 4X4 BLAST and will be held August 19, 20 and 21. Here's the reason for the change:

Our trails are on private land and we respect the requests of the land owners. Many of them lease their land for the hunting season. Since the 4XFLING was scheduled close to the bow hunting season, some landowners were concerned that the 4XFLING might disrupt the wildlife and could threaten the hunting season. Landowners derive some of their income from hunters, therefore their concern is understandable.

For this reason, we have moved the date for the 4XFLING and have renamed it to the 4X4 BLAST to avoid any more confusion.

If you sent in an application for the 4XFLING, you will be personally contacted and asked what you want to do. If you have not sent in your application, **DO SO NOW** since there is a limit on the number of vehicles allowed.

Your patience and understanding with this change is appreciated.



## TRJC PICNIC



**What:** 3<sup>rd</sup> annual TRJC/CBJ picnic.  
**When:** Sunday, May 30, rain or shine!  
**Where:** Dave and Connie Christensen's in Warrenville, Il.  
**Activities:** Swimming (maybe?), volleyball, horseshoes, Jeepin' pictures and videos, Jeepin' events, bon-fire and the ritual burning of the picnic table.

**Bring:** Your Jeep, your own drinks, something to cook on the grill, a dish to pass, and camping gear if you plan to stay the night.

**RSVP:** 630-393-3314 or [davec@millenicom.com](mailto:davec@millenicom.com) by May 28.

**Why:** Why Not?

Come help us celebrate the LOL Jamboree, the beginning of summer, good friends and a great (but expensive!) hobby. This is our third picnic and there are always lots of surprises. Hope you can make it!

# WHO ARE THE "CITY BOYZ?"

Submitted by Dave Christensen

I was always confused about this and I'm one of 'em so I wrote this to help explain a little about the relationship between Two Rivers and City Boyz.

Two Rivers Jeep Club, centered in Pittsfield, is the "official" club and was founded in 1992 in order to support the Illinois Land of Lincoln Jeep Jamboree. Over the years it has grown tremendously with a large membership base from Northern Illinois, among other places.

Two Rivers Jeep Club has grown to where it does much more than just support the LOL jamboree. While it has become a way for people to go wheelin' outside of the Jamboree, it has also become the means for people with a common interest to get together and socialize. This important function allows members who are bound together by a common interest in wheelin' to enjoy the company of other club members: helping them, laughing with them, laughing at them, laughing at ourselves and just having a good time.

Socializing is an important part of any club. Those who live in the Chicago area felt a need to be able to get together, especially in the winter months, and talk Jeeps. As a result, a social group, the "City Boyz" was formed. City Boyz is not a club, it's just a name that we call ourselves. We get together once a month (more or less), joke around, paste newsletters together and once in a while run an event (like the Christmas Party or the Memorial Day picnic.)

You cannot attend any City Boyz social functions without being a member of Two Rivers. City Boyz is not a replacement for, or in competition with, Two Rivers. It is nothing more than an excuse for a group of goofy people who spend too much money on Jeeps to get together and socialize without having to drive 550 miles round trip to do so. All City Boyz social events are always open to the entire club. It's just that there isn't a whole lot of incentive to come to the Chicago area!

If you have any questions or thoughts about Two Rivers and City Boyz, please ask anyone of us – and if you want to see CBJ in action, come on up to the picnic!

# **SNO-BLIND 1999**

Submitted by Rusty

Sno-Blind '99 (or should I say 'Ice Blind '99) was well represented by the Two Rivers Jeep Club through a City Boyz Jeepin' group consisting of: Axelrod and Polly, Spanky, Sparky and Andrea, Rooster and Sandy and Christie, Snapshot's Mark and Claudette, and Rusty and John. Here is our story!

Originally I had planned to leave early Thursday morning and meet up with Spanky and Sparky to have some company for the first time pulling our new trailer, but decided to wait until John was home (supposedly early). Well, as the weather began to change the high winds blew and the rain poured, John was still not home. I was beginning to fear I had made an error waiting for him. We finally left at 5:30 p.m. (rush hour, of course). The winds were very strong and the traffic was heavy, but we did o.k. The only trouble was we couldn't go over 60 m.p.h. as the trailer would begin to sway. It was interesting to be able to predict the winds. When the temperature was 55 the winds weren't noticeable. When the temp was 40 to 45 the wind was howling. We arrived at the Quality Inn in West Branch, MI at 2 a.m. Snapshot arrived at 2:30 a.m. after driving through a white-out! Half an hour between dry pavement and snow!

Spanky and Sparky had signed us all up for the 11 a.m. Friday trail ride (thank you). Our group was only Jeeps and our trail guides were Rich and Jim. The trails were ice....not packed snow



**Brakes, brakes, we don'  
need no steenkin' brakes!**

tires smokin'! Also, these trails taught the importance of keeping an appropriate distance! We had some non-Two Rivers' Jeeps almost (but not quite) collide on the Camelback. Picture a double hump camel and you're the flea on skis. The group behind us did have a collision. chose to take the bypass and watch from the exit side. Snapshot can attest to the challenge of Camelback...a few bucks here! One other downhill sticks in my memory...coming along a flat and then looking out over the tree tops. Spanky discovered that stopping was more like sliding at the edge of the downhill. He almost went to the right, which

with ice, but melted frozen water ice. AT tires with 10 to 15 lbs. pressure helped. Up hills and down hills were the challenge, and momentum was the key. Some of us didn't use the key! (several buck-a-stucks). Even the little hills caused surprises (a buck from me!). One up hill had a deep hole right before the "up", so deep that my low mounted license plate (which I usually remove) received a new look, even with a 4-inch lift. Another "up" had sand on the way up and ice at the crest. When I couldn't make the ice I was able to get into reverse for a more controlled ride backwards to make another attempt (yes, another buck). The second time I was determined to crest that hill, and I did with the



**But Rooster, you TOLD us to stop.  
And why are you laughing???**

was similar to the left except with trees at the bottom. No tapping of the brakes on these hills!!! Gravity takes you right to the bottom. During the day we were along a ridge and it started to snow. Beautiful! We were back in for dinner and a dip in the pool.

Saturday's trail was "The Grid" led by Bob Gaston and tailed by his son. This was the trail Rooster ran on his first trip to Sno-Blind. The obstacle that earned Rooster a double lay-out in Four Wheeler is Drift Hill. The short straw drawn was the first Jeep (all Jeeps again today) to attempt the hill. I had the short straw. Bob had me walk the hill. I was to start half way up, take an icy right turn and go for the top. Didn't have any snow drift to block my way, but the sharp turn on ice, over ruts, would be a new experience. Sooooo, I put on the rear ARB's, stomped on the right pedal, and off I went. Bounced into the turn and put on the front ARB's, keeping up the momentum (kept that pedal down!) and on to the top. That wasn't so tough! Specially on just the front lockers---the rear got bumped off when the front was pushed. Bob, our leader, brought up his Jeep and chopped the ice that I floated over so the rest of the pack would be challenged. And challenged some were. Snapshot needed a strap (aided by Rooster who had him stop in the chewed-up sand/ice). Sparky and Spanky created their own run up another side and had snow and sand flying! Toboggan Run was the next major challenge that required a straight shot down. A long, steep down with a run out on a ridge. If you weren't straight at the bottom you'd be off in the snow with a winch ride out. All arrived at the bottom straight. Sparky felt he needed another try, so he went UP the run. Everyone bet against him getting all the way up, but he did it before the cameras were out for pictures. He made it look like an easy, dry hill climb. Way to go, Sparky!



**Now how could ANYONE get stuck here?  
At least Mark and Claudette had an**

The set of double hills after Toboggan Run had some sand and some ice with a narrow, short ridge between. Snapshot learned how his winch works and Spanky and Sparky learned they



**Hammer Down !!!**

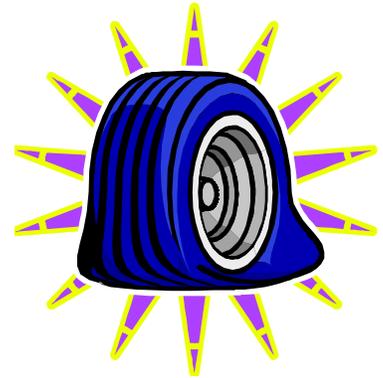
could keep a Jeep from sliding backwards by hanging onto the winch line after unhooking from the tree (not by choice). This is NOT a recommended practice! Rooster needed several attempts on the first of these hills (those swamper's don't grip on ice)! And I, well, my CJ8 just walked right up both hills. On the way back out we saw 30 or 40 deer in the field. Since we were leaving they were heading back into their woods!

We were back in early from the trail with no major mishaps, due to excellent driving skills and machines! We enjoyed the hot tub, pool and a nap. At the dinner our group received several T-shirts, hats and other raffled prizes. We packed up and headed home on

Sunday. After loading the CJ8 further forward on the trailer we had no more swaying problems and kept up with Rooster, Spanky and Sparky until heavy traffic separated us. We had a great time and ;look forward to Sno-Blind next year.

# ***TRAIL BUILDING TIPS***

By MaryAnn Callarman



**"PLEASE CUT THE STUMPS ALL THE WAY TO THE GROUND. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DULL YOUR CHAIN SAW BLADE, LET SOMEONE ELSE CUT IT. A BLADE COSTS A LOT LESS THAN A NEW TIRE."**

## ***FEB. 6 TRAIL BUILDING WEEKEND***

by Tim Miller and Mary Ann Callarman

Quite a few adventurous club members came to Pittsfield on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Actually, it was not supposed to be trail building but our first chance of the year to check the conditions of the trails. Our new trail master, Tim Miller, reported that it was surprisingly dry, and many guides got to get on their trails.

First, Pokey (our new Landowner Appreciation Chairman), took a group over to Williams' property to clear out some thorn trees and overgrown brush. Landowners Gary and Sharon were very appreciative for all the work our members did. If you know Pokey, you know it wasn't all work! They got to ride a little in the afternoon. Durrell and Hamer also helped at Williams'. Then they took a group to check on their own trails, Black Oak and Ridge Rambler. Screamin' took a group to County Line and reported it to be in pretty good shape this year.



Dave took a group to check out the higher rated trails. John and Lane led the way to Lake Shore, but found out it might not be fully accessible this year. Due to a change of ownership, and a hunting lease, the club may not get to use part of Lake Shore or part of Wild Blue Yonder this year. Don't worry. Tim has some other ideas for rerouting the trails. He will have surprises for us as they come together.

For the most part, it was a very productive weekend. Thanks to all who came to have fun.

## **FEB. 20 - A DAY IN THE BACK 40**

by Tom (Jr.) Cash

I know we don't like to hear the work "work" when it comes to Jeepin', but that's how we get all these great trails. On this Saturday, we had a great turn out of Jeeps and able bodies.

A large group headed out to Tom Wombles' place where he had already marked a new trail to be cut, and I do mean cut! Lots of trees needed to be winched out. Just ask Yo-Yo how to properly winch a tree without breaking your 9000# winch!

It seemed like we were going in circles when we met up for lunch. We all ended up at the same place and after we ate headed back out to the trees and valleys. After a few hours it seemed we were all asked who had a spare tire for Airborn who came up with a flat.



Elsewhere, Roamin Rabbit had an inverted spring and shackle. How, I don't know. All the while I was in need of a winch myself once a path was cut to me. Thanks Pokey.

After that, it was time to round up people and Jeeps and head out. Mad Dog was taking in some sightseeing on the way back to Tom's. I was sent back in to find Mudlark, who was in need of traction when I got to him. Then, just as we were starting to see daylight, I blew a locking hub.

All in all, it was a great day. Thanks to all for the hard work.

## **MARCH 6 - WORK DAY ON THE MISSISSIPPI**

by Dave Jacobs

Four braved the cold and the thorns on Saturday, March 6, to clean up some old cemeteries by Mississippi Views. Tom did not want us four-wheeling for fear the ground would get torn up. Do you think that stopped us? Of course not! We had to climb the hills anyway. But, rest assured, not a leaf was turned.

Poor old Mr. Warn had to help Mad Dog up a hill without even a thank you. What gratitude. And if you need toothpicks, talk to Junior. He had to brag about a tree he broke in half. The poor little tree was roughly the size of a toothpick! David threw off a chain saw blade, while Chris was down the hill. So whose fault was this one? Of course we all had to watch out for Yo-Yo. He was up and down trees all day long.

It wasn't all fun and games though. We did eventually get the cemeteries cleaned up. These are some of the oldest in Pike County, dating back to the 1800's. Come join us on the next workday and have some fun with us!



## **MARCH 6 WORK WEEKEND**

by Hamer Tate and Mary Ann Callarman

Somewhere around 40 people showed up for this weekend, despite the bad weather. Dave Jacobs took a small group, and lived to write about it. Lane Fry and another group checked out the Lake trail. Looks as if they will rearrange it to still be used this year. Hamer Tate took a crew of 8 people on Ridge Rambler. They cut a new section of trail, hacked away at the jungle, and came across a deep ditch. Hamer asked the group whether they should fill it in or build a bridge. Rusty (Diana Murphy) said, "By all means, build a bridge." So they cut the logs to size, rolled them into place, and built a bridge about 2 shovel lengths long (around 8 feet). Hamer said it should be a real good bridge, since it was engineered and supervised by a female. Rusty's husband was even in on the manpower. I think he's beginning to like this Jeepin'.

## **MARCH 20 BUILDING BLACK OAK**

by Jude Fleeger

There was a great turnout for trailbuilding on this sunny and warm spring day. We divided up into seven groups and set out in different directions from McDonalds. Tom and Debbie Wombles led the way to a new section of Black Oak, with Outbac, Rooster, Chief and Fuzzy chasing along behind. This trail offers a little of everything, and although the ground was relatively dry, there were some sections that caused the group to be watchful of deep water and the ever-present MUD. The chain saws were out (those that ran, and those that didn't) and the trees were falling. It appeared that Tom had married an experienced driver who shared his interest in off-roading. Debbie was doing the driving and we were impressed when we found out that it was her first time out there behind the wheel! You would never have known it by watching her! I do think she's been bitten...and we expect to see Tom trying to get the wheel back in the future!

After lunch, Rooster and Outbac were left to fend for ourselves on the new section while the others broke away to work elsewhere. We had cut a new section of trail in the morning and went back there again....and again....and again....and again. Seems we had a bit of trouble finding the way out to other sections. We persevered, and ultimately got ourselves into a change of scenery before we headed back to the campground. There were no mishaps, with the exception of one large hole that swallowed Outbac. There was no way out, forward or backward, so the winch was put to work. That's really an understatement, 'cause it was smokin'. No progress was apparent, and Rooster decided that something was drastically wrong with the picture. The winch was pulling, the wheels were spinning, the smoke was rising....and nothing happened. Finally, Rooster's face lit up with a big smile and he hollered that it was time to take it out of reverse, 'cause the wheels were rotating the wrong way! Guess who was driving? Not me!!

All in all, it was a wonderful day. We got a lot done and left the trails in Pittsfield in a little better shape, and us with a serious case of spring fever!

## **MARCH 20TH WORK WEEKEND**

Pokey's Run - Helping Donnie's brother Merle install a new access gate.



# ***DONATIONS***

by Mary Ann Callarman



**Canned goods,  
cleaning products,  
personal hygiene  
products!!!**

**Guess we didn't holler loud enough to ask everyone to bring these items to the trail building weekends. If you remember last Christmas, our club adopted 10 senior citizens.**

The City Boyz (that's what we call the northerners in our club) did most of the collecting last year, with Walstons and Seymours delivering the goods. We'd like to collect these items all year long so we'll have a good supply by this Christmas. If you remember to bring something, just hand it to a board member. They'll find a place to store it.

Two Rivers Jeep Club has been donating to local organizations in Pike County since it began. We started with the Rockport 4-H Club. The kids (and their parents) have been scaring us on the Halloween Run every year, and then they host a bonfire and weenie roast. We donate cash to them for all their hard work. We have also donated to the Illinois Federation of Outdoor Resources, a group that represents all outdoor sports.

In 1998, we added a few other groups. You've given eyeglasses to the Lion's Club, picnic supplies to the home for handicapped adults, school supplies and mittens to Pike County children.

At the last board meeting, we decided to donate cash to the local Red Cross. These folks are there in a minute during any disaster. We've been fortunate not to need them, but we'd like to help them be prepared.

This summer we plan to collect cash for the Pittsfield Little League. In an old newsletter (Dec) you might recall the details of the league. Plan to bring a few extra dollars to the Father's Day run for this.

You guys (and girls) have been most generous to the people of Pike County, and they truly thank you for it.

# NAMES & FACES

by Claudette Rego

Is your picture of an Englishman one that shows a vested, sedate gentleman taking afternoon tea? If so you'll be disquieted to meet Graham McNeill. One of our newest board members (Secretary/Treasurer), Graham joined our club a little over two years ago after finding out about us on the Internet.

Graham has two nicknames; MadBrit (his license plate) and Grambo. I think both speak for themselves in describing him! You couldn't stumble on a nicer guy, but don't let that fool you. He has been described as an aggressive, unintimidated driver who will try just about anything! Syndy Miller said "it was rumored that when he first joined the club he let some of the guys drive his Jeep on the 'rugged stuff' because he didn't want to risk anything".



Graham is partners in a business, Coil Winding, Insulation and Electrical Manufacturing Exhibitions, Inc. They just call it CWIEME. His partner is only 4000 miles away in the UK. They grew up together in a small pig-farming town in Southern England called Wimborne Minster. (Finally, the common thread to Pittsfield – pig farming!) They started their business that organizes international trade shows and publishes a trade magazine by the same name. Apparently Graham likes the US and his partner the UK and so in his own words, "we didn't let a little pond get in the way".

Graham has lived in the US on and off for 28 years, living in a few other countries early on. His wife and kids are from Illinois. He is married to wife Julie, who Graham says, "has a kitten if I run over a curb", but is hopeful that she will join us all this year. They have 3 children; Shawn 12, (we'll get back to him in a minute), Melissa 7 and Trista 3. His family is very into soccer, which takes up tons of time for Mr. Mom. Graham's been playing, coaching, managing and refereeing teams for too many years to mention and coached the Illinois adult women's soccer team to State Cup.



Because Graham's work takes him all over the globe he's been fortunate to do some off-roading where most of us could only dream of going! For instance, in January he was driving a 1940s MB with

a Mercedes Diesel in the Mombai river delta in India. Last year he was down under 6-wheelin' it in the mountains of New Zealand. At one point he had a 1953 Austin Champ, used by the British Army prior to the Landrover. It had a 4.0L 4 cylinder Rolls Royce engine with 6 forward / 6 reverse gears. After coming to the US he had a mildly modified Chevy Blazer. He used it to cruise the US for 3 months getting to all but 3 states before his visa ran out!

Now Graham drives a white '98 TJ Sahara, Teraflex lift, ARB front & rear, 4.11 gears, 33" BFG Mts, Centerline HTII cast rims, Tomkin armor plating throughout (doesn't plan on driving too rough, huh?) and Smitty nerf bars. As Graham says \$\$etc, \$\$etc, \$\$etc.

I did say we would get back to his son Shawn and here we are. He's pictured here in the Jeep in Pittsfield but here's the Jeep Shawn wants (Dad – we hope you've been saving lots of pennies). CJ2A or M38, camouflage, 35x14.5 boggers, 15x10 outlaw 2bead lock wheels, dada 60 rear and 44 front, floaters, 4 disc brakes, snorkel & waterproof engine...well you get the idea – this kid plans on starting off on Tall Dog!

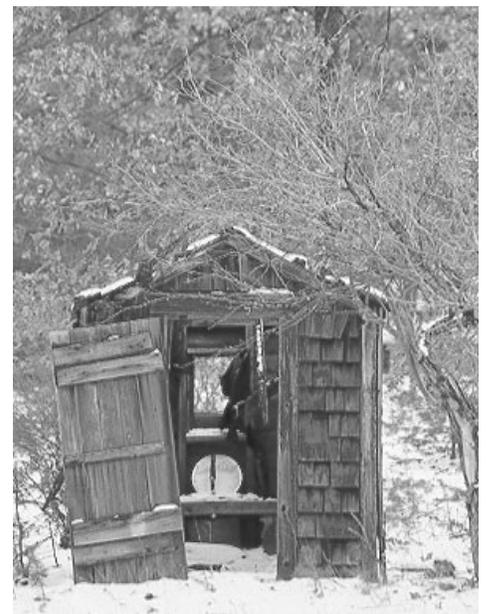


We are very fortunate to have Graham as our Secretary/ Treasurer. He's eager, organized and anxious to do a good job for all of us. His goals as board member are to get more members involved in club activities and to make our club as much fun as possible. He's great to be on trails with – fun to watch his driving and always the first out of his Jeep to help the next guy. When asked what his favorite Jeeping experience has been Graham says he doesn't have one. He ended by stating "I can honestly say that I have driven home from every club event with a smile on my face".

# **NEW MEMBERS**

Let's welcome the following new members:

Ken & Deb Alden, West Allis, WI - 86 CJ7  
Rich & Jeanette Conrad, Valders, WI - 78 CJ5  
Merrill & Rosaleen Weber, Bolingbrook, IL 96 ZJ  
Tracy & Cyndy West, Springfield, IL - 98 TJ  
Dave Barrick, Washington, IL - 90 YJ  
Robert Ciesla, West Chicago, IL - 98 TJ  
William Cusack, Peoria, IL - 90 YJ  
Jeff Dieken, Geneva, IL - 98 TJ  
Mark Drauden, Forrest, IL - 80 CJ5  
Dora Fang, Chicago, IL - 97 XJ  
Jeff Fleming, Portage, IN - 79 CJ7  
Jake Gatlin, St. Jacob, IL - 47 Flattie,  
Allen Gephardt, Washington, MO - 89 YJ  
Steve Johnson, Metamora, IL - 86 CJ7  
James Jones, Jacksonville, IL - ???  
Michael Kavka, Northbrook, IL - 95YJ  
Matt Lacey, Meredosia, IL - 82 CJ7  
Rodney Lewis, Aurora, IL - 79CJ/YJ/TJ7, 86 CJ7  
Jon Martin, Morton, IL - 79 CJ5  
John Matz, Elk Grove Village, IL - 93 YJ  
Jim McKiney, Quincy, IL - 90 YJ  
Tom Miller, Quincy, IL 89 XJ  
Mike Morger, Heyworth, IL - 79 CJ5  
John Mullins, Decatur, IL - 98 TJ  
Mike Nash, Pearl, IL, 83 CJ5  
Josh Nyboer, Cantrall, IL - 85 CJ7 + 95 ZJ  
Jerry Osterdock, Manville, IL - 79 CJ7  
Ron Otten, Quincy, IL - 88 YJ  
Steve Ross, Indianapolis, IN - 97TJ, 99 ZJ  
Donald Toumbs, Mt. Sterling, IL - 77 CJ5  
Glenn Turner, Lemont, IL - 97 TJ  
Mark Tweedell, Quincy, IL - 78 CJ7  
Richie Volk, Mt. Sterling, IL - 75 CJ5  
Josh Willman, Pittsfield, IL - 81 VJ7, 87 YJ  
Michael Winfield, Clayton, IL - Project T-Rex  
Randy Winn, Bartonville, IL - 89 YJ



*New porta pottie for  
the trails.*

**Membership has reached 225 and is now closed!**

# 1999 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (AS OF APRIL 99)

(Please understand that due to weather, TRJC trail building runs are subject to change)  
RSVP to check trail conditions, or sign up for an event.630-717-JEEP

Apr 17	Trail building	Pittsfield, IL
Apr 22-May 1	Tellico	NC
Apr 23-25	Badlands 4xAdventure	IN
Apr 23-25	Arch Canyon Jeep Jambo	UT
Apr 23-25	Pine Barrons Jeep Jambo	NJ
Apr 30-May 2	Rosser Rush	AR
Apr 30-May 2	Cajun Jeep Jambo	LA
Apr 30-May 5	Superlift 4xAdventure	IN
May 1	Trail building, board meeting	Pittsfield, IL
May 7-9	Ghost towns, mines & Mustangs	NV
May 8	Trail building	Pittsfield, IL
May 14-16	Big Bear Jeep Jambo	CA
May 14-16	Palo Duro Jeep Jambo	TX
May 21-23	Land of Lincoln Jeep Jambo	Pittsfield, IL
May 21-23	Adirondack Spring Jeep Jambo	NY
May 29-31	Rosser Roundup	TN
Jun 4-6	Canyon de Chelly Jeep Jambo	AZ
Jun 4-6	Daniel Boone Jeep Jambo	KY
Jun 12-13	Father's Day Club Run	Pittsfield, IL
Jun 11-13	Catskill Mtns Jeep Jambo	NY
Jun 11-13	Pocono's Summer Jeep Jambo	PA
Jun 18-20	Penn's Woods Jeep Jambo	PA
Jun 18-20	Drummand Island Jeep Jambo	MI
Jun 18-20	Cliffview Challenge	KY
Jul 3-4	4th of July Club Run, board meeting	Pittsfield, IL
Jul 9-11	Red River Jeep Jambo	NM
Aug 1-7	All 4 Fun	CO
Aug 6-8	Superlift 4xAdventure	PA
Aug 6-8	Silver Valley Jeep Jambo	ID
Aug 13-15	Rubicon Trail Jeep Jambo	CA
Aug 19-21	1 <sup>st</sup> Annual 4X4 Blast	Pittsfield, IL
Aug 27-29	Daniel Boone Jeep Jambo	KY
Sep 3-6	Rosser Rendezvous	TN
Sep 3-5	Dakota Territory Challenge	SD
Sep 10-12	Black Hills Jeep Jambo	SD
Sep 10-12	Northwoods Jeep Jambo	WI
Sep 17-19	Adirondack Fall Jeep Jambo	NY
Sep 17-19	Great Lakes Jeep Jambo	MI
Sep 24-26	Catskill Mountains Fall Jeep Jambo	NY
Sep 24-26	Ourray Jeep Jambo	CO
Oct 1-3	Wabash 4x4 Fest	IN
Oct 1-3	Maine Mtns Jeep Jambo	ME
Oct 1-3	Land Between Lakes Jeep Jambo	KY
Oct 8-10	French Lick Jeep Jambo	IN
Oct 8-10	Appalachian Jeep Jambo	NC
Oct 15-17	Mohawk Tail Jeep Jambo	MA
Oct 22-24	Gateway to Cumberlands Jeep Jambo	KY
Oct 22-24	Ouachita Jeep Jambo	AR
Oct 23-24	Ma Earth Halloween Club Run	Pittsfield, IL
	Board meeting	
Oct 29-31	Moab Jeep Jambo	UT
Nov 12-14	Superlift 4xAdventure	NV
Nov 19-21	BF Goodrich Rock Crawling	NM

# Upcoming Events

## WHO'S GOING WHERE

### Wabash, Indiana: (Apr 23-25):

Christensen  
Rod Lewis  
Rooster  
T. Miller

### All 4 Fun, Colo. (Aug 1-Aug 7):

Callarman  
Christensen  
Davis  
Fleeger  
Jolly Green Giant  
Seymore  
Toumbs  
Walston

### Rosser Rush, Little Rock, Ark. (Apr 30-May1):

Callarman  
Davis  
DeTrou  
Fleeger  
Seymore  
Toumbs

### Dakota Challenge, S.D. (Sept 3-Sept 5):

Callarman  
Christensen  
Hansler  
McNeill  
Rooster  
Schreiter  
Toumbs  
Wesphal

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# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Graham McNeill

*March 6, 1999*

Date: March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1999  
Time: 7.00pm CST  
Location: Pike County Farm Bureau

Present: O.R. Freesen, John Toumbs, Graham McNeill, Tim Miller, Hamer Tate, Don Walston,  
Gary Williams  
Absent: Kris Hunt, Mary Ann Callarman, Tom Wombles

The meeting was called to order by O.R. Freesen at 7.00pm with a quorum present.

- I. O.R. Freesen welcomed club members. There were 14 people in attendance.
- II. Minutes of the January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1999 meeting were read and approved.
- III. O.R. Freesen encouraged comments from club members at any time during the meeting.
- IV. Officers Reports:
  - A. Secretary Report – Graham McNeill – Club Membership is at 204 memberships. This is an increase of 20 memberships in 30 days. This is attributed to the announcement of the membership cap. If this trend continues the membership will reach capacity very quickly.
  - B. Treasurer Report – Graham McNeill – The cash balance as of March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1999 was \$9,219.03. Income for 1999 totaled \$1,197.00 with expenses of \$4,551.98. See itemized report for details.
- V. Committee Reports:
  - A. Trail Leader and Maintenance Report – Tim Miller. A revised list of the ten trails (down from 13 in 1998) plus the 101 course that would be used at the 1999 Jeep Jamboree were named. Trail Guides were listed including the allocation of Jamboree tickets. This list is available from Tim Miller, John Toumbs or Tom Wombles. Wild Blue Yonder has been removed because of land lease issues with hunters. A new 6-rated trail, temporarily named the Back 40 will be used. Several other trails have changed due to a variety of reasons including land ownership changes, luncheon administration issues and Jeep Jamboree trail rating requirements. Trail building was reported to be progressing on schedule. Wild Blue Yonder would eventually be expanded by utilizing some Landowner Bradshaw property, but would not be finished in time for the Jamboree. It is hoped that it would be finished for the 4xFling.
  - B. Communication Report: - Mary Ann Callarman – no report.
  - C. Logo Development/Promotional Items Report – Graham McNeill – no report
  - D. Landowner Appreciation – Donnie Walston – Landowners have been very receptive to the idea of work weekends. Work has been completed on the William's Farm. A new gate was hung on the Hammit's Farm. This weekend nothing was done due to the bad weather.
  - E. Event Coordination – John Toumbs – Report deferred to 4xFling report.
- VI. Specials Activities:
  - A. Trail building Weekends: - Tim Miller – no report.
  - B. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Land of Lincoln Jeep Jamboree – Tom Wombles – no report.
  - C. Father's Day Club Run – Durrell & Syndy Miller – no report.
  - D. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Run – Tom Wombles – no report.
  - E. Pokey's Run – Donnie Walston – report deferred to the 4xFling report.
  - F. 4XFling – John Toumbs – New dates were announced due to a major clash with the bow hunting season that would greatly reduce the number of trails available to the Fling. The new dates will be August 19<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>. These new dates would also bring the event into the school summer vacation period and would expand the participation to a greater number of families. A brief overview of the event was covered. A meeting would follow directly after the Board Meeting to discuss the initial planning, sub-

committees required and number of volunteers needed. A new event flyer would be produced with greater detail about the event and re-mailed. The event details will also appear in the next newsletter. The event would replace the Pokey's Run weekend this year. That weekend would be a work weekend getting the trails ready.

- G. Ma Earth – O.R. Freesen – no report.
- VII. Old Business:
- A. Liability Insurance – O.R. Freesen – no report. Mark Bradshaw has volunteered to take over this search for insurance.
- B. Club Telephone – It was resolved that a club telephone would be placed in the Secretary's residence as most telephone calls are related to membership, the 4Xfling and members travelling greater distances to Pittsfield who are more likely to call for weather and trail building weekend updates. It was also resolved that this information would be available via voice mail or answering machine prior to each trail building weekend and club event. Last posting would be the Thursday prior to the event. The existing telephone number will be eliminated.
- C. Approval of spending limits by Officers – It was agreed that Officers should exercise good judgment in regard to purchases. No limit was set. Members need approval from an Officer to make purchasing decisions.
- D. Temporary amendment to by-laws - To add one permanent non-elected, non-officer seat on the board for Tom Wombles as Founder/Chairman Jeep Jamboree. The full membership will vote on this amendment to make it permanent at the next annual meeting in October 1999. – no changes.
- E. Executive Session – no report – issues resolved.
- VIII. New Business:
- A. Committee report – change to by-laws – Article VII, Section 1 – T. Wombles – no report.
- B. Committee report – change to by-laws – Article 1, Section 2 & 3 Board of Directors and Qualifications – D. Walston – The Board of Directors accepted the resignation by Donnie Walston from this committee citing that this issue is not necessary and that it would create a separation between Landowners and regular members. O.R. Freesen requested that the other committee members, Carl Seymour and Lee Ator find a third committee member to continue with the report which the President considers too important to dismiss. The report will determine if more Landowner representation are required on the Board of Directors and whether the by-laws should be changed so that there would always be at least 3 Landowners on the Board at all times.
- C. Club House – John Toumbs gave an overview of the benefits, drawbacks and costs of the club renting its own clubhouse. The Board and membership present discussed many issues. It was concluded that a full report would be presented outlaying the pros and cons of a club house and a financial spreadsheet of costs involved before a decision could be made and presented to the membership.
- D. Equipment Purchases – Gary Williams – A detailed report was presented describing the pros and cons of many types of chain saws considered for future purchase by the club. Tim Miller and Bob Mikrut kindly offered to donate chain saws to the club if they needed more saws. The trail guides present considered that there were adequate chain saws available at the present time. The trail guides will be asked to determine their equipment needs and present a report at the next meeting.
- E. Red Cross – Gary Williams, Lee Ator – It was resolved that the club would consider one of its future events as a fund raising event for the local Red Cross Organization. It was further resolved that a donation of \$100.00 be sent to the Red Cross.
- F. Trail Building sign up meeting place. – After freezing half to death at the Legion Hall a meeting was held with the McDonald's Restaurant management on Washington Street. They welcomed us back to hold our sign-ups at the restaurant. However, we must park within the McDonald's parking lot. We must not park on the streets north of Washington Street, or in the bank opposite. Parking is permitted on the streets surrounding the Green Acres Motel and on Washington Street.

John Toumbs thanked the membership for their kindness and sentiments in regard to the passing of his father-in-law earlier in the week.

IX. Resolutions – as stated above by Board approval.

X. The meeting adjourned at 9.45pmn CST, with the 4Xfling (4X4 BLAST) committee meeting commencing immediately thereafter.

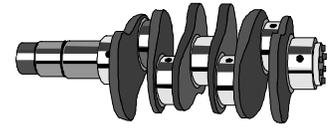
Respectfully submitted by,

Graham McNeill  
Secretary/Treasurer

Note: The next meeting of the Two Rivers Jeep Club Board of Directors will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1999, 7pm CST at the Pike County Farm Bureau in Pittsfield, Illinois.



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