

Two Rivers Tracker

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Thanks for a Great 2001

This was great year for TRJC members. We made some important decisions about our spring event. Each year's Blast is more successful. We've had some great events with record participation. **We've donated over \$15,000 to charity.** Thanks to **all** who worked so hard to make our club so successful, but especially the helpers, volunteers and Trail Guides. Without their efforts and support, all the trails in the world wouldn't do us much good!

News for 2002

- Check out February 2002's 4 Wheel Drive and SUV magazine. There's a five page article on the Blast in there.
- The annual kick-off meeting and dinner will be held January 26 at the VFW in Pittsfield. The Board meeting will be at 4 PM followed by the dinner at 6 PM. There **will** be after dinner festivities this year, organized by Carl Seymour. Awareness Training may also be held. See the article in this newsletter.
- Registration forms for the Illini 4x4 Safari will be sent out to TRJC members in January. **Your registration forms must be returned within one week after you get them** as we will then send out the registration to non-members. We have almost 500 names on our mailing list so we expect the event to fill quickly. Prices are higher this year since we have added 3 more meals, however discounts will apply for Trail Guides and those who help with the event.
- The trail rating numbering system has changed. Rather than 1 through 10, trails are now rated 1 through 5. This was done to bring our rating system more in line with what's being used nationally. Details are on the web site and will be published in the February newsletter.
- Thanks to the 40+ people who attended the planning meeting in November. This was the best show of support in the ten year history of TRJC. Your interest and participation is essential if we are to host two national events in 2002. Thanks to all of you for your attendance and excellent comments in helping plan the course for Two Rivers this next year.
- Photos taken at events are often used in the newsletter and on the website. If you do **not** want your photos used, you **must** contact the club Secretary. We'll respect your request, but you have to tell us!
- If you have any friends who want to join Two Rivers, have them contact the Secretary and submit an application **now!** Once again our membership is almost full but before we publicly open up membership, we want to give friends of TRJC members first chance. All applications must be received by January 1.
- UFWDA Awareness Training Course: Yes, we will be offering one or more sessions this year but we need to see what your needs are. Please see the notice on page 13 and respond by January 1 so we can make plans for the training session.

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Membership: Annual membership in Two Rivers Jeep Club runs from January 1 through December 31. First time memberships accepted after June 1 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 for members who have participated in two work events (or equivalent) in the past year and \$120 for first year new members or those who have not met the work requirement. Landowners are given a complimentary membership.

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 15th of the month before the newsletter will be published.

Newsletter Article Submission

All articles and photos should be submitted to the appropriate columnist listed below. If you're not sure who to send it to, you can always send it directly to the newsletter Editor. 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 (medium to high-resolution), will also be accepted. (Low resolution Jpg won't work.) Scanned photos may be sent directly to davec@millenicom.com

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Next Newsletter Deadline: January 15

2002 Calendar of Events

(Events and dates are subject to change. Changes will be published in the newsletter, available on the website and paper notices mailed to all members.)

Date		Event	Location	Time
Jan 2002	26	UFWDA Awareness Class (tentative)	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
		Board Meeting	VFW, Pittsfield	4:00 PM
		Kick off dinner	VFW, Pittsfield	6:00 PM
Feb 2002	2	Trail Building Weekend	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
	16	Trail Building Weekend	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
Mar 2002	2	Trail Building Weekend	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
		Board Meeting	VFW, Pittsfield	4:00 PM
	16	Trail Building Weekend	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
	30	Trail Building Weekend	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
Apr 2002	6	Toumbstone Invitational Rock Run	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
	13	Trail Building Weekend	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
	27	Appreciation Party	Tom Wombles	6:00 PM
May 2002	11	Trail Building Weekend	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
		Board Meeting	VFW, Pittsfield	4:00 PM
	16-18	Illini 4x4 Safari (open to public)	American Legion	
Jun 2002	1	Memorial Day Picnic	Mokena, IL	Noon
	15-16	Miller's TNT Farm Father's Day Run	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
Jul 2002	6	Wombles' Independence Day Run	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
	20	Trail Building Weekend	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
Aug 2002	3	Trail Building Weekend	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
		Board meeting	VFW, Pittsfield	4:00 PM
	15-17	4x4 Blast (open to public)	American Legion	
Sep 2002	21	Club Run to Badlands (Attica, IN)	Attica, IN	9:00 AM
Oct 2002	12	Annual meeting	VFW, Pittsfield	8:00 AM
		Board Meeting	VFW, Pittsfield	10:00 AM
		Ma Earth Halloween Run	VFW, Pittsfield	10:30 AM
Nov 2002	9	Board Meeting (2003 Event Planning)	VFW, Pittsfield	1:00 PM
Dec 2002	7	Christmas Party		

2001 Christmas Party

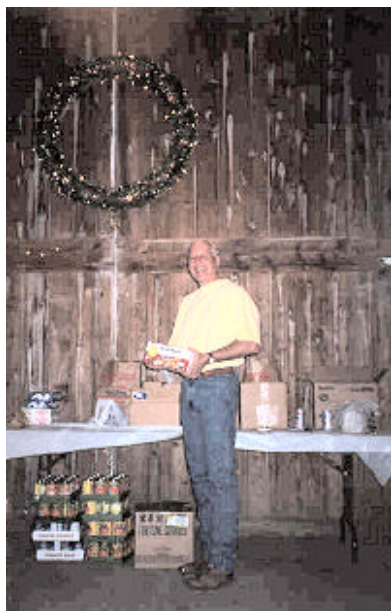
Submitted by Kim Miller

It's hard to believe that another year of wheelin' has come and gone already. On December 8th we marked the end of the season with our annual Christmas Party at the Winckler family barn in Naperville, IL. It was our second year at this location and Mother Nature was much kinder to us this time. For those who attended the party last year, you'll have to agree the barn was quite balmy in comparison!



We had the usual great array of food and fun and, of course, there was the gift exchange. It seemed to start off much too politely until O.R. stood up and got everyone in the "stealing" mood! Every year there seems to be a "gift of the year" and this year it was the Jeep Keepsake ornament. And no TRJC gift exchange would be complete without a box full of yellow stuff. Meanwhile, the kids enjoyed their own exchange.

Everyone received ballots and awards were given out for the oldest Jeeper, won by O.R. at age 71 (I know. I thought he was older, too); furthest distance traveled to the party was claimed by Garry Shadwick; our youngest Jeeper was Laura Westfall at 5 months; the most trips to go Jeepin" went to Tim Miller at 21, and I can attest that this is a conservative estimate! The most miles traveled to go Jeepin" was won by Dave Christensen at 7500. The most exemplary Jeeper award went to Frank and Jude Fleeger; the worst stuck to Mikey Keller; and the most stucks (no surprise) went to Bill Zoetvelt. And last, but not least, several raffle items were generously donated by Ray Pimith of Jeep of DuPage in Wheaton, and names were drawn to determine the lucky recipients.



Those that attended came with their annual donation of canned goods (or cash) which will enable us to fill the baskets for the 12 senior citizens that our club has adopted this year. O.R. agreed to take it all back to Pittsfield where the Walstons, Seymours and Suhres will sort it all out and deliver the baskets.

We missed seeing some of the long time attendees, but were very glad to meet some new ones. All and all it was a great time! A special word of thanks goes to Andrea (Sunshine) Prochaska and her helpers for planning and coordinating the party, and to the Winckler family for once again being our hosts. We know how much time it took to get the barn ready! And we especially hope that Dennis is recovering



from the injury he received falling off a ladder in an effort to keep us all warm.

We're looking forward to seeing all of you at the Kick-Off Dinner in January!~

Been there, broke that – now what?

By Graham McNeill – Club Secretary



Sometimes, you don't even make to the trail. There is something about driving your Jeep to an off-highway event that takes the edge off of having a great time. If you break – how far will you have to walk? How are you going to get home? Just where the heck are you going to get it fixed? Even if you trailer your Jeep you could blow a wheel bearing or worse.

You could make it home okay only to find out you have done damage that needs repair. Where I live in Naperville there is one Jeep dealer that won't even consider looking at, let alone work on a modified or lifted Jeep. Then again just up the street there is a Jeep dealer that gives great service and does lots of work on trail Jeeps. (The parts guy is a bit odd though!).

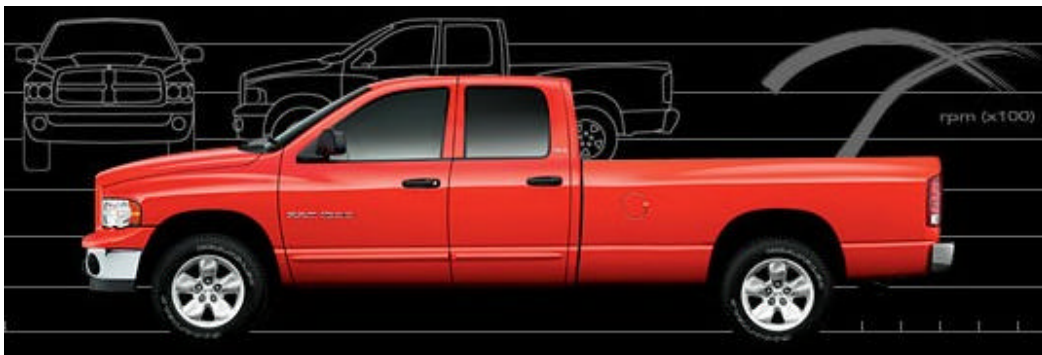
I think it would be nice to publish a list of recommended shops, repair facilities and even Jobbers that will work on Jeeps. We have some very talented professional Jeep Repair shops in the club, we also have Jeep dealers as members, as well as welders, suspension specialists, body shops and a myriad of other very talented individuals that do side work on Jeeps.

If you are interested in getting listed or you can recommend a place/person to get your Jeep repaired please send complete details to secretary@trjc.com or, snail-mail it to the club secretary. We will need the persons name, company name if applicable, address, contact information and a brief description of the work that can be performed. If that person/company only works on members Jeeps, by referral only, or is a professional shop please let us know. If you know a great place to buy tires, CB radios, or other Jeep parts that would also be nice to know.

Industry News

Submitted by: Sparky

Well, I had a hard time this month finding something timely that was enough for a full article, however I did find something worth mentioning. The new Dodge 1500 is out on the streets with a little bit of a makeover. The headlights have that real cool euro look (if you like the euro look, that is). Another change is that the quad cab now has four doors that Dodge claims opens up 85°. Other new options include new side mirrors for the towing package, 20" wheels, new stakeholders and the ability to compartmentalize all beds, two new power plants, and new heated mirrors. The list just keeps going. Now if they would just get these features on their 2500 & 3500 series it might be time for Sparky to trade up! (Just kidding honey –sorta). Cruise out to Dodge's website, www.4adodge.com, and check out all the features, or stop by your local Dodge dealer.~





Team Plesko

By Pvt. Dan of "A" Company

Let's go wheeling (4X4 that is) someone said! Whew! Friday? But that's the day after Thanksgiving so what better way to be thankful – to be able to go off-road!

So the call went out and Team Plesko and others heard it. The call was answered at 03:30 hours Friday November 23rd and the mission was under way. The mission, was the Badlands in Attica, Indiana.

At 09:00 hours Indiana time, 08:00 hours our time, we assembled Team Plesko for what was now and forever shall be known as "Operation Cold Turkey Sandwich": We made formation at the Badlands testing grounds and set off for the wildest and most enjoyable day a group of team members could have.

We first headed out for the quarry, but on the way you must pass the sand dunes, so we had to try them, lots of fun trying to top the hills without digging in.



On to the quarry, where we met up with some of the Fighting 42nd Group. What a show they put on at Purgatory Hill. Rocks and I mean Rocks. These rigs from the 42nd were monsters, big tires, big axles, big everything. The Fighting 42nd held their positions very well at the quarry.

Team Plesko – Rescue and Recovery, represented very well by members of the Fighting 35th, came upon more members of the 35th, two Cherokees, one up to its headlights in mud, and the other dead.

So we called for our Tank. It fired up and ground and roared its way to the stuck Cherokee and pulled it out so could help its buddy, and soon they

were on their way.

Another member of the Fighting 35th with a red TJ, modified with a 7.3 stroke, stormed the rock face and blasted over. Wow! what a show of driving skill and power from JD and the team. Team member from the 32nd squad by the name of Troublemaker kept his name by standing his Jeep on its rear bumper with a little help from JD of the 35th. Another heart stopping and pucker factor show.



What a day Team Plesko had, "Operation Cold Turkey Sandwich" came to an end at 17:00 hours Indiana time. We loaded up and said, "Good wheeling" to everyone until another day.

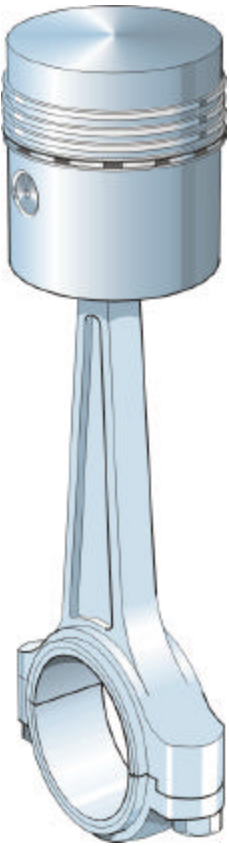
Most of the Team made a stop for chow at Frankie's in Kentland, Indiana. Good food and a recap of the day's activities ended a very thankful day.

So there you have it, all the Team members home and safe and no damage. Just waiting for the next call to be sounded – and yes Team Plesko will be on full alert and ready to respond.

Oh yes, just one more bit of info. Team Plesko Captain JP was on assignment somewhere in the country and was unable to present for this mission, but we followed his orders to the letter!!

Tech Tips - Cover Your Column

Submitted By Mikey



In the past couple of months we have had several major rain storms and after each one we had two or three TJs come into the shop with a lot of odd and unrelated problems. Some of these complaints were: warning lights, such as the air bag light, the ABS light and the check engine light. Other complaints included high idle, rough idle, loss of cruise control, and the horn sounding or not working at all. Then there was one that simply would not start. It displayed almost every symptom at the same time.

All of the customers had the same story to tell. "I left it out in the rain with the top down". What does water in the tub have to do with running problems? Well, nothing. But in the steering column it's another story. Ever since the first air bag was put into a car they started using a clock spring in the steering column. The clock spring is basically a coil of wires that can wind and unwind like the springs in old clocks. By winding and unwinding as you turn the steering wheel it allows multiple electrical connections to be made between the air bag on the steering wheel and the vehicle's electrical system.

XJs and ZJs have had them for a while, and there's no need to worry about us YJ and CJ guys because we don't have them. In '97 the Wrangler got the airbag and since then other circuits have been tied into the clock spring. It is located behind the steering wheel and does not like water. Depending on the vehicle and it's options, clock springs start at about one hundred dollars and go up. Many of us jeepers like to brag about how easy it is to clean our Jeeps, or even better, we like to get 'em wet on the trail. Now that we are in an age of 'cheaper is better' we need to be a little more careful. If you do need to leave your Jeep out in the rain, or you plan to give your tub a bath, cover your column. In many ways the TJ is a great improvement over it's older brothers, but in other ways, they don't make 'em like they use to! ~

How It Happens

Submitted by Rusty Murphy

At the annual meeting and elections in October, Tom Wombles asked for all club members to participate as much as they can to keep this terrific club and all of our events happening. This column is where we will learn what was done and by whom, and since I don't have ESP, I will need help from you!

Examples: Kim Miller helped with the registration sign in, Members arrived early at the VFW hall to set up and some stayed to clean up. Trail guides were available for rides. The club has a place donated for the Christmas party and someone will coordinate the party.

Our club works because its members work. Thank you! Let's all of us be involved, and that also means to communicate!

Please send your 'who and what' to me at (e-mail) Rustyjp@aol.com or (phone) 630-963-6932. THANKS! ~

4-Wheel Drive Associations

Submitted by Regina Zoetvelt

UFWDA 25th Anniversary Convention was a huge success. Some topics of interest included UFWDA's role in supporting, financing and participating in the North American Motorized Recreation Council (NAMRC) as well as their role with organizations that have the same goals, including Americans for Responsible Recreation Access (ARRA). There was also discussion of stronger communication between the UFWDA officers and the member associations and their delegates. One particular topic of interest is Carla Boucher's 100-year plan for UFWDA and motorized recreation access. There will be more information regarding this plan as it develops.

ILFWDA held their Board elections on Tuesday, November 20th. The Board members for 2002 are as follows:

President: Brian Frank
Vice-President: Ken Cleinmark
Secretary: Stacey Barlow
Treasurer: Karen Frank
Quartermaster: Doug Johnson
Events/Safety: John Knox
At-Large: Joe Doyle

Congratulations to all of you. We are committed in our support towards ensuring continued off-pavement recreation as well as our combined goals of education and land use. Here's to great success in the New Year.~

United Four Wheel Drive Association



Two Rivers is a member of UFWDA, therefore, each of you are also members. However, United could use your support in keeping public lands open. For \$10.00 per year, you can add a personal membership to United and also receive their quarterly magazine. Normally the fee would be \$20.00, but since TRJC is a member, individuals get a reduced rate.

This is a good way to keep informed and a great way to help support United. If you would like a personal membership in United, please send you name and address, along with a check for \$10.00 to our club secretary by the end of the year. He will submit all the names and fees at one time.

Please consider your support for United.

WARNING!

Submitted by Carl Seymour

The following article may contain ideas that others find objectionable. After careful self-examination, if you find that you lack a sense of humor, please continue on to the next article.

This is a true account of our initial experiences with the Two Rivers Jeep Club. There is a point made at the end of the story. If you feel it unnecessary to read this article in its entirety, you may skip ahead to the point. But if you don't read the complete story, the point may be pointless.

As many of you already know, our experience with the TRJC began with the 1995 Land of Lincoln Jeep Jamboree. It was Barb's birthday and she had asked to attend as her birthday present. Although I thought it was a ridiculous request, being the "good husband" that I am, I arranged for the trip. It had rained 7" the night before, but in spite of all the mud and hardships involved with getting through the trails, we had a BALL! After breakfast Sunday morning, I approached Jenny Tate and asked how we could become club members. "Get a Jeep and give us a call." OK.....

Well, Barb and I made a list of the equipment we thought we wanted on a Jeep and then set out to find one to our liking. In early September I finally found one that filled the bill so I brought it home for a test. Boy, were we green! Neither of us had ever driven a 4-wheel drive vehicle before much less shifting into 4-wheel drive. We took it out on the family farm for a test drive and finally approached a ditch that was at least 8 inches wide and somewhere close to that in depth. After getting out and assessing the situation, we finally said, "What the hey! We're close enough to the road that we can surely get a farm tractor to get us out." Wow! This was the ultimate trail vehicle! We walked through that ditch like it wasn't even there! The price was a little more than we had agreed that we'd invest, but after all, this was the ultimate trail vehicle!

Finally, a September trail ride came around and we couldn't wait to go join up and start our experiences with TRJC. I missed the first clue when Tom Wombles stepped out of the door and announced, "Hey, guys, we have a stock Jeep with an inexperienced driver! Who wants to baby-sit?" Inexperienced?! What do you mean? Good grief, man, you didn't see that ditch!

"Well...uh...yeah...ok...they can follow me". Thank you, Mike Driscoll. I appreciate the enthusiasm, too. Although our Jeep was stock, it did have front-mounted tow hooks. I will say that we were treated with utmost respect every time we were strapped. We had a good time and met a couple of people during the day. For you newcomers, at that time our club was so small that everybody fit on one trail for the club runs. Also, O.R.'s Jeep always made it to the trail head....usually.

October brought the Ma Earth Run (finally). We'd looked forward to showing the other members just how much our driving skills had improved the past month. Gosh, these people were patient! Since the grass was starting to brown by now, we truly were "greener than grass". Had a good time, though, but still had to be strapped. WHAT! The season's over? But we just got started! What a bummer! It's a long time to February!

During the winter, Barb said to me one day, "Carl, I think we should put more aggressive tires on the Jeep". But, honey, that would be expensive! "I know, but I think you should spend the money anyway". There is a degree of fiction in this true story. I'll leave it to the reader to sort it out. There will be a quiz in the next newsletter to see how good you are at sorting. The suspension lift, winch, and lockers were all her ideas, too.

While going through town one Saturday morning during the winter, I noticed several Jeeps leaving. What's going on? Could it be that the club's ready to start building trails again? I called Tom that night and found out that surely was the case. Again, for you newcomers, at that time the newsletter hadn't been born yet and we found things out by accident. So, after two more weeks of anticipation, we finally started trail building and becoming a part of the club. Now, that first work weekend, we were assigned to Hamer and Jenny's trail. What luck! Most people refused to go out on Ridge Rambler the second time so we ended up meeting just about everybody in the club during the work weekends. We always had somebody new to get acquainted with. Many terrific friendships were formed while helping Hamer and Jenny.

Anybody who has been there knows that Hamer's nickname is Mudlark, but most would agree after chasing him down the trail that it should be Buzzsaw! We'd take a short break, visit with the new people a while, and then hurry to catch up with Hamer. This is where we got acquainted with Pokey and Becky Walston. And now, Donnie, I'm going to break a promise that I made those years back. Jenny, I admit that Pokey and I would sneak ahead on the trail and when we saw that we'd have to clear underbrush that even a snake couldn't get through, well, we'd kinda move some ribbons. I know a couple of times you noticed that the trail wasn't where you thought it should be and we'd have to backtrack. Hamer, I apologize for letting you take the blame and the tongue-lashing. Great fun! I think we made some good friends through all of this, so will now get to the point.

To the newcomers: Although WORK is a four-letter word, don't be fooled. There is a lot of fun involved with all the work, so when someone starts harping at you to come to the work weekends, it's not so much for the work that you can do as much as it is so we can all get to know you!~

Trail Of Life

Submitted by Chief

Here it is a mere week before Thanksgiving. I believe this year we will all share a greater sense of thanksgiving. I would encourage everyone to take time this holiday season to reflect on your individual blessings and to remember those who have suffered and sacrificed in the past months. No matter how far away we might be from each other or how remote we may feel from particular incidents, we are all in this together. The club itself is a microcosm of the world. We come from many diverse backgrounds for a common interest of enjoying a pastime but yet we have expanded our activities to that of reaching out to others in support of their needs. We are not "just a Jeep club". I say this to encourage every club member to become as involved as possible. Take this opportunity to participate in an activity that you enjoy and at the same time support people in their needs. I'm proud to be an American and I'm proud to be a member of Two Rivers Jeep Club.

Club news has not been pouring in to me, but I have these notes:

Donald Toumbs is making a nice recovery after having heart surgery. I understand he will be ready for the spring season of Jeeping.

Congratulations to Rich and Becky Rominski on their wedding, October 20th!

Durrell Miller received a good report from his recent tests and the blood clot in his leg is gone, however his doctors have become so fond of Durrell and his billfold they are going to keep him under their care for a few more months.

Once again I would like to beg for club news. You may e-mail me at Chief351hfpd@msn.com

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Words Of Wisdom

If you want to go to sleep with a clear conscience, either live with integrity every day, or pray for forgiveness every night. And.....live in such a way that when you die even the undertaker will be sad.~

Sharing the Land

By Syndy Miller

Many of you have often questioned why we don't have any club runs in the late fall and early winter months. The reason is simple... deer season is IN and Pike County owes a tremendous portion of their economic well-being to the influx of hunters who travel from around the world to participate in this sport every year.

As you already know, we share the beautiful rolling hills, oak trees and natural springs of Pike County with some of the most abundant healthy deer in the country. Rural and rugged with it's wooded acres bordering soybean, corn and clover fields, Pike County has established itself nationally for it's production of trophy whitetail deer. Each year, world-class bucks are harvested from this area during the bow and gun seasons.



Archery season for whitetails begins on October 1st each year. This season runs through mid-January with several breaks for shotgun, muzzleloader and handgun seasons interspersed throughout the winter months. The busiest season for hunters is in November during the peak of the rut (deer mating season). In mid-November, hunters may pay as much as \$1,000 per day to hunt in Pike County. Outfitters

are abundant in this area with thousands of acres of leased hunting ground. Much of this prime hunting property is the same land we traverse for our Jeep trails. This would obviously create a conflict of interest if we were to host a club run during the hunting season.

If you are interested in hunting in Pike County, we encourage you to contact the Chamber of Commerce for a listing of available Outfitters. This year's season is well under way and most likely booked solid but it's not too early to reserve your spot for next years hunt.~

For Sale

For Sale:

1983 Jeep CJ7

Automatic, 4x4, Chevy 350 with/4 bolt mains, 350 Turbo w/shift kit transmission, 300 transfer case, 4.10 gears

New tires (1 year) and second set of heavy tread snow tires available for additional \$300.

New brakes, Myers 8ft snow blade, AM/FM cassette, Back seat (not currently installed)

Jeep tool box, Whole body stripped and painted, new carpet, Clock works!

Body has 158,000 miles (excellent condition), Engine has 20,000 miles

PRICE: \$6,500

Please Call Joan Davis 816-578-5453 or at work 816-242-4782 ~

For Sale:

3 spoke steel steering wheel	\$10/each
2 pair blue sunvisors	\$15/pair
2 factory CJ tire carriers	\$20/each
windshield hinges	\$15
3 fresh air vents	\$5/each
warn lockout hubs	\$50
CJ fender flares (1 front, 3 rear)	\$10/pair
21 gallon gas tank, skid plate, and new sender	\$100
side marker lights	\$5/pair
model 20 widetrack rear axle	\$100
quadra-trac overdrive kit (needs chain) (paid \$540)	\$200
chrome valve covers (fits 304?)	\$10
2 passenger seat brackets	\$40/each
2" body lift spacers	\$25
XJ bumper thrumper push bar	\$25
2 bumperettes	\$20/pair
winch mount chevy truck	\$50
1990 chevy wire harness	\$20
3 roll bars	\$10/each
3 power steering boxes	\$30/each
skid plate	\$20
brand new dual battery tray	\$75

Big Kid

217-528-0023

HBJeep@aol.com

Bloopies

At the Dakota Challenge, Doc teaches a small audience how to make your jeep wave to the crowd. Way to go Doc!"



Awareness Training

January 26, 9 AM to 3PM, at the Pittsfield VFW, Two Rivers will once again host the United Four Wheel Drive Awareness training course.

This course is open to all members. New members are encouraged to attend. The cost is \$15 for the materials.

This course is required for Trail Guides who have not yet taken it. Two Rivers will pick up the cost of the materials for the Trail Guides.

In the afternoon, emphasis will be advanced recovery techniques and issues facing Trail Guides. The afternoon session is required for all the Trail Guides.

You must register by January 1.

Contact Garry Shadwick, (618) 288-7470 or e-mail him at kathyshadwick@hotmail.com

Please contact him soon, we have to order materials and plan for the course. Thanks!

Two Rivers 12 Days of Jeeping!

By Doug Johnson

(Unscramble the words to discover the 12 days of Jeeping song.)

**On the first day of jeeping Two Rivers gave to me -
a peje ni a gib dmuh leho.**

**On the second day of jeeping Two Rivers gave to me -
two kerbon selax**

**On the third day of jeeping Two Rivers gave to me -
three simsing disk**

**On the fourth day of jeeping Two Rivers gave to me -
four latf serit**

**On the fifth day of jeeping Two Rivers gave to me -
five siva's xedma**

**On the sixth day of jeeping Two Rivers gave to me -
six tedbus u-stonij**

**On the seventh day of jeeping Two Rivers gave to me -
seven fidul sealk**

**On the eighth day of jeeping Two Rivers gave to me -
eight leepop guinphs**

**On the ninth day of jeeping Two Rivers gave to me -
nine norwg rustn**

**On the tenth day of jeeping Two Rivers gave to me -
ten lesim fo nichiwng**

**On the eleventh day of jeeping Two Rivers gave to me -
eleven popeel gingaluh**

**On the twelveth day of jeeping Two Rivers gave to me -
twelve bydo sentd**

Annual General Meeting

October 13, 2001, 8:00am, CST
VFW Hall, Pittsfield, IL

Board Members Present: OR Freesen – President, Lee Ator – Vice President, Graham McNeill – Secretary/Treasurer, Dennis Anderson, Durrell Miller, Tim Miller, Carl Seymour, Hamer Tate, Gary Williams, Tom Wombles.

- I. Club members were welcomed by O.R. Freesen. O.R. introduced the current Directors of the Board.
- II. Motion to approve minutes of last AGM – approved as read by Graham McNeill.
- III. Presidents Report – O.R. Freesen
OR stated that this had been a year a change with the changes of membership classes and the decision to divorce the Jeep Jamboree USA and start our own Illini 4X4 Safari. Mike Minster was recognized for his outstanding efforts in securing over \$10,000.00 in raffle prizes and donations for the 2001 4X4 BLAST.
- IV. Comments from club members
Carl Seymour referred to a conversation he had heard about at the UFWDA Convention. He referred to a statement that Jeep Jamboree's Greg Smith made. Smith does not believe that the TRJC can do a good job and that Jeep Jamboree would be back in Pittsfield in a few years.
Tom Wombles announced that Jeep Jamboree would never be allowed back or be supported again by the TRJC.
- V. Treasurer Report - Graham McNeill
Alan Applebee was called upon to explain the club's "Nonprofit" status and how it affects the running of the club, our legal responsibilities and tax filings.
Report approved as read by Graham McNeill.
- VI. Secretary Report – Graham McNeill
Report approved as read as read by Graham McNeill.
The club has donated over \$15,000.00 this year to various charities and organizations.
- VII. Founders Report – Tom Wombles
Tom reminded members about the importance of work weekends and contributing to the club.
Frank and Jude Fleeger were recognized for their 4X4 BLAST registration efforts.
- VIII. Election of Board of Directors:
There were no nominations from the membership. OR Freesen, Tim Miller and Graham McNeill agreed to remain on the Board for an additional term.
- IX. Communications Committee Report – Durrell Miller
Communications meetings will continue to be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Miller residence.
The newsletter will include additional information, new sub editors including a "Recognition Editor".
Dave Christensen was recognized for his Newsletter Publishing efforts and for his revamping of the Web site.
Durrell requested more input and volunteers from the membership.
- X. Landowner Committee Report – Lee Ator.
The Red Dome Restaurant Certificate program will continue. Lee reminded members to thank landowners when they see them and let them know how much we appreciate them letting us use their land and trails.
Tom Wombles asked Lee to let his father in law Jim Poore know that thoughts and prayers go out to Jim and that the club appreciates the contributions Jim has made to the club.
- XI. Trail Leader/Maintenance Report – Tim Miller.
Tim thanked the Trail Guides for a safe and successful season. An awareness class was announced for the Kick Off Dinner Day.
Instructions for the correct use of the Winch Weights that were distributed to the Trail Leaders earlier this year were issued.
Tim announced that the Ramsey Winch raffle drawing would take place at the Trail Builder's Appreciation Party and not at the Kick Off Dinner.
Vehicle Inspections will continue next year. Gary Schreiter recommended mandatory full roll cages.
- XII. Tombstone Invitational Rock Run – Graham McNeill and Tim Miller
Award plaques were presented to John Toumbs and Randy Whitaker. Other recipients were not in attendance and their plaques will be mailed to them. John and Randy entertained the membership with their acceptance speech.
- XIII. Promotional Items Committee Report – Graham McNeill
Chad and Frannie Suhre were introduced as the new committee Chairpersons. Membership input is needed to keep innovative and interesting items in stock.
- XIV. 4x4 Blast Report – Carl Seymour.
John Toumbs and Graham McNeill were recognized for the \$6000.00 profit the inaugural 4x4 Blast 1999 generated. The 2000 BLAST generated a profit of \$12,00.00 profit. The 2001 BLAST generated a \$12,500.00 profit.

Carl apologized for not remembering the names of all those responsible for the success of the BLAST but recognized Frank and Jude Fleeger and Mike Minster for their efforts in making the BLAST a success

XV. Illini 4X4 Safari – Tom Wombles

Tom reiterated the need for membership contributions of time and input to make the Safari a success

XVI. The Food Basket Program will continue this Christmas.

XVII. Meeting adjourned at 10:00am. ~

Annual General Meeting

October 13th, 2001

I. Membership Classifications Summary: -

	January 1999	January 2001	October 2001
Individual (Paid)	42		
Family (Paid)	187	197	
Landowner (Non-Paid)	28	21	29
Courtesy (Non-Paid)	2	5	22
Directors/Trailguides/Special Volunteers (Non-Paid not incl. Landowners)	6	27	9
			5
Totals	184	40	62

II. Geographical Membership Statistics:

States Represented by Membership -	January 2001		October 2001	
Illinois	163	82.0%	200	78.7%
Missouri	16	8.0%	27	10.6%
Indiana	4	2.0%	6	2.4%
Wisconsin	12	6.0%	13	5.1%
Iowa	1	.5%	3	1.2%
Michigan	1	.5%	1	.4%
Ohio	1	.5%	1	.4%
New Mexico			1	.4%
Maryland			1	.4%
New York			1	.4%
Totals	200		254	

Vehicle Membership Statistics:

Jeeps represented in the club membership

Total Jeeps – 326 (274 in 2000)

MB = 2	CJ7 = 87	J4000 = 2
GPW = 1	CJ8 = 13	SJ = 1
CJ2A = 3	J10 = 1	ZJ = 16
CJ3A = 1	J20 = 1	TJ = 52
CJ3B = 1	XJ = 34	WJ = 9
Willys Wagon = 2	YJ = 67	Grad Wag. = 1
CJ5 = 29	Commando = 2	

Annual Treasurer Report

October 13th, 2001

2001 Cash Flow Summary (January 1 October 13)

Income	41,320.39
Expenses	42,796.95
	\$4,355.14
October 13th, 2001 Checking Account Balance	
October 13th, 2001 3Mth CD Account Balance	\$20,368.64
October 13th, 2001 Total Accounts Balance	\$24,723.78

2001 Financial Analysis - See itemization for further details.

INCOME

Membership Dues	3,184.50
4X4 BLAST 2000	-105.00
4X4 BLAST 2001	25,478.00
Advertising	300.00
Fund Raisers	9,619.25
CD Interest Paid	368.64
Gifts Received	2,000.00
UFWDA Class Fees	475.00
TOTAL INCOME	41,320.39

EXPENSES

4X4 BLAST 2001	11,418.12
Office/Admin. Fees	1,552.95
Bank Fees	4.50
Donations	11,438.41
Food Expense	2,929.30
Insurance	1,244.00
Directory	630.00
Memberships	100.00
Newsletter	731.70
Promotional	6,144.43
Telephone	733.72
Trail Bldg Expenses	2,366.24
Trail Guide Expense	913.75
Trail Ride Expense	619.76
Training Equipment	458.62
TIRR	512.07
Web Page	999.38
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$42,796.95
NET INCOME	\$-1,476.56

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Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 10th, 2001
Time: 1:00pm
Location: VFW Hall, Pittsfield, Illinois
Present: OR Freesen – President, Lee Ator – Vice President, Graham McNeill – Secretary/Treasurer, Dennis Anderson, Durrell Miller, Tim Miller, Carl Seymour, Hamer Tate, Gary Williams, Tom Wombles.

O.R. Freesen welcomed the 27 club members present.
Minutes of the previous Board Meeting on October 13th, 2001 were approved as read.
Club Members were asked for comments and items to be added to the agenda.

Dave Christensen - Christmas Party 2001
Walt Gilbert – Artwork for the Safari.
Kim Miller – Club member of the year.
Dave Christensen – Web Site.
Carl Seymour – VFW donation

Officer's Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Approved as read.
Secretary's Report: Approved as read.

Committee Reports:

Trail Leaders, Trail Maintenance and Safety: – Tim Miller issued the new trail rating descriptions and new trail rating numbers.

Gary Shadwick recognized Fuzzy Anderson, Larry Schultz, Brad Schultz, Doc Schreiter, Elmo Johnson and John Toumbs for their help throughout the year in performing vehicle inspections. 122 vehicles were approved and only 2 failed. Gary thanked the club for donating the Winch Weights to the trail leaders and felt that these will make the trails safer. There were no vehicle inspection rule changes for 2002 but all Jeeps will have to be re-inspected next year. Lauralee Persons offered to help with event registrations during trail building sign up. Sam McEvers offered to be deputy to Tim Miller when Tim was unable to make trail building weekends. Graham McNeill requested that Sunday trail building schedule be made available beforehand so that members traveling distance can make plans to attend.

Landowner Appreciation: Lee Ator requested an updated list of Landowners.

Communications: Durrell Miller reported the new position of "Recognition Chairperson" will filled by Diana Murphy.

The Christmas Party was announced for December 8th at club member Anne Winckler's barn at 32W311 83rd Street, Naperville. The committee for this will be Andrea Prochaska (coordinator), Tony Prochaska, Rodney Lewis, Rick and Bridget Fugett.

Durrell stated he had contributed \$750.00 toward the newsletter in the past year and requested the club purchase a digital camera for use by the Webmaster. This motion was approved.

Old Business:

Motor Coach Association (FMCA) trail rides. It was agreed to charge each motor coach \$100.00 to participate in 1 week of trail rides to be hosted by the club. The number of coaches participating would determine the number of trails and guides required.

New Business:

2002 Event Planning:

Awareness Class – Jan. 26th if response requires it. Gary Shadwick will head this committee.
Board Meeting – Jan 26th at 4:00pm

Kick Off Dinner – 6:00pm at the VFW. The dinner and after dinner program activities will be organized by Carl Seymour.

Trail Building - weekends will be Feb 2, 16, Mar 2, 16, 30, April 13, 27, May 11, July 20 and Aug 3.

Tombstone Invitational Rock Run – April 6th and will be open to all club members - John Tumbs will be Master of Ceremonies.

Trail Builders Appreciation Party - will be hosted and organized by Tom Wombles on April 27th.

Illini 4X4 Safari – as previously scheduled May 15-17 - Event Coordinator - Tom Wombles

Memorial Day Picnic – June 1st - will be hosted and organized by Bob Mikrut

Father's Day Trail Ride Weekend - will be hosted and organized by Durrell Miller on June 15 and 16th.

Independence Day Trail Ride Weekend - will be hosted and organized by Tom Wombles on July 6th and 7th.

4X4 BLAST – as previously scheduled August 15-18. Event Coordinator - Alan Applebee

Attica – September 21st.

Annual General Meeting and Ma Earth Trail Ride Weekend - October 6th with a night run and hot chocolate and cookies at the VFW – organized by Graham McNeill

Christmas Party – December 7th

Illini 4X4 Safari and 4X4 BLAST fees were set at \$100.00 per driver and vehicle. \$60.00 per passenger age 10 years and older. Under aged 10 children no charge. T-shirts will not be included this year but 2 catered evening meals and 2 catered breakfasts at the Legion will be included. There will be a maximum of 150 paid vehicles. Any short wheel based vehicle will be permitted, but no full size trucks. Carl Seymour will arrange secure facilities for raffle items. A motion was approved to arrange Budweiser as one of the sponsors of the events. Illini 4X4 Safari windshield decals will be given to all members in January.

Food Basket Program: - Carl Seymour – 12 families have been selected as recipients. O.R. Freesen will transport food from the Xmas party back to Pittsfield. Next year we will have a food drive at the Annual General Meeting.

Economic Development Board of Pittsfield – Carl Seymour – Carl stated that this board was totally behind the TRJC.

Club Member of the Year – has been eliminated.

Web Site – David Christensen – it was report that the site has received nearly 10,000 hits (viewings) since the middle of June and that there are now over 500 photographs on this site.

Safari Graphics – Walt Gilbert presented sample graphics that could be used for the Safari and other events.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will take place at the VFW Hall, Pittsfield, Illinois at 4:00pm, Saturday January 26th, 2002.~

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