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Recently the Association released details of the launch of their signature Access-4-All Program. The program will help provide access to those who might not be able to access the outdoors with the help of a 4WD vehicle. The Association has been working on a Jeep Cherokee to make the necessary modifications in order to bring it to events and eventually use it for the intended purpose of bringing people into the back country.

Over the past year the Access-4-All Vehicle, with the help of volunteers and most importantly Bay State Off Road in Middleboro MA, has received a complete mechanical upgrade, a lift kit (donated by Domenic's Auto and Jeep in Hampstead NH), a front backbone system installed, and new differential covers. The next phase of the build will be held on April 5th from 10am to 4pm at Bay State Off Road, 15R Spruce Street, Unit #5 Middleboro, MA 02346. The goal is to install the TC drop, SYE and drive shaft, frame stiffeners, trim fenders, and plan the next steps.

As funds and materials become available, our goals for the vehicle will be to install new gears and lockers in the axles, add body protection and skids, and install a roll cage and a front winch.

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Not sure about joining? Is the NEA4WDC right for your club?

By: Dan Stra, Paul Maxwell-with edits by Tammy Van Gemert

Thinking about joining the NEA4WDC but you have questions or you don't know how to go about joining? Contact us for information if you would like to take the next step and become part of our community.

What about incorporating?

Incorporating is easier and more affordable than you think. All of the current member clubs have done it and the Association is willing to provide you with all of the help you need.

Generally speaking, incorporation provides protection for liability. Although your club's assets remain vulnerable, no one can go after your personal assets such as your house, bank account, or things that you hold near and dear. To be direct, we don't think it is wise for any club to not be incorporated because of the potential liability its members become exposed to. Incorporation should be the first thing someone does after they think about starting any organization.

We want to join, but our club is not incorporated and we don't have by-laws. Will you help me?

We will gladly help any person or club and it is a free service we offer to you and your club.

The NEA4WDC realizes that just the thought of incorporating can be intimidating. Filing costs are minimal in most states. We even have provisions in our by-laws for clubs that are not yet incorporated but seeking to become so.

As the committee is working with you to incorporate it will also work with you to put together a working set of by-laws. One common misconception about by-laws is that they are these long, drawn out documents with a lot of legal mumbo jumbo. That could not be further from the truth. By-laws don't need to have a lot of jargon. They can be a document which lists your club's home address, executive officers, and a set of general rules which allow your club to operate smoothly. You should think of them as a working document that is refined and polished over time. You might initially think that putting together by-laws is going to be tough. Trust us, it is a lot easier than you think. Especially when you have our assistance.

Well that's all fine and good, but what about that insurance thing?

Insurance is yet another benefit offered to you under the umbrella of the NEA4WDC. We offer you another layer of protection on top of incorporating. But insurance also protects the landowners that we work with and it protects the Association.

Odds are, if you have checked into insurance, you found that it is difficult to obtain. We all know that because we have all tried. It is with this in mind that the NEA4WDC has secured blanket coverage for any member club while on an NEA4WDC sponsored run. Your club would be responsible for covering a per event/per day cost each time you request the use of the insurance. You can contact Steve Nordby for more details.

What about the NEA4WDC bylaws? There are a lot of them! Who can remember all those rules?

Rules and by-laws are a given for any registered organization but they are also in place for your protection. They also provide protection for the generous landowners that allow us to use their land and for the association that has put so much time and energy into locating new places for us to enjoy our sport.

Because we are an Association, we needed to address issues that a single club would not even consider. Many of them are procedural which is good in that you have something to reference or follow. Others are conduct oriented and aimed specifically at shedding the negative images that the public has been lead to believe about us all.

All member clubs are strongly urged to abide by our by-laws. We mean to preserve the strong relationships that we have built with various landowners and frown upon any action which jeopardizes our good standing with them. This is to our advantage and is our future. We are all better off for it.

What we feel we have accomplished with these bylaws is a smooth running association for you and all other member clubs. We have tried to cover all foreseeable issues by proactively addressing them before hand rather than trying to react to situations after the fact. Naturally, there will be bumps in the road but remember that this is a working document that is updated or revised as the member clubs see fit.

So there you have it. We urge you to contact us if you have any further questions or would like to join.

Sincerely,
The NEA4WDC



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Wow!

I can't believe almost a year has gone by since I took office. There have been ups and downs, good times and some struggles but looking back and taking stock it has been worth it.

I had a hard time in the beginning because I lost track of the fact this is supposed to be fun. Sure there is a lot of work involved, and sometimes we lose our patience, or get caught up in our emotions but that's when we need to remind each other this is recreation to us. We do it to have fun.

Yes we need rules, and sometimes enforcing them is not fun. Yes there are people with personality conflicts and opposing opinions. But we all share the same passion for off-roading. It is important to not lose sight of that. So if and when you feel yourself getting stressed out, remember we do this for FUN!!!!

A while back I was asked to post my short term goals. I found that post and want to give you all an update on where things stand.

Short Term Goals: (For me I used 08 as my short term guide)

1) Train volunteers to resume "safety patrol program" (scheduled for 3/15)

Training completed and I have seen attendees using the tools provided in the meetings. We do need to have another training class, and schedule more "official" patrols though.

2) Recon and assess properties that need maintenance/perform repairs

This is an on going process that will never end. We have had several successful trail work days and for the most part the properties are in good shape.

3) Foster the joint venture relationship with Region D focusing on combining efforts and resources not duplicating them.

I have fallen a bit short on this. I got caught up in running things here and haven't been able to devote the time I wanted to this. I will work on building that relationship over the winter though.

4) Rejuvenate Strategic planning committee; follow through with action plan to implement their suggestions.

I semi delegated this task to Tammy and she has taken the ball and ran with it. They are in the early stages but are making progress. Now that Fall Crawl is over and things are calmed down a bit I think activity here will pick up.

5) Scout/Mark new property Paul & Carl are working on in MA

It is my understanding significant work has been done out there and the new trails are very awesome.

6) United convention

Has come and gone. Everything we could control was awesome. We didn't not get the turn out we hoped for but overall I think it was good to host the event. A lot of us have a better understanding of where United is heading.

7) Continue to build Volunteer efforts like we did from 06 to 07 through 08

Judging by the amount of volunteers we have it seems like we are on pace to have the same turn out as last year. I do see a lot of the same names on there and would love to have some others come out and help shoulder the load. No one will be turned down for volunteering. If you're not comfortable with a saw or clippers, we always need people to clear as well.

8) 75% completion of the Map VI program

I lost track of where we are on this. I need to follow up with Scott.

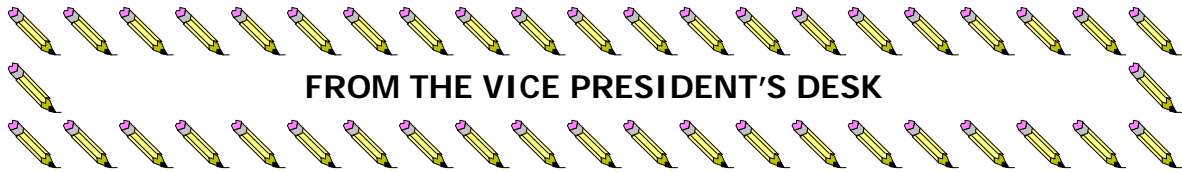
9) Some kind of progress made on OFR

Mark DuPont has made some good contacts and headway. We have revised our policy on OFR and will be continuing to work on this.

10) Completion of the A4A vehicle

Well it's not "done", but it has been on 2 runs. I think all that's left is regearing, a locker and maybe a winch. So looks like I still have some work to do to accomplish the goals I set for myself, but the year isn't over and I'm not ready to give up just yet!!!

Jason Ghelli



As I sit and reflect on the year so far, a smile comes over my face when I think of all the accomplishments we have made. Lately we have been tossing around suggestions, complaints, bickering, etc. Let's step back for a second and look at everything we have done.

- Secured new land in NH, established a maintenance plan, and executed the building of bridges and trails.
- Successfully hosted one of the biggest events our Association has ever taken on-the United Convention.
- For the first time ever we hosted the Fall Crawl with very minimal complaints or negative feedback. Overall a very productive event.
- Strengthened relationships with landowners of private land in MA and organized cleanups to promote our responsible use of the land.
- Worked with town officials and landowners to bring a project to fruition that has been lagging over the years.
- Developed relationships with new Business Members.
- Established a stronger presence in Rhode Island by becoming more involved within established organizations and state committees.
- Resurrected our involvement in a Trail Patrol Program.
- Developed a plan of attack for some very positive motorized use legislation in NH.
- Brought the Access-4-All Vehicle to a level where it has been able to go out on the trails. Secured a dedicated spokesperson for the program.

I know there are quite a few more things we have accomplished but this is a good start to get you thinking on your own. What an awesome confirmation that we have already done so much and the year is not even over yet. Nothing is ever perfect and there are always improvements that can be made and more work to be done. Another confirmation of our success can be seen by looking at the growth we have had over the past year. We have grown to having over 20 clubs and inquiries are still coming in. I know some see that as a possible hindrance but consider that having new growth allows us to handle the turnover from clubs that just don't feel they fit or people who have burnt out and cannot be involved anymore.

As we get closer to the end of the year a couple positions are open for election, Executive Vice President and Treasurer. I have every intention of staying on if you all would allow me to do so. If not, I will still support this Association and help out in the same capacity I do now, just without the title. Steve however, has served his sentence and feels it is time to move on and pursue other goals and personal desires. I am sure he will make sure his replacement is comfortable before moving on but we will definitely need someone to fill his role. I know at times we pick on Steve for how he manages his position but I wouldn't want anything less for the person who manages the money that allows us to exist. This position will probably have a tougher application process than others as we need to make sure whoever we elect is trustworthy and can handle everything that will be involved. We still have other positions that need to be filled such as PR Director, Lobbyist, Membership Director, etc. I think we also need to start putting some serious effort into developing a relationship with legal representation as we get more involved with legislation and land use battles.

I feel as though we are always asking for people's time and money but unfortunately those are the two things we will always need to be successful. It is always going to be a challenge as we fight our own personal struggles with economy and commitments outside of our hobby. We've all chosen a hobby that requires a struggle just to be able to do what we love but when I think of the way our sport is growing and all the growth we have made over the years, and then I think of all the awesome people I have met as a result of my involvement, I can't think of much else I would rather do. Sometimes we get so wrapped up in the moment and at times it has almost resulted in full blown sparring but when the dust settles, we're back on the same team fighting for the same cause.

Tammy Van Gemert



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Regional Reports & News

New Hampshire Land Report

composed from reports by Scott Hatch

The Town of Unity has been dealing with "renegade" wheelers causing issues with the Class VI roads and has decided to close the roads until July 1, 2009. Scott met with the Board of Selectmen as well as other officials to see if the NEA4WDC can help and to let them know who we are. In related news, a problem also came up with a Class VI road in Hillsboro NH where a stubborn landowner has repeatedly tried to block the road and the town has had to warn him that he will be charged with a violation if he continues his behavior. Recently the NEA4WDC organized a group to go out and remedy one of the attempted roadblocks.

Scott is continuing to work with the Trails Bureau and NH Fish & Game to push the initiatives through that were outlined in the last edition of the newsletter and the proposal is also posted on the NEA4WDC forum.

Recently the NEA4WDC acquired permission to use a new parcel of land that is approximately 1500 acres. Since the acquisition, we have built new trails and we have performed trail maintenance such as the construction and installation of two bridges, with a third to be built and installed at a later date. The bridges were built and installed by volunteers of the NEA4WDC. The land is owned by a concrete company that has opened the land for multiple use recreation. For this reason we urge all motorized users to use caution while out on the trails as you may come across other forms of recreation such as hikers, equestrians, etc.

On a sad note we may be losing some access to a place we all know as Carnage Hill. The local power company is rebuilding the power line which will eliminate most of the obstacles we use. However the land I just mentioned is fairly close to the Carnage property and there is supposedly a little bit for everyone and we haven't even tapped the full 1500 acres yet. So you lose some and you win some.

Massachusetts Land Report

Mike White has been appointed as the new MA Land Director. Liza Snow had stepped in as an Interim Director and the NEA4WDC is very appreciative of her contributions and volunteerism. Mike had already taken on the task of working with Bic White to tackle issues arising with a popular trail known as MA Bell. The legality of the trail has always been kind of a gray area and with recent issues regarding excessive trail braiding, over-use, and other problems it was decided that we needed to start working with the town and doing some research about the trail. There were also rumors about portions of the trail being closed by one of the landowners. Mike and Bic have done an extensive amount of work in researching information, making contacts with the town, and reporting back so that the NEA4WDC can make an educated decision as to our stance on the usage of the trail. After a discussion with the Northampton Conservation Planner, Mike and Bic presented their thoughts to the delegates of the NEA4WDC and it was decided that we should make an official statement as to our stance and that is to adhere to the concerns of the Town of Northampton and restrict our members to the known legal land usage by turning around at the Summit and avoiding the section known as Suzuki Hill. In the meantime Bic and Mike will continue working with the town and they will try to develop a relationship with one of the landowners who has shown apathy towards motorized recreation. We are asking everyone to please respect the work they are doing and to be patient as they continue to produce results.

Another major project that the NEA4WDC has been working on for quite some time is Old Florida Road. Recently Mark Dupont has stepped up to continue the work where others had left off. He has been having conversations with the Florida Selectmen. Based on Mark's reports the delegates made a formal decision to ask our members, and all motorized users who frequent Old Florida Road, to only travel through the left side of the water hole where there is a hard bottom and to stay out of the re-vegetated area and the deeper water to the right, when traveling in the direction of South (Adams) to North (Florida).

Rhode Island Land Report

Bob Butler has been "officially" appointed to the Rhode Island Recreational Trails Advisory Committee. Bob had been attending the meetings for awhile but the Committee made his involvement official and he is now locked in for five years. Our involvement with the Rhode Island Off-Highway Vehicle Association seems to be producing results as they seem to be opening up their parcel of land to us for 4x4 use.

As you can see, there are some common themes in the Land Use Reports.

- Progress is being made.
- There is still so much work to be accomplished.
- WE NEED MORE HELP!!!!

Many of us know from the experience within our own clubs that there are never enough volunteers and the same people end up doing a lot of the work. Those people end up getting burnt out and progress comes to a halt. Well, we all love to wheel right? We are proud of our sport/hobby right? We put a lot of time, effort, and money into our vehicles right? We care about how our states are limiting our right to wheel more and more everyday right? Well then let's do something to insure that we have a place to go! Let's help out where we can-even if it is only devoting an hour a day to logging onto a forum and providing some feedback or going to a four to five hour meeting once every other month.

Make a resolution for 2008 to become more involved in your club and in the NEA4WDC so some of the burnouts can revitalize their roots and get back in the game!

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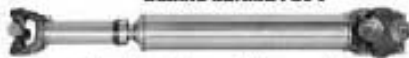
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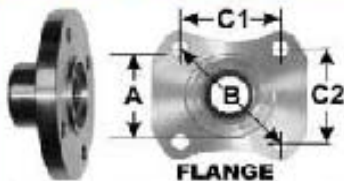
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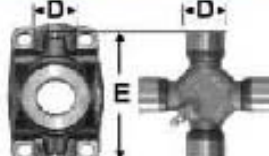
May have flange at differential end.

STEP # 2 Attachment at each end?*

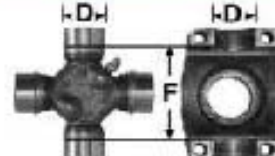
*Note: May not be required on many applications.



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NATIONAL NEWS ON A LOCAL LEVEL

Rock Run...Pennsylvania's Paragon Done Right!

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We need your help!

As we all know, legal trail riding opportunities in the East are rare. Even more rare are NEW places to ride. With your help, we can create a new opportunity for off-road enthusiasts.

The Rock Run Recreation Area is a multi-use facility owned by the Cambria County Conservation and Recreation Authority. It was formerly owned by a coal company and was purchased with state monies and turned over to the CCCRA. The area now boasts in excess of 50 miles of ATV trails, with another 100 miles of trails planned. Rock Run is located near Patton, PA, about 2 hours east of Pittsburgh.

Last fall, State Representative Gary Hulska (D) held a meeting for those who had emailed the park in hopes of OHV trails. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Western PA 4x4 Trails Advisory Committee was formed to assist the RRRRA with creating trails.

After countless hours of trail planning and building, a small trail ride was held in November 2007. While cold and snowy, the event was considered a success. When spring broke, the Committee addressed erosion concerns and continued to create trails.

Last weekend, the park held its first official trail ride. It was a huge success for those involved. Members of Big Rubbers, Black List Wheelers Association, and Maryland Creepers brought approximately 30 rigs to the park. All trail levels from easy green trails to brutal red trails were run, some for the first time.

With our continued success and good relationship with the park, the board of Rock Run appears ready to pursue more OHV trail opportunities. While they know ATVs, they are not aware of the popularity of the OHVs. We need your support! Please send an email to both of these addresses. Please indicate that you are happy to see the park and would like to see more trails in place. We can make this happen!

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Off-Road Businesses Support Leadership Training

Del Albright's RLTC Course Gets Nationwide Support

Leadership training for volunteers is now available online, by email, that will help answer these age-old questions:

How do I save my trails?

How do I avoid "burnout" in land use issues and politics?

How do I keep my club alive and well?

Where can I learn about public speaking and dealing with bureaucrats?

Why do I need to learn more about NEPA and environmental science?

Where can I learn how to better organize events, runs and conventions?

Del Albright, BlueRibbon Coalition Ambassador and Recreation Advocate is proud to announce a huge partnership with off-road businesses designed to help more folks save trails and keep our outdoor sports alive. Del combines his 35 years of supervision, management and leadership experience with his 25 years of land use involvement, to make the RLTC course YOUR answer to the age-old questions.

Become a graduate of the online Recreational Leadership Training Course (RLTC) and receive YOUR choice of gift certificates, discounts, swag and freebies from these fine businesses who believe in you -- our future as leaders in outdoor recreation.

Graduate by December 20th 2008 for a chance to win one of these extra special GREAT prizes:

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These sponsors and partners of the RLTC course are working hard to help us ensure we have trails and riding areas in the future. Leadership of volunteers is key to keeping our trails open and our outdoor sports alive. This new incentive program applies to all graduates of RLTC, past and future. It couldn't be easier. Sign up online, work at your own pace, and become part of a unique national network of volunteer leaders helping each other learn more about leadership.

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RLTC is all online, self-paced, done by email and correspondence. The course retails for \$150, but is only \$120 for BlueRibbon Coalition members and members of any state-wide recreation associations. Payment can be made by PayPal, check or payment plan. Discounts are available for group signups.

"I believe the future of motorized recreation in particular lies in the hands of us, the users. We have no choice but to step up and help save our trails and riding areas," says Albright. "That also means joining and helping those great organizations fighting for us like the BlueRibbon Coalition," he added.

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REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY-PUBLIC RELATIONS

Got Heart?

The Northeast Association of 4WD Clubs (NEA4WDC) selected their third recipient for the Shane Beard Award. Shane Beard, who lost a battle to pancreatic cancer in 2006, was who most would consider a true example of someone who is passionate about every aspect of life. He showed kindness and devotion to everything he was attached to-his family, friends, hobbies, and career. Shane volunteered his time to be a leader within his local Boy Scout troop and he served as a leader and Executive Officer in the NEA4WDC and in his local 4WD club, NEWJO. He had a way of making sure others always stayed on track and maintained the right focus for what was most important.

The passing of Shane hit the communities he was involved in like a Jeep® that just can't overcome the obstacle it is up against. Nobody could understand why a great man would be taken away from so many people that loved and admired him. So, in his honor and to continue his legacy, the members of the NEA4WDC gave birth to the Shane Beard Award in 2006. They composed the following criteria for the award:

1. Active volunteer/leader within the wheeling community who maintains a positive influence for and with others.
2. Actively involved in land maintenance and acquisition opportunities for the sport.
3. Demonstrates responsibility and leadership on and off the trails. Promotes such characteristics in other members of the community as well.
4. Promotes and generates ideas that are practical for the entire family with regards to wheeling-related events.
5. Maintains a positive attitude throughout all of the work being done within the community.

Domenic Pono of Deep Woods Extreme and Domenic's Auto & Jeep received the Award in 2006 and Roy Van Gemert of Deep Woods Extreme received the Award in 2007.

At the August BOD Meeting of the NEA4WDC, the delegates voted on the 2008 recipient of the Shane Beard Award from a list of seven nominated candidates. The votes were tallied, the results were announced at the 2008 Fall Crawl event, and the recipient of the Award is Pat Charron. The person who nominated Pat had the following words to say, *"I'd like to nominate **Pat Charron** from Baystate Jeepers. She's been with BSJ since the beginning (10 years), serving as President, Director of Trails, and Director of Events. She has also been very involved with the NEA and has contributed to many land use issues ranging from OFR to being my right hand in dealing with Coy Hill. She is one of the kindest and most dedicated people I have ever met in this sport and I feel very fortunate to call her my friend. She's also one hell of a driver too. Pat's unequalled dedication and perseverance makes her most deserving of the Shane Beard Award."* Typically Executive Officers are not eligible for the Award but since the Award actually reflects the previous year and Pat did not become an officer until 2008, the BOD agreed that she would be eligible. Congratulations to Pat for winning the Award and I think her acceptance speech tied with Domenic and Roy.

For those who knew Shane, they know that he had a special place for rubber chickens and Hawaiian shirts. We received a suggestion to present something like this along with the traveling award plaque so that when recipients have to pass the plaque on they will still have something to keep. So this year Domenic, Roy, and Pat were presented with rubber chickens wearing little Hawaiian shirts. (The associates who helped me at the IParty store couldn't help but chuckle) The tradition will continue with future recipients.

For more information on the Shane Beard Award or to nominate someone for 2009, please contact us at info@nea4wd.org All nominations must be submitted in writing and can be e-mailed to the previous address or mailed to the NEA4WDC, PO Box 887, Derry NH 03038.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Committee and the Employee Association are sponsoring "Operation Troop Donation." Various Items will be collected and will be sent to one or more troops stationed in either Iraq or Afghanistan. Our mission is to send these boxes in time for the Holiday Season. Donations will be accepted from now until Friday, November 21, 2008. Boxes will need to be mailed the following week to be in time for the Holidays. If you would like to participate, **please come to the next NEA4WDC BOD meeting or send your stuff with your delegate. The meeting is on Nov 1st at the Marion Gerrish Community Center in Derry, NH 10am-2pm, Room 1.**

Please see the attached list for needed items.

BATTERIES (AA, AAA, C & D), WET ONES, HARD CANDY, TWIZZLERS, COFFEE, EYE DROPS, BODY POWDER, HOLIDAY DECORATIONS (LIGHTS), SUN BLOCK (NON OILY), LIP BALM, GUM, DEODORANT, TOOTHPASTE, PLAYING CARDS, TRAVEL SIZE GAMES PHONE CARDS, GRANOLA BARS, PIPE CLEANERS, ZIP LOCK BAGS (ALL SIZES), SUNFLOWER SEEDS, MAGAZINES, BOOKS

Travel Size items are best. Most Troops are short on space.

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This is a good way for members to see how the NEA4WDC works and to help our our warriors. If you are planning on dropping of stuff, staying for the meeting and are not a delgate let me know. We have Pizza ordered for lunch and want to make sure we have enough on hand for everybody.

As many of you know or not know I am retiring from volunteer accounting. This might be my last good deed with you all. My wife will see that the items get to the Manchester VA hospital.

Thanks for the help.

Steve Nordby

Bryce Walker, son of a member of Overland Jeepers, was diagnosed with leukemia towards the end of September. He is in Maine Med at the Barbara Bush Center, undergoing chemo, very sick 17 yr old. His hair is falling out, I thought it would be cool if I could get him some hats. Send me some club hats etc, and I will see that he gets them.
Jim Palmer
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Thanks

How can you support the NEA4WDC financially? You can send a check made payable to the NEA4WDC or we have PayPal links on our website. We are continuously collecting money for the Travel Fund, Trails Fund, Access-4-All Project, and the General Fund which offsets daily administrative costs to manage events and daily functions of the NEA4WDC. Please be sure to mark your donation for the appropriate fund.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Central Connecticut 4 Wheelers

Want to check out some local off-road racing action? Central Connecticut 4 Wheelers can give you what you are looking for. For the past 15 years they have been involved with the racing at the Southwick MA Motorcross 338 Race-track. Check out their 2008 Flyer at <http://www.cc4w.org>

2008 Race Dates

October 19



NEA4WDC Poker Run

Tentatively Scheduled for Saturday, November 15th.

Tentative Fee: \$20

We will run headquarters out of the Deering Fish & Game in Deering, NH and will run a route of local Class VI Roads. Four checkpoints will be staged at various obstacles along the route where partici-

pants will draw their cards. There will be an option at the end to redraw up to 3 cards for an additional fee.

Food and refreshments will be available. If you would like to volunteer for any part of the event, please let us know.

Please stay tuned for confirmed details on your local NEA forum and your club forums as your delegates pass on the information!

SAVE THE DATES

Post this on your fridge to remind you of upcoming events and remember to check the NEA forum for updates!

October 4	Montague Plains Cleanup	Montague MA
October 13	NEWJO Columbus Day Rock Crawl/Show	Sandwich Fair in NH
October 19	CCFW Race	Southwick MA
November 1	NEA4WDC Meeting	Derry NH
November 15	NEA4WDC Poker Run	Deering NH
November 21	Donation Deadline for Operation Troop Donation	Contact Steve Nordby



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