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Please see their ads for complete business details.

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7SlotGrilles.com, Shrewsbury MA

Baystate Off-road

Lovewell Mountain Regalia



The banner features a blue background with a white circular logo on the left containing a blue Jeep. To the right of the logo, the text reads "ELIAS 4WD CENTER" in large white letters, with "BUYER'S REMORSE IS ENEMY #1" in smaller white letters below it. On the far right, there is a black and white image of a tire tread. Below the tire image, the text "178 WALLACE HILL RD TOWNSEND, MA" and "978.597.8432" is displayed in white.

<http://www.elias4wdcenter.com>



The logo consists of a stylized graphic of seven vertical bars of varying heights, with a yellow number '7' to the right. Below the graphic, the text "7 Slot Grilles" is written in a blue serif font, and "DVDs * T-Shirts * Hats and More" is written in a smaller green font below that.

<http://www.7slotgrilles.com>
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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



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The future is yours....

Our sport is on the verge of some great developments in the next few years but these developments will happen only if people want to bring our sport to the next level. Regardless of which state you reside in, things are happening that are going to greatly improve our sport. There is only one major thing missing from this equation and that is YOU!

Our goal within the NH Land Access Team is to gain access to public lands, develop a state trail network similar to ATVs and Snowmobiles, and increase our recreational opportunities on private land.

The first step to meeting our goal is to clearly define what a 4x4 is and submit legislation to change the current RSA. I am meeting with Bill Gegas, the Motorized Program Specialist of the NH Trails Bureau, in May to finalize this definition. We are working with the NH Trails Bureau to ensure that the NH Trails Bureau Chief will be supporting our proposed legislation when he is called to testify. Having a clear definition will open the door to NH State Parks like Jericho Mountain State Park in Berlin NH.

When the legislation passes we can continue to work with the NH Trails Bureau to develop a sticker program for 4x4s. The sticker program will have all the same benefits as an ATV sticker which will include state-funded liability insurance. The program will allow NH Fish & Game to patrol trails and take action against those who do not have a sticker and it will also support the development of a NH 4x4 public trail network. The program will provide us with additional opportunities to offer private landowners and will also allow us to finally solicit for RTP Grant money.

If we are successful in NH, we plan to use this template for other states within New England to gain 4x4 access onto state land.

I know you must get tired of hearing this time and time again but the NEA4WDC and it's member clubs must have more leaders and volunteers willing to step up and take charge. The people currently involved can only do so many things (myself included). People have told me that they are unsure of what to do or they are afraid of failing in an undertaking. Always remember that failure is the most important PART of success, as that is the first step in learning.

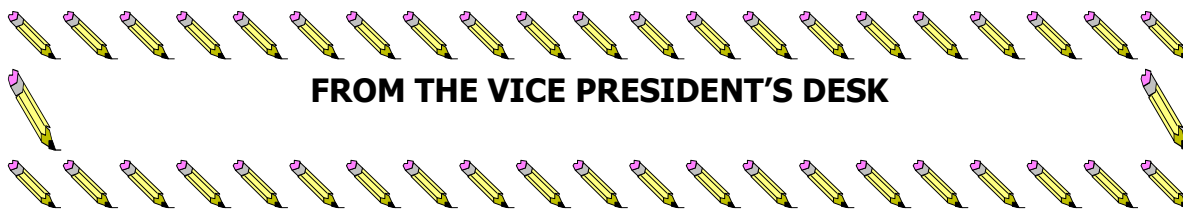
Do you think a baby walks on its first attempt? Of course not! Is this any different?

The help we need goes beyond trail cuts and clean ups, not that we don't appreciate this help. We need people that will coordinate these endeavors, develop new relationships with landowners, open new trails on new properties, meet with town selectman and officials to prevent road closures, recruit new clubs, coordinate fundraisers.....the list goes on and on.

As Master Yoda says in the Empire Strikes Back, "Do or do not, there is no try!"

~Scott Hatch

WANT TO DONATE NOW TO THE NEA4WDC TRAVEL FUND TO SUPPORT SOME OF THE UPCOMING TRIPS THAT SCOTT MENTIONED? YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL A FUNDRAISER-JUST SEND A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO THE NEA4WDC, PO BOX 887, DERRY NH, 03038 AND LABEL YOUR DONATION "TRAVEL FUND". OUR REPRESENTATIVES APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!



I would like to take a moment to share my experience with what happened on our trail cut at Carnage Hill on May 6th. Hopefully this will give people a better idea of what is involved and bring them out from under the rocks and get them crawling over them.

The previous weekend Bill Barnes and I scouted the land and marked the trails we wanted to cut. Because the land was clearly marked it enabled us to perform three separate cuts if we had enough people show up.

The day of the cut, we had over 26 volunteers show up. An AMAZING turnout. People drove everything from super built buggy style Jeeps, to stock Wranglers, to Chevy ZR2's. Once we had everyone gathered at the meeting spot, we did a quick driver's meeting to explain the trail marking system and divide into groups. I was leading the stock to slightly modified group. Once we explained everything we mounted up and headed out. I was in the middle of the pack and it was a kick to see the locals all stop and stare as 25 built rigs rolled passed.

Once into the property Scott Hatch and Bill Barnes, who were leading the bigger trucks, stopped to air down while we continued on to our clearing. A short drive down a nice Class VI road and then it was time for us to air down. We placed all our tools into the vehicles that opted to be the "guinea pigs" and headed off.

Some people were using chainsaws, some were using shears and loppers, and some were just clearing brush and slash. With eight people in our group we moved quickly but safely through the first 1000 – 2000 feet. At this point we sent the drivers back to get their rigs and start running the trail behind us while we kept working.

We were making great time with everyone from girlfriends to young sons pitching in to do their share. After about 45 minutes we had cut almost half our section and I needed to double check where we had marked the next turn. We stopped for a snack and drinks while I walked up ahead and made sure we were on target. Ten minutes later everyone was fueled up and ready to forge ahead. With three vehicles trailing behind us (who all seemed to be loving the virgin trail) we made the turn down the hill to our last leg of the cut. It was a steep hill about 1000 feet long and it forked at the bottom to give you an option over a rock field or straight out onto the flats.

Now all those who had been working up ahead got a great show of a couple guys coming down the hill with huge Kool-Aid grins and maybe a white knuckle grip on the steering wheel.

Once down the bottom, we gathered everyone up and stopped for lunch. Everyone shared what they had brought and in our group we had a pretty good spread. Cold cuts, chips, rolls, variety of fruits and cookies, granola bars, water, juices, and soda's. It was better then most sub shops.

Now keep in mind it was only noon time. We had just cut a whole new trail, wheeled it, had a great lunch, and still had the rest of the afternoon to play. From there some people went off to try their hand at some other challenging trails and some of us just went to watch the big dawgs play on harder stuff. Others took their rigs through some less challenging stuff that was pretty hard for an open/open vehicle.

Everyone who showed up had a great time, met some new people who share their passion for our sport, and left with a smile. Not to mention they are all being entered into the Volunteer Raffle for a great prize to reward them for having a day of fun.

I would like to personally thank everyone who attended.

~Jason Ghelli

Land Director Progress Reports

New Hampshire Land Report composed from reports by Scott Hatch

NH Trails Bureau Meeting

Scott Hatch

05/03/2007

This was a very productive meeting with Bill Gegas who is the motorized program specialist. Steve Nordby, Jay Ghelli, and I attended as the NEA4WDC reps, and Marc Pouliot, President of Team PoorX4 in Berlin & his Vice President. Marc's club will be the managing club for the Jericho Mountain State Park 4x4 trails, when and if they get developed, and their club will also be joining the NEA4WDC.

Most importantly, the NH Trails Bureau supports our endeavors of 4x4 access and has laid the steps to gain access on Jericho Mountain State Park and to develop a sticker program for NH.

The first step for all motorized users at this point is the passing of NH Senate Bill 143, which is being stalled by the Recreation Committee Chair. This house bill is important as it is removing the coarse and fine filters used for motorized trail development at Jericho Mountain State Park. The Committee Chair is not a friend to motorized users and is doing everything in her power to halt the progress of trail development at Jericho Mountain State Park.

I am asking ALL NH residents to call, mail or email their state representatives. Tell your representative that you support motorized access at Jericho Mountain State Park and request that they support SB 143.

The 2008 Legislative Session will be a busy one for us, as we will be submitting three Amendments to current NH RSAs. The first is directly related to access at Jericho Mountain State Park and the second two will be used for the development of a 4x4 sticker program.

The first Amendment is to NH RSA 215A:43. This Amendment will allow Jericho Mountain State Park to provide access for 4x4's. This Amendment will only apply to 4x4 access at Jericho Mountain State Park. The NH Trails Bureau will determine the user fees for the park.

The second Amendment is to NH RSA 215A:23. This NH RSA sets the fee structures for the various motorized user stickers and allocates a set amount to the various state agencies as well as land acquisition. This is also used for the Grant In Aid Program.

The third Amendment is to NH RSA 215A:1 Chapter VI and will define '4x4' for the sticker program.

Finally, the NH Trails Bureau is in the process of revamping their website and 4x4s will be more prominently displayed, including a link to the NEA4WDC and the NH Member Clubs.

This was a very positive meeting and I think we all left with a sense of hope for our sport. There is a lot of work ahead for us but we have the time, talent, and support to make this happen.

We ended the meeting by setting a date for October 3rd at 9:30am with the NH Trails Bureau to proof the Amendments listed above so they will be set for submission for the 2008 Legislative Session.

Moose Mountain

Steve Nordby

For those of you that do not know, the landowner Kned Knowlton passed away at the end of March. Kned was paralyzed for 24 years and was a veteran of the United States Navy. I give Kned much credit. We will miss him very much. I invited Kned to the Fall Crawl last year. He came and rode in one of our vehicles on a moderate trail. I spoke to Larry, who is Kned's brother. Kned told him all about his experience at the Fall Crawl and was very happy. We brought some happiness to a disabled veteran.

Now for the good news. When I spoke to Larry I asked him if we can still use the land. He said you can do whatever you want to the land. Larry asked me to send him a permission form so he can sign it. I dropped that in the mail the next day. I invited Larry to be our guest at the Fall Crawl in his Range Rover. I hope he can make it. I want to show him the same good time we showed Kned.

The NH Land Committee will be putting together a meeting soon to discuss current topics and their plan of attack. Please stay tuned for further details.

Massachusetts Land Report

Nothing new to report at the time of press.

Connecticut Land Report

composed from reports by Joe Mylie

CT has formed 2 organizations to deal with land access. CTU (Connecticut Trail Users) is the legislative part and COALT (Connecticut Open Access Land Trust) will deal with land.

CTU is working with the state legislature to get a bill passed forcing the DEP to comply with a 20+ year old bill requiring land for OHV use. While primarily dealing with ATV's, we will follow with access for full size OHV's. CTU hopes to get a vote on the bill in this year's session. As the bill does have bi-partisan support, we are hopeful.

COALT was incorporated in 2006 as a non-profit CT corporation. We are in the process of having an attorney review our federal application for a 501(c) (3) corporation. This will allow donations to be tax deductible and allow us to apply for state, federal, and private grants for land acquisition.

COALT will also start identifying Class VI roads in CT and mapping state forest roads that allow registered vehicles and have not been maintained, so present at least stock level wheeling.

Meetings:

CTU - 2nd Monday of the month - Meriden Motorcycle Club - Meriden, CT

COALT - Last Tuesday of the month - Slider's Berlin CT

Rhode Island Land Report

composed from reports by Bob Butler

RIOHVA is looking at a couple parcels of land to lease, hopefully within a year. The state of Rhode Island has granted them \$450,000 towards leasing and developing land for motorized recreation.

Maine Land Report

Nothing new to report at the time of press.

Vermont Land Report

composed from reports by Brian Churchill

Sean Myers is the appointed Trails Committee Chairperson. One of their first tasks is to inventory and map current trails. They will also be working to identify all Class IV roads in Vermont.

Sean is jointly working with Brian Churchill to define roles with towns for ancient road classification. Legislative deadline for towns to identify roads is July 2009, then have a plan in place by July 2015.

Other goals include investigating grants for road improvement and drainage, reflecting water quality issues in northern Vermont, educating members about "standing" and how to be an activist regarding land use in towns, and to add one road/trail/property per

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 4-5 hour meeting once every other month.

Make a resolution for 2007 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!

NATIONAL NEWS ON A LOCAL LEVEL

National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) Annual Conference

as reported by Joe Mylie

The NOHVCC Annual Conference was held in Charleston, WV from March 22 through March 25, 2007. The first two days included the Managers Conference, forest managers from both the U.S. and Canada.

The conference was attended by federal, state, and NOHVCC representatives; and other interested parties.

One of the most important items on the agenda was the U.S. Forest Service mapping of U.S.F.S. lands (Travel Management Rule). This mapping will result in roads and trails designated for OHV use. If it is not on the map, that trail or road will not be open.

We need to assist in this mapping at both of our National Forests (White Mountain and Green Mountain National Forests). If trails are being used, even illegally, they need to be mapped. If they are legal but the local Forest Service discourages use, they need to be mapped. Many National Forests allow OHV use, we need to comment now.

There were presentations about many successful OHV areas, the best known is the Hatfield McCoy Trail System in WV. They are approaching 600 miles of OHV trails. They are in the planning process to add full-size OHV trails.

The MA DCR did a presentation on "Small State, Big Challenges". They talked about the OHV program in MA. The MA OHV Working Group does not contain any full-size 4x4 representation. What this means is that MA does not consider full-size four-wheeling a legitimate recreational activity.

MA is closing at least one state forest to ATV use. They plan on spending \$1 million on 30 miles of trails. If they cannot make that one trail system work, they will not expand the program to any additional state forests.

The impression I got was that they want it to fail. Most managers sitting at my table thought \$1 million was a very high number for just 30 miles of trails (I guess they forgot about the "Big Dig"). If the 30 miles can not be sustained, the program will not be expanded. This leads me to believe that their goal is to try and then say, it's too expensive to maintain.

Many states realize the economic benefits from the OHV community. Hatfield McCoy returns \$1.25 for each \$1.00 the state of WV spends.

There were presentations on safety, trail management, trail construction and insurance.

Basically, either we the OHV community get organized or we will loose out. However, everywhere the ATV's, Off-Highway Motorcycle Club (OHMC), and 4x4's get together, they do have more opportunities to wheel.

We got to meet the state reps from NY, NH, VT, and RI. Neither the state rep or associate rep from MA attended.

We have tremendous resources available to us. We all have a lot to do, so please help out and volunteer when and where you can.

For more information visit: <http://www.nohvcc.org>

Many times we might hear our members asking us what the national organizations such as BRC, UFWDA, and Tread Lightly! are doing for the Northeast. It often seems their focus is on Western issues. The more important question is what are we asking them to do? We have to communicate with them that their help is needed and by attending these national events-we can do just that. We can make connections with the people we need to talk to. Please support the NEA4WDC

REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY-PUBLIC RELATIONS

Access-4-All Vehicle Report

NEJeep members have been volunteering their time to do some mechanical checks and maintenance to the newly acquired Cherokee.

The following is a list of what they have completed so far:

New Plugs, Wires, and Distributor Cap
 Transmission Fluid
 Oil, Filter, Air Filter
 New Coolant
 New Hoses
 New Thermostat
 New Front and Rear Brakes
 New 4-Way Heater Valve
 Wire wheeling the undercarriage and painting with Por-15

The goal is for other clubs to take the vehicle and offer to do some work. If your club is interested, please contact Mark Kosciukiewicz (see page 2 for contact info).

At a recent Association meeting the delegates decided the vehicle should be modified to suit travel of Class VI-type wheeling. The vehicle will also need to be kept low so the passengers can enter and exit the vehicle safely.

Mark Kosciukiewicz has volunteered to be the Project Manager for the vehicle. This does not mean he will have all the work dumped on his shoulders, it just means he will be the central point of contact for the maintenance and work being done. His first task will be to compose a list of necessary items so that sponsors can be solicited to donate parts. If you or your club/organization would like to donate towards the costs of the Access-4-All Program, please contact Steve Nordby (see page 2 for contact info).

NEJEEP American Red Cross Blood Drive

Who: Northeast Jeep, in association with the American Red Cross

What: 1st annual blood drive

When: July 8, 2007 Sunday

Where: 951 Queen Street in Southington from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The M*A*S*H-themed blood drive will feature many of the club's Jeep vehicles ranging from stock to heavily modified rigs as well as classic and antique military vehicles of all types. Also scheduled to appear is the National Guard with several of their military vehicles. All who attend are encouraged to dress as their favorite M*A*S*H character. This is a great family event for a great cause!

There will be food by Randy's Wooster Street Pizza, music, and prizes along with appearances by a surprise guest or two! All who register for blood donation will receive a Red Cross commemorative T-Shirt and will be eligible for prizes in our free give-away.

Northeast Jeep and the American Red Cross are preparing for what may be Connecticut's largest blood drive! Please come on out and support this worthy cause!

To help us better gauge the number of donors for the day, we are having a pre-registration where you can make an appointment for a specific time that day. Please note that walk-ins are also welcome!

To make your appointment:

- 1) log on to www.givelife.org
- 2) put in zip code "06489"
- 3) scroll down to 7/8/2007 - Northeast Jeep Southington - click on it
- 4) click on a time to donate on the right hand side
- 5) a pop-up will indicate that in order to pick a time, you have to sign in with your ARC log-in or you need to create a profile for 1st time users - hit OK
- 6) once you log-in or create a new profile, hit "submit" and this will take you back to the NE Jeep pre-registration page
- 7) click the time you want and hit ok to confirm the time slot
- 8) confirmation page will show on the screen
- 9) confirmation email will be sent to the donor via the email address on the donor's ARC profile

Four-Wheeling for a Cure

By Stacey Osborn, Events Director for Freedom Trail Riders

Freedom TrailRiders (FTR), a local non-profit four-wheel drive club based in Southern New England, has put together a team for the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life of Bridgewater, MA. This event will celebrate cancer survivorship and raise money to help the American Cancer Society save lives and help those who have been touched by cancer. The Relay for Life is on Friday, June 15 and Saturday, June 16 at the Bridgewater State College Swenson Field.

To raise money for the cause, the club has a few other fundraising activities planned. One such activity is the "Freedom TrailRiders PowderPuff/Drag Trail Ride for Cancer" on Sunday, June 3. This trail ride will take riders who are either female, or dressed like a female, with properly equipped four-wheel drive vehicles off-road for a fun-filled day of excitement.

If you would like to join the FTR Relay for Life team or participate in the fundraising trail ride, please visit their website at <http://www.freedomtrailriders.org>. If you would like to make a donation to the team in support of the American Cancer Society, please visit the team's Relay for Life site at <http://tinyurl.com/yytznc>.

NEA4WDC Volunteer Raffle

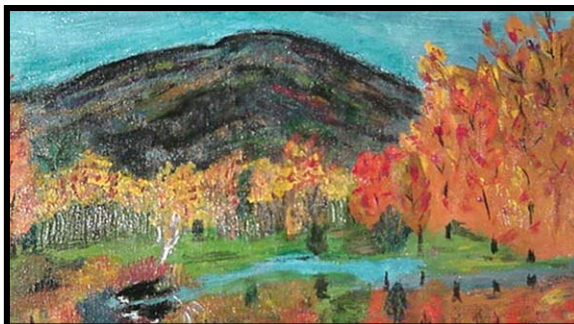
Ok everyone here are the details you've been waiting for. This year we are adding a raffle for volunteers only. This is open to everyone: club presidents, officers, delegates, and especially members. Participation is simple. Volunteer to help with an Association-sponsored event such as maintenance days, cleanups, cut & wheels, booth events, etc. For every event you volunteer for, you get one virtual ticket. The more you volunteer the greater your chances of winning. I will keep track of who is heading up each event. The person heading up the event will be responsible for getting the names of the participants to Jason Ghelli. He will track them on a spreadsheet. The Raffle will be held at the 2007 Fall Crawl and the winner will receive their prize! The person selected doesn't need to be present to win.

Jason will email a sign-up sheet to the person in charge of each event. **If you forget to bring it, please make sure you get each person's contact information and club affiliation!!!!**

As soon as we know what the prize will be, we will post the details at forum.nea4wd.org

Please, everyone stress to your club how important it is to get involved. This is a small way of us giving back to everyone for their hard work.

If you have any questions please contact Jason Ghelli (see page 2 for contact info).



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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MEMBER CLUBS



Support FTR in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life®

Freedom TrailRiders, a 4-Wheel Drive club based in the Southeastern MA area, is putting together a team of members to participate in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life® of Bridgewater, MA. The event will be held at the Bridgewater State College campus Friday, June 15 and Saturday, June 16, 2007.

The relay for life is a fun-filled overnight, 21-hour, event designed to celebrate survivorship. The event helps to raise money so the American Cancer Society can save lives, help those who have been touched by cancer, and empower individuals to fight back against this disease. During the event, teams gather at the Bridgewater State College track and take turns walking or running laps. Each team keeps at least one team member on the track at all times.

Relay is much more than a walk around a track. It is a time to remember those lost to cancer and celebrate those who have survived or who are currently battling the disease. It is a night for people who have shared the same experiences to comfort and console one another.

Relay gives you the power to help accelerate the Society's advancement toward a future where cancer no longer takes the lives of our friends and family.

Please donate today and together we can accelerate the progress to a cancer-free future. Donations can be mailed to:

**Freedom Trail Rider's
Attn: Relay For Life Team
PO Box 93
North Easton, MA 02356**

You may also donate online at <http://tinyurl.com/yytznc>



**2007 Rock Crawling
Competition &
4WD Truck Show**

Sunday, July 22, 2007

The Deep Woods Extreme, Inc.

6th Annual 4WD Rock Crawl Competition

At The Hopkinton Fair Grounds in Contoocook, NH.

I-93 to I-89 to Exit 7. Follow the signs to the Fairgrounds.

Gates open at 8:30 AM with the Competition starting at 9:00 AM Rain or Shine.

Walk-in Spectator Donation: \$7.50 per person (under 12 free)

Show Off Your Vehicle: \$7.50 per person. All Makes & Models Welcome! No Vehicle Is Too Ugly OR Too Pretty For Our Show! The Only Requirement Is That It Must Be 4WD!

Rock Crawling Competition: \$75 covers driver and spotter only. Additional passengers arriving with Rock Crawl

Highlights

- Rock Crawling Competition
- Vendor & Swap Meet Booths

(Interested in setting up a booth at the show? Call (603) 413-6667)

- Raffles
- Music, Food, and Fun for the whole Family
- Showcase of real-world 4WD Vehicles



Proceeds from the event to benefit:



CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

DARTMOUTH-HITCHCOCK



For more information call:

(603) 413-6667

Flag Day Extravaganza

JUNE 9TH 2007
CENTENIAL PARK
FRAMINGHAM, MA.

Attention all Member Clubs!!

The off road community has been asked to participate in the town of Framingham's annual Flag Day Festivities!! This is a non-wheeling event. All Clubs are welcomed and asked to attend. There will be room for booth set-up and there is plenty of trailer parking available. Clubs may have individual raffles. This is a great opportunity to show the non-wheelers and the new to the sport what we do and who we are!! BBQ Grills are also permitted.

I hope to see you all there!!

Any questions please feel free to contact Ryan@nea4wd.org

The Big 4WD Event **Hebert's Candy Mansion Rt. 20** **(575 Hartford Turnpike)** **Shrewsbury,MA** **October 14th, 2007 9am-4pm**

Lots of fun family events

Food

4WD Clubs

***4WD Vendors**

RTI Ramp

Winch contest

*** Swap meet spots**

The Big air up contest

RC (Remote control)

Rock Crawler Obstacle Course/Race!

Granny low contest!

New 4WD' s from local auto dealers!

***4WD Vendor Spots/Swap Meet spots for \$35! ALL VENDOR CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE HEBERT CONFECTIONS!**

\$5 Donation at the Gate

Parking is FREE!!!

Parking for Trailer space is limited! Please park down by dock.

For more info: Sevenslotgrills@aol.com **OR** 508-340-1488

Athol Lions Club 3rd Annual Diabetes Awareness Summer Fair

Greeting Fellow 4x4er's,

Once again, The **Athol Lions Club**, **Athol**, MA is holding the 3rd annual Diabetes Awareness Fund Raising project, only this year with a little "twist" to it.

In the past, we have driven many miles for the cause of Diabetes and have pledged those miles driven. This year, because man power is limited and gas a little pricey, we have decided to have a Summer Fair, with all the fixin's (please see www.athollionsclub.com click summerfair-currently being update with more info)

We would like to invite all the clubs and folks interested in 4wheelin to participate in our wonderful event.

This year we are setting aside, Saturday, July 21, 2007 as the day to gather and have a wonderful time:

--Listening to 5 rock and roll bands.

--Crafters.

--Children's Activities, including face painting, Pet Zoo and much, much more.

--Pig Roast, hosted by New England's finest "Pig Cooker"

and to end the day on a Bang

--Over \$10,000.00 worth of Fireworks.

Tickets are reasonable and go on sale April 1st. (we are taking reservations) Please include this event into your calendar of events and encourage your members to participate.

We are also giving trophies for the biggest, baddest, and best 4x4's, along with a special presentation from Senator Brewer for the largest "pledge sheet" brought in. Remember, Diabetes is something that can be prevented. Hope to see you there and thank you very much for all your help.

Also, if you would like to bring information about your club to distribute, that would be wonderful. If you would like to volunteer for any thing (and God knows I need it) please feel free to contact me. In the past we have had over 300 Jeeps attend and we would like to see twice as many come

Carrie LeVierge

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Athol Lions Club

Athol, MA. 01331

On a side note: The event is backed by MA Senator Stephen Brewer who is proposing a bill to congress that every July is MA state law "wheeling for diabetes month". The event is also backed by five state lawyers and several members from the "Legal Wheeling" Jeep Club. They have reps from all New England states to include PA and NY as well. The senator will be judging and prize presenting.

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 Racetrack. Check out their 2007 Flyer at <http://www.cc4w.org>

Mass Mudders Inc. 11th Annual Pig Roast Fundraiser



On September 22nd 2007 the Mass Mudders Inc. 4-Wheel Drive Club will host their 11th annual Pig Roast Fundraiser. The event will take place from 1pm to 8pm at Centennial Grove in Essex, MA. There will be a DJ along with live music courtesy of local vocalists, a jeep pull competition, articulation ramp competition, food, drinks, a children's "jumpy thing", and much more!

This year's proceeds will go to the William A. Turner, Sr. Memorial Fund. A close friend to many members of the club, William A. (Bill) Turner, Sr. lost his life unexpectedly February 22, 2007 at the young age of 47. Bill is well known among our community, as well as, the trucking industry, as he worked for numerous firms, running W.A. Turner & Sons Trucking for many years, and also owning and operating Turner Towing. Billy's heart of gold was always there to lend a helping hand without expecting anything in return. A dedicated family man, Bill is survived by his wife of 21 years and his eight children, the two youngest still in early elementary school. The Mass Mudders Pig Roast Fundraiser donation to The William A. Turner, Sr. Memorial Fund, as administered by the Gloucester Cooperative Bank, will assist Bill's wife in raising their children.

The Mass Mudders Inc. is proud to be hosting Pig Roast Fundraiser for their 11th consecutive year. The tickets will be printed and ready for sale by June. There is plenty of parking at Centennial Grove and with the participation of other clubs one lot can be designated specifically to display vehicles.

For any questions regarding the pig roast please contact the events chairman at www.spidaone@verizon.net

COMING SOON.....THE LONG AWAITED EVENT OF THE SEASON

NEA4WDC FALL CRAWL 2007

SEPTEMBER 8-9

TICKETS GOING ON SALE SOON!

SAVE THE DATES

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

June 3	FTR PowderPuff/Drag Trail Ride	
June 3	Maintenance Day-Field & Forest	
June 9	Flag Day Rally	Framingham, MA
June 15-16	FTR Relay For Life	Bridgewater, MA
July 7	NEA4WDC Delegate Meeting	Windsor Locks, CT
July 21	Athol Lions 4x4 Rally	Athol, MA
July 22	Deep Woods Extreme Rock Crawl & Truck Show	Contoocook, NH

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