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Baystate Jeepers 2014 'Jeep 101' Special Edition of Tracks



Jeep 101, 2013

Baystate Jeepers 'JEEP 101'

Saturday, April 12 (Western MA)

Are you new to off-roading, considering off-roading, or maybe just wondering what your Jeep can do? You heard stories about Jeep's and their off road ability, but don't know where to go, or what to do when you get there?

Then dude, this event's for you. Jeep 101 is your introduction to off-roading, specifically geared towards drivers like you. Held on private property, this complimentary event is hosted by experienced wheelers. And like that gym you see commercials for on TV, Jeep 101 is a judgment free zone. Questions are welcomed and encouraged during the interactive sessions. This is your chance to learn off-road basics in a stress free, no pressure environment



The 2013 Jeep 101 was well attended

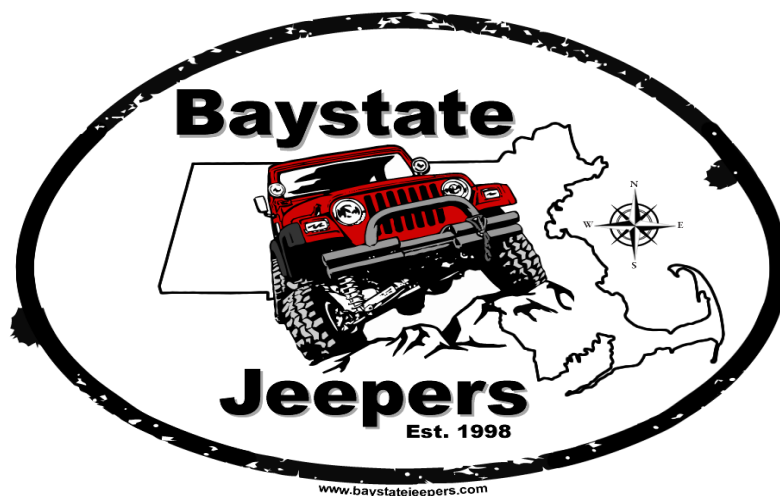
Jeep 101 starts with informative topics like Know your Jeep, Gear Everyone Needs, Tread Lightly, Winching and Strapping (don't worry, this is a family friendly event) and other topics that will get you ready for your off road adventure. We'll break for lunch (supplied by your hosts) and finish up with a trail ride that includes a stream crossing, hill climbs and some easy wheeling that's stock Jeep friendly

During the day, you'll have experienced wheelers available to answer questions and assist you. Nobody was born with Jeep keys in their hands, and nobody hits the trails knowing exactly what to do. We all fondly remember our first time on the trails and most of us were fortunate to have experienced wheelers help us along the way. This is our chance to pay it forward and introduce you to the world of wheeling

For this event, the traditional club safety equipment requirements have been relaxed (for example, there's no need to bring a CB radio or fire extinguisher) but your Jeep should be in good working order, with a full size spare and an appropriate jack. You'll also want to bring bug spray and footwear that's right for muddy conditions and whatever else you might step in, on a working farm



For more information on this event or to register to attend, visit the BSJ web site ([Baystate Jeepers](http://www.baystatejeepers.com)) and under 'New Member Check In', introduce yourself and ask about admission to the Jeep 101. You don't have to be a member of Baystate Jeepers to attend this event but you must register. Held on private property, Baystate Jeepers reserves the right to limit the number of attendees. Jeep 101 is a family friendly event and like all BSJ events, alcohol is strictly prohibited on the trails



Adopt-A-Highway – April 19

Baystate Jeepers is a club that takes pride in being active in our community. Besides the Jeep 101 event our members assist with trail cleanups, food drives and Adopt a Highway. Our next scheduled cleanup is in Leominster MA



BSJ will supply gloves, safety vests, bags and picks. This event is open to anyone 12 or over and you don't have to be a member of Baystate to attend. BSJ is responsible for entrance and exit ramps to Route 190 and the areas in between. Depending on the number of volunteers, cleanup usually takes 2 – 2.5 hours. The Spring usually has the largest accumulation of trash so the more help, the better. Interested in helping out? Great! You can find more details on the [Baystate Jeepers Forum](#). We'll be adding more details as this date gets closer



It was almost a year ago Baystate Jeepers member Evelyn Howe was taken from us, her life cut short while trying to help a friend in a dire situation. Those of us who knew Eve remember her as a fun, vibrant, loving and fiercely independent spirit, a loyal friend who put her son above all else. Please help us remember our friend by showing your support for the Evelyn Howe Memorial Scholarship fund, [Evelyn M Howe Memorial Scholarship](#)

Social Media

This whole internet craze isn't fading as fast as some predicted and some people even say it's here to stay. I'm not going that far but for those of you who Tweet and rely on FB to find out what your family's been doing? Baystate Jeepers has joined the fray. Find us on Facebook ([Baystate Jeepers](#)) and follow us on Twitter ([@Baystate Jeepers](#))

Wheeling for the Lost

While you're perusing FB, please visit (and like) [Wheeling for the Lost](#). Wheeling-For-The-Lost is a non-profit that was started by a friend of mine, Brian LaVoie. Brian is also a member of the Pine Tree Search and Rescue. Wheeling for the Lost has annual fundraisers and events to benefit the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

Crawling for a Cure

Baystate Jeepers own Jeff Cambray is a founding member of Crawling for a Cure, whose stated mission "is an annual off-road family and survivor friendly event designed to raise money for breast cancer research and survivors". Please visit their FB page for more information, including upcoming events, @ [Crawling for a Cure](#)

Membership has it's Privileges

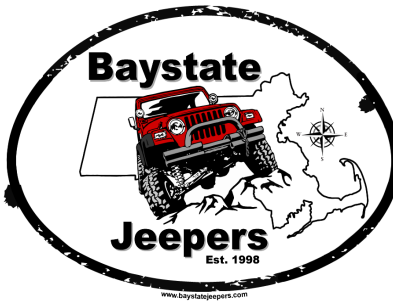
Baystate Jeepers is a family oriented, stock(ish) friendly club and we're accepting membership applications for 2014, and the cost is only \$50. And like A/X, membership with Baystate Jeepers has it's privileges. You get invited to club runs, camping, trips to off road parks, access to the Members Only BSJ forums (not to be confused with the Members Only jackets from the 80's) and you're eligible to attend 'NEA only' events like the ***Fall Crawl**, and more.

BSJ understands we're not for everyone. If you're on the fence or not sure BSJ is a good fit for you, you can join us on a club run as a guest. No commitment required. Just visit the [Baystate Jeepers Forum](#), introduce yourself and ask. Or if you already decided, you can download a BSJ membership application ([BSJ Membership App](#))



***Fall Crawl** is the premier wheeling event in New England. A weekend of wheeling, camping and catered BBQ, all included for one price. And it's only open to club members that are part of the New England Association of 4WD Clubs. Fall Crawl registration opens up on April 1 and runs into early August. The cut off date is August 7 and to promote early registration, if you sign up in April or May the event will only cost you \$60. After that the fee is \$75.

Happy Trails!



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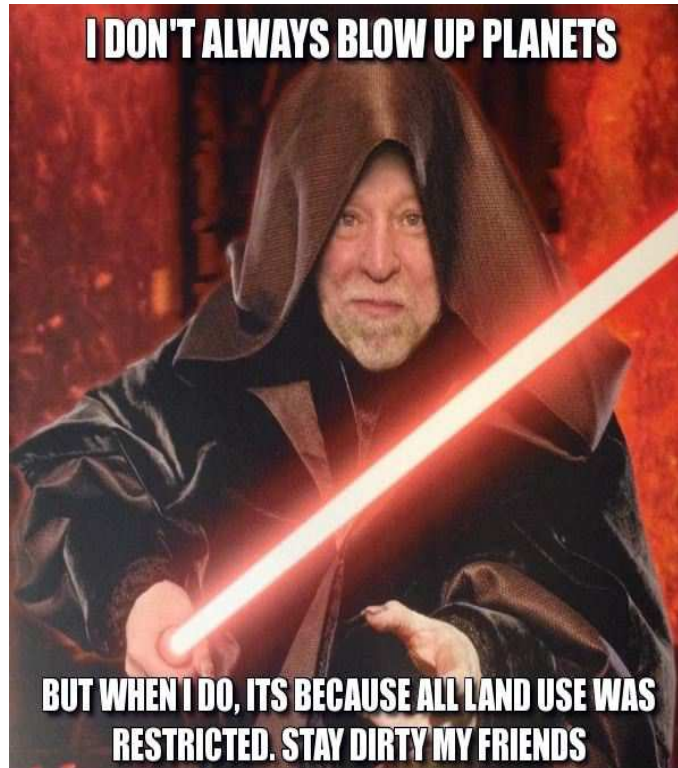
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