



April 2024
APRIL EDITION

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BSJ site:

www.baystatejeepers.com

Events in May:

NEA Meeting Maine 4x4 hosting - Hemond	May 04
Fitzwilliam NH Cleanup	May 11
All Properties Cleanup	May 11
Rutland Run	May 17
Moose Valley OHV	May 19
W4W F&F	May 31— June 3

(See Evites for all details.)

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Tracks

Welcome!

Here's the April 2024 newsletter! We had a great turn out for the 2024 Jeepers 101 event plus a very successful Adopt-A-Highway clean up day in Sterling! I hope this edition captures the highlights of everything we've done in April, and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ping me in the forums, FB, or through email.

Jeep 101 Cleanup & Prep—April 6th

John Kell and several other members worked on cleaning up the property's trails and prepping the main event area prior to the actual 101 on April 13th. (Image by John Kell.)



BSJ's 2024

Board of Directors

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Jeep 101 @ New Braintree—April 13th

Saturday's "Baystate Jeepers 101" Event was a huge success! We had over 40 jeeps at the event - some longtime members, some new members, and some future members! We held several educational discussions - demoing lots of tips and tricks about offloading - did a couple trail runs in the morning, then had an amazing barbecue lunch by Chef Dave! In the afternoon, we had two more trail runs, followed by a fun raffle! Overall, a great day was had by all!



Images: Pat O'C, David Jellison, John Kell, "Perry Jeepin"



Images: Pat O’C, David
Jellison, John Kell, “Perry
Jeepin”

Jeep 101 @ New Braintree—Extra Pics



Images: Pat Charron,
"Perry Jeepin"

Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup—April 21st

A bit of history ... approximately 14 years ago, the club signed on to the Adopt-A-Highway program sponsored by the Mass Dept of Transportation. We were assigned an area in Sterling and supplied (plus replenished as needed) with the necessary equipment to do a clean-up. I am in contact with the person who oversees the project, Jim, both before to let him know our clean-up date and after to give him stats on the number of volunteers, the time frame of the work and how many bags of trash are collected.

Sunday, April 21 started out mostly sunny, but some clouds moved in and a little breeze picked up. Not bad weather for working outdoors. A group of 14 BSJ members tackled the exit 14 entrance and exit ramps of Rte 190 in Sterling MA. At the meeting spot is the usual paperwork, equipment hand-out and dividing into two work crews due to the median strip that splits the area into west and east sections. Ken took a group for the east side and I had a group for the west.

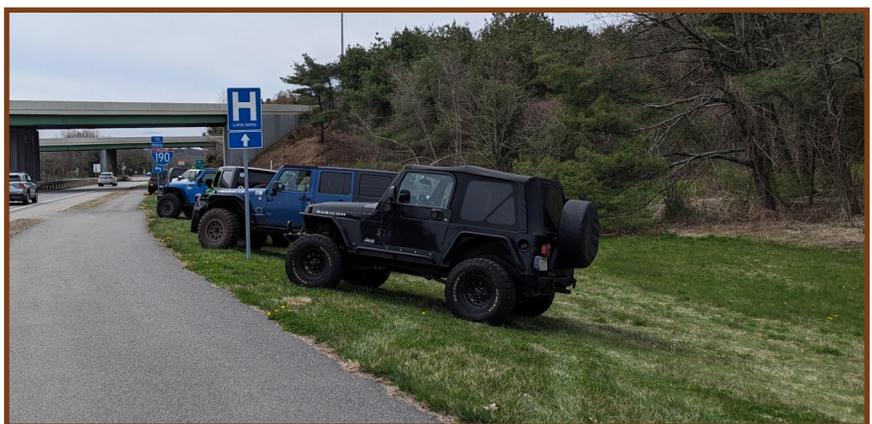
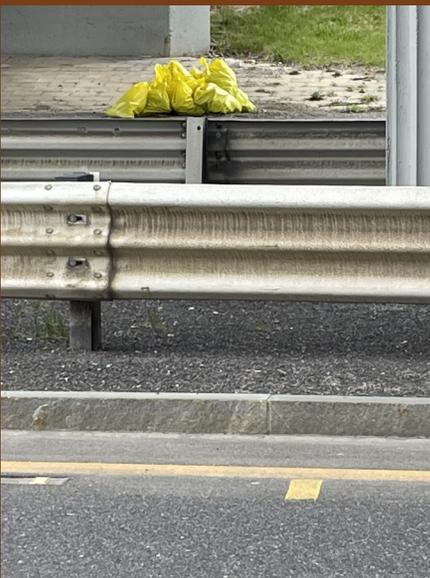
Many thanks to the folks that donated their Sunday to this endeavor, most traveling over an hour plus – one way. Also, much appreciation to Chip Gagne and his company, Veolia, for donating a case of water and work gloves.

Kudos to: Ken Bell; David Blasing; Randy Bouchard; John Culhane; Chip Gagne; Jenn Gagne; David Jellison; Judy Jellison; Jeremie Perry; Laura Perry; Derek Pray and Owen Reardon.

Great job: 2 hours approx 32 bags

Like last year, most went to Barber's Crossing for lunch after. Thanks again to all.

- Pat Charron
BSJ Coordinator



Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup—Extra Pics

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“Perry Jeepin”



Patrick's Post

Patrick O'Connor is in Sterling.
 Top contributor · Yesterday at 6:19 PM · 🌐

Follow up to my earlier post about @BaystateJeepers cleaning up Exit 14 in Sterling:
 On Sunday, April 21st, a group of 14 BSJ members tackled the exit 14 entrance and exit ramps of Rt 190 in Sterling MA.
 Two work crews divided into east/west teams.
 Result: After over 2 hours at the exit, 32+ bags filled!
 Many thanks to the folks that donated their Sunday to this endeavor, most traveling over an hour plus – one way!
 And like previous years, most went to Barber's Crossing for lunch after!
 #JeepersRock #BSJRocks #EarthDay2024
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 Thank you!
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 Thank you all for your kindness
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 It looks so much better ! Thank you 😊
 21h Like Reply

Heather Rausch Top contributor
 Amazing how much trash accumulates - ty BaystateJeepers!
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Stacey Leah
 You guys are awesome
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 Thank you. It looks amazing!!
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 Awesome job! Thank you!!
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 Looks great! Thank you!!!
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Ron Furmaniuk Top contributor
 I've noticed so much trash this spring, especially along the highways. Thank you!
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Barbara Reynolds
 Thanks!!!!
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 Thank you for you hard work!
 9h Like Reply 2

Vicki Busky Top contributor
 Love the jeeps all lined up. Thank you for your help!
 2h Like Reply

Marion Larson Top contributor
 I beeped and gave those folks a thumbs up that day!
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Jeep History

World War II:

Development – 2. Willys and Ford

The Army thought that the Bantam company lacked the production capacity to manufacture and deliver the required number of vehicles, so it supplied the Bantam design to Willys and Ford, and encouraged them to enhance the design. The resulting Ford "Pygmy" and Willys "Quad" prototypes looked very similar to the Bantam BRC prototype, and Spicer supplied very similar four-wheel drivetrain components to all three manufacturers.

1,500 of each model (Bantam BRC-40, Ford GP, and Willys MA) were built and extensively field-tested. After the weight specification was revised from 1,275 lb (578 kg) to a maximum of 2,450 lb (1,110 kg) including oil and water, Willys-Overland's chief engineer Delmar "Barney" Roos modified the design in order to use Willys's heavy but powerful "Go Devil" engine, and won the initial production contract. The Willys version became the standard jeep design, designated the model MB, and was built at their plant in Toledo, Ohio. The familiar pressed-metal Jeep grille was a Ford design feature and incorporated in the final design by the Army.

Next edition: Full production – Willys MB and Ford GPW



Ford Pygmy during testing at Camp Holabird, Maryland (c. 1940)



Dashboard of World War II era jeep in Imperial War Museum (2007)



Jeep with 50 cal. Browning machine gun (2008)

Because the US War Department required a large number of vehicles in a short time, Willys-Overland granted the US Government a non-exclusive license to allow another company to manufacture vehicles using Willys' specifications. The Army chose Ford as a second supplier, building Jeeps to the Willys' design. Willys supplied Ford with a complete set of plans and specifications.^[24] American Bantam, the creators of the first Jeep, built approximately 2,700 of them to the BRC-40 design, but spent the rest of the war building heavy-duty trailers for the Army.