
Tracks

The Official Newsletter of Baystate Jeeps

April, 2013

With Mr Peabody and Sherman on the big screen, it's only right that we set our own 'Wayback Machine' to 2008
Like most of us, Josh Schwalb's rig has been a work in progress.



Here's a pic from 2008, when Josh's 2003 TJ was sporting 34's, stock front fenders and an older bumper



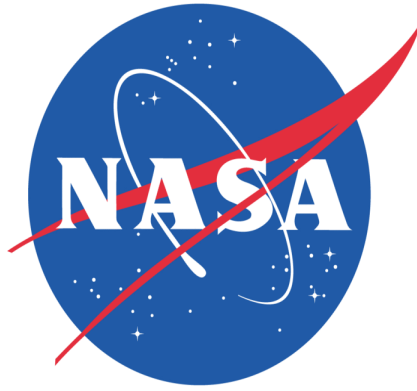
October 2008: my first run with BSJ. After that day I was hooked on wheeling! I was wearing a silly grin for a month
Running street tires, my only mod was tow hooks



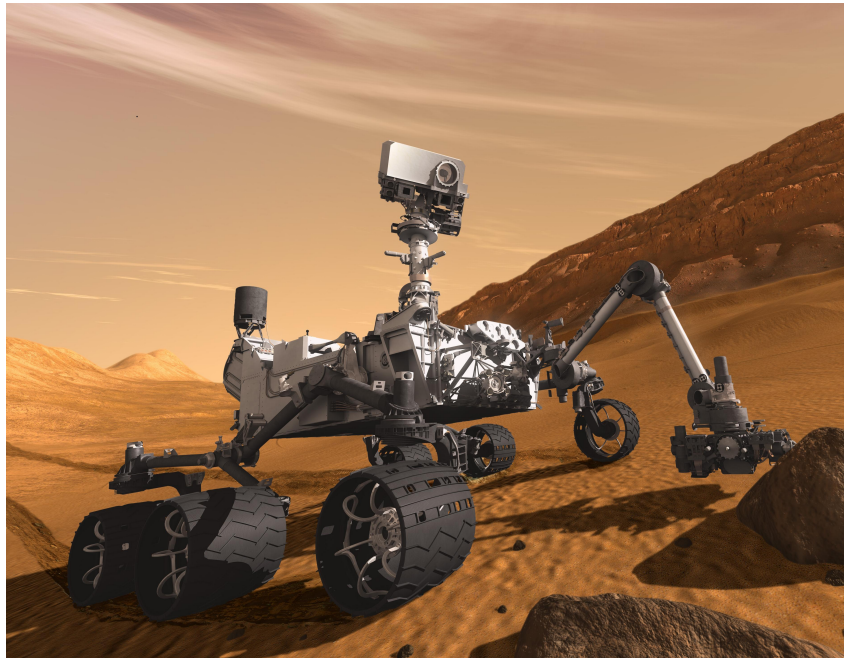
Fall Crawl, 2013 – after a few mods.... and.....
hmmmmmm..... still sporting that same silly grin.....
Lifted, armored up and rolling on 33's, the growth spurt is over

Who's ready for some wheeling?!!!!? There's no sense beyatchin about the weather, we all remember what the winter was like. The important thing is, we made it. And if you look out over your hood, you'll see a full season of wheeling in front of you. Long-azz winter or not, one thing's for sure, your 2014 Board of Directors weren't hibernating. The crew is putting the finishing touches on a full slate of events - wheeling, camping and road trips to wheeling parks from Maine to PA. That's right, the legendary Rausch Creek Wheeling Park in PA. And there might be more squeezed in. OK, enough of me babbling. Lets kick it. Happy Trails!

BSJ and NASA Team up for Epic Fundraiser and Adventure

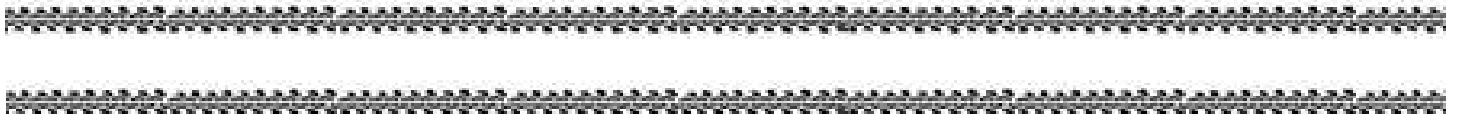


The Board of Directors has confirmed that Baystate Jeeps has teamed up with NASA to offer a once in a lifetime opportunity to drive off road. On **MARS!** Baystate Jeeps, in association with NASA, will be offering raffle tickets for this monumental adventure. If selected, you will receive an all expenses paid trip to Cape Canaveral, where NASA legend Buzz Aldrin will give you a behind the scenes tour of NASA. After piloting the MARS rover Curiosity, you'll be presented with a framed picture of you actually riding the MARS Rover Curiosity, on Mars! This is obviously Photo-shopped, but it looks awesome. Your friends and family will love it. Additional, hi-res pictures (up to and including poster size) are available from the NASA gift shop. For a reasonable cost



Imagine a picture of you, riding the MARS Rover

Tickets are only \$100 each You must be a member of Baystate Jeeps to enter this raffle (another good reason to join). Everyone who purchases a ticket must sign an affidavit, stating you're a US citizen or you're in this country legally. You must also sign a waiver allowing a full (and somewhat invasive) background check by the CIA and Homeland Security. It just makes sense. I mean, we don't want some nut-job driving Curiosity off a cliff. That's not nice. Stay tuned for more details in the May issue of Tracks, and Happy Trails!



BSJ is Looking for a Few Good Jeeps

(and the guys and gals who drive them)



Baystate Jeepers is accepting membership applications for 2014, and the cost of membership is only \$50. And before you say “I can't afford \$50!!”, let me ask you..... Do you frequent Starbucks? Do you smoke? When you walk into Dunkin Donuts, do they immediately start making your iced coffee? If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, chances are you're dropping a Benjamin every couple weeks on coffee that you don't really buy, lets face it, you rent it. Or maybe you're dropping a dime on a nicotine fix every day or two and that money just goes up in smoke. See where I'm going with this? For what you drop in a week or two at Starbucks or the local smoke shop, that same fitty can buy you a WHOLE SEASON with Baystate Jeepers

Like A/X, membership with Baystate Jeepers has it's privileges. You get to go on 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), you're eligible to attend 'NEA only' events, and more

Baystate Jeepers is a family oriented, stock(ish) friendly, Jeep-specific club and we're accepting applications for membership. We understand that we're not for everyone so if you're on the fence about joining or you're not sure BSJ is a good fit for you, ask about joining a club run as a guest. No commitment required

You can download a BSJ membership application here

http://baystatejeepers.com/aboutus/membership_information.htm

Or visit the BSJ web site [Baystate Jeepers Forum](#), sign up for complimentary access to the forums and under 'New Member Checkin', introduce yourself and ask about joining us on a trail run

Spring Meeting

We had our Spring meeting on March 8, with club lifers mixing it up with some fresh faces. Pretty sure the final count was ~28 in attendance, which is a good turnout. Your editor gave an update on Tracks and it went something like this.....



It's true, I could listen to myself talk all day. BSJ members can catch the meeting minutes on the BSJ forum



It was almost a year ago former 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, 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](#)

And a huge THANK YOU to Baystate Jeepers, for donating \$1,000 to the Evelyn M Howe Memorial Scholarship

Crawling for a Cure

Baystate Jeepers own Jeff Cambray is one of the founders 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 check out their FB page to keep up to date on current events

<https://www.facebook.com/crawlingforacure>

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 doing, Baystate Jeepers has joined the fray. Find us on Facebook ([Baystate Jeepers](#)) and follow us on Twitter ([@Baystate Jeepers](#))



Jeeps, Jeep Pahts and More

Looking for Jeep parts? Who isn't? Or maybe you want to thin your herd of parts?

Tired of the CL chain pullers and scammers, your editor started a FaceBook page where Jeep Peeps can buy, sell or trade Jeeps and Jeep parts. This is a lightly moderated, Jeep only forum where the rule is, play nice

Check out [New England Jeep Parts](#) and ask to join for free

But caveat emptor!

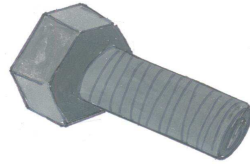
Like any other forum or site, you list, buy and sell at your own risk

TECH TALK

Rust Removal with Vinegar

Wait. What? Vinegar?!

I saw something on line about using vinegar to loosen rusted bolts. We all know everything you read on the internet is true but call me a cynic, sometimes I have doubts. So I checked around and came up with a couple interesting links. There's lots more info available but I posted the following links because Pete is amusing, and his video has a lot of good content.



Also added a video from a kind of boring guy but the take away on that one is, why not store old nuts and bolts in a jar of white vinegar? If you buy store brand vinegar by the gallon, it probably ends up being cheaper than bottled water. And that makes 'cents' to me (see what I did there?) If you try this, let me know what you think. Or maybe you already knew about this, and you have some additional tips or tricks

[Vinegar Water Rust Removal, with Pete \(he's a funny guy\)](#)

[Vinegar Rust Removal \(with a boring guy\)](#)

[BONUS - link to the Farmers Almanac Rust Removal Tips](#)

You have a tech tip you'd like to share with the class? Send it to [McFly](#)

Mark Your Calendar

BSJ has a full calendar of members-only events planned for 2014. BSJ members can check out the calendar of events, located under the Members Only section of the [Baystate Jeepers Forum](#). Guests are allowed on runs, with the prior approval (check out "A Few Good Jeeps" for details, below)



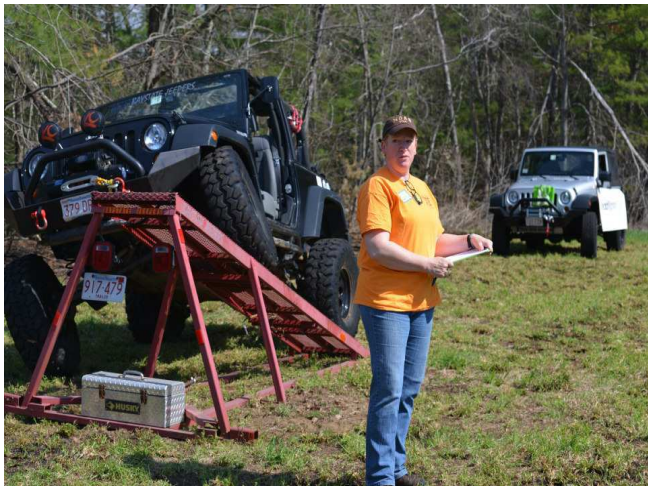
There's a trail run on private property coming up quick, on March 22, and Jeep 101 is happening in mid April. Events are subject to change so before you call in sick, check your evite and the BSJ forums for the latest news

Baystate Jeepers JEEP 101 (April 12)

Once again, BSJ member Ray Mond is letting the inmates run the asylum. Ray has agreed to host the annual Baystate Jeepers Jeep 101 event on his property. Are you new to off-roading, considering off-roading, or maybe just wondering what your Jeep can do? If so, then this event is for you. Jeep 101 is geared towards stock to slightly modified Jeeps and drivers who are new to off-roading

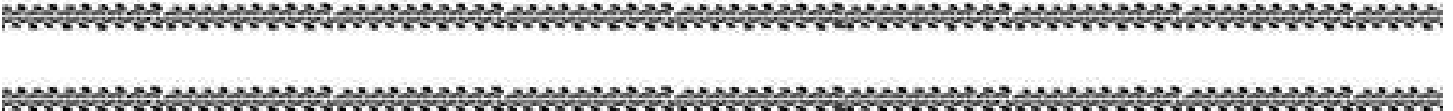


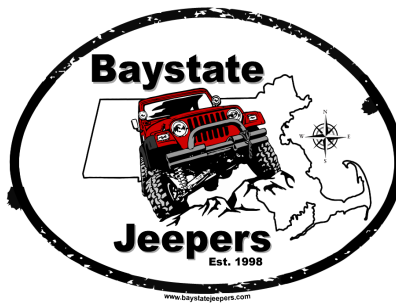
Topics covered at the J-101 include off-roading basics, trail gear (recommended and advanced), a Getting to Know Your Jeep session and other informative, interactive sessions. Take your Jeep on a log walk and finish the day with a trail ride on private property, with experienced guides and spotters to help along the way. You don't have to be a member of Baystate Jeepers to attend this event but you must register with Baystate Jeepers if you want to ask about attending. 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



For this event, the safety equipment required for traditional Baystate Jeepers trail runs has 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

For more information on this event or to register to attend, visit the BSJ web site [Baystate Jeepers Forum](#) and sign up for access to the forums. Under 'New Member Check In', introduce yourself and ask about admission to the Jeep 101. Signing up for complimentary access to the BSJ forums is NOT the same as full membership in Baystate Jeepers, but all are welcome to browse our public forum





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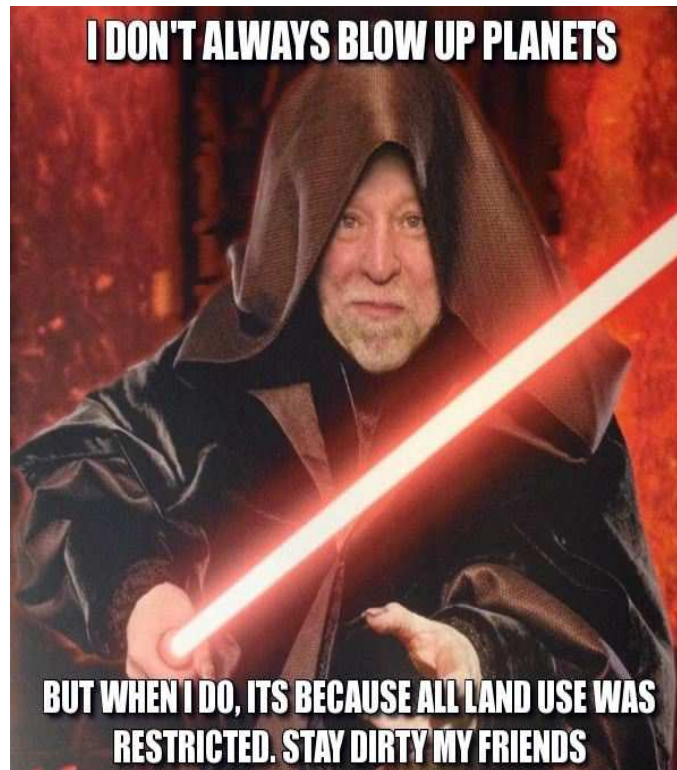
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Air Up!

DID YOU KNOW that as a member of Baystate Jeepers, your rig can be on the cover of Tracks*?

Can you imagine the accolades you'll get?

It could go viral and before you know it, you're on Dancing with the Stars.

Think of it. You. On DWTS!!!

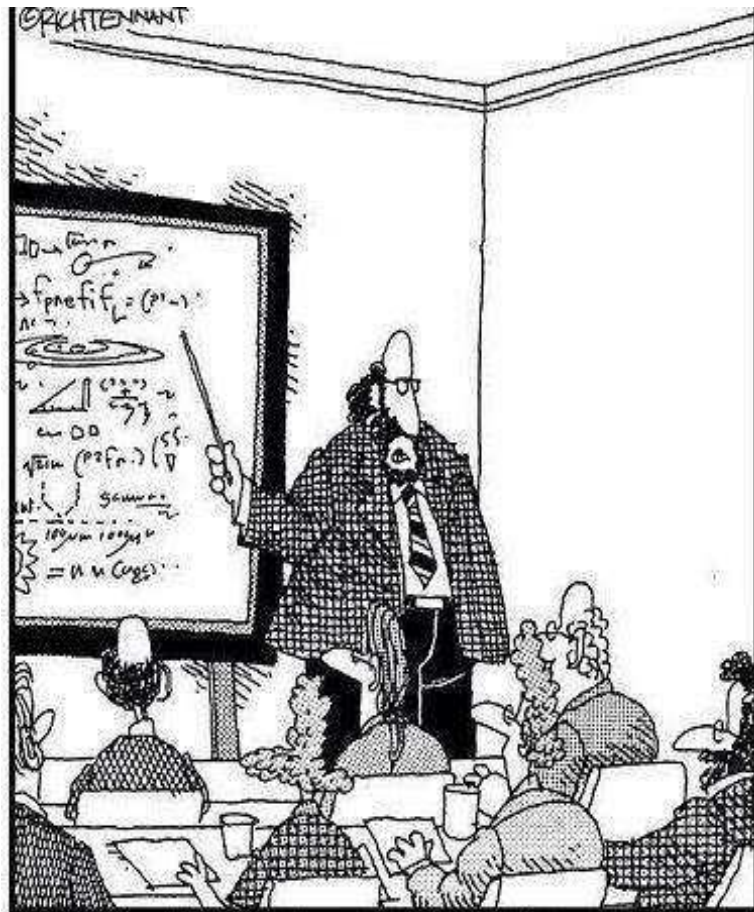
And it all started with a hi-resolution picture of your rig. Wow. You're welcome.

If you're on a BSJ run and have pics or vid's to share, send me the pics (or links to pics and video's) so I can share them with your Jeep peeps. We also welcome tech tips and tricks, write ups on your build, upgrade or repair - it's all good

Keep those cards and letters coming, and Happy Trails

*Tracks cover shot requests are handled on a first come, first served basis. In case I get multiple submissions, trail pics are preferred

If you send me a shot of your rig in a mall parking lot, it ain't happening



"Along with 'Antimatter,' and 'Dark Matter,' we've recently discovered the existence of 'Doesn't Matter,' which appears to have no effect on the universe whatsoever."

I hope you enjoyed reading this issue of Tracks. I'd like to say I welcome criticism..... but no. I really don't. What I do welcome, is suggestions for additional Jeep related content or events. Email your ideas to me @ [Carl McFly](#)