
Tracks

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You always remember your first time....

“Testing the waters” at the 2014 Baystate Jeeps 'Jeep 101'

Thank you, Mr. Ray Mond, for letting us play in your yard

Baystate Jeepers JEEP 101 (April 26)

The 2014 Baystate Jeepers' Jeep 101 was a hit! Lots of people showed up and had a blast. But don't take my word for it - here's a few unsolicited comments from the attendees, copied from the BSJ web site....

"Just got back from Jeep 101 and wanted to say "Thanks" to all the fine people that dedicated their time to put this run on, the teaching, lunch, etc. You all did a fine job. I learned a lot, especially being the last one to make the first water crossing and having to deal with all the sloppy mud from everyone going before me! It was FUN!"



"Thank you for a great day. I had a ton of fun, and learned a lot too"



Did someone say 'horsepower'?



"A big Thank you from the newest member of Baystate Jeepers (or at least newest till yesterday....). I wanted you all to know I was a bit skeptical till yesterday as I did not know what to expect but I was blown away by hospitality, assistance and enthusiasm of all teachers and members..... A big shout out to Mike who was leading our smaller second group of Jeeps as he was simply awesome to work with us "Newbies". Myself and my wife had a blast and look forward to joining the group sometime in near future....."



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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. What does that fitty dollah get you? Only a WHOLE SEASON with Baystate Jeepers

AS a BSJ member, you get invited to club runs, camping trips, 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 if that wasn't enopugh, 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



WMMJ Invitational

Speaking of benefits of joining BSJ, the Western Maine Mountain Jeepers will be holding their 2014 Invitational on Saturday, June 7th. The location is the Bethel, ME area, about 3.5 hours from the Boston. The day starts at 9am with a day of wheeling and usually supper at a local restaurant after. In the past, two trail options have been offered: moderate and challenging.

If anyone is interested, please contact Pat Charron for locations, accommodations and other information
(You can find Pat's contact on the BSJ web site, Members Only section)



And if Bethel sounds familiar, maybe it's because of a little event you heard about up there, the Maine Jeep Jamboree? Yup bucko, this is the same area. I can't say you'll run the same trails but rumor has it the WMMJ club helps the JJ folks out



It was about 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, 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](#)

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!

Just like any other forum or site - you list, buy and sell at your own risk

Baystate Jeepers 2014 Adopt a Highway



Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up

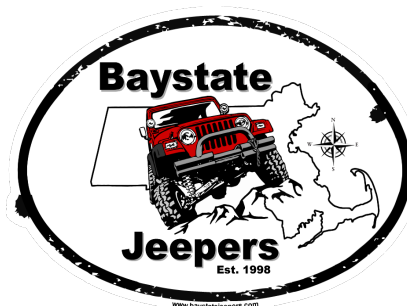
Saturday April 19, 2014

It was a very good day for a clean-up - sunny with a breeze, one of the few nice days we've had the past few months. I arrived at the meeting place at the same time as Patrick O'Connor. We chatted for a few minutes and then Mike White joined us. By 9:50 no other folks came, so we headed to the club's assigned area as Patrick was only able to help until 10:45am. Instead of splitting up like we would with a larger group, we stayed as one unit to clean each exit/entrance ramp one at a time. Fortunately, the area was not as "trashed" as it has been in past years, which helped our small group. We manage to get the two north side ramps done before Patrick had to head home. Mike & I continued with the area between the north and south ramps and as we started the south ramps, Amanda Sauer joined us. Amanda had lost her baby-sitter, so she had Logan along, who in no time was strapped into the back carrier and we were back picking trash. We finished up by 1pm, tired, but with 20 bags of trash collected. Thank you so much, Patrick, Mike and Amanda for help out. It was great appreciated!! And a thank you to Kelly for posting the clean up Evite for me.

Pat Charron, Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator

Events

The BSJ events calendar is filling up, as wheelin season is right on top of us. Now's the time to get your rig out there and join us. For a full list of events, check the BSJ website. Many events are 'members only' and don't tell me I didn't warn you. Some lucky members are heading to Rausch Creek Wheelin Park in PA (this park really needs to be on your bucket list) and some of us will be enjoying the Jeep Go Topless Days being held at various locations and this year, we have a couple dates with some big events



Jeep Go Topless Day(s) 2014

Saturday May 10 at Rumney NH

Saturday, May 10, is the GTD event at Backwoods Farm in Rumney NH. A big draw at Backwoods is their Muddy Road and this year, additional seating has been put in. For the less adventurous, there's a rock crawl, food vendors, carnival games and rides – like they say, it's a family affair

[Backwoods Farm GTD Facebook Page](#)



Backwoods Farm. Because there's no telling who you'll see there



Saturday May 17 in Monson MA

Go Topless Day will be returning to the grounds of the Quaboag Riders M/C in Monson, MA on Saturday May 17th, 2014. Anybody who was there last year knows that this was a great event and with a significantly expanded trail system 2014 promises to be even better.

As always, clubs are invited to set up a booth free of charge. Last year only 3 clubs had booths. GTD is a great opportunity to recruit new members into our community so hopefully we will see more club booths this year. If anybody knows commercial vendors who might be interested in attending then please let us know. All are welcome.

Anybody who is interested in setting up a booth should send an email togtd2014@oceanstatejeepsters.org



IT'S FINALLY HERE!

May 17th, 2014
9 am – 4 pm
\$10 per Jeep

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GO TOPLESS DAY

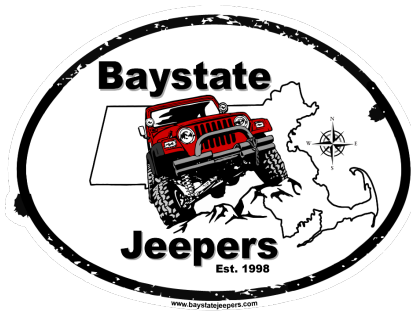
MAY 17, 2014
7TH ANNUAL

Trail Rides
Vendors
Raffles

Food
RTI Ramp
Kids Activities
More . . .

Quaboag Riders M/C * End of King Ave * Monson, MA 01057
Visit www.oceanstatejeepsters.org/gtd.html for more details

The graphic features a dark green background with a forest scene. On the right is a shield-shaped logo with a mountain, trees, and a Jeep. Below the logo, there are two photographs: the top one shows a line of Jeeps parked in a wooded area, and the bottom one shows a large crowd of people gathered around many Jeeps parked in a field. Text overlays provide event details and a list of activities.



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Baystate Jeepers forum

<http://forum.baystatejeepers.com/>

Baystate Jeepers is a member of the Northeast Association of 4WD Clubs (NEA)

<http://forum.nea4wd.org/index.php>

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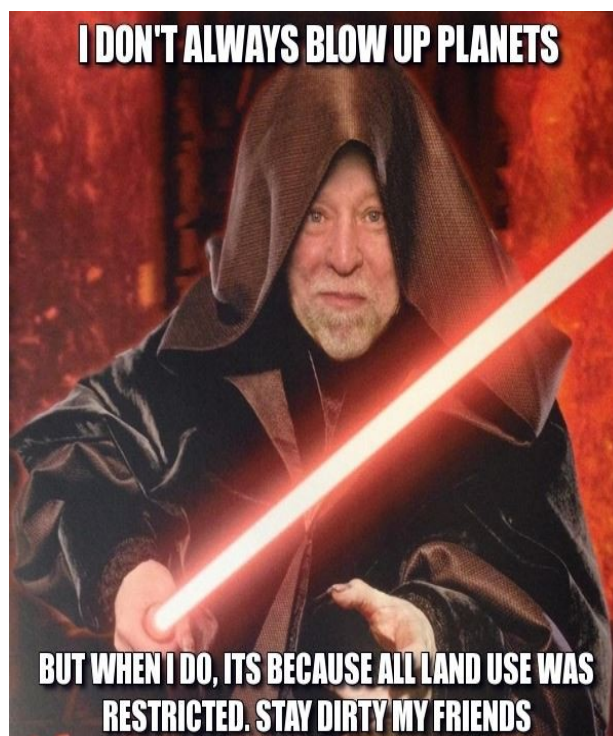
Tread Lightly

<http://www.treadlightly.org/>

Pat Charron

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This edition of Tracks was written and edited by Carl McIsaac, except where noted
(Carl McFly on the [BSJ boards](#))



Time to 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 with Jimmy Fallon, explaining how you got invited to the Stanley Cup Finals and it was all because you sent McFly a 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



I hope you enjoyed reading this issue of Tracks. I'd like to say I welcome criticism..... but I don't. So don't waste your time. But I do welcome suggestions for additional Jeep related content or events. Email your ideas to me @ [Carl McFly](#)