
Tracks

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Ryan 'Stick' Ravosa piloted his Dad's rig over the rock gahden at the Great American Jeep Rally

THE Great American Jeep Rally, Sept 13

This years event had a stellar turnout, with ~800 rigs making the trek to enjoy the day. There's WAY to many pics to post in this newsletter but you can see lots of pics and vids and 'read all about it' @ [GreatAmericanJeepRally](#). I've said it before, I'll say it again: Josh and Jeni Schwalb did nothing short of an amazing job to pull this all together. There were a lot of volunteers who contributed and every one of them deserve major kudos. Every one of them. But we all know when the chit hits the fan, who do you blame? The people in charge. Or in this case, who do you thank for working tirelessly to put on an amazing event? Yup, Josh and Jeni. You two **ROCK!!!**

We're pretty light on content this month but that happens sometimes. I decided to recycle an OBA conversion for this month's Tech Talk, seeing how winter projects will be starting soon and if you're looking for easy ideas? You're welcome.

Happy Trails

TECH TALK: OBA Conversion on a TJ

Reprinted from the June – July 2012 issues of Tracks. Winter projects aren't that far off and this is a fairly easy mod that won't disable your rig if you don't finish it. If you can live without AC and really like the security of On Board Air, this could be for you

Finally pulled the trigger on installing an OBA (On Board air) system for my 2000 TJ. She came with factory air, so the AC pump was already installed and when you're counting dollars and 'sense', that's a biggie. With a budget of \$80 for OBA, they said it couldn't be done. But 'they' didn't realize I have a porch full of Jeep junk



LEFT: this is how it looked before the hack fest. RIGHT: JP magazine ran an article on OBA and they plumbed their intake line to breather line off the valve cover. I opted for the \$10 Pep Boys air filter. Bigggg pimpin

LEFT: The only thing this compressor did really well, was overheat and blow fuses on my inverter. But it sure has a lot of good parts.

RIGHT: After some creative cutting, grinding and painting, it finally looks presentable

Post dismantling, I have an air tank with a 70 / 100 psi pressure switch, half my air manifold, tank and airline pressure gauges, and an over pressure valve. \$35 later at Cheapo Depot and I have the rest of my manifold, water separator, various T's and fittings, and I'm about half way through my budget. Amazon is supplying the \$10 check valve and I'm hitting the porch for hoses to plumb it all, leaving \$25 for misc.



Want more details and tech specs? Check out these links for more helpful hints

<http://www.jeepforum.com/forum/f9/board-air-conversion-stock-tj-c-system-full-write-up-pictures-1382701/>

<http://www.baystatejeepers.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=3&t=2468&p=22362&hilit=OBA#p22362>

CFAC

Crawling For A Cure, *On the Trail for Breast Cancer Research and Survivors* is gearing up for our second year and this year will feature two events! The First of our events will be on October 4th at the Backwoods Farm in Rumney, NH, this year we are looking forward to the same great features of that site with the Muddy Road, man made obstacle course, RTI ramp and this year we are looking forward to adding a chance to run the trails across the street which has some terrain for everyone. Our second event will be in Monson MA at the Quaboag Riders property on October 18th 2014. This location promises to be a great draw with some great trails, a man made comp course that challenges the best built buggies as well as demonstrations throughout the day on the Monson Monster with some competition built trucks and motorcycles! Its always a treat to watch these rigs climb that hill!



Both events will also feature vendors and raffle prizes. Admission for either event is \$15 for the driver and a recommended \$5 dollars per passenger (children under 12 are free). As always Breast Cancer Survivors and patients ride for free. The first 250 rigs will also get a swag bag, shirts will be available for purchase onsite along with food and raffle prizes. Both events will start at 9am rain or shine! Proceeds from the event will again benefit the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and the Pink Angels Inc. (a 501c3 a New England-based charity assisting breast cancer patients and survivors with various needs). Last year we were very happy to donate a combined total of \$5000 to these organizations. If you are interested in being a vendor, volunteering for the event or donating a raffle prize please email us at CFAC.org@gmail.com Also we are offering event shirt sponsorship for the back of the shirt for \$100.

Please plan to visit us our booth at the Second Annual Ocean State Jeep Festival on August 16th in North Kingstown RI or the Great American Jeep Rally September 12th in Ellington CT to pick up stickers or swag and sign up for our event.

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

Thank you for all of your support!

The CFAC Team

BSJ is Looking for a Few Good Jeeps

(and the guys and gals who drive them)

Baystate Jeepers is accepting membership and the cost is only \$50. What does that fitty dollah get you? Invitations to club runs, camping trips, trips to off road parks, access to the Members Only BSJ forums and if that wasn't enough, you're eligible to attend 'NEA only' events. Baystate Jeepers is a family oriented, stock(ish) friendly, Jeep-specific club. We understand that we're not for everyone and if you're on the fence about joining or not sure BSJ is a good fit for you, then can 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

Jeeps, Jeep Pahts and More

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

Then you need to check out my lightly moderated, Jeep specific forum where the rule is, play nice. We're closing in on 1,300 members, so check out [New England Jeep Parts](#) and ask to join for free. But caveat emptor! Just like any other forum or site, it's all on you. You list, buy and sell at your own risk



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](#)

(August 4, 2014 update posted on Baystate Jeepers web site, courtesy of Kelly)

Spring was a decent success, trying it again this summer/fall for SPRING bulbs!

For those of you that didn't know her, she was a BSJ member. We lost her because of her never ending desire to help her friend who was drowning. Neither made it out of the waters off Gloucester alive.

Please help us honor her memory with this fund raising effort. This Spring we awarded THREE students with scholarship funds and also were able to send her son a check as well.

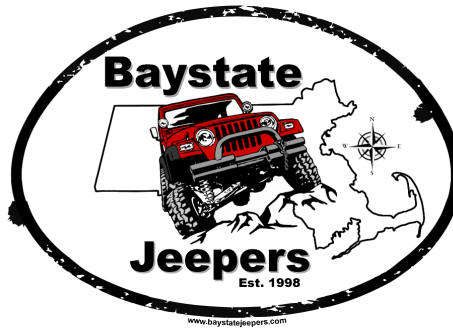
You can find the Fundraiser here; http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/c...n_id=19610

And our Facebook page for further info here; <https://www.facebook.com/EvelynMHoweMem...e=bookmark>

If you have any students that would like to apply, please have them contact us at; EvesFund.Kelly@gmail.com and we can send them an application. Doing this early ensures they have time to have FUN with the application process! This applies to High School graduating Seniors going on to college.

Thanks in advance gang!

Sure do miss her!



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Time to Air Up and Head Back to the DeathStar

DID YOU KNOW that as a member of Baystate Jeepers, your rig can be on the cover of Tracks? Send me a pic, and you're in. Preferably a Jeep in it's natural habitat but nobody's beating down my door with requests so I'll take what I can get

I hope you enjoyed reading this issue of Tracks. I always welcome suggestions for additional Jeep related content
Email your ideas to me @ [Carl McFly](#)