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# Tracks

*The Official Newsletter of Baystate Jeepers*

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**My rig in warmer, happier days. Learn how to get YOUR rig on the next cover of Tracks**

If you're reading this, congratulations! You survived one of the nastiest, coldest, snowiest winters EVAH. Give yourself a hand, you deserve it. Unless you're one of those snow birds..... then forget it..... but welcome back

Like most of us who heed the call of wheelin, I headed into the off-season with plans. Those plans didn't include finding out my frame had wicked serious problems. In the end, it came down to three options: dump my rig and abandon the wheelin lifestyle, part my rig out and start over, or have it professionally repaired. This wasn't a decision to take lightly as no matter which way I chose, the financial ramifications were significant. Ditching the wheelin lifestyle was taken off the table. I've met so many new friends since I bought this rig, it's kind of crazy when you think about it. Start over? Repair it? Either way meant forking over a bag stuffed with \$20 bills. In the end, I opted for the professional repair. OK, it was a small bag. But it still stung.

**Who's ready for some wheeling?????** If you look out over your hood, you'll see a full season of wheeling in front of you. [Snowmageddon of '15](#) be damned, your Board of Directors planned an awesome season and full slate of events. Wheeling, camping and road trips (to wheeling sites) are all on the table. Lets kick it

**Happy Trails!**



# Wrenchfests and More Wrenchfests

(what we did over the long, cold winter)

The winter months are a time to lick our wounds, heal our rigs and then prep for Spring so we can do it all again. And there's no better way to work on your rig than with some friends. I have no idea who came up with the idea of a Wrenchfest but I can tell you that Baystate Jeepers took it to the next level. When the call goes out for help wrenchin on your rig? You're gonna get a response from some of Baystate's finest. Not braggin, just sayin. It's what we do. Here's a few highlights from this past wintah

## Rust and Rot

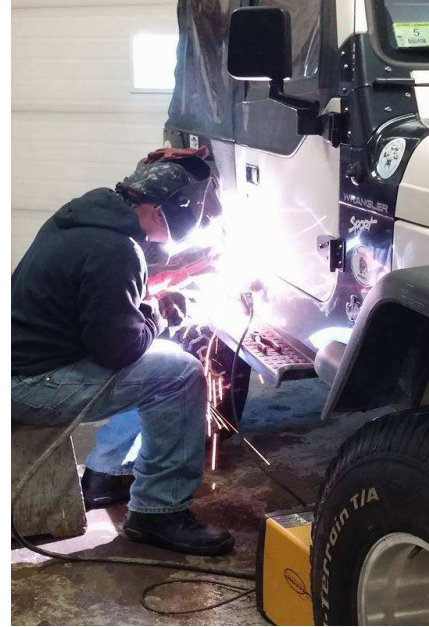
Amanda had some fendah rot so I cleaned it up.....



.....cut a patch.....



.....welded it in....



Grind and paint, call it a day

We also tackled some bigger jobs that day. Mr Rey's rotted TJ frame got some McLovin from the BSJ crew

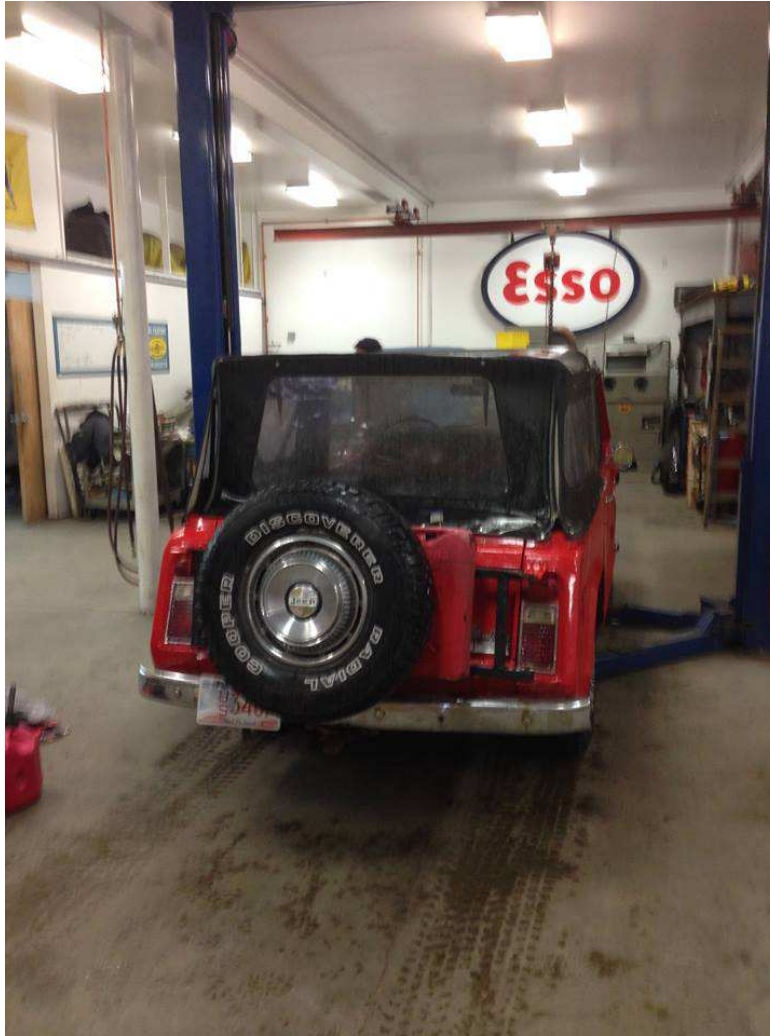


This obviously wasn't the final product - we plated 3 sides and all seams were welded nice and purdy



## Comman-doh!

Another wrenchfest was held in the mother of all garages, this time to work on a Commando. The goal was to replace brake lines and a leaky gas tank but when you open up a 45 year old can of worms? Sometimes you're not 100% prepared for what you find. We made a LOT of progress with brake lines and the gas tank but seized wheel cylinders put the brakes on our progress (heh, heh, see what I did there?) and a questionable wheel bearing had us going in another direction (I just can't stop.....) All in all it was a very good day with significant progress made



Track the progress on this wicked cool build

[Jeff's Commando Build Thread @ Baystate Jeeps](#)

# BSJ is Looking for a Few Good Jeeps



Baystate Jeepers is a family oriented, stock(ish) friendly, Jeep-specific club and we're accepting applications for 2015. Like they say, membership has its privileges. Club runs, camping, trips to off road parks, access to the Members Only BSJ forums, attending 'NEA only' events, and more. Like wrenchfests

We understand we're not for everyone so if you're on the fence about joining BSJ, ask about joining a run as a guest. No commitment required. Meet the people who make up Baystate and see if we're a good fit for you

You can download a BSJ membership application here [Baystate Jeepers Member App](#) or to see more of what we're about you can visit our web site [Baystate Jeepers Forum](#) to sign up for complimentary access to the forums. Under 'New Member Checkin', introduce yourself and ask about joining us on a trail run

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## Spring Meeting

We had our Spring meeting on March 8 and the turnout was awesome. Club veterans mixed it up with newer members and lunch was supplied courtesy of BSJ. Open discussions were held on club business and various motions were presented and voted on. Your editor gave an update on Tracks and it went something like this.....



Just kidding. The truth is I received a humbling, warm welcome and the crowd was receptive to my less than polished, sometimes rambling delivery. I'm incredibly thankful for all the friends I've met in Baystate and hope I can give back to the club by doing the best I can with Tracks

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## [New England Jeep Parts](#)

Show of hands – who's looking for Jeep parts? Or maybe you want to thin your herd? Maybe your significant other would like their space back? Then check out [New England Jeep Parts](#). A private and lightly moderated Jeep parts forum where the rule is, respect. Closing in on 2000 members, you won't find RayBan's, porn or girlfriends. There's plenty of other options for that stuff. Check out [New England Jeep Parts](#) and tell them McFly sent you

## Mark Your Calendar

BSJ has a stacked calendar of events planned for 2015. Some events are BSJ members only and others are public but they're all sure to be fun. Members can check out the most recent calendar on the [Baystate Jeepers Forum](#) and your email for e-vites. If you're interested in joining us on a club event check out "A Few Good Jeeps" for details



04/11/15 Jeep 101  
04/18/15 Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up (Central Mass)  
05/02/15 NEA Meeting\*  
05/09/15 Central Mass Run  
05/16/15 Go Topless Day – Monson Mass \*  
05/27/15 Rausch Creek – Tremont, PA  
06/20/15 Southern NH – Camping Weekend  
06/27/15 Western MA Run  
07/18/15 Central NH Run  
07/25/15 Western MA – Camping Weekend  
08/01/15 NEA Meeting\*  
08/12/15 Rausch Creek – Tremont, PA  
08/15/15 Southern NH Run  
08/22/15 Southern NH – Camping Weekend  
08/28/15 Rocky Mt Terrain Park  
09/12/15 Fall Crawl Weekend (Southern NH) \*  
09/19/15 Great American Jeep Rally – Ellington, CT \*  
09/25/15 Central NH / Mt Washington Weekend  
10/03/15 Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up (Central Mass)  
10/03/15 Crawling for a Cure – Rumney, NH \*  
10/17/15 Crawling for a Cure – Monson, MA \*  
10/24/15 Southern NH Run  
10/31/15 Fall Meeting (Location TBD)  
11/07/15 NEA Meeting\*  
11/21/15 Central Mass Run / Pot Luck  
11/27/15 Turkey Trot – Southern NH Class VI

\* Non-Baystate Jeepers Event



It was almost two years ago we lost a dear friend. Evelyn Howe tragically lost her life 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. Help us remember her by showing your support for the Evelyn Howe Memorial Scholarship fund, [Evelyn M Howe Memorial Scholarship](#). We miss you Eve





## **Crawling For A Cure 2014 Year-in-Review**

Written and edited by Jeff Cambray

Crawling For A Cure; On the Trail for Breast Cancer Research and Survivors was founded in early 2012. In October of 2013, we had our 1st Annual Event at the Backwoods Farm in Rumney, NH. With the support of the off-road community, we were able to donate a total of \$5,000 to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and The Pink Angels, Inc.. In late 2013, we also became an officially registered charity in the State of Massachusetts.

Crawling For A Cure (CFAC) is organized entirely by volunteers with the mission to support breast cancer patients by contributing financially to their survivorship and to help fund research to cure breast cancer. In 2014, CFAC once again had informational vendor booths at numerous New England-area events including Go Topless Days in Rumney, NH and Monson, MA, the Ocean State Jeepster Festival in Kingston, RI and the perennial favorite: the Great American Jeep Rally in Ellington, CT. It's amazing to see the year-on-year growth at each of these events and we thank our hosts for having us and for supporting CFAC!

This past October, we held our own 2nd Annual Crawling For A Cure events. The first event was held at the Backwoods Farm on a rainy October 4<sup>th</sup>, but that didn't stop people from all over New England from coming out and showing their support. We are very grateful that the Backwoods Farm hosted us again, since literally, the day before the event they had a fire that destroyed their home. Tom and Lisa Lord were adamant that our event proceed as planned, so people were treated to a good time on Muddy Road (the 150' mud pit), moderate trails on the property, and lots of raffle prizes. One of the standouts that day was a visit from NH State Senator Jeanie Forrester- she took not one, but several rides through the Muddy Road as well as a trail ride courtesy of our fans! She was an incredibly good sport and was quite muddy when she left!



Our second event was held at the Quaboag Riders M/C's land in Monson MA on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Thankfully, it was a warm, sunny day and we were again graced by people from all over New England as well as a few folks that took the drive from NY and NJ. The East Coast Off-Road Jeepers of Connecticut did a great job organizing the trail rides and the Ocean State Jeepsters provided great logistical support! In addition, the Quaboag Riders M/C graciously arranged for demonstration climbs of the Monson Monster- these were a huge hit! This event also had a nice variety of raffle prizes with a lot of people going home with some great new gear as well as a few winning a weekend of wheeling at the Maine Warrior Salute next August!



In total, CFAC had about 250 vehicles enter the gates and over 350 people in attendance our two events in 2014! As we enter December, we are pleased to announce we have made a donation of \$3,500 each to both The Pink Angels, Inc. and to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute's Susan F. Smith Breast Cancer Center. Thanks to your support, CFAC donated a total of \$7,000 in 2014!! This is an incredible \$2,000 more than our donation of \$5,000 in 2013 and we simply could not have done it without you! As always, we are overwhelmed by your generosity, touched by the personal stories that you share with us, and delighted to visit with you at our events. We would like to offer a special thanks to Steve's Jeep Country for their generous donation of a winch for the NH event and Superwinch, LLC of CT for donating a winch for the MA event as well as all of the generous support from our assorted ongoing vendors like Elias 4WD Center and Black Widow Customs.

We have already established dates for our 2015 Crawling For A Cure events: we will be back at the Backwoods Farm on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and at the Quaboag Riders M/C land on October 17<sup>th</sup>! A special thank you to the Backwoods Farm and the Quaboag Riders M/C for opening their homes and land to us- your support means the world to us! If you would like to donate time, raffle prizes, or would like to learn more about CFAC, please feel free to contact us at [info@crawlingforacure.org](mailto:info@crawlingforacure.org) or visit our website at [CrawlingForACure.org](http://CrawlingForACure.org).

### **Quick update for 2015:**

In mid-February CFAC was approached by the Pacific Northwest Four Wheel Drive Association, Trail Jamboree which is a jeep event in Washington State. This is their 26th year, and they will host approximately 400-500 guests and 150 jeeps from July 8-12. The exchange that ensued quickly evolved into a new program for Crawling For A Cure: the Trail Ride Program.

This program is simple, interested parties are sent an application, once they are vetted, we sign an agreement. The basics are; in exchange for hosting the run and having a guests sign a waiver we will provide them with a trail ride sticker and offer the option of shipping them swag and promotional material as well as an official letter of support to help in dealing with local vendors and other organizations. We ask the host to select a local Breast Cancer patient and survivor charity. We split the proceeds of the run after expenses with the local charity to help keep local money local and send a CFAC check in the hosts name to the locally chosen patient organization and the other half of the money is sent to a National foundation doing breast cancer research in October.

Since the inception of the program we have had interest in hosting other events in Folsom CA, Phoenix AZ, Upstate NY, and RI and we really have not launched the program yet! The official launch of the first CFAC Trail ride will be in Monson MA at Ocean State Jeepsters Go Topless Day! We will have two trail rides to benefit CFAC and officially launch the program! Stay tuned to our website and Facebook page (nearing 1,800 likes as of this writing) for more exciting updates and new trail rides as they are announced!

# WORD SEARCH

You know the drill - how many words can YOU find? The first person to find them all and post results on the BSJ forums wins the Grand Prize. In case of a tie, the Tracks Editor will randomly determine a winner

**WRANGLER**

**WINCH**

**JEEP**

**DRIVESHAFT**

**TJ**

**SCRAMBLER**

**LIFTED**

**DANA**

**COMMANDO**

**AXLE**

**SWAMPERS**

**JK**

**BEADLOCK**

**TRAILS**

**BROKEN**

**BUSTED**

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# Time to Air Up

**DID YOU KNOW** that as a member of Baystate Jeepers, your rig can be on the cover of Tracks? All it takes is a high resolution pic and you're in. Submissions are usually handled on a first come, first served basis but trail pics are preferred. If you'd like to share your latest offroading exploits with the rest of the class, send me pics (or links to pics and video's) and I can share them with your Jeep peeps. We also welcome tech tips and tricks, write ups on your build, upgrades or repair - it's all good. Keep those cards and letters coming, and Happy Trails!

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## An update from Del Albright

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Volunteer Leader & Land Stewardship Workshop (VLLS) <http://www.rltc.biz>

30 Students from 8 States Complete 2015 Volunteer Leader & Land Stewardship (VLLS) Workshop

Presented by BFGoodrich Tires and Omix-ADA/Rugged Ridge

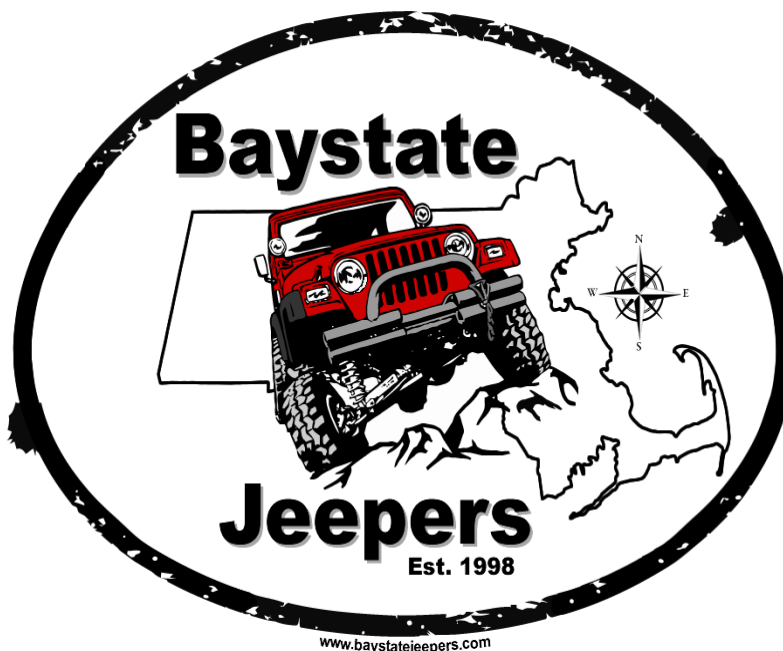
(Mokelumne Hill, CA, March 11, 2015). Albright Enterprises is proud to announce the completion of the fifth Volunteer Leader & Land Stewardship (VLLS) Workshop – the only one of its kind in the country.

Thirty-one students graduated on March 1st from this two and a half-day boot camp on leadership training in land use and access. (More @ [http://www.delalbright.com/RLTC/vlls\\_2015\\_press\\_release.pdf](http://www.delalbright.com/RLTC/vlls_2015_press_release.pdf))

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