
Tracks

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Lou (aka Spudcannons) Flexin His New, Long-Arm'd JK at THE Jeep 101

This month's cover pic is courtesy of Dave C. This shot was taken at THE Baystate Jeepers Jeep 101 that was once again held on Ray Mond's awesome farm. Keep reading for more details on the J-101 but for now, let's kick it with some tech stuff. Happy Trails!

Wrenchfest at Waynes World

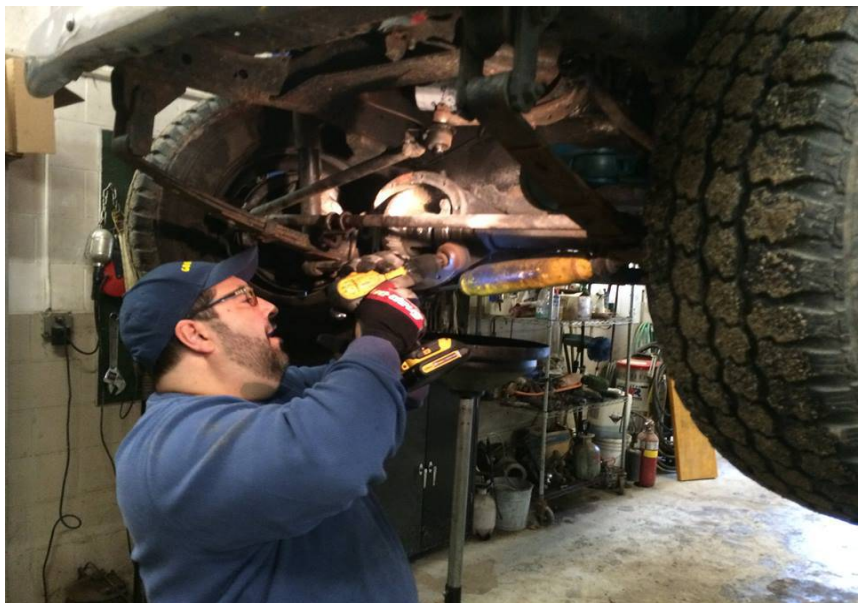
An unpublicized benefit of joining a club like Baystate Jeepers is the access you have to the bottomless pool of talent BSJ members bring to the table. And their propensity to help. When a call goes out for wrenchin help, it's not uncommon to get at least a couple responses, which is exactly what happened in early April. Jeff's Commando needed some maintenance and my Novak shifter wasn't doing any good collecting dust. Kurt and Nathan supplied some much appreciated muscle and talent while Jeff and I supplied the rigs, pizza and tools. We got a lot done, had a lot of laughs and most important of all, Nathan is now a certified, card carrying member of Baystate's Grease Gang

Jeff's 'Manndo

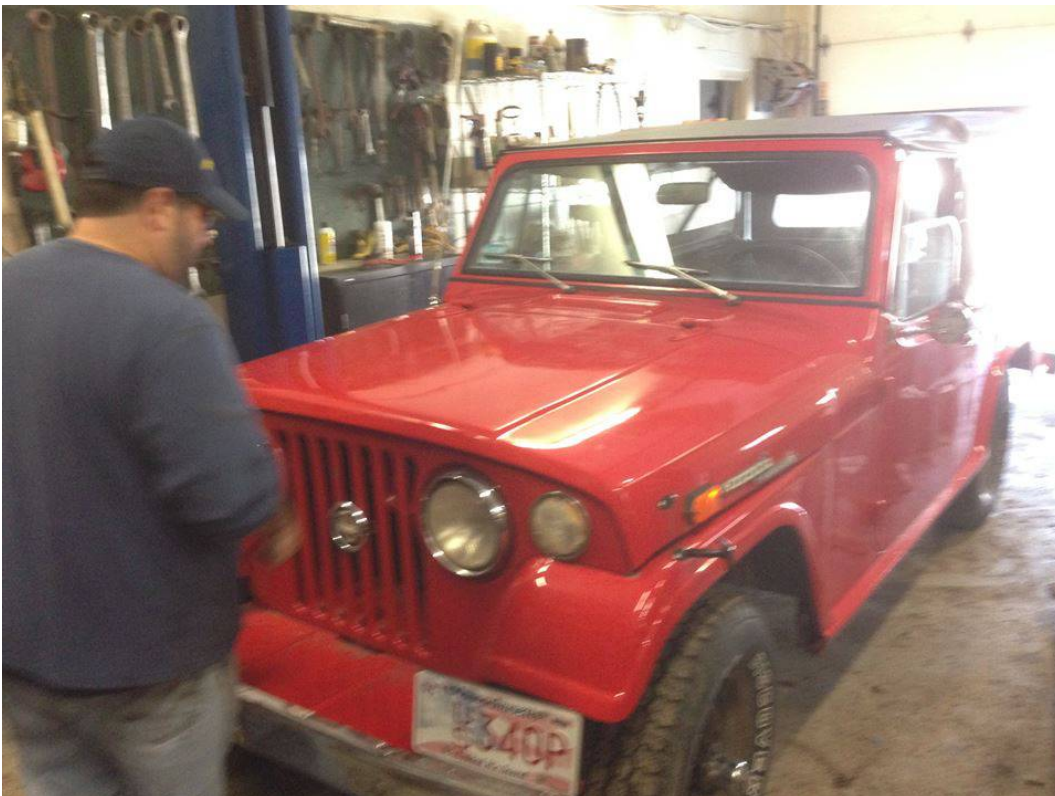
Fluid changes for the front and rear diffs were on the agenda. The gray, pancake-batter-like substance that was in the front diff? Not expected but when you deal with 45 year old 'Murican iron, things happen. Fortunately, the water infused diff fluid didn't do any apparent damage to the gears or bearings, they seemed to be in remarkable shape. All the offensive 'fluid' was removed, the gear assembly was cleaned and flushed, reassembled and topped off with fresh gear oil



Look at those purty teeth!



"A clean mounting surface, is a happy mounting surface"



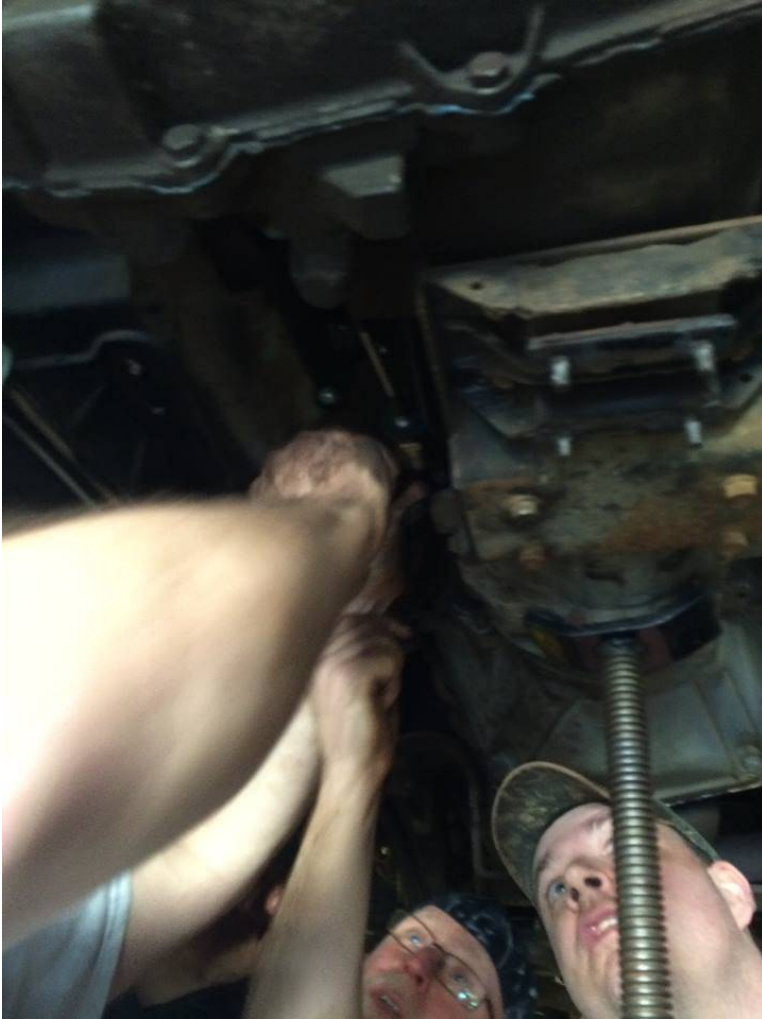
She's so pretty, had to have one more pic

Track the progress on this wicked cool build

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

McFly's Novak

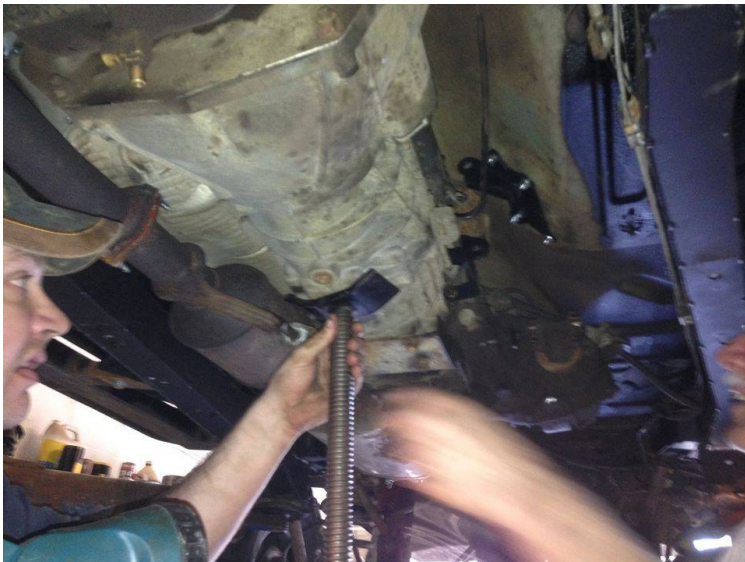
On the ride to Wayne's World my rig suffered a wardrobe malfunction on the highway. Turns out when your soft top blows off at highway speeds, it's LOUD. And scary! A bit of water might have leaked out. So I headed home to lick my wounds, duct tape my top together, and change my drawers. Then Jeff called me and told me to get my azz back there. OK not really in those words, but he gave a compelling argument and I'm grateful he talked me off the ledge. I would've missed an awesome day of wrenchin and laughs. My plan was to document the install process with pics but I'll blame Post Topless Stress Syndrome for throwing me off my game. Thanks again Kurt, Nathan and Jeff for the help. And a very special thanks to Nathan for your years of service to our country



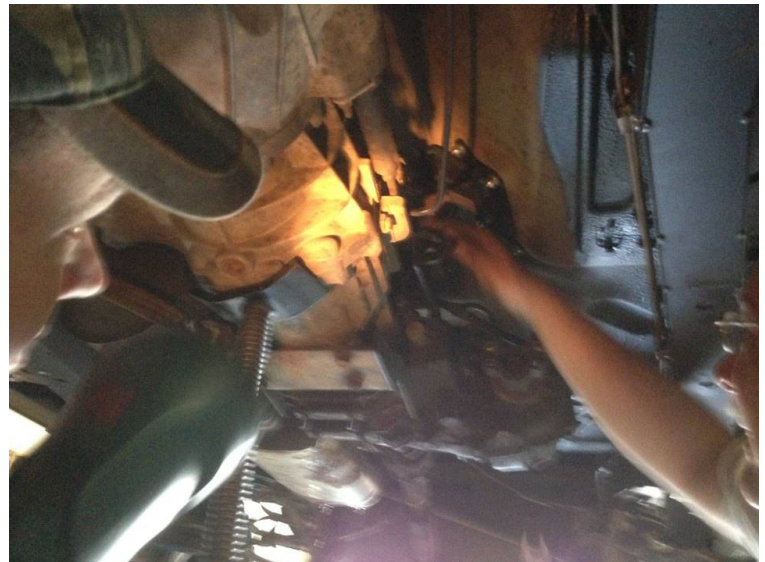
Nathan and Carl intently watching Kurt spin a wrench



Some people won't believe this is my frame. But it is. And it's amazing



After dropping the skids, supporting your tranny is vital



Not sure what's going on here but obviously, McFly is slacking

[New England Jeep Parts](#)

Who's looking for Jeep parts? Who isn't? Or maybe you want to recycle your old parts? [New England Jeep Parts](#) is for you. A private and lightly moderated Jeep specific forum where the rule is, respect. With over 2000 members, you might find what you're looking for or a buyer for what you don't need. What you won't find is RayBan's, porn or girlfriends, but 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 full calendar and something for everyone. Most events are BSJ membahs only but a few are open to the public. BSJ Members can check the calendar on the [Baystate Jeepers Forum](#) for updates, and your email for e-vites. If you're interested in joining us on a club run, check out "BSJ Membership" for details



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

Jeep 101, April 25

This years Jeep 101 had a solid turnout, with over a dozen rigs and ~25 people enjoying the day. It started with informative sessions to prep people for their first time on the trails. For some, the trail rides were their first time off roading. For others, it wasn't their first rodeo but a chance to knock off the dust that collected over the long winter



One of the presentations was a 'get to know your rig' sort of thing and as part of that, people were given the opportunity to flex out on Baystate's RTI ramp



The Log Walk was a chance to prove your stuff. Unfortunately, 'some' people didn't listen to their spotter and fell off the log (OK, it was me.... and yes I heard about it)



After lunch, the stream crossing and wet hill climb were waiting for attendees

BSJ Membership



Baystate Jeepers is a family oriented, stock(ish) friendly, Jeep-specific club and we're accepting applications for 2015. Members enjoy club runs, camping, trips to off road parks, access to the Members Only BSJ forums, attending 'NEA only' events, and more. We understand we're not for everyone, and that's OK. If you're on the fence about joining Baystate, you can ask about joining a club run as a guest. No commitment required. Meet the people who make up Baystate and see if we're a good fit for you. Browse on over to [Baystate Jeepers Forum](#), introduce yourself and ask about joining a run as a guest



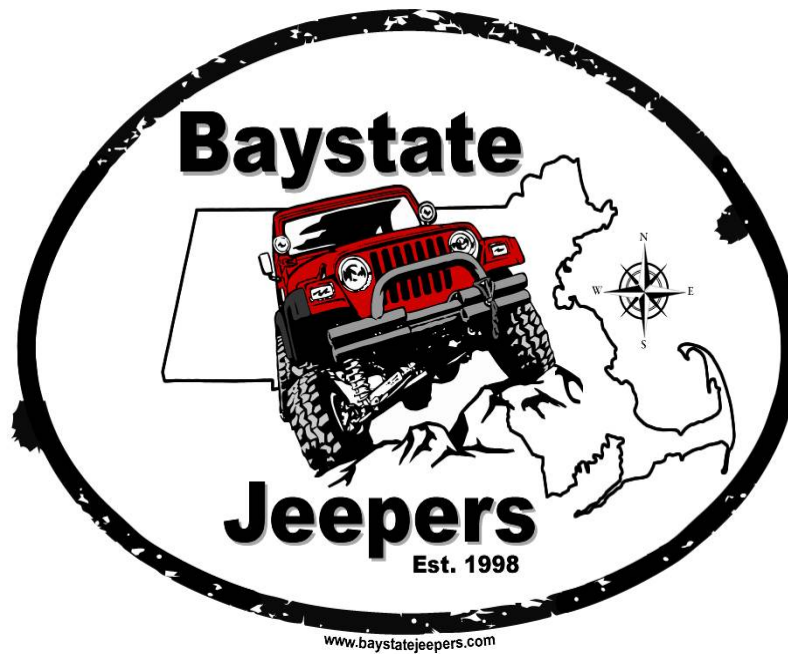
Adopt a Highway

Saturday, April 18 turned out to be one of the best days we've enjoyed so far this spring - sunny, warm and no wind. A great day for an Adopt A Highway clean-up. Unfortunately only two members attended, but the three of us gave it our best effort.

A heartfelt thank you to Don Moran and Dan Beyea for each travelling a considerable distance to help; the melted snow revealed a considerable amount of trash but in a little over two hours we were able to cleaned the two ramps on the north side of Rte 190 and that filled 15 bags. I sure hope all the folks that discard their coffee cups, soda and beer cans, water bottles, nips and food wrappers as they exit Rte 190 noticed the difference!!

Hopefully a second clean up planned for Saturday, May 2 will happen and we can tackle the two south ramps and then our Adopt A Highway area will be looking good!!! Again, kudos to Dan and Don - thank you.

Pat Charron A-A-H coordinator



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Don Dewar

Time to Air Up

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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!



This edition of Tracks was written and edited by Carl McIsaac, except where noted
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