
Tracks

The Official Newsletter of Baystate Jeepers

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It's been quite a year for Ralph. He gets a Superwinch winch, installed by Superwinch folks, at the Superwinch factory. Then he got to give it a good workout with a Jeep full of friends

Welcome to the September issue of Tracks. There's a lot going on, with wheelin tales and the years biggest events right around the corner. Of course we're talking Fall Crawl and THE Great American Jeep Rally. Let's have a look at what your editor was able to string together this month. Hope you enjoy this issue and as always, Happy Trails

Club Run August 15, Southern NH

For the first time in several years, we got to wheel some property in Southern NH that was off-limits for a while. Somewhere along the line, our trail leaders rear differential decided it was time for a rebuild. But leaving no man (or Jeep) behind, he was pulled / strapped / towed back to civilization where we encountered a monsoon that blew out of nowhere. Most people had no doors but it's all good, I mean, they are Jeeps



Pretty sure this is where Jay's rear diff grenaded



Even after cleaning up some mud, Ralph still had a reminder of how deep it was

Overheard on the CB while driving in the torrential downpours:

"Carl, all I can see is your taillights. If you end up in a ditch, I'm following you"

"The rain is coming up through the holes in my floor and covering the inside of my windshield"

(After we drove out of the rain) "Hey! That last bump fixed my wipers"

*Pucker Factor: Off the CHARTS
(*see next article)



This might not work but click on the URL to see a video of this, taken in real time
You don't always get a good reference of how steep something is, but these two views might help :)

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August Club Run, Field and Forest Pay-to-Play

Some of the bigger rigs in the club met up for a wheelin and camping weekend at Field and Forest



Frank navigates Mona through the speed bumps



“Pucker Factor”: a term used to describe how tight your sphincter will be after tackling an obstacle or line
Example: "That line has a wicked high pucker factor"



(See “Pucker Factor”, above)

When you own a Jeep, you can drive over things

Written and submitted by Pat Charron

Recently, I was returning home on a Sunday evening, heading in west on what I consider a some-what country road: no businesses, mostly houses with decent sized yards, some close together and some more spaced out with trees and small undeveloped areas between them but the road is wide and well traveled. (trying to set up a visual.)

A car heading east flashed their lights as they approached me (it was still daylight), so I figured it was the usual warning for a parked cruiser somewhere up ahead. I travel this road frequently and thought it odd as I can't recall the last time, if ever, I've seen a cruiser parked anywhere along the stretch I was on. Oh well, I was doing the speed limit, so I wasn't concerned.

I also need to mention that there was a vehicle in front of me, if I recall correctly, a Subaru, of which I was several car lengths from.

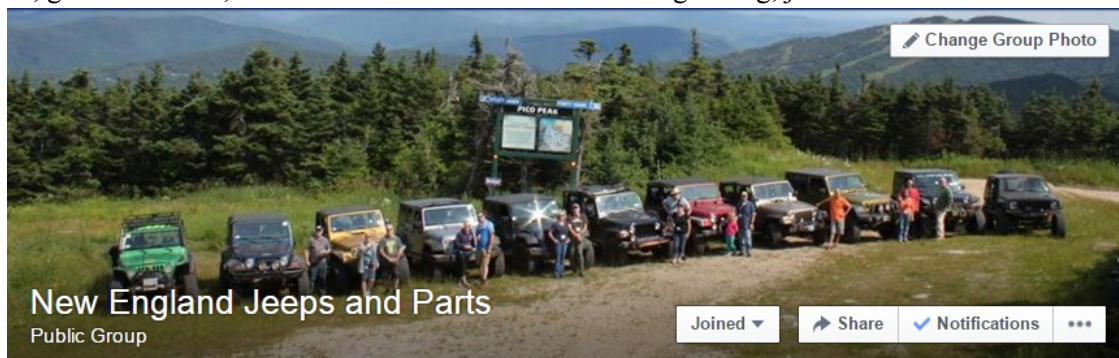
About a mile down, at the crest of a knoll with a slight right curve, the Subaru came to a near stop - did I mention the speed limit on this stretch is 45 mph? (this is when you do not want to be distracted by a cell phone). However, the cause was not a cruiser but a tree limb approx 8" or so in diameter across our lane and about 2/3 of the eastbound lane, which had two guys standing off to the side - they must have heard the branch fall and came to investigate. There was a car approaching from the opposite lane, which had naturally slowed down considerably but was still moving. The Subaru driver didn't see a need to let the eastbound car go through the available opening first, even though I believe they had the right of way, he proceeded to drive all the way to the far end of the other lane to clear every bit of the those branches.

I am stopped, observing all this and thinking to myself " I am behind the wheel of a Jeep, a Jeep that I off road with; why am I sitting here waiting for the guy in the opposite lane to pass so that I can go around something that I am perfectly capable of going OVER? I think not!!"

So, staying in my lane, I proceeded over the tree limbs. I was looking at where I was going, so I did not observe the reaction of the other driver or the two guys standing to the side. I can tell you that it felt good to own a Jeep !!

New England Jeeps and Parts

Put FB to good use and check out [New England Jeeps and Parts](#), a lightly moderated Jeep-specific page where you can buy, sell, trade, get tech advice, and more. With 2500+ members and growing, join for free. Tell them McFly sent you



Thinking about Joining Baystate Jeepers?

Baystate Jeepers is a family oriented, stock friendly and Jeep-specific club. We offer club runs, camping, trips to off road parks, access to the Members Only BSJ forums, attending 'NEA only' events, and more. We're not for everyone, and that's OK

If you're on the fence about joining Baystate or would like to see if Baystate is a good fit for you, visit the [Baystate Jeepers Forum](#), introduce yourself and ask about joining us on a club run as a guest



Great American Jeep Rally, September 19th, Ellington CT

THE Great American Jeep Rally is right around the corner and this years event is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever. Your favorite vendors and sponsors are coming back, and we're welcoming new ones. Cheer on the rigs in the Rock Garden and Mud Pit, grab some lunch from one of the food vendors and visit the booths of the vendors, who donated some amazing prizes for this years raffles. Check out some drone vids from the 2014 Rally @ [THE Great American Jeep Rally 2014 Video](#)

Find them, 'Like' them and Follow them on FB and Twitter

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Crawling for a Cure

One of the most successful, grass root charitable organizations I know of, Crawling for a Cure was the brain child of a few dedicated Jeepers. "Crawling For a Cure is an annual off-road family- and survivor-friendly event designed to raise money for breast cancer research and survivors" This organization has grown exponentially over a few years, through the tireless efforts of a few individuals. Like any charitable organization, they can always use your help and support. If you haven't already, please follow them on FaceBook and support them at one of their scheduled events. Thank you

[Crawling for a Cure Web Site](#)

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Let's go places and eat things!!



BSJ Members – please 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

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)g
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

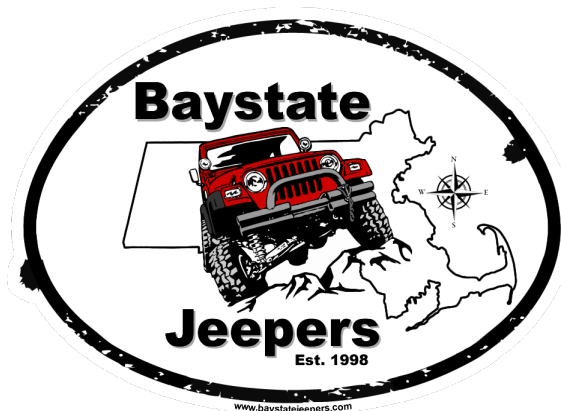
* Non-Baystate Jeepers Event



A dear friend and fellow Jeep, Evelyn Howe, had her life cut short while trying to help a friend. Eve was 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



Don't miss the adventures of Baystate's finest as we recount their trip to an off-road park in Maine
All that – and more – in the October issue of Tracks. Happy Trails y'all



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Don Dewar

Air Up

Want to see your rig on the cover of Tracks? Send me a high resolution pic, and you're in. And 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 put an article together, share them with our Jeep peeps. We also welcome tech tips, write ups on your build, upgrades or repair - it's all good



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

