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Western, MA- May 6, 2018

Go Topless Day- May 19, 2018

Central, MA- May 20, 2018

NH Camping Trip- May 25-27, 2018

The View from The Cheap Seats

By, Carl "McFly" McIssac

April 7, 2018

The 2018 Jeep 101 is in the books, as well as a trail clean-up & run on the NEA property in Northern Mass. My name is Carl (aka Carl McFly) and here's my view. From the cheap seats.

Jeep 101, April 7 - club member, wheeling aficionado and someone I'm proud to call a friend, Ray Mond once again opened up his farm to let us host the Jeep 101 and run some trails. I assisted with the 'Know Your Jeep' presentation, along with Mahk (aka Mark) and if you were there, thanks for attending and I hope you had a good time.



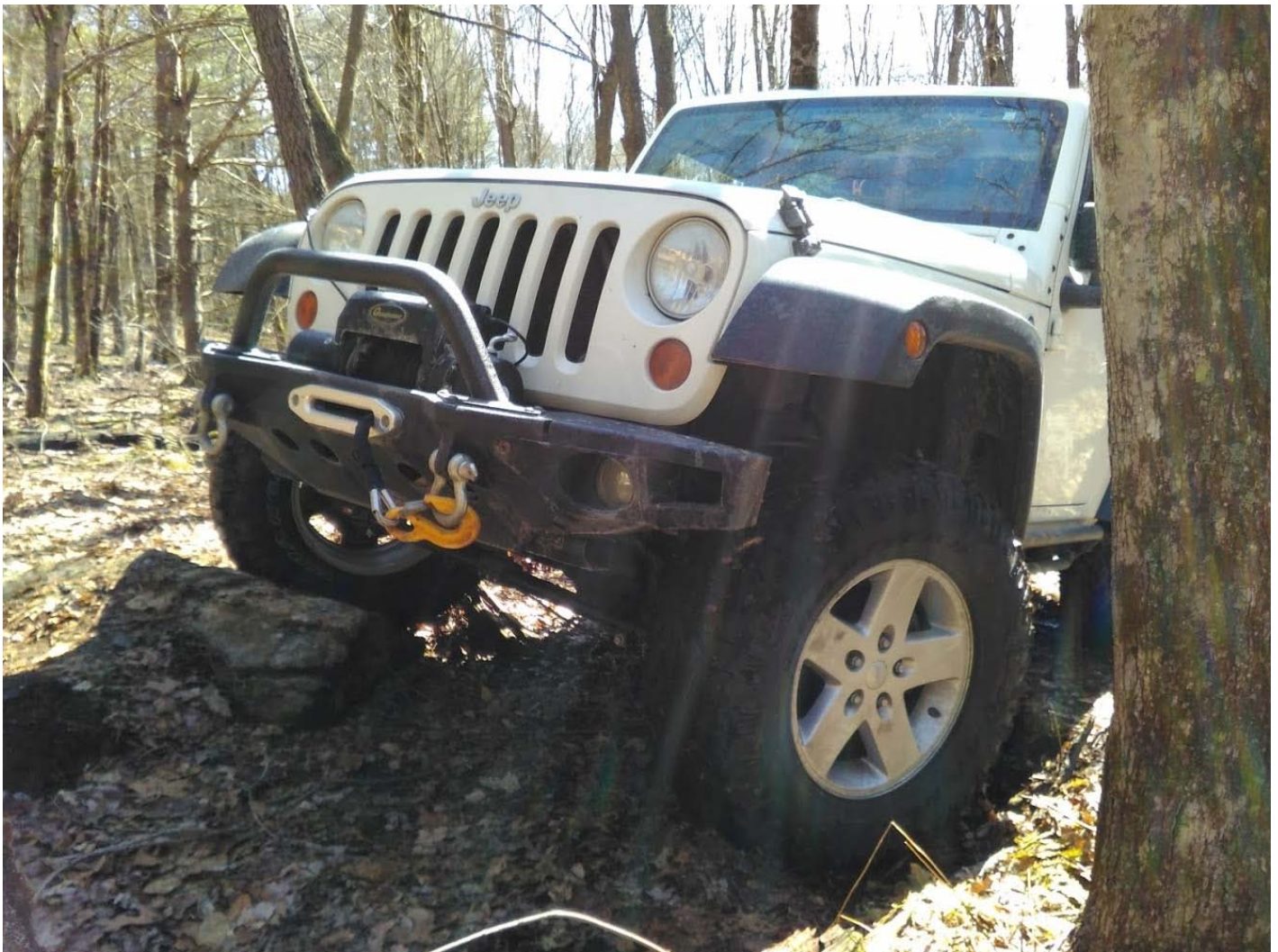
The event was planned and supported by BSJ members who volunteered their time and it's our way of giving back to the club, introducing people to wheeling in a controlled and judgment free environment, and it's also a good way to meet you.

Apparently, some people were anxious to hit the trails, as about 6 or more rigs in group 2 left with group 1. Being the tail gunner in group 2, I was OK with that, smaller groups are easier to manage but when with a smaller group things got interesting when the last 3 rigs got left behind (remember that chat we had about keeping the Jeep behind you in your mirror?) but it was all good. We were on private property, there weren't a lot of options to really get lost and we were there to learn, so it's all good.

Northern, MA Trail Clean-Up

By, Carl "McFly" McIssac

April 14, 2018



As a member of Baystate Jeepers we have access to private lands and the NEA site in north – central Mass is a prime example of what the future may look like: enthusiast owned and supported properties. This was a scheduled trail cleanup and wheel, something that's more common in the early part of the season. New England winters take their tolls on trees and it's common to have to clear fallen trees before opening up the trails to the masses.

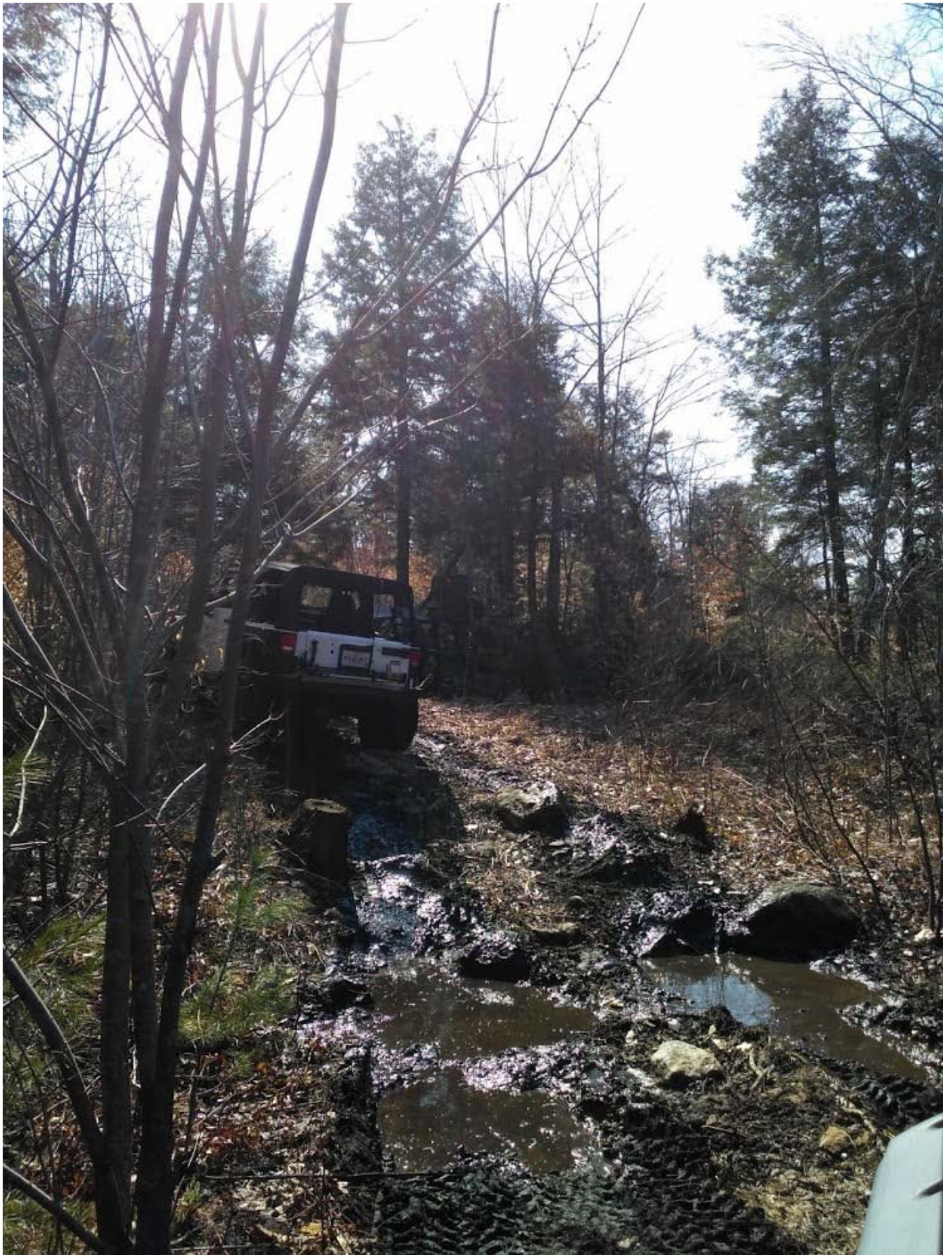


BSJ was well represented on this early season run, with 10 members showing up for what was a challenging day. Unless your name was Mark or Kurt, and you had 'roid infused rigs that made quick work of and laughed at obstacles that gave aneurysms to rigs on mere 35's (I was on 33's).



After some time on the trails, clearing unplanned obstacles (aka fallen trees), and while some of us smaller minions were winching, strapping and helping each other through a muddy terrain strewn with rocks designed to snag diffs and control arms, Mark went back to camp, fired up his grill and treated us all to hot dogs and burgers, with all the fixins. What is it that makes dogs and burgers so good when they're cooked outside? And when someone else does the grilling, they taste even better.

BSJ has more runs planned for this property, check the forums and evite for details on what you can expect. We ran green and blue trails in the AM and finished with a red trail before lunch. If you're driving a stock rig and didn't check the option box that said 'Rubicon'? You might want to stay on the greens and blues but it might be a short day for you. Check your evite and BSJ forum for trail recommendation and if you still have questions, contact our Director of Trails, Cassandra (aka ImNotCassie).



Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up

By, Pat Charron

April 21, 2018

Finally, it's not raining, snowing, or cloudy...a sunny day!! It started out a little cool; however, it warmed up nicely. A good day for a clean-up.



Photo by,
Pat Charron

After I met up with members: Paul Bainty, Rob Bocelli, Gary Longo, Lisa Horowitz, Katherine Crew, Matt Janchar as well as guest, Julia Longo at the meeting spot on Rte. 12 in Sterling, we headed over to Baystate's designated area. Once everyone had on their orange vests, grabbed yellow trash bags and pickers, a short explanation of the areas we are responsible for was made, the two exit and two entrance ramps of Rte. 190, plus the areas along Rte. 12 at the bottom of the ramps. Then, we set off for the task at hand.

It never ceases to amaze me how folks think it's ok to just throw their trash out the vehicle window. There was recent construction, two roundabouts were made less than a mile apart on this stretch of Rte. 12; traffic from two of the ramps we clean flows into one of the circles. It did not affect our efforts as the road work appeared done, it seems mostly side of road work and sign replacement that remains.

So, our group filled 15 bags plus a few bigger items not put in bags. A big Thank You to Paul, Rob, Gary, Julia, Lisa, Cathy and Matt for their time and efforts, it is appreciated. The next club Adopt-A-Highway clean-up is scheduled for October 6th. Hope to see you there!



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Central, MA Photos

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April 22, 2018









