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# Tracks



## Carnage Ride 5.21

Twelve rigs showed up for the Club's ride at Carnage on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Trail leaders decided to split into two groups. The first group was led by Steph and Mike with Randy and Carol acting as gunners. The second group was led by Tyler and Amanda with Curtis acting as gunner. Apparently group 2 chose to stay on mostly black trails, while group 1 remained a bit more sane.

The weather was HOT but tolerable. Dave Coye cooked his hotdogs under the hood for lunch time. (No word on whether he shared them with everyone or not!)



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Of note on this ride, at least for group 2, was that winches were well utilized. There were significant uphill climbs and major mud conditions. The mud made some of the ledges particularly slick and there were lots of mud puddles to go through!

In addition to the leaders those also present were John S, Dave, Mike, Kevin, Seamus, John, and Kathy.



## Meet the Board

BSJ Vice President



**Name:** Randy Bouchard

**Forum Name:** RandyCarol

**Years in BSJ:** 5

**What's your Jeep:** LJ Rubicon

**Favorite place to wheel:** Field & Forest

**Past positions in BSJ:** Trail Committee

**What should club know about you?** I started wheeling in 1996 with a Suzuki Samurai when you could buy one and build it for \$1000.

**Hobbies outside of Jeepin':** Got a smoker and a Toyota pickup project that is taking way too long to complete.

**Town, state you live in:** Dracut, MA

**What do like most about being a part of BSJ:** All different experience levels, everyone seems to have fun and not overly competitive.

# NEA Spring Meeting 5.7

## Meeting Notes

The **Northeast Association of 4WD Clubs** held their second quarter meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> in Gloucester, MA. It was hosted by the Mass Mudders. There were between 50-60 people in attendance from member clubs, of which BSJ is one.

Much of the business at this meeting revolved around the leasing of land for new trails. The meeting voted to move forward with this project which will provide nearly 550 acres of land for the exclusive use of NEA member clubs. More information will be shared when it is made public.

## After Meeting Ride @ The Pipeline

by Eric, **Copperhead14**.

The day started off overcast and windy but once we got on the trail the wind seemed to die down and the sun came out allowing me to take the windows off of my soft top.

We aired down at the club house because they didn't want us to overwhelm the fire road at the trail head. We left for the trails in two waves. The first one being the rigs on trailers and the second for the rigs that drove there.



Once we got to the trail head we were greeted by the "filter." It was a loose rocky climb that eventually gave way to rolling granite. From there everyone made their way to a meeting spot on top a clear piece of granite. If I had to guess there was 30 rigs and they all varied from almost stock to full rock crawlers. Two rigs had to be escorted out because they couldn't go on; the clutch was burning up on one rig and the other's front u-joints were toast. From there we broke up in

to 4 groups. The group I ended up in had 6 rigs, 3 from Mass Mudders (a Nissan, Cherokee and JKU), one from East Coast Jeepers of Connecticut (2-door JK), me (2-door JK) and Toyota Highlander (don't know which club he was a part of),

As far as the trails go, they were tight with tons of rolling granite and trees with a bunch of offshoots with a ton of crawling obstacles to play on if you wanted to. We ended up being on the trails for almost 5 hours and only hit about 1/3 of the main trails. The trails were super clean and well maintained you can tell that the local club have gone out of their way to upkeep the property and maintain it.

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# Rig of the Month

## REDRUM

**Rig Name:** It's not so much a name as a label. Most think it's because I am a fan of The Shining or Steven King. Great movie and great storyteller, but it says REDRUM because spelling out Murder may be frowned upon.

**Make, model, year:** 2011 JK

**Forum name:** Imnotcassie, because I dislike being called Cassie.

**Mods:** Just enough for it to keep it street legal.

**Major damage:** Haha, the worst damage was not even on the trail. The axle was bent when I was hit by a guy going through a stop sign. He was in a Ram 2500 or something like that, he was a district manager for Hertz so the rental process was as easy as can be.

On the trail, I have broken axels a number of times and a ring gear. Oh yeah, fenders. I even lost one when it was on a flatbed. But it's a trail Jeep and I have fun out there, so it is what it is.

**Dream mod:** At this point if I were upgrading it would be to a buggy. Otherwise just more stickers.

**Anything else:** I want to say thanks to everyone who helped out while I was Trail Director, it isn't an easy position so the help, no matter how much or how little, was appreciated.



**Who does the primary work:** Barrett Fab did lift, regear, and lockers. Don Moran upgraded the front axle to a G2 Dana 44, MetalCloak fenders, and numerous other cosmetic things.

Mark St Germain and Kurt Klopp have done more trail repairs than I can remember. I remember one time I broke an axle and was part way up a ledge. Instead of Moving forward and back and causing more damage, they cut out my axle with a grinding wheel (Yes, Kurt rigged something up in his jeep so he can use power tools). Mark is under my Jeep cutting way with sparks flying everywhere while I held my foot on the break so it would not roll on top of Mark. Good times!!!

**Wildest adventure:** Getting escorted out of the Hard Rock Hotel by guys with German Shepherds.

Oh, you mean Jeep related...Overcoming an obstacle that seemed nearly impassable because I had great spotters. A great spotter is everything.



## Upcoming Events

### 6.10-12 Wheeling for Warriors

This weekend is not a BSJ restricted event but is an excellent charitable fundraiser. Tickets went fast this year and may be all sold out. For more information check out their [website](#).

### 6.15-19 Rausch Creek

There hasn't been much mention of this trip recently in the forums. A few folks were interested but couldn't make these dates. Since then, it's all been quiet. If you are interested in this trip (either this week or another time this summer) be sure to join the discussion in [the forums](#).

### 6.19 Class VI Ride

With the large demand for Class VI rides over the past year, we are planning on two groups going out today. Keep your eye out for the invite.

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The locals were awesome, it seemed like they all had a passion for off-roading. I asked one of them how often they went out there wheeling and he looked at me with a puzzled face and replied, "Every weekend," like it should be a normal thing to everyone. They all knew the property so well that you felt comfortable with almost any one of them spotting you in any given situation.

Overall, it was a great time hosted by good people. I would definitely go back if given the opportunity.



## Other News

### BSJ Apparel

It's not too late to order your Baystate Jeepers apparel! In fact, please [go order it now](#). We did not have enough orders to meet the minimum for production, so we are in danger having our orders cancelled. That means folks like me won't get our cool BSJ sweatshirts and T's. I've got three items on order so help me out and order yours today! See [the forums](#) for more information.



### More Pics from Carnage



