

Tracks

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Class VI Ride 6.19

BJS gathered in Bennington, NH, for this year's first Class VI ride. As usual there was a lot of interest in this ride so we expanded the roster and divided into two groups (an advanced group and a basic group). A total of 14 rigs showed up for what turned out to be a cool, but fun, day!

Eight rigs started out with the basic group which was led by Dan "ish". Pat was gunner and gave excellent color commentary! Everyone had a blast except at lunch, where the tics were out of control. Everyone was pulling them off their pants and seats afterward.

Six rigs joined the advanced group and, as you can see from Chris climbing out of his JK (right), it was a bit more daunting. That was the greatest mishap and was easily rectified with a winch-back ... after everyone was done laughing. Lunch



was held in an apparently "tic-free" sunny field. This group was led by John B.

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Meet the Board

BSJ Treasurer



Name: Chris Cipro

Forum Name: Cannoli

Years in BSJ: 5

What's your Jeep: 2014 JKU Sahara

Favorite place to wheel: Any Class VI trail

Past positions in BSJ: By-law Committee

What should club know about you? I dabble in almost everything but master very few. Oh, and I got a new license plate

Hobbies outside of Jeepin': Antiquing, going to vineyards, beaches, soccer

Town, state you live in: Winchester, MA

What do like most about being a part of BSJ: Definitely, the people. All different ages and backgrounds but all share the common goal of adventure and having fun. Everyone is willing to help, share their knowledge and give an opinion. The opinions may not always be wanted but it's still good fun.

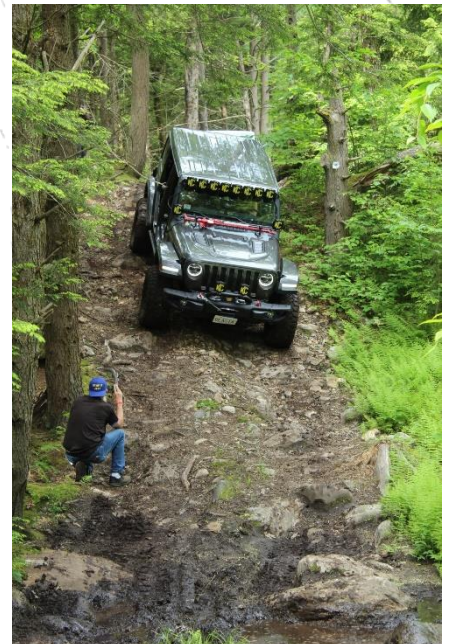
Wheeling for Warriors 6.10-12



June 10-12 marked the second annual Wheeling for Warriors. This year's event was hosted at Field and Forest and was an incredible success. Although the weekend started out with rain, the sun arrived and brought with it a wonderful time for all.

For those who don't know, Wheeling for Warriors was begun "to honor the service and sacrifice of combat veterans and wounded service members who served our country by providing funds to help with PTSD and other combat-related issues." All proceeds from the event got Veteran's Inc. Although a final figure hasn't been released yet, this year's event is expected to have raised more than \$75,000, well exceeding last year's total.

Not only that, it also looks like a blast. There are rides set up across multiple properties ranging from Class VI roads to "are you insane?" The weekend is one of supporting veterans, raising funds, and getting out in our Jeeps (and yeah, other 4x4's too).



To read more about this year's event, or to see more pictures of the rigs, check out their [Facebook page](#). To learn more about the organization, its mission, and how to participate in the future, see their [website](#).

BSJ was a Gold Sponsor of the event, and our own Mark St German (with help from others) is instrumental in pulling it off each year.

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Rig of the Month

YJ 88/92

Rig Name: Don't have one.

Make, model, year: Frame and body are from a rust-free '88. Running gear is from my original '92.

Forum name: NHDCOYE

Wildest adventure: My wildest adventures have occurred at Rauch Creek as there is so much terrain available to play on. My most memorable came one day at an obstacle named "shoot the moon". We arrived to watch a V8 buggy style Wagoneer on 44's repeatedly attempt to climb the obstacle, only to slide off one way or another. He finally stopped when he managed to remove the front clip from the Jeep. As always, I decided to dip my toe in the water just to see how far I might be able to make it, never assuming I would even get halfway...

I selected my line and went for it, barely managing to get my front wheel onto the first of two ledges. I backed down a bit and shifted left a little and went for it again. To my surprise, I managed to raise the front wheels two feet in the air and, before I knew it, I catapulted to the second ledge and was perched about 6-8 feet high on at a 40' angle. Foot on brakes, legs shaking, and my heart beating thru my chest, I knew I did not want to back down. With encouragement from my crew, I carefully crawled to the top of the ledge and made it over. I still remember the feeling of elation of making it over that obstacle.



Mods: Started off as a bone stock 1992 YJ in the summer of 2005. I added a 3" lift to fit what I thought were huge 33" baja claws and began wheeling open diffs. I trashed the original Dana 30 and went for a cheapo 4:10 upgrade by replacing the axles with a set from a 4Cyl Jeep along with a SYE transfer case mod and new rear driveshaft. I later added a Lock Rite lunchbox locker (\$199) to the

front and was amazed at the improvement off-road.

Over the years I wore out the 3/16 skid plates and have since upgraded to 1/4 steel which are holding up much better. The front-locker-first approach taught me to look differently at lines over obstacles than most.

Next was a junk yard Ford 8.8 which provided a "free" disc brake upgrade. I chose to go spring over in the rear which got an Aussie lunchbox locker installed. I was truly surprised by the newfound traction and proceeded to flop on my first run with the locked rear. Sorry to say it was not on a tough obstacle but a Class VI run ...



The stock Dana 30 blew up and I installed a used Dana 30 with 4:56's and 30 spline alloy axles with ARB air locker I found for sale on the side of the road. I re-gearred the rear to match, and this is the setup I still run today.

With each mod the heap was able to conquer bigger and better obstacles and manage to get stuck far better (worse) than ever before...



Who does the primary work: I do my own.

Major damage: Exploded Dana 30 front diff, worn thru rear diff, cracked transfer case, shatter rear yokes, broken (rusted) front spring mount, ripped off rear tire carrier and a few bent windshields.

Dream mod: Would love to add a V8 and upgraded drive train to match. (i.e. Buggy)

Anything else: I am always amazed at the member support and willingness to lend a hand when needed without hesitation. This creates a family atmosphere where learning is encouraged which I believe makes this club exceptional in the sport.

Upcoming Events

7.10 Sawmill

Maybe second time is a charm? We had to change our May trip here due to a conflict so let's make it happen this time. Evite is out.

7.16 Return to Carnage

We were there last month, but why not again! Evites are already out.

7.17 Battlegrounds

Evite has gone out. \$20 fee

7.22-24 Christmas in July

Campsites have been reserved. Evites have gone out. With Butcherblock closed, rides instead are going to Old Florida Road and Badlands. Check out the [forums](#) for more information or to join the campsite.

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