



Tracks

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Spring Meeting Held

The club gathered for its Spring Meeting at the American Legion Post in Winchendon, MA, Saturday, April 16. There were approximately 50 members present along with a few guests. The meeting commenced with reports from the officers followed by business and eventually closing with open remarks.

Worth noting from the officer reports is that we currently have 116 members and five associate members. New members continue to trickle in. Finances for the club remain solid, although the budget is based on a full membership of 150 dues paying members. Also, the 2022 schedule is posted in the forums and can be found [here](#).

Open remarks celebrated the success of a number of events but especially Wheeling for Warriors both in its inaugural year as well as so far this year. It has exceeded expectations and thanks go out to all who have offered support.

After the meeting 18 rigs went over to Brookridge for an afternoon of wheeling. We divided into two groups and set off to take in the mud and rocks. As far as I know a good time was had by all with minimal damage or trail incidents.



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Meet the Board

BSJ President



Name: Daniel Beyea

Forum Name: BlacknBlue-ISH

Years in BSJ: 8

What's your Jeep: the best gen, a TJ, '05 Rubicon

Favorite place to wheel: Rausch Creek

Past positions in BSJ: Director at Large

What should club know about you? Yes, the jeep is currently working. Can't guarantee it will be tomorrow.

Hobbies outside of Jeepin': Mountain Biking, Hiking, fixin poop and doing nothing.

Town, state you live in: Manchester, NH

What do like most about being a part of BSJ: We can run anything from easy to hard and have members eager to do all of them. The legit best part of wheeling is watching someone push their boundaries and successfully get through an obstacle with a stupid grin and an amazement that they got through it.

Likewise, watching the people that step up to help out for anything that happens on the trail, they make the club a community.

Recent Events

Trail Cleanup @ Rays - 4.9

Eight members showed up and put in some good work. It didn't take too long and everyone had a good time. On behalf of the club and those who enjoyed the 101, "Thank you," to everyone who pitched in and made this happen.

Adopt a Highway Cleanup - 4.10



What awesome publicity this event was for our club and what a great way to help out the community and the environment! Eighteen folks turned out for our spring highway cleanup and as those who went said, "Many hands make quick work." They collected 37 bags of trash along with a handful of un-baggable items. For those interested in where our area is, we have adopted the exit 14 ramps (both directions) of Rte. 190 in Sterling, MA

We even got a [video](#) out of it posted on YouTube by a fellow Jeepster and passerby *jeep lova*. It's worth a [look](#) if you haven't seen it yet!

Jeep 101 @ Rays - 4.23

Everyone who showed up for the 101 had a blast. There were only a handful of new folks who came to learn, so it has been recognized that more publicity is needed in the future if this event is to be a draw for either new members or folks new to wheeling. But after going through the initial steps and early instruction the group managed to go out for a ride and enjoy the beautiful day!



Upcoming Events

5.7 NEA Meeting

This meeting is in Gloucester, MA, and is being hosted by the Mass Mudders. There will be wheeling after the meeting at The Pipeline.

5.21 Go Topless Day

This is not an official BSJ event. However, lots of folks like to participate in various options around the area. Details for this event are pending.

5.21 Wheeling @ Carnage

The Evite has not yet been sent out but keep an eye on your inbox for it. Should be out soon.

Wheeling @ Sawmill (or not!!) - 4.24



Well, we didn't end up at Sawmill. Due to a scheduling conflict, we were unable to wheel in Rhode Island as planned. However, thanks to the generosity of the Ocean State Jeepsters, we were graciously invited to join them on a trail ride along the Connecticut border. Although the location remains hush-hush, it is colloquially known as **Boulderville**. And I can attest to the fact that that is an apt name.



We had 18 rigs from BSJ show and were quickly divided into three groups. One group was to hit the "red-ish" trails while the others stayed on the "easier" route. Even these "easy" trails were a challenge as the entire route was basically one large rock garden. Boulders abounded. Winches were pulled. Lockers were engaged. It was a great day.

At the end, our Ocean State hosts invited us to play in their "playground". After seeing these obstacles and the damage they were doing to their jeeps, we chose to beg off and leave our rigs largely intact for the drive home.

Once again, special thanks to Ocean State Jeepsters for bailing us out after we lost our planned trip.



Rig of the Month

#77

Rig Name: Have not settled yet on a name sadly but I always have a shy guy ride in the front, so I guess the rig is a shy guy. I have been going for RC car looks wise with the mods and stickers though so definitely needs a cool name soon.

Make, model, year: 2020 Jeep Gladiator Rubicon Launch Edition

Forum name: shrinkhead

Mods: 6.4L HEMI swap
38x13.5 Trail Grapplers on the stock D44s
4.10 gears and Yukon rear and RCV front shafts
Rock KRAWLER No limits 3.5inch lift
FOX Performance adjustable shocks
Quake LED fender chop swapped for a black antenna and lights
full underbody armor
STICKERS

Major damage: Biggest body damage is on the right side of bed; little tree squeeze.

Who does the primary work: Real work is done mostly at Offroad Elements or Ratchets with the swap done by RubitruX

Wildest adventure: Any obstacle cleared for the first time is a big adrenaline rush.

Dream mod: I would love to do a bed chop and new axles with 42s at some point; go full monster truck

Anything else: The JT is a great rig for the trails and the wheelbase has its upside too ;)

