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Great Lakes 4th Annual Convention Report

Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association Convention 1981 - March 13-15. 180 attended. Name tags were custom made for all who attended. Thanks to those that paid \$1.00 for Great Lakes raffle ticket for obscene titles on your name tags.

Tom & Diane Lewandowski collected \$2,375.00 for the 8,000 lb. electric winch. Mini drawings will be held at April Great Lakes Quarterly. Thanks to all who sold and/or bought tickets.

Late Friday night was happy hour. A special

prearranged educational happy hour at one of Terry Vliek's "hand picked" family entertainment centers. At the top of the class for the most absorbed education of the evening were Dennie Cool, Randy Hadsell, & Terry Vliek. Too bad there were no trophies.

The run down of events of the day: Mike Smith - AMC 4 Wheelers future; a life saving seminar by Jerald Passive of Grand Rapids Fire Dept.; John Lundberg of Cyclone Products - John talked of keeping lands open by getting involved!! Washington Cares so let them know

you do by writing them of your concerns. Ted Garrish is there asking that land have a multipurpose option. What is a road? Ted talks of RVs as land users and land savers not land destroyers. - Tim Eder of M.U.C.C. and its 100,000 members. For \$3.00 monthly your club members can get a M.O.O.D.s magazine and the club can have two votes and a voice in what M.U.C.C. does & how we can help them or they help us. It's up to us!!

Western & Aerobic dancing did not compare

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SAND-O-RAMA '81

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 12, 1981
QUARTERLY MEETING
Otsego Elks Lodge

April 25 & 26, 1981
Great Lakes Smokey Mountain Run
Contact: Clyde Christmas 517-723-1971

April 26, 1981
Red Bud 'Mud Slng'
Contact: Thom Bachman 616-695-3527

April 26, 1981
Wolverine Four Wheelers Mud Bog
Contact: Jim Rodgers 313-427-4211

May 2, 1981
Ramblin' Four Wheelers March of Dimes Road Rally
Contact: Becky Nestle 517-828-5851 or Diane Smith 517-881-3520. See flyer enclosed

May 10, 1981
Great Lakes Mud Bog
Contact: Del Heckleman, 616-327-4914

May 23, 1981
South Bend Sod Busters Mud Bog
Contact: Ed 219-256-0935

May 16, 1981
Wildwood's Onion Run
Contact: Jim Tarras, 616-941-0696

May 23 & 24, 1981
Racers Incorporated Drag Races
Contact: Randy Hadsell, 517-624-5846

May 31, 1981
Fort Wayne Four Wheelers Event
Contact: Dave Guethler 219-344-1051

June 13 & 14, 1981
Two Trackers S.O.S. Drags and Obstacle
Contact: Jeff Katsch 616-784-1509

June 20 & 21, 1981
Valley Four Wheelers T.H.E.
Contact: Tom Cowan 517-585-3356

July 12, 1981
QUARTERLY MEETING
Otsego Elks Lodge

July 18 & 19, 1981
Delta Four Wheelers T.O.R. Drags and Obstacle
Contact: Bob Pitcher, 517-892-4765

July 25 & 26, 1981
Racers Incorporated Drag Races
Contact: Randy Hadsell 517-624-5846

July 7
Colorado Run
Contact: Denny Cool 616-874-6603

August 1 & 2, 1981
Sand-O-Rama
Contact: Ted Hooper 616-267-5690

August 8 & 9, 1981
Wolverine Four Wheelers Drags and Obstacle
Contact: Jim Rodgers 313-426-4218

September 13, 1981
Fort Wayne Event
Contact: Dave Guethler 219-344-1051

October 3 & 4, 1981
Whitefish Wilderness Trail Ride

October 11, 1981
QUARTERLY MEETING
Otsego Elks Lodge

October 17 & 18, 1981
Over The Hill Gang & Michigan Mudders, 2nd annual last chance race, drags & obstacle
Contact: Henry 313-375-0193 or Bob 313-271-1722.

October 24, 1981
Rut Runners Road Rally and Halloween Party
Contact: Danny Sherrill 313-348-9733

HELP KEEP OUR HOT-LINE AND CALENDAR UP-TO-DATE

Please contact Ted Hooper at 1-616-267-5690 with your club's events. If you have an event and you want it listed in the **Boondocker** you must call Ted Hooper and Diane Banister and let them know.

Convention . . .

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to the after hours dance class of 1980 at Zorbas. Rules Seminar was not as well attended as we expected. Many good ideas & questions were brought up.

Dinner was attended by about 160 people. Bob Lakosky did his MC debut at the prompting of Dick Hubler. Bob had a hard act to follow as 1980 Convention MC Mr. Cool was GREAT. Celebrations: Ralph Williams had an X rated cake, Mike Lamb a 12 foot message, Bob Lakosky had strawberry pie & candles for their birthdays. Art & Monica Talo anniversary. Our Dinner speaker Will Bramfitt of AMC gave a gung hoe speech on 4 wheelers standing up for themselves. "If you want to keep what you have fight for it!" Start at the bottom and work your way up to where we are today.



EMT Rep. talks about safety.



Proving Grounds Rep. receiving award.

Al Ransom award went to Claude Conn. The Boondocker is not big enough to put all the things and "spirits" guideness Claude has given all of us.

Diane Banister for all the outstanding work she does with the Boondocker got an award. She has made the Boondocker a Class A newspaper. She has many more ideas that would be good ideas to get going.

Proving Grounds got an award & associate membership in the Great Lakes for all the

donating they have done for this convention and our upcoming events at Davison.

Donna Hubler gave Dick his gavel, on a plaque that says he should say NO from now on. Claude Conn presented Ramblin 4 Wheelers an award for contributing to March of Dimes with their road rally. Large Stomper race trophies were given to all winners that raced their stock & modified stompers. The weather was great, spectators many, hill climb & pull area was in no need of equipment to revamp the track. I asked about a mud bog. But no area was set up for mud. Maybe next year. The area newspaper took pictures and had a good article.



AMS/OIL display in Convention Hall.



One of the 3 vehicles displayed in Convention Hall.



Donna Hubler presenting Dick Hubler's award.

Harry Wolf won the winch, Rhoda Pell won a Cobra Snatch Strap also Paul Mulder won a strap.

Ken Wolf gave a speech on the Paradise school system. Delta 4 Wheelers donated \$300.00 and are challenging other clubs, associations or individuals to donate now thru Sept. 1981, to PROJECT SHARE, WHITEFISH TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS, PARADISE, MI. 48786. Donations are tax deductible. This school system gets NO state aid. Each donation will get credit. Call Harry Wolf for info. A tally will be given at Whitefish Run.

Sunday board meeting of 10:00 a.m. Started promptly at 10:52. This convention did not lose monies for a change. The raffle tickets kept us out of the hole. A discussion followed on Con-

vention 1982. The idea to have the convention in the Grand Rapids area was discussed. Many people in the Detroit area would like to see the convention there. There are many G. L. members in & around this area. Bring ideas from your club to the April 12 quarterly. Also anyone willing to Chair the 82 convention please do so at the same time. Remember cost factor is important but not a priority. Sometimes the cheapest is too far for many of our members. The convention idea is for all Great Lakes people to be able to party and have a good time. Dick will have a convention breakdown at the quarterly.



Tension builds as the stompers pull.



Paul Mulder receives award for March of Dimes Road Rally.

Photos by Claude Conn

It was nice to note that all the bands that played continuously were good bands. No guess work was involved. I MEAN!! How many associations can afford all the name people the Great Lakes had for entertainment!! 1980 Convention had a no name band & a super lead singer Bunny Lamb (we missed you & Bob this year). Fat Cat & Co. forever!

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Diane Banister receiving Boondocker appreciation award from Dick Hubler.



Wayne Wiers watches his Stomper pull a full pull.



Ann Soderblom looks on as she races her Stomper.



Cindi Healey tries out Cascades fiberglass body.



Aerobic dancing class drew a few brave folks.

Photos by Claude Conn

associations can afford all the name people the Great Lakes had for entertainment!! 1980 Convention had a no name band & a super lead singer Bunny Lamb (we missed you & Bob this year). Fat Cat & Co. forever!

See you all at the 1982 Convention!!!

EDITORS NOTE: A very, very special thanks to Bob & Ev Lakosky for writing this article on the 1981 Convention. Thank you for your continuous help & support.

Also a very special thanks to Claude Conn for his convention pictures.

The Prez Says . . .

I would like to take a moment to say thanks for the support all of you four wheelers have given me! I hope we can all continue to work together and make this association grow even more!

This next year should be very interesting. We have three events for the association not to mention the many individual club events. Hopefully the economy will take an upswing and allow us all to loosen our belts a little so we can get out and enjoy ourselves.

As we all read this issue of the "Boondocker" several things have happened or are coming soon. The convention in Grand Rapids is now over and although attendance was lower it is hoped that all had an enjoyable weekend. Yes to come is the Annual Smokey Mt. Run and also the Great Lakes Bog at Davison.

Not only is this a seemingly good year for race oriented activity but also should be a good year in respect to working harder on land issues. I feel that the new administration (Washington) is a lot more susceptible to our cause than previous administrations. I would like to see our association probe a bit harder and take a more serious attitude towards land management! We need some enthusiasm from more than just a handful of people. I feel that the next couple of years could make or break our land use and I would like to see what we all could do to help make it benefit us for the future.

I want to say that I have noticed alot more participation and enthusiasm from all of you than I have in the past. It's a good feeling to have more people interested in what is going on within our association. I hope this feeling keeps on and even magnifies itself!

Don't forget Quarterly at Otsego Elks on Sunday, April 12th. Hope to see you all there. Remember the more we get involved the better our Association can be!

Thom Bachman

Future 4-Wheel-Drive Vehicles Will Be Smaller, Expert Predicts



Randy Hadsall, president of the Delta 4-Wheelers Club in Saginaw, watches his battery-operated "stomper" tug coins in a weight-transfer pull at the convention here.

Press Photo by Rex D. Larsen

By Doug Guthrie

The fun in four-wheel drive may be changing soon due to a need for better fuel economy, according to a Jeep engineer.

Michael Smith, chief engineer of American Motors Corp.'s Advanced Vehicle Development

Division, told a convention of four-wheel-drive enthusiasts that future vehicles will be smaller, lighter and less powerful.

Smith spoke Saturday at the Great Lakes Four-Wheel-Drive Association convention at the Marriott Inn, 5700 28th St. SE.

"Four-wheel-drive vehicles have basically replaced the muscle car," Smith said, referring to the sporty and powerful gas-guzzlers built in Detroit before speed limits were lowered and gasoline prices shot up.

Talk of fuel economy dominated the weekend meeting, which attracted members of 55 four-wheel-drive clubs from four states. Seminars covered techniques to increase gas mileage and convert vehicles to run on liquified petroleum gas.

Smith told the group they could expect big manufacturing changes in the next few years.

"V-8 engines will disappear after 1983," he predicted, replaced by four-cylinder and V-6 engines.

He also said low-gear ratios, necessary for climbing steep hills, will be abandoned. Transmissions with overdrive rather than "granny creepers" (a super-low gear) will become standard equipment.

Baseball In The Snow?

4 Fun 4 Wheelers And The Michigan Mudders Put On This Show.



THERE WAS AS MUCH ACTION ON THE HILLS AS THERE WAS ON THE FIELD . . .



AND 'AH YES'
THE BEST PART OF ALL!



Photos by Claude Conn

Softball Game For The Special Olympics

Last August the 4 Fun 4 Wheelers challenged the then reigning south Michigan 4WD softball champs, the Michigan Mudders, to a ball game. After the usual political discussion over where the game was to be played and then an acceptable date was selected and both parties were ready to go, we met at a park in Dearborn Heights, on January 18th in 6 inches of snow.

Mother nature provided the combatants with an exceptionally beautiful day, and spirits were high. It is interesting to note that the 4 Funners Old Timers Coronary Club soundly trounced the young bucks from the Michigan Mudders by a

score of 16 or 18 to 0 (zero). The slight discrepancy in the tally is easy to explain. The 4 Funners score keeper had gloves on and had to guess a lot, but the gal keeping score for the Mudders was mathematically accomplished. She took her boots off so she could use both her fingers and toes. The 4 Funners accept her tally of 18.

The Mudders and 4 Funners held a raffle during the game and raised a sizeable donation for the special olympics, a program for handicapped children, to provide them with a lot of fun and some competition.

Trail Riding Rules

1. Trailmaster is the boss for the trip. He should do everything possible to make the trip enjoyable and safe for everyone. He may ask anyone to leave the caravan for disorderly conduct.
2. When you turn off on any other trail or road, make sure the vehicle behind you makes the same turn.
3. Cut no new trails, follow the marked or beaten path and follow the vehicle in front of you.
4. Keep an eye on your children at all times. Accidents can and do happen.
5. If you leave the caravan at any point, make sure you check out with the Trailmaster.
6. When caravanning on the highway, keep a safe distance between vehicles. Allow others to pass.
7. No open exhausts will be allowed anywhere. (National Forest and State land regulations require baffled mufflers or spark arresters.)
8. When approaching steep grades, mud holes, water crossings, etc. leave enough distance between vehicles to prevent collisions, or wait for an "all clear" in trick situations.
9. Trash you truck in, is yours to truck out. Don't litter.
10. Never travel alone. Try to have at least two (2) vehicles for safety's sake.
11. Always start with a full tank of gas. Carry extra gas on long trips.
12. Everything must be anchored whether inside or out of the vehicle.
13. Fasten seat belts.
14. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages or hallucinating drugs will be consumed on any trail ride. This includes lunch break which is part of the trail ride.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

Seat belts, fire extinguisher, first aid kit, roll bar, (optional for hard top vehicles), tool kit, and towing devices. Spare tire and a secure appliance for extraction from being stuck on front and rear of vehicle.

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Shovel, axe, tire pump & patches, something to lay across chain, strap or winch line when in use, and food.

IF TRAIL RIDING RULES ARE NOT FOLLOWED, THEN CLUB WILL NULLIFY ITS INSURANCE WITH GREAT LAKES FOR THAT EVENT ON GROUNDS OF NEGLIGENCE IN THE CASE OF AN ACCIDENT.

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February 17, 1981

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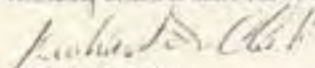
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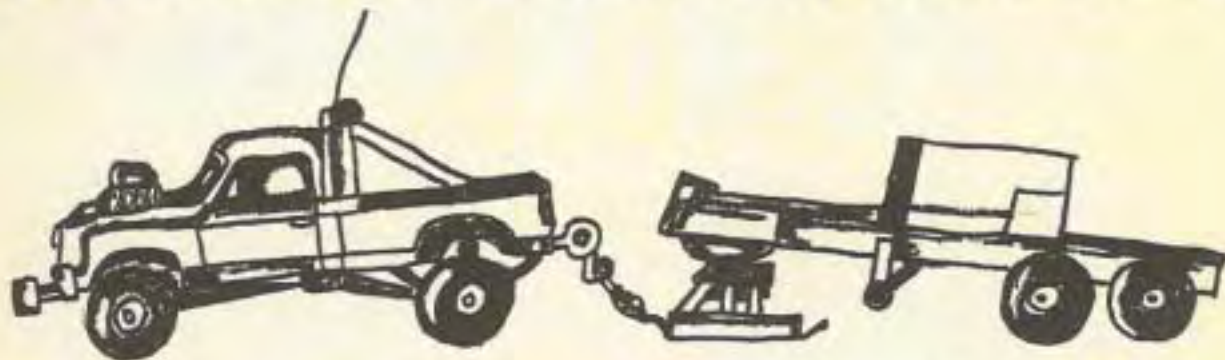
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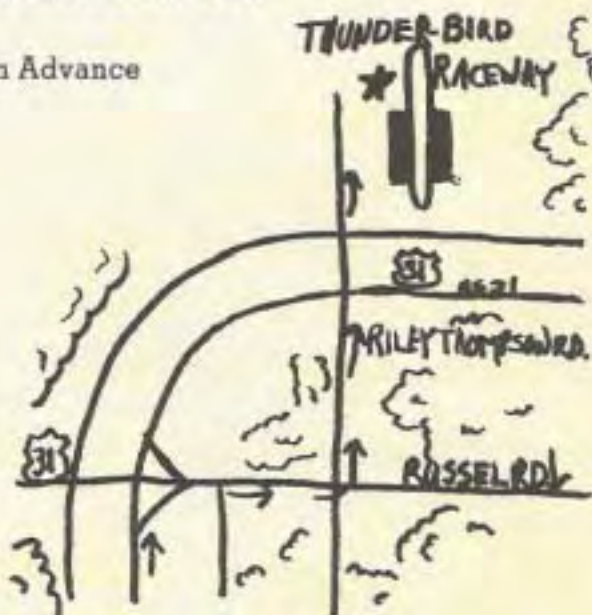
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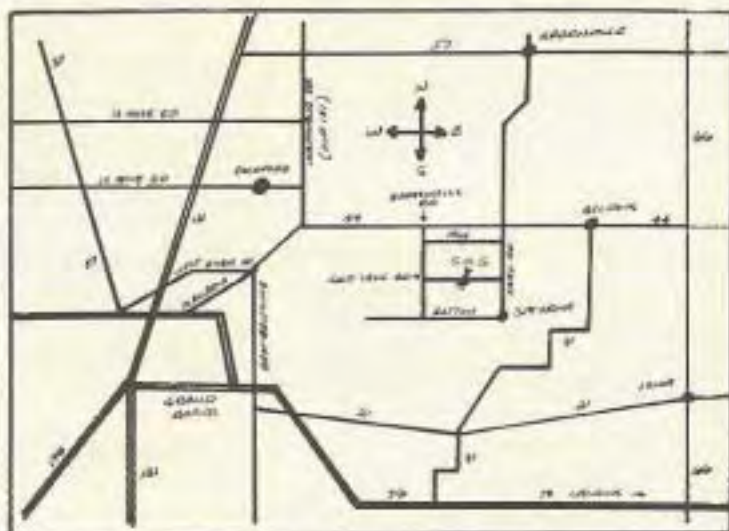
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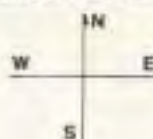
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FLINTSTONES SNO-DRAGS '81

D-day has arrived and whether we are ready or not we always try to act like we know what we're doing. At least if we act like we have it together no one knows for sure!

No matter how many meetings and arrangements we make, it does not prepare anyone for spending the night on the property, running last minute errands and last but not least dragging ourselves out of bed by 5:00 a.m. In the winter that is certainly a big job!



At 6:00 a.m. it is so pleasant (for lack of a better word) and quiet that you can't believe it when 9:00 arrives and there is chaos everywhere. The best part is seeing the racers and spectators arrive and greeting new people as well as our favorite returnees. Without these people we wouldn't stand a chance.



Photos By Claude Conn

As usual we have the registration lines and tech lines and work on this until the very last minute hoping that we have let everyone enter that wants to race. At the gate we feel bad to tell racers that it is too late for entry.

There was snow this year but not an abundance of it. At least we did get to have a sno-drag race most of the day. The day was cold but nice for being outside in the winter.

We had 21 clubs enjoy our event and the Swamp Runners came to participate as well as learn something for their race. We also had more classes than we had last year so we ran out of trophies but by now everyone should have received theirs.

Our local radio station WKMF sent a couple of brave disc jockeys over to try their luck at racing.

They thought the best idea would be to race each other just to see who the best man is. JR & Big Bill certainly had a good time and we expect to see them race again sometime.



"Racing Alone?" or "Only One in Class"



"Kickin' Up His Heels"



"JR lost again"



On Your Mark - Get Ready - Get Set"

Photos By Jim Jacot

We did have a mishap this year but no injuries (except maybe some pride). At the end of the track while shutting down, the two racers managed to end up going the same direction, at the same time.

Ken Middleton brought his lights to the race so they could be tried out and they certainly kept time very well on both lanes.

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Michigan Fun Runners — Al Ransom Deep Freeze Road Rally

By Thom Miller
Michigan Fun Runners

February 8, 1981

All the weather services in the Great Lakes area are predicting blizzard conditions, blowing snow drifting and closed roads. The weather man makes you try and feel like a dummy for even thinking about going outside much less drive somewhere. However it was under these conditions that twenty-one vehicles left early in the morning to participate in the Fourth Annual Al Ransom Road Rally Deep Freeze Run.

By the time you put on your fourth road rally there is enough experience gathered to make for a really smooth operation. Right? Wrong! It is amazing how many things can go bad so fast. The week before the event the hail for the start and finish cancels out and there is no place to go. Fortunately four days before the event Decker Olds Cadillac offered the use of their showroom. Then the snow and the wind start, and they won't quit. First thing in the morning we send a vehicle out to check the course one last time. One hour later he calls in and says he is sitting on top of a four foot snowdrift sideways in the road. Then you send out the people to the check points. Number two calls in over one hour later, he had to use a snowplow to get there and he is only ten miles out. I think I should really be home watching a ball game.

Even though the turn out was smaller than in years past, the enthusiasm is at an all time high. Because of the price of a gallon of petro, the course was shortened by 40%, and it was a good thing because the times taken to finish were just

about as long as last year. Of the twenty-one entries seven gave up and came in without finishing, only five found checkpoint three and only seven made it to checkpoint two. All but one made it to the finish point one way or the other, where are you Jack O'Toole?

When the dust, I mean snow, had settled Robert Shepherd had pulled out a first place set of trophies with a time of 162 minutes by completing a fifty-six mile course in only sixty-two miles. Can you see better up there in that high riding GMC? The second place trophies went to Ken Riemer with a time of 181 minutes. Bert Megan made off with the third place trophies with a respectable 200 minutes.

Dale Milhauser grabbed a turkey award by calling in stuck five miles off the course and when pulled out confidently takes off in the wrong direction. He also started to run out of gas so he went all the way into town filled up and returned to where he was lost and continued, that's determination. The other turkey award went to Doug Fennell for going down a wrong road that had not been used all winter then spending two hours shoveling to turn around on a one lane bridge and still finishing the course.

Everyone seemed to have a good time and really enjoyed the challenge. For some the weather dictated the trip home would be another whole challenge. A special thanks to all the brave folks who attended this years rally and hope to see you again next year for number five. Besides by the time you put on your fifth road rally there should be enough experience to make for a real smooth operation right? We will see.

XV6, 1st, Ralph Williamson; Golden Triangle 4 Wheelers. 2nd, Randy Grzybowski; Munchkin Racing Team.

SSVB, 1st, Bill Toddish; Delta, Wolverine, L & L, 2nd, Mike Kehoe; Chosen Few Jeep Club.

MV8, 1st, Richard Donovan; Swamp Runner. 2nd, Jack Turpening; Wolverine.

XV8A, 1st, Don Laitala; 4 Fun 4 Wheelers, Wolverines. 2nd, Ray McWethy; Over The Hill Gang.

XV8B, 1st, Ray Heid; Flintstone. SV8APP, 1st, Ramona Myers, 2nd, Jan Bolyard; Michigan Mudder.

S6PP, 1st, Diane Banister; Wolverine.

SSV8PP, 1st, Sue Cantley; Flintstone.

SV8BPP, 1st, Sharon French; Flintstone.

MV8PP, 1st, Jenny Smith; Wolverine.

SL6A, 1st, Ed Travnikar.

XV8App, 1st, Linda McWethy; Over The Hill Gang.

SL6BPP, 1st, Sherry Shine; Rough Country 4 Wheelers.

XL8APP, 1st, Evelyn Lakosky; Michigan Mudder.

X4, 1st, Dennis Smith; Great Lakes Member.

SL6B, 1st, John Shine; Rough Country 4 Wheelers.

SF4, 1st, Mike Purzycki.

Fastest time of the day Powder Puff SSL8 Donna Melnat 7:12. L & L. Fastest time of the day for men XV6 Ed Hadfield 6:50. Munchkin II. Top eliminator X4 Dennis Smith, Great Lakes member.

Disc Jockey Race: Big Bill Anderson 1st, JR (Jay Richards) 2nd. Vehicles donated by Jim Thompson and Ed Coleman.

THANKS EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATED FOR MAKING OUR RACE A SUCCESS!!!

Flintstones Sno-Drags '81

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Sno-Drags '81



"Movin' Right Along"

Photos by Jim Jacot

We were happy to see Great Lakes members attending and PM Magazine and hope that our

8th Annual Sno-Drags 1982 will be bigger and better. See you all then.

Bobbie Jacot

SNO-DRAG WINNERS

SL8A, 1st, Dave Vandenberg; Two Tracker, 2nd, Doug Goddard; Bushwacker.

SL8B, 1st, Jeff Johns, 2nd, Jeff Baumgardner; Bushwacker.

SSL8, 1st, Scott Adams; Great Lakes Member, 2nd, Carl Molnar; L&L Enterprises.

ML8, 1st, Ronald Homberg; Michigan Mudder, 2nd, James Szekely; Bushwacker.

XLV8, 1st, Jerry Moore; Downriver 4 Wheelers, 2nd, Dale Forrest; Michigan Mudder.

S4, 1st, David Sackett; Michigan Mudder, 2nd, Duane Roush; Flintstone.

S4PP, 1st, Kim O'Dell; Michigan Mudder.

S6, 1st, Rick Banister; Wolverine, 2nd, Mike Smith.

SLBAPP, 1st, Ruth Vandenberg; Two Tracker, L & L Race Team, 2nd, Ellen Atkinson; Bushwacker.

SLBPP, 1st, Linda Williams; Flintstone, 2nd, Sue Johns.

SSLBPP, 1st, Donna Melnat; L & L Enterprises, 2nd, Danella Stowe.

MLBAPP, 1st, Teresa Homberg; Michigan Mudder, 2nd, Sharon Szekely; Bushwacker.

MV8, 1st, Ken Reinhardt; Golden Triangle 4 Wheelers, 2nd, George Lee; Rut Runners.

SV8, 1st, Michael Bolyard; Michigan Mudders, 2nd, Dan Arsenault.

SV8B, 1st, Herb Stempfer, 2nd, Rick French; Flintstone.

UNITED INFORMATION

(Taken in part from the Board of Directors meeting December 12, 13, & 14, 1980, Denver CO.)

The Board established a By-law amendment to be presented at the March Convention as follows: Article V, Section 2. Association dues shall be fifty cents (50¢) per membership family per year with minimum dues of \$100. New associations joining after July 1 shall be prorated at one-half annual dues. Effective date shall be January 1, 1981.

The necessity of getting the questionnaires and data sheets back from the clubs was emphasized.

Diana Evans reported on the March of Dimes 4X4 Rally program and stated they don't HAVE to be rallies - one 4X4 club had a bed race. She presented the packet and Certificate of Appreciation that she has assembled. She also is pursuing decals for participants.

A new United logo/Endangered Species combination decal was established. Pete Doty is working up an Endangered Species patch news release.

There is a new United office that has opened up at 2119 So. Birch Street, Denver, CO 80222.

Quarterly Hosts

April - Flintstones
July - Michigan Mudders
October - Rambin 4 Wheelers

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SUNDAY OBSTACLE COURSE: Race time 10:00 A.M.

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ENTRY FEES: Men-*\$15.00 1 event *20.00 Both

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SWAMP RUNNERS SNO-DRAG RESULTS

The Swamp Runner 4x4 Club of Saginaw were very proud to present the Sno-Drags that were held at the Gladwin County Ice Carnival. It was the 1st time the swamp runners ever held Sno-Drags. We had a lot of fun doing this and hope there will be more chances in the future. Even though the day of the race was pretty cold and damp we had a lot of spectators who enjoyed regular class action and grudge matches. The swamp runners would like to give special thanks to the following:

1. The people from the Gladwin Ice Carnival for the great track we had. 2. To Ken Middleton for the use of his lights and his unyielding cooperation. 3. To Mike (Rubber Lips) Siler for the greatest announcer ever. 4. To Tuffy Muffler-Tri Cities for donating our fastest time of the day trophy. 5. To the valley Four Wheelers, for their cooperation and support. 6. And to all the racers who make the race possible.

Fastest time of day trophy went to Bob Smith, M/V8 5.53.

1st place class winners Mens: Scott Adams SS/LB, Dan Mutton M/LB, Danny Fredrickson X/LBA, Randy Grzybowski X/V8, William Hash S/4, Ron Noble S/6, Terry Benjamin S/6B, James Perry S/LB, Greg Corbat S/LBB, Ron Cummings S/V8A, Rich Reinhardt S/V8B, Bob Smith M/V8, Bill Toddish SS/V8, Dick Corbat Exhibition, Don Laitala X/8A.

2nd place winners: Howard L. Stanke S/LBB, Garry W. Hendorshot SS/LB, Dale Dreffe S/LB, Leo Turmble S/V8B, Daffy Dick Donovan M/V8, Charles Walker Exhibition, Dave Julian X/V8A.

Powder Puff 1st place class winners went to Joann Corbat S/LBB, Cathy Gable SS/LB, Karen Garcia S/6B, Liz Dreffe S/LB, Judy Wentworth Exhibition, Debbie Foco X/V8A, Sandy Remyzewski S/V8B, Grace Cummings S/V8A.

2nd place winners went to Danelle Stowe SS/LB, Jill McCaslin S/LB, Aileen Cowan S/V8B.



Fastest Time of the day went to Bob Smith.



Fun was had by all! Our announcer Mike Siler and Sharon Remyzewski and Sue Glowacki.



Great Run by Thumper



And our own Daffy Dick Donovan - who went all the way with Thumper for Top Elimination. Better luck next time, Daffy!



Another great run by the Munchkin.

Photos by Debbie LaDronka

What Is Bracket Racing and Who Is Racers Inc.?

Bracket racing is not new to the world of drag racing, but it is new to the G.L.F.W.D.A. Made up of members of clubs affiliated with G.L.F.W.D.A., Racers Inc. is dedicated strictly to bracket racing. Here's how bracket racing works:

As in all Great Lakes events, Great Lakes safety rules apply. There are no class rules, for there are no classes. "You-run-what-you-brung" so to speak, providing it passes the safety inspection prior to time trials. The brackets are lettered A, B, C, etc. and each bracket is a half second longer in duration respectively. The brackets are listed as follows:

5.49 sec. and faster, AA Bracket; 5.99 thru 5.50 sec., A"; 6.49 thru 6.00 sec., B"; 6.99 thru 6.50 sec., C"; 7.49 thru 7.00 sec., D"; 7.99 thru 7.50 sec., E"; 8.49 thru 8.00 sec., F"; 8.99 thru 8.50 sec., G"; 9.00 and slower, H".

Time Trials:

Time trials are held before the race so that you may determine the time span (bracket) in which you and your vehicle can travel the 300 foot long drag strip. On a two day event, time trials will be held on Saturday with wheel to wheel competition on Sunday. For a one day event, time trials will be held prior to race time as posted on a flyer.

During time trials, you may run your vehicle as often as you wish, time permitting, of course. Each of your time trial runs are timed and posted by your vehicle number which you will be given at tech. inspection. You have until the end of time trials to choose your bracket and record your decision with the time keeping officials.

How to Choose Your Bracket:

For example, let's say your vehicle ran a 7.02, 7.24, 7.10 and a 7.05. You would pick the 'D' bracket. You would, on race day, be running against other vehicles competing in the same time slot.

For a harder decision to make, let's say your vehicle ran a 7.05, 6.89, 7.10 and a 6.80. Should you pick the 'C' or the 'D' bracket? This is where bracket racing becomes a game of nerve.

In competition you are allowed to run a slower time than the bracket you've chosen, but you are not allowed to run a faster time. If you chose to run in the 'D' bracket and in competition you run a 6.99, you lose because you ran faster than 7.00 which is the minimum time for the 'D' bracket. There is NO BREAK OUT period. You may not run faster than your bracket time slot.

Knowing this, you may want to do one of four things. Pick the 'D' bracket and "hope" you don't break out; pick the 'C' bracket and "hope" you win; tinker with your engine or shifting to run faster in the 'C' bracket; or set yourself and your vehicle to run consistently fast in the 'D' bracket so that you can't break out. That's what the time trials are for - research and development!

In the AA bracket, you choose a time which you will run at or slower. In competition, you will be handicapped the time difference between your vehicle and your competitor's vehicle. Which ever vehicle runs closer to its posted time without going faster wins that heat. Again, if you run faster than the time you posted, you lose.

You have until the end of time trials to choose your bracket and record your decision with the time keeping officials.

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Bracket Racing

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Staging:

On the day of the race, there will be five staging lanes. Your bracket will be called twice for staging. If you don't come to staging when your bracket is called, you will be disqualified without a refund of your entrance fee.

Protests:

There will be no protests! As stated previous-

ly, "you-run-what-you-brung" and you chose your bracket in which you wanted to compete. Races will be run rain or shine.

Payback:

There will be a 60% (sixty percent) cash payback of total entrant fees of each bracket to that bracket. The amount of payback to a bracket will be based on the number of vehicles entered in that bracket.

Race dates for events put on by Racers Inc. are published elsewhere in the Boondocker.

Hope to see you at the track.

By Rod Mueller
Racers Inc.



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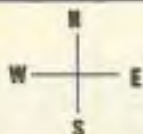
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August 1

Sand Drags — Sat.,

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Registration:

		Non Members
One Event	15.00	20.00
Two Events	22.00	30.00
Powder-Puff		
One Event	5.00	8.00
Two Events	9.00	12.00

Sand-O-Rama will be running under the new G.L.F.W.D.A. race rules. The race will begin at 11:00 a.m. Saturday and 11:00 a.m. Sunday, with Tech inspection between 6-8 p.m. on Friday the 31st and 7-9:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

This year you will be paying less if you are a member of the Association. If you are racing, the fee will be one event \$15.00, two events \$22.00. Powder Puff will be \$5.00 one event, \$9.00 two events. Tickets will be \$5.00 and \$10.00 for two days for spectators. Children between ages 6-12 will be \$2.00 per day.

Non-members racing will be paying \$20.00 for one event and \$30.00 for two events. Powder Puff will be \$8.00 for one event and \$12.00 for two. Tickets for non-member spectators will be \$6.00 for one day and \$12.00 for two. Children will be \$3.00.

You will have to show your '81 Membership Card to get the lower prices.

I was very pleased by the response I got at the last Quarterly. Many clubs signed up for work assignments. Delta and Racers, Inc. will be out at the starting line. 4 Fun 4 Wheelers and Two Trackers will be handling Tech & Staging. The Flintstones and Wolverine's are taking care of the starting lights. Red Bud will be on the gate and help with parking. Golden Triangle will also

help out at the gate. The Ruff Riders and Ramblin Four Wheelers are taking care of the security. Crooked Creek will be spotting for the Obstacle on Sunday. The 50-50 drawing is being taken care of by the Michigan Mudders. The Dirt Dobbers will be keeping people off the track at night. Wildwood is getting the phones for the race.

Some members have given me some T-shirt designs and I will be selecting one of the designs at the next Quarterly. We will also select the trophy designs then. I want to thank the people who brought trophies to the last meeting and if you could, please bring them again. I would appreciate it.

I will have a list of the work assignments at the next Quarterly. If you want a certain job at the race, feel free to give me a call or tell me at the meeting. Some of the jobs will take more than one or two clubs to get them done. The more help we get the better the race will be. There will be a side meeting at the next Quarterly.

There will be a work weekend sometime this summer. We will be making some spectator parking. Bob Lakosky, who is the Co-Chairman of Sand-O-Rama, will be handling this and setting up the work weekend.

Ted Hooper
Vice President



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GREAT LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

Events

RAMA '81

July 31 - August 2, 1981

Aug. 1 — 11:00 a.m.

Aug. 2 — 11:00 a.m.

Tickets:

Adults	Non Members	
One Day	5.00	6.00
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Fri. July 31 6-8 p.m.

Sat. August 1 7-9.30 a.m.

Sun. August 2 7-9.30 a.m.

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From Chicago:

Take 94, East, to 31 (196), North, to Hager Shore exit, West, to Blue Star Hwy, North to County Rd. 376, East.

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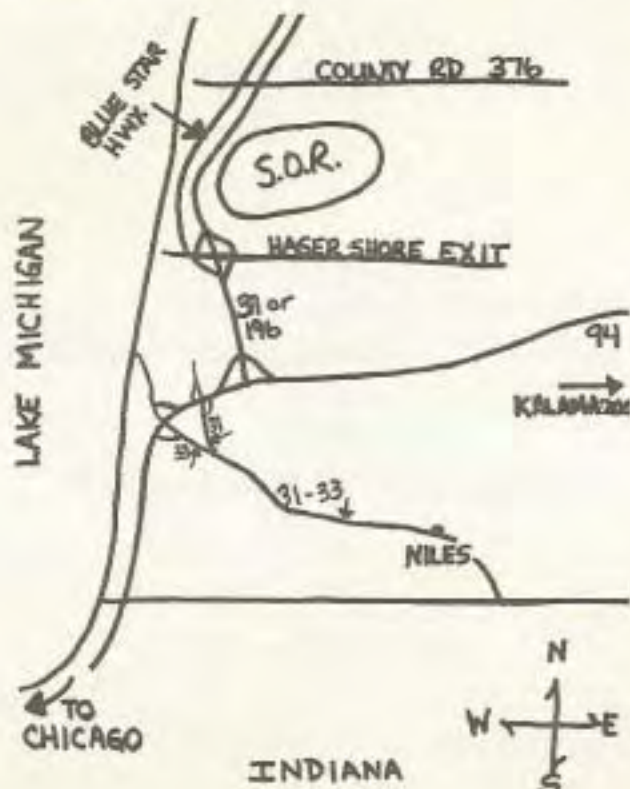
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From Traverse City:

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From Indiana:

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 12:00 NOON

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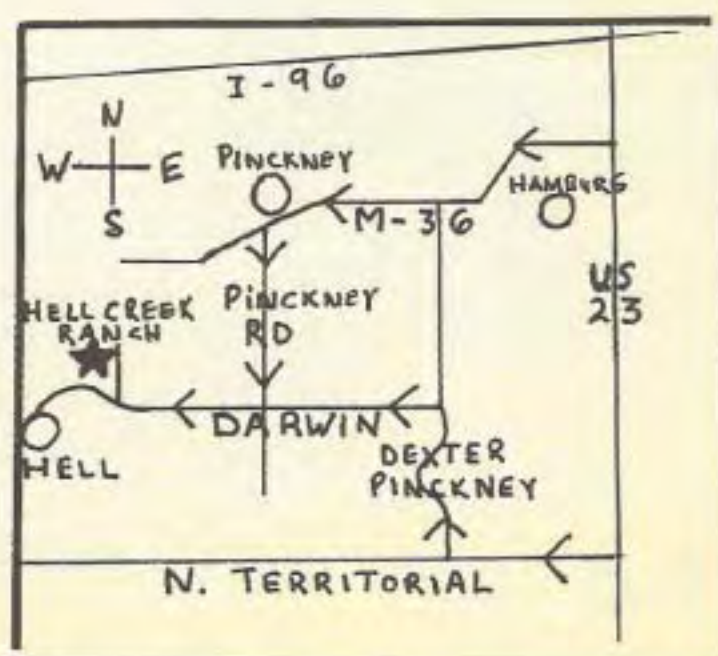
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INFORMATION

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MICHIGAN



MUDDER UPDATE

Our club now has 35 members and their families. The events we have participated in since the last Boondocker are: Great Lakes Quarterly (of course), Stump Jumpers of Jackson SNUD Run. The SNUD Run is a road rally and poker run combined. We have 5 vehicles that made it to Jackson. The Klei Jeep had the most problems, took the most time and broke the most parts and got a driver citation; the rest of us just had a good successful time. Too bad the weather was against those of you that chickened out going to Jackson.

The MUDDERS honored a challenge by the 4 Funs for a baseball game in the snow. Unfortunately the MUDDERS lost 18-0. We lost just to show what good sports we are!! The MUDDERS had 2 full sets of people to make 2 teams. There were many 4 Funner and Wolverine spectators. The younger generation brought sleds and bikes to go down the hill on. Everyone joined together for a brunch after the game. Also a party at the MUDDER HOMBERG ESTATE. \$47.00 was raised on a 50/50 drawing and it was donated to the Michigan Special Olympics.

On to the Flintstones SnoDrags at which the MUDDERS had 11 entries and 9 trophies went home. Four entries were first time racers and 3 got trophies. This is all fact and all BRAG!

Sorry we can not tell of the GREAT PARTY TIME we all had at the 4th ANNUAL Great Lakes 4 Wheel Drive Association Convention. I know

we all plan on coming back for the 5th Annual G. L. 4 W. D. A. Convention.

The MUDDERS & Wolverine Four Wheel Drive Clubs had booths at the Outdoorama show at the state fair grounds in Detroit. The show ran for 10 days. Outdoorama is put on by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. Our clubs got booths by being members of M.U.C.C. For \$3.00 per club member a club can join M.U.C.C. which gives you a vote in what M.U.C.C. can do and be a part of an organization with a word power of 100,000 members. Also every club member gets a MICHIGAN OUT OF DOOR Magazine monthly.

The MUDDERS & the OVER THE HILL GANG are putting on the second ANNUAL LAST CHANCE RACE - Oct. 17 & 18 tentatively. We will have Sat. Drags & Sun. Obstacle. Make plans to join us. Camping will be available-primitive!! Come and help a fellow four wheel drive club put on a successful race and bring toys for the United States Marines Toys for Tots for Christmas.

Tentative Agenda April Quarterly

Land Management Meeting 11:00 a.m. Please have a Representative from each club attend this meeting. Indiana and Illinois clubs are requested to bring any current land information for a proposed plan of action to open land.

- Call to Order
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- New Clubs and Guests
- Correspondence
- Old Business
- Convention - Dick Hubler
- Smokey Mt. Run - Clyde Christmas
- United - Claude Conn
- Bog - Del Heckler
- Land Management - Harry Wolfe
- S.O.R. - Ted Hooper
- I.C.C.I. - Jim Lange

ROLL CALL

January Quarterly Clubs Present.

- Capital City 4-Wheelers
- Crooked Creek 4X4's
- Delta 4-Wheelers
- Dusty N Rough
- Flintstones
- Ft. Wayne 4-Wheelers
- Four Fun 4-Wheelers
- Golden Triangle
- Jackson Stump Jumpers
- Michigan Fun Runners
- Michigan Mudders
- Mud Chuggers
- Off Road Explorers
- Over The Hill Gang
- Paw Paw 4-Faws
- Racers Incorporated
- Rambin 4-Wheelers
- Red Bud 4-Wheelers
- Ruffriders
- Rut Runners
- St. Helens 4WD Club
- Sand Diggers
- Shiawassee 4-Wheelers
- Sundowners
- Swamp Runners
- Two Trackers
- Valley 4-Wheelers
- West Michigan Range Riders
- Wilderness Trail Runners
- Wildwood 4WD Club
- Wolverines 4-Wheelers
- Thumb Area Mud Runners

January Quarterly Clubs Not Present

- Allegan County 4-Wheelers
- Bushwackers
- Dirt Dobbers
- Dunes 4-Wheelers
- Four Flags 4-Wheelers
- Gravel Grippers 4X4's
- Kankakee Valley Four Wheelers
- Kankakee Valley Off Road Runners
- Lake County 4X4's
- Merrill Monster Mudders
- Michiana Land Cruisers LTD
- Michigan All Terrain
- Michigan Tech 4-Wheelers
- Mid Michigan Four Runners
- Night Riders
- Forest 4-Wheelers
- Road Runners
- Rough Country
- South Bend Sod Busters
- Stateline 4-Wheelers
- West Michigan Mud Runners

Membership Secretary's Report

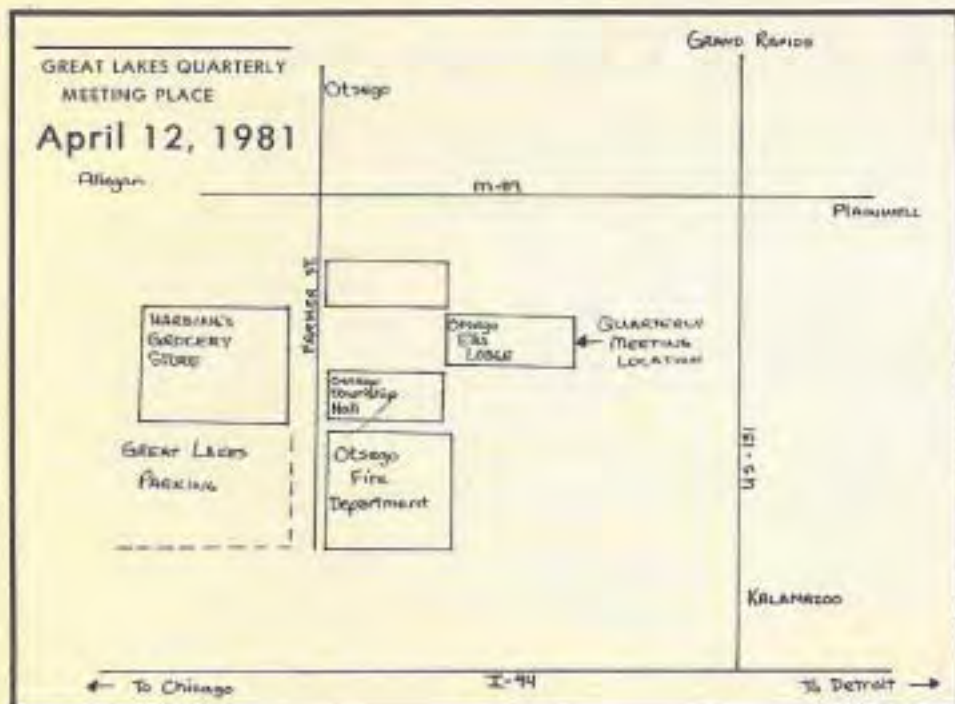
New Clubs

THUMB AREA MUD RUNNERS

Director:
Rick Kennison
2856 S. Fingle
Vassar, MI 48768
823-3108
27 Members

No New Individual Members

Frank Maloczewski
Membership Secretary



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Club Name

Club Mailing Address

President

President's address and phone

Editor

Editor's address and phone

Great Lakes Director

G. L. Director's address and phone

Elections date

Thank you for your cooperation.

Diane Banister
Editor, BOONDOCKER

1981 Quarterly Dates

April 12, 1981

July 12, 1981

October 11, 1981

Deadline

Deadline for the next Boondocker is June 1, 1981. All flyers and ads and, of course, articles must be in by this date. If you will be late, please call me so I can arrange space for your article. Any important information that comes up before this date please send as soon as possible so we can spread the word. Send everything to:

THE BOONDOCKER
c/o Diane Banister
20839 Sunnydale
Farmington Hills, MI 48024
1-313-476-3756

NOTICE:

Club flyers must be sent "COPY READY" or they must be accompanied with a check for \$10.00 to cover lay-out fee by the printer. Send flyers in as soon as possible. In case they are not copy ready this will allow enough time to send the \$10.00 fee. Flyers will NOT be printed if they are not copy ready or not accompanied with check for \$10.00.

Frank Maloczewski is in charge of the Great Lakes display board. If your club would like to use this board you may check it out from Frank. A yellow tablecloth will also be available if you need it. For further information contact Frank Maloczewski at 313-773-9552.



Anyone or any club wishing to use the Covert property for a day run or weekend run should notify Vic Molter. He will give you further instructions as to what you can and cannot do. He will also advise you as to where it is safe and where it is not safe to drive. You will find his address and phone number in the back of the Boondocker under chairman and representatives.



Covert Property

Running on the Covert Property is now limited to GLPWDA members and guests. A GL Decal should be displayed on each vehicle. Be prepared to identify yourself when asked.



Ads, Etc.

ATTN: MEMBERS

There is a small charge of \$2.00, authorized by GLPWDA officers and directors, for placement of want ads in "The Boondocker" by GLPWDA members. For placement of a commercial ad in the paper, see schedule of advertising rates or contact Diane Banister.



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10% discount on yearly advertising.



Notices

To all Club Directors. If you are not receiving Quarterly Notices please let me know. I've received several back. Thanks.

Judy Bachman
Corresponding Secretary

Dick would like a small patch from each club for his jacket. Contact Dick Hubler if your club would like to donate one.

Any clubs wishing copies of "OFF ROAD EAST" should contact Bobbie Jacot. Also, all clubs please send race information, dates, location plus who to contact to:

Bobbie Jacot
5192 Roberts Dr.
Flint, MI 48506
313-736-8977

She will pass this info on to "OFF ROAD EAST" magazine.

Club Membership Renewal

ATTENTION: PRESIDENTS, SECRETARIES, TREASURERS, GREAT LAKES DIRECTORS, whoever renews your membership to Great Lakes . . .

Please follow these steps:

1. Three (3) master membership lists (alphabetical would be nice) are needed with NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NO., AND GREAT LAKES NUMBER. Your GL number is yours forever.

2. Data Sheets filled out for new members, change of addresses or phone numbers and please indicate.

3. A check for \$10.00 per member. Membership will not be processed until we receive the check. Please send it to the Membership Secretary not the Treasurer.

4. When adding new members during the year \$2.50 per quarter until your renewal date. Fill out data sheet for them.

5. Please indicate new officers, GL Director and editor.

6. For individual renewals please send a check for \$15.00 to the Membership Secretary.

Thank you for your cooperation

Frank Maloczewski
Membership Secretary

NOTICE:

When clubs renew membership or send in new members they only need to send 1 club membership data sheet for each member. (Not 4 sheets). When clubs renew YEARLY dues THEN send 4 copies of their master membership list.



S.O.R. Meeting

There will be a S.O.R. meeting at the April Quarterly. All clubs should bring another person to represent them at this meeting.



Attention! Attention!

HOT LINE FLASH!!!

Ted Hooper, Vice President of Great Lakes, will be taking care of all club events for 1981. All club secretaries call Ted with any coming club event. We especially want to keep track of trail and road rallies, Mall shows, Parades, fun days as well as competition events. We had a lot of calls from clubs last year wanting to join other clubs for runs. Ted will keep the Boondocker up-dated as to what events will be happening. To help Ted send all club flyers and letters to him.

If your club would like to do something new and different, give Ted a call and he'll give you information on any organized club functions. Give it a try, you'll like it!!!

To get hold of Ted or Terese, call 616-267-5690 after 6:00 p.m.

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Deadlines

The deadlines for the remainder of 1981 are as follows:

Summer issue	June 1, 1981
Fall issue	Sept. 1, 1981
Winter issue	Dec. 1, 1981

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE DEADLINE OR IT WILL NOT BE PRINTED.

If anyone has any questions, suggestions, comments, ideas or criticism regarding the Boondocker PLEASE let me know. I would like to see a lot more input from the clubs.

Diane Banister, Editor, The Boondocker

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Claude's Corner . . .

Are you folks as ready for spring as ole Claude is? Ole Claude definitely has a severe case of cabin fever, having been kinda housebound with projects (mostly past due). At the sight of the first crocus, though, we are going to be out there flailing away, hopefully uniting jeep bodies, frames and cages into one useable unit.

It looks like another busy year for Great Lakes. The trail rides to the Smokey Mountains and the Tahquamenon-Whitefish Run are scheduled and we have three competition events scheduled - the Bog, Sand-O-Rama, and a new event for Labor Day weekend at our new race site in Davison, Michigan. This new race promises to be one of the best in the Midwest. The committee working on site acquisition is very enthusiastic over its potential. The location in Davison should make the event convenient to more of the clubs and especially to spectators in the large population centered around Davison. We should have the largest turnout ever as far as workers are concerned, making these events important social events as well as competition events. So ya'all come out - lets make this a great Great Lakes year.

— Claude Conn

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"60 Minutes" Riles Four Wheelers

By Luana Schneider

Taken from: *United's Voice, Volume 3, Issue 1, Page 5, February 1981.*

Minutes after the Dec. 21, 1980 "60 Minutes" segment concerning the safety and short comings of the CJ5 on the highway, I was receiving comments from both four wheelers and non four wheelers on the poor coverage. They were angry about the sensationalistic tactics and one-sided presentation. Some comments from various letters to CBS, c/o 60 Minutes, 524 West 57th St., New York City, N.Y. 10019 were:

On your Dec. 21, 1980 program you claimed to be reporting on tests made by a reliable and unbiased testing firm. Yet, your officials failed to realize that comparing utility vehicles and passenger cars is erroneous. They failed to realize that the Army data and films were of a Ford built independent suspension vehicle, not at all like the CJ5. They failed to realize, or didn't care, that the utility vehicle tests singled out the CJ5 only. This made it look like you were trying to degrade American Motors/Jeep Corporation instead of showing interest in reporting safety facts about utility vehicles.

I have purchased my CJ5's for their short wheelbase, high ground clearance, and quick responsive maneuverability, in order that I could feel and be safe on our high, back country, unmaintained roads of the Colorado Rockies. The comparisons in your film footage were like comparing apples and oranges. Unsecured dummies versus seat belted humans. Mechanically activated steering as opposed to human impulse

steering control. Colorado's AMC dealership's CJ5's include not only their own instruction manual, but one written by organized four wheelers in Colorado and published by Region 8 of the Forest Service. Come to Colorado and I will personally show you why I prefer the "dangerously unsafe CJ5."

As to the inadequacies of your film footage:

A. Why weren't the dummies seat belted in?

B. On the "J" type turns, a human driver would feel the vehicle leaving the roadway and compensate for it.

C. The film footage shown displayed a very rapid and extreme steering wheel turn, almost faster than a human driver could maneuver.

D. The problems you addressed in the film are some of the very reasons for which the vehicle is purchased, i.e.: high ground clearance, tight turn radius, short wheelbase, and tight rapid maneuverability.

In conclusion, our final evaluation of the footage shown, was one of monetary value only. A fantastic public exposure opportunity by the automobile's insurer's group to compliment a probable whole new rate structure for four wheel drive vehicles, namely CJ5's.

Were you upset with this "film footage?" Did you write a letter stating your thoughts — even if it was very short after editing out all the "bad" words? It sure wouldn't hurt if you would let them know what you thought!

To conclude an excerpt from United's News Release: United has been working for a number

of years with all manufacturers of utility vehicles in trying to establish a comprehensive educational program but has only had limited luck in the area. "That luck has come in Jeep's assistance" Williams added noting that Jeep has been the only manufacturer to offer any assistance in the development of such programs. "The broadcast was nearly a singular attack on Jeeps' CJ5 vehicle and barely inferred that there are similar risks inherent in all utility vehicles. We have been trying to tell all the manufacturers that education was needed for a number of years and now one has been singled out."

What's In A Name?

FLAT FENDER FRIENDS

Taken from: *United's Voice Volume 3, Issue 1, February, 1981.*

The trade name "Jeep" means many things to many people. The corporation that manufactures them even put that famous name across the tail gates of some of their pickups.

There is a dedicated group of purist owners of the old World War II type "Jeep" vehicles that respectfully call their elite vehicles "Flat Fenders." Those first models were built by Bantam, Willys and Ford. They were listed as BRC, MA, MB, GPW, CJ2A, CJ3A, CJ3B, M38.

As the body style evolved to a rounded appearance with curved hood and fenders, so did the ownership of the company change. In 1963 Willys sold out to Kaiser. Kaiser in turn sold to American Motors Corporation in 1970.

I've had persons tell me they own a "CJ." That could mean an older flat fender or one of the newer CJ5's, CJ6 or CJ7.

A North American survey of owners of Flat Fender jeeps started out as a fun thing. It has evolved into the start of an organization, "Flat Fender Friends," which hopefully will be able to, among other things, establish the historical significance of the original "Jeep" vehicles. One objective will be to get the Smithsonian Institute to display the 7th Bantam Jeep built, which I understand they currently have in storage.

Read next month's *United's Voice* to find out more about Flat Fender Friends.

If you own and drive a GPW, MB, M38, CJ2A, CJ3A and are interested in communicating with other Flat Fender owners in North America, send your name, address and the serial number of your Flat Fender to: R.V. "Kirk" Kirkpatrick, So. 2214 Herald Road, Spokane, WA 99206.



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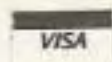
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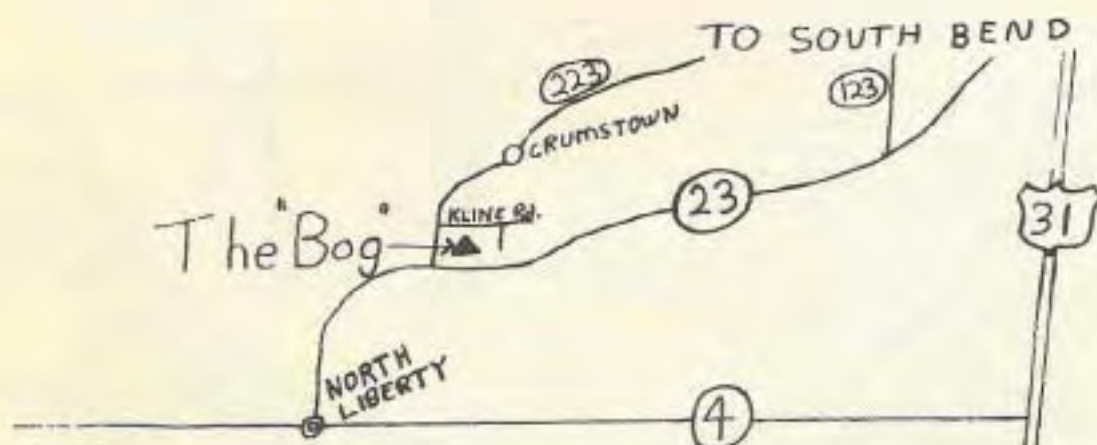
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