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Scaring Up Some Chickens

by Vic "Timberwolf" Brasseur

This year for Gitchee Gumee, my wife Tina intended to be in Canada on Thursday for the Algoma train ride with the early group. That being so, I needed to take the camper up there the weekend before, because I would be working Thursday and arriving later. She did not want to tow the camper up with her trail Bronco II. Unlike most, this isn't a problem for us. Being members of the Trolls, we already live close by. Actually just under two hours away.

So, the Sunday before, we hopped in the truck with friends Fred and Diane Crawford and hauled the camper up to Blueberry Campground. When we got there, we paid a surprise visit to Pat and Kim Kinne, T-way, and others who were spending the entire week scouting trails on quads. We stood around their campfire listening to the high water quading story that you read in the last issue of this fine paper!

It rained off and on all week, and we arrived back at camp late on Thursday night. Got up Friday morning to (guess what) more rain! Most of us donned our rain gear and then stood around in the rain socializing during trail signup. Come time to pull out, we had two groups. Tina lead the "stock" group, and Pat Kinne lead out the big boys.

Having recently sold my CJ5, (my trusty steed of 17 years) I recruited my best friend, Fred Crawford, to co-lead a trail. (Read: drive while I ride shotgun.) Anyway, when the first two runs pulled out, I told Pat that I would hang around Headquarters for a while to see if any late comers wanted to go out. When I left I would be scouting a new loop to the north, to possibly be used on Saturday. While I waited in a serious down-pour, Fred let me know that he needed to take one more day to console his wife Diane over the very recent passing of her mother. God rest her beloved soul, a very dear lady who I have known since I was sixteen. Fred stated that I was welcome to use his Jeep, and he would be ready to join me on Saturday.

After 45 minutes and no show of late comers, the rain began to ease up a bit. I contemplated violating a general rule of four wheeling: Never wheel alone! Well let's see, I had shown Pat and Fred, as well as Jim Mazzola, exactly where I had intended to go. Jim and Fred both knew I would do it alone if no one else showed. And I had at my disposal a very capable Jeep full of about everything I could think of that I might need. I really wanted to know if this trail would be worth taking a group on for the big day Saturday. I decided that I would go and be cautious!

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

July 18, 2004

GLFWDA Quarterly Meeting
Midland, Michigan

August 27-29, 2004

Drummond Offroad Adventure
Drummond Island, Michigan

October 1-3, 2004

Gitchee Gumee
Sault Ste. Marie, Canada

October 10, 2004

GLFWDA Quarterly Meeting
Midland, Michigan

October 16, 2004

Troll's Color Tour
Indian River, Michigan

November 25, 2004

Turkey Day Massacre
The Mounds
Mount Morris, Michigan

January 9, 2005

GLFWDA Quarterly Meeting
Midland, Michigan

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Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association

Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association Incorporated is a noncommercial association of four wheel drive enthusiasts organized for the promotion of interest in maintaining closer contacts between four wheel drive clubs and individuals, to promote cooperation, friendship, conservation, ecology, and to preserve access to public lands through wise management policies. It shall also provide a network of communication in the event of disasters or emergencies, and for the advancement of four wheel drive awareness, the representation of four wheel drive interests in legislative affairs, and for maintenance of fraternalism by encouraging a high standard of conduct.

GLFWDA is an incorporated association, without capital stock, chartered under the laws of the State of Michigan, and is an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1986. Its affairs are governed by the Executive Board of Directors, whose voting members are elected every two years by the Directors of each member club. The officers are elected or appointed by the Directors. The Association is noncommercial, and no one who could gain financially from the shaping of its affairs is eligible for membership on the Executive Board.

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Deadline for the next Boondocker is **August 29th, 2004**. All flyers, advertisements, and articles must be received by this date. Late submissions will be printed in the next issue. If you can get items in earlier it would be greatly appreciated. Only items that are signed are considered for publication, but names will be withheld upon request.

Preferred format for articles is a computer generated document sent via e-mail to johnnyj@msg4x4club.com. Printed flyers are acceptable, but must be no larger than 8 ½" x 11". Articles may also be submitted on a 3 ½" PC floppy disk.

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Editor's Notes

First off, I must apologize for this issue coming out so late. As things have piled up on my desk, putting together this issue kept getting delayed. Between my family, work, and trying to put my jeep back together for the big Summer trip; the Boondocker kept losing the battle.

On a bright note, I now have a beautiful daughter, Kate Elizabeth. She was born on Mother's Day. Many people warned me, but I am amazed how the first two months are a trial in sleep deprivation.

The jeep was supposed to be done in time for the Spring Opener, but was barely started when I hauled the Wagoneer up in its place. It took lots of last minute thrashing on the little jeep by many people to save the big trip. Thanks to all, especially my wife for not changing the locks.

And work is just work. Always getting in the way of what you really want to do.

So, excuses aside, here it is. I hope you enjoy it. There's an article from Victor Brasseur about his trip at last year's Gitchee Gumee, another article from Del Albright, and minutes, SOPs, and updated By-Laws from the last Quarterly. There is also a list of web sites for many parks throughout the U.S. that you can haul your toys to.

Although there are no articles about it in this issue, I would like to congratulate the Troll's on a successful 10th Annual Spring Opener. With the help of a few of their friends, they were able to pull it off, even with a few of their members away on military assignment. It was a great time as usual, and I look forward to returning next year.

For future issues, I would like to see more stories, reader's rides, and kid's corner submissions coming in. Contrary to popular belief, my mailbox is not overflowing with submissions. We only received one picture for the Kid's Corner contest (and it was from the kid of the judge), and I had to go out and poll for reader's rides for this issue. I had two story submissions, and they were both from Victor; so I decided to save one for next issue.

People turned out for the trail maintenance this Spring, so let's keep it moving and see a good turnout for the fall dates that will be set at the next Quarterly, and let's see some trip reports coming in. The trip does have to be a GLFWDA sanctioned event, it can be the story of you and your friends hitting the local hole or taking a big trip out West.

I look forward to seeing many of you at my club's 4th Annual Drummond Offroad Adventure in August.

-- John Jacobs, Boondocker Editor

Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association, Inc.
April 18, 2004 Quarterly Minutes

President Pat Kinne called the meeting to order at 11:10 am. After roll call was taken it was found that we had 12 Directors present for a quorum and the meeting was called to order. We had one club visiting us. The Northeastern Rough Riders and Nathan Munsey will be their Director. They are a small club that has been formed for about 1 ½ years now, and share the same interest as most GLFWDA members. At this point with the club having everything into GLFWDA needed to join Victor Brasseur made a motion to accept The Northeastern Rough Riders into GLFWDA. Mike Kelly seconded this motion and the motion carried. A big welcome to the Northeastern Rough Riders was given from all GLFWDA members.

Tim Treadway wanted to say thank you to all the Board members for all the hard work they have been doing on behalf of Great Lakes, and that all of the hard work has not been going unnoticed. Tim has been hearing a lot of great things about Great Lakes and feels that is due in part to having such a caring Board.

President's Report: Pat Kinne

Pat started out by saying what a great job everyone has been doing for Great Lakes. He has been very busy and hearing things like the trail riders not having trails in Michigan to ride. Pat said that he is focusing on keeping trails open and such for the sport. Pat will work with Jeremy on getting the labels for the Boondocker.

Vice President's Report: Joe Cefali

Joe started out by talking about all the hard work that went into the last issue of the Boondocker. John Jacobs has done a wonderful job. There are a few new sections, like a puzzle for kids and a drawing contest. (KIDS GET THOSE PICTURES INTO JOE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A GREAT PRIZE.)

Corresponding Recording Secretary: Tina Brasseur

Tina asked for any corrections to minutes from January's Quarterly meeting and having been none, asked for a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Boondocker. Tim Treadway made this motion. Paul Mulder seconded it and the motion carried. The minutes were accepted as printed.

Membership Secretary: Jeremy Vohwinkle

Jeremy started off by saying that we have only 261 members at this time. Some members have dropped, but while waiting for some to pay their dues the computer software has dropped them. Jeremy will send out notices to all and he will have a better idea of how many people have dropped Great Lakes and who has paid their dues. Please make sure ALL of your information to Jeremy is correct so we will be able to get all of the mailings to you.

Treasurer's Report: Rick Ingman

Rick presented a written report of the GLFWDA account. After it was reviewed, George Motes made a motion to accept the report as presented. John Jacobs seconded this motion and the motion carried.

Director At Large: Brad Stoecker

Brad was unable to attend so Bruce Menning was his stand in. Bruce is concerned about the problem with people paying their dues and not receiving their membership cards in a timely manner. This something the Board takes very seriously and will do whatever it can do to fix this problem. Bruce was able to vote for the all individuals.

Associate Membership: Crystal Aho

Crystal was unable to join us today so John Jacobs gave a short report for her. We have two new associate members: C. J. Off Road and J. J. Trucking's DARE Monster Truck. Please make sure to mention that you know that they are Great Lakes members whenever you have the chance.

Editor: John Jacobs

Tina started out by saying thank you to John for doing such an awesome job with his first issue of the Boondocker. We are only hearing great things about it. John said thank you and that it was a lot of hard work. He will not accept any thing for the Boondocker after the deadline because it is too hard to hold it up. If something comes in after the deadline it will go in the next issue. If you need help with a story for the Boondocker please do not wait until the last minute to ask John for help because he will be too busy at that time to help. The next deadline is May 30th. John has been able to cut the price of printing the Boondocker down by almost half of what we used to pay, but we still need to find ways to save more money. We will be looking at ways to save money and still be able to put out such and great magazine.

Patches, Decals, and Clothing: Joe AND Maria Cefali

Joe started out by having a garage sale on last year's Sand-O-Rama t-shirts. They went for two dollars each until they were gone. We have some old 6" decals that we just gave away because they sun fade badly. Joe submitted a request for buying new 6" decals at \$0.68 a piece for 340 of them. Jeremy Havens made a motion to accept this request and Frank White seconded it and the motion carried.

Drags & Obstacles:

Mud Racing:

Bruce Menning made a motion to take these (Drags, Obstacles, and Mud Racing) off the agenda until there is interest in them again. Mike Kelly seconded this motion. The motion carried with one no vote.

Charities: Pat Kinne

Pat asked for this to be put on the agenda again. He would like to go back to doing the 50/50 drawings again. Because everyone had so many different ideas about where the money should go, please bring all of your ideas to the next Quarterly and something will be picked for the year. It will run from April till April. Pat Kinne made a motion to accept putting the charity on the agenda and doing the 50/50 with whatever being chosen going from April to April. John Jacobs seconded this motion and the motion carried.

United 4WDA: Jim Mazzola

Jim could not attend so Pat gave a short report. Convention (United 4WDA) is coming up in July and we need to send two delegates. Pat submitted a budget of \$1000.00 to send two delegates to the United convention. Paul Mulder made a motion to accept this request. Tim Treadway seconded this motion and it was carried. The two delegates going on behalf of Great Lakes will Pat Kinne and Joe Cefali. Since Pat and Joe are both Board members and the Convention will interfere with the Great Lakes Quarterly meeting in July, Paul Mulder made a motion to move our Quarterly meeting to the 18th of July. Jeremy Havens seconded this motion and the motion carried. (JULY 18TH WILL BE THE NEXT GLFWDA QUARTERLY MEETING.) Pat and Joe will have a report ready when they come back.

Trail Ride; Awareness Training; Trail Maintenance: Land Use: Victor Brasseur

Victor started out by asking for a budget of

\$2100.00 for everything that is under the Trail Rider's Committee. This will cover an Awareness Training Class, Gitchee Gumees and paper, postage and ink cartridges that he should need for the year. George Motes made a motion to accept this budget. Paul Mulder seconded this motion and the motion carried.

At the Trail Rider's meeting they sanctioned D.O.A. and Gitchee Gumees. April 24th and 25th will be trail maintenance in Atlanta. May 1st will be North and West Branch trail maintenance. May 2nd will be Devil's Lake trail maintenance. The fall dates will be decided at a later date. Victor went on to say that because of all the hard work of Jim Kitson, we now have a new trail rating system in place. There are only a few things that need to be worked out with it. June 19th there will be a Dunes Clean Up at Silver Lake. You can get in the gate at 8 am with cleanup being from 9am until 11am. This is being done with Great Lakes helping Mid Michigan Fourwheelers. After the clean up is done you can play on the dunes. The DNR will be giving out prizes.

ORV Advisory Committee, Environmental Affairs: Paul Mulder

Paul said there isn't a lot going right now. One change is that the ORV tech positions are now vacant and there is talk going on if they will fill them again or not. The next meeting is May 12th in Lansing at the Holiday Inn South. This is a new location. After this Pat gave Paul a sweat shirt from the Trail Riders for all of his very hard work that he gave Great Lakes. WAY TO GO PAUL! The new counsel that is being formed to help fight for our trails and such has been cancelled until May 8th. We should know about this for the next Quarterly meeting on July 18th, 2004.

Insurance: Pat Kinne

Pat said that the policy that we have now will expire in July. We really need to decide what we want to do. Do we want to policies so we can cover insurance for sanctioned events plus insurance for trail maintenance? After a brief discussion it was brought and found that we had all ready voted on getting both policies. It would now be a matter of finding out how much it could cost the clubs putting on events to put on as riders. Pat will keep us informed as he finds things out. It could cost a club as much as \$400 a year to be put on as a rider, but the more riders we have the cheaper each rider becomes.

Marketing Director: Kerry-Ann Griffith

Kerry -Ann was not able to attend so Frank White gave a brief report. He stated that Kerry-Ann has been working very hard at this. With the new direction the Board as helped her understand where she needs to go to help promote Great Lakes.

Website: Jeremy Vohwinkle

After a lot hard work, Jeremy now has the new website up and running. Jeremy has put a lot of time in making this website very user friendly. If you have had a chance to check it out and sign up on the site you really should. If you find something or would like something put on that is not there please just let Jeremy know and he will see what he can do about it.

Rocks: Aaron Young

Aaron was not here today but there has been no activity with rocks. Frank White has stepped up and said he would like to head this committee and see what he can do. With there being no objection Frank White is now the chairman of the Rocks Committee.

Calendar of Events

There will be a swamp meet in Evert on May 22nd.

May 8th will be the Wolverine Truck Show. July 18th 2004 will be the next GLFWDA Quarterly meeting.

Troll's Fall Color ride will be October 16th 2004.

Property: Jonathan Blystra

Jonathan was unable to attend so we had no report.

Old Business

Property Survey:

This was tabled until the next Quarterly meeting.

Dues Increase:

After a lengthy discussion the issue came up for a vote that would increase the dues by \$10.00 across the board for all members. The motion carried with 13 voting yes, one no vote, and three Directors not voting. The dues increase goes into effect right away. Contact Jeremy if you're not sure how much you should be paying. Clubs pay \$30.00 a member now, Individuals members pay \$35.00 and Associate Members now pay \$10.00 more also.

Marketing Directors Duties:

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SOP's:

The SOP's were gone over with the suggestions from the Board about what should be changed and why. A new copy of the SOP's is included in this issue of the Boondocker. A copy is also being sent to all Directors along with the minutes.

By-law changes:

After the Board had a chance to go over the by-laws there are a few things that the Board feels should be addressed. Before they can be voted on they must be printed once in the Boondocker. This is what was suggested to be changed:

1. Once quorum has been established at the beginning of the Quarterly business meeting, the quorum shall stand for the remainder of the meeting; regardless of whether or not all of the Directors present remain for the duration of the meeting. All issues brought to a vote during the Quarterly meeting shall be decided by a majority of the Directors who are present and voting at the time of the vote. This was made a motion by Tina Brasseur with a second being made by John Jacobs. The Directors present voted to put this as a possible by-law change with one Director not voting.

2. To have all Great Lakes members remove all Great Lakes decals from any vehicle prior to being sold. Motion to accept this as a possible by-law change was made by John Jacobs with a second coming from Jeremy Vohwinkle. This passed by all Directors present.

3. Dues Increase Article 1V Section 1.

To remove this section so that clubs joining Great Lakes will not have to pay any initiation fee at the time of their application for membership. This was made a motion by Jeremy Vohwinkle and a second from Clark Cole. This passed by all Directors as a possible by-law change.

4. Section 8 was tabled after a discussion with all Directors present.

5. Article V1 Section 3.

A minimum of thirty-five (35) percent of the total Directors to include the Executive Board will represent a quorum. This was made a motion by Tim Treadway with a second coming from John Jacobs. This carried as a possible by-law change by the Directors present with one Director not voting.

The President will not vote until such time that there is a vote so that he/she can be the deciding vote. This was made a motion by Darrin Buss with the second coming from Victor Brasseur. The Directors present passed this as a possible change with one Director not voting.

6. Article X1 Section 2

A Parliarian shall be appointed by the Executive Board as needed and be given a copy of Robert's Rules Revised. This was made a motion by Frank White with the second coming from Darrin Buss. The Directors present voted for this to be a possible by-law change with one Director not voting.

Scale Rental:

Great Lakes has a set of scales for members to rent as needed.

Boondocker:

Mike Kelly made a motion for all issues of the Boondocker to be printed on website for all to see. Frank White seconded this motion. After a short discussion this motion was brought up for a vote that did not pass. Three Directors voted for this motion, six Directors no on this motion, with one Director not voting.

John Jacobs made a motion that the last issue of the Boondocker be put on the website so that only one issue will be on the website at a time. Tim Treadway seconded this motion and the motion passed with nine yes votes and one no vote.

Clark Cole made a motion to adjourn this GLFWDA Quarterly meeting. Frank White seconded this motion and this motion carried with all Directors voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina R. Brasseur

Recording Corresponding Secretary

Quarterly Meeting Schedule

July 18th, 2004

October 18th, 2004

Meetings start at 11:00AM

**Bullock Creek Elementary School
1037 Poseyville Road
Midland, MI 48640**

Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association
Standard Operating Procedures
Amended April 18, 2004

1. Advisement that no husband and wife serve on the same Executive Board.
2. No alcohol shall be served or consumed at a GLFWDA Quarterly meeting. (4-13-86)
3. No more than one sanctioned event of the same type per day. (7-14-97)
4. All money taken in by any Committee must be by check, made out to GLFWDA and must be turned over to the GLFWDA treasurer immediately. Money taken in at an event should be by check, made out to GLFWDA whenever possible. All expenses shall be paid by GLFWDA check. All expenses must have a receipt. Any money allocated without a receipt must be accompanied by a quote from the intended source. Failure to have a receipt will mean the expense is invalid and not be allowed. An invalid bill may become the responsibility of the person incurring the expense. Any use of cash taken in on the day of the event must be for legitimate event expense and have a receipt. (7-14-97)
5. Financial reports for an event shall be turned in at the next GLFWDA Directors meeting that follows completion of the event or committee function. For standing committee this shall be at the January meeting. (1-9-94)
6. A charge of whatever the Great Lakes bank charges plus \$5.00 will be issued to members if their check has been returned for insufficient funds. (7-17-93)
7. For all sanctioned events not published in the Boondocker, the flyers should be sent to each Director and be paid by the sponsoring club. (7-17-93)
8. All events are to be paid in U.S. funds only. (11-20-88)
9. Letters are to be sent to all vendors notifying them that there shall be only one billing address. (Executive Board action 11-20-88)
10. When ever a new By-law is adopted, the By-laws in their entirety shall be printed in the next Boondocker. (5-21-89)
11. The Vice-President shall keep a written inventory of all GLFWDA equipment and property. He/she shall note who has physical control of said property. It shall be the obligation of the person who has physical control to keep the V.P. informed of the condition of the equipment. It shall be the responsibility of each standing committee to submit a list of equipment in their possession at physical

controller will be using the equipment and on what dates. Upon permanent transfer of equipment to another controller both persons shall notify the V.P. (7-17-93)

12. The bookkeeping system in place as of 4-18-93 shall be standard form for the Treasurer's books. Any changes must be approved by the Directors. Quickbooks or other similar accounting software shall be the standard form for the Treasurer books. (7-14-97)
13. If an event is canceled by an "Act Of God" a club can move that event and the sanctioning fee to any date that there isn't a sanctioned event. Even if it is only one week. Approval of the Rules Committee is required. (1-5-95)
14. Smoking will not be permitted at any GLFWDA quarterly meeting. (4-14-97)
15. No Executive Board member can approve their own expense report. Two signatures are required on all expense reports before a check is written.
16. No expenses shall be paid to any GLFWDA member for attending any regular scheduled G LFWDA Quarterly Directors meeting.

Committees;

- A. It shall be understood that each committee, although a separate entity, is recommended to hold joint meeting and work closely with each other when formulating rules and guidelines so that continuity exists between all groups.
- B. All requests for sanctioning shall be made to the sanctioning chairman of each committee. It shall be sanctioning requester's responsibility to inform the appropriate committee chairman and to inform the Editor of the Boondocker.
- C. All committees must submit, and have approved by the Directors, a written proposed budget for their activity or event at least three quarterly meetings prior to the event date. For standing committees a proposed budget must be submitted and approved at the January quarterly. Failure to submit a budget and/or freeze any financial support or sanctioning from the GLFWDA until such time as a budget is approved. Any increase from the submitted proposed budget of \$50.00 or more must be approved by the Executive Board, or the Directors when possible.
- D. An oral report must be presented at each quarterly meeting by all Committees. If no one from the committee or event can be present at the quarterly meeting then a written report must be submitted, to be read at the meeting. Failure to submit a report could suspend or cancel the event. (1-9-94)

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OFF-ROAD VEHICLE TRAILS ADVISORY
BOARD MEETING
Holiday Inn Lansing South
6820 South Cedar Street
Lansing, Michigan
May 12, 2004**

Chairman, Dick Ranney called the meeting of the Off-Road Vehicle Trails Advisory Board to order at 6:37 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12, 2004 in Lansing, Michigan.

Members Present:

Dick Ranney, Chair
Glenn Moll, Vice Chair
Marlia Dielman
Jason Dinsmore for John Ford
Under Sheriff Billy E. Spencer for Sheriff Nelson J. Cannon

Members Absent:

Bill Hunyadi

Staff Present:

Jim Radabaugh, State Trails Coordinator, Lansing
Steve Kubisiak, ORV Program Manager, Lansing
Richard Kennedy, FMFM, Lansing
Sharon Maynard, Grants, Contracts and Customer Systems, Lansing
Lieutenant Creig Grey, Law Enforcement Division, Lansing
Lieutenant Walt Mikula, Law Enforcement Division, Roscommon
Sergeant Jean Davis, Law Enforcement Division, Roscommon
Pete Lundborg, Silver Lake State Park

USDA Forest Service Staff Present:

Rose Ingram, Huron-Manistee National Forest, Cadillac
Russ Bacon, Huron-Manistee National Forest, Baldwin

Chairman Ranney announced that Sheriff Jerry Cannon should be back for the next meeting and thanked Under Sheriff Spencer for acting as his alternate in his absence. He wished him well in his upcoming retirement.

Minutes

Acknowledged Minutes of the February 11, 2004 ORV Trails Advisory Board Meeting.

Under Sheriff Spencer made a motion, supported by Mr. Dinsmore, to accept the minutes of the February, 2004 Off-Road Vehicle Trails Advisory Board Meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislation Update – Mr. Ranney reported he met with Representative Farrah and her staff on March 9, 2004, along with representatives of the Michigan Motorcycle Dealers Association, their lobbyist, and Department staff to discuss language changes to the Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Act.

Mr. Radabaugh added the Department is continuing to work on draft language with Representative Farrah on the concept of simplifying the distribution of funds and providing flexibility to respond to program needs as the ultimate goal. The language is still being drafted and is under review. It is expected to be introduced in the next month or two.

ORV Safety Education Program Update – Lieutenant Creig Grey reported he is currently working on grant application materials with Grants, Contracts and Customer Systems. He noted the process of preparing the application materials has taken longer than anticipated due to Department review and approval process, but is hopeful applications will be available to potential grant sponsors soon.

Discussion ensued regarding the Safety Training Program and ORV related accidents.

Mr. Ranney expressed concern with the lack of progress being made on the ORV Safety Training Program. He read a letter that he intends to send to the Chief of Law Enforcement.

Mr. Dinsmore made a motion, supported by Under Sheriff Spencer, in support of Chairman Ranney sending a letter to the Chief of Law Enforcement concerning the ORV Safety Training Program. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORV Plan – Mr. Kubisiak introduced Dr. Charles Nelson from Michigan State University who is under contract to update Michigan's Off-Road Vehicle Plan. **Dr. Nelson** thanked the board and noted they will play a key role in the plan update process. He gave a power point presentation highlighting key features of the original plan, passed studies and regulations. **Dr. Nelson** provided an overview of topic areas to be addressed in the plan update, provided a project

schedule, and answered questions. **Mr Ranney** thanked Dr. Nelson.

Spending Plan – Mr. Kubisiak reported the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) budget office requested a plan to spend down approximately \$2.5 million dollars of the balance in the Off-Road Vehicle Trail Improvement Fund. He said the proposed spending plan addresses three major program needs:

1. A system wide travel management sign upgrade
2. Gladwin ORV trail improvements
3. Motorized trail regulatory sign review

Mr. Kubisiak said the travel management sign upgrade is estimated to cost approximately \$2 million dollars and would involve replacing the current trail marking system with carsonite type posts, with appropriate recreation symbols. He said this enhancement will provide for a more durable, uniform and attractive sign system, and will help with law enforcement.

The Gladwin ORV trail receives tremendous use and is in need of significant improvements to address environmental issues relating to seasonally wet soil conditions unique to this Management Unit. Engineering cost estimates are complete. Estimated cost of improvements is approximately \$500,000. He added that these enhancements will improve trail drainage and stabilize a permanent trail bed that will be better able to sustain motorized trail use in the long term.

The motorized trail regulatory sign review will initiate the second phase of the motorized trail sign enhancement program. This effort will be coordinated with, and cost shared with, the snowmobile program. Estimated cost share is approximately \$50,000.

Mr. Dinsmore asked if the ORV fund is protected and noted what happened to the waterways fund. **Mr. Kubisiak** said the ORV fund is a restricted fund and added that is why the Department has developed the spending plan.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed spending plan and trail signing.

Ms. Dielman made a motion, supported by Mr. Dinsmore, recommending the Department involve knowledgeable board members, or grant sponsors, when making decisions regarding trail signage. Motion unanimously carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Forest, Mineral and Fire Management

Steve Kubisiak reported he recently spoke with

Bill Hunyadi who agreed to replace Adam Bump on the Board. Mr. Hunyadi is the new regional Wildlife Biologist for the Ruffed Grouse Society. His territory includes Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. He reported that Errol Lee has resigned from the Board and the Department is searching for a replacement. He noted that Mr. Lee represented the public at-large and that this is a neutral position. He asked the Board to let him know if they have any recommendations for potential candidates.

Mr. Kubisiak referred the Board to a memorandum that was sent to all State employees from Steven E. Chester, Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), regarding the 2004 Ozone Action. He said this is as an information item and urged the ORV community to take this under consideration. More details are available on the DEQ web site at www.michigan.gov/deqozoneaction.

Mr. Kubisiak referred the Board to a letter received from Mr. Thomas A. Schmidt, Forest Supervisor, Hiawatha National Forest, requesting the Department to consider designating segments of the Haywire and Coalwood Grade(s) as part of the State designated ORV trail system. He also referred them to a letter the Department sent in response to this request and noted the Department would like advice from the ORV Trails Advisory Board and Snowmobile Advisory Committee. This item will be placed on the August meeting agenda.

Mr. Radabaugh reported the position descriptions for the two trail vacancies have been finalized, justifications have been approved, and they are under review by Human Resources and Civil Service. He expects the positions to be advertised by the last week of May and said he is hopeful that the positions will be filled by mid July. He added the Department has been authorized to hire two state workers to cover essential trail duties this summer. He said these positions will assist the Unit Managers with trail inspections and trail event related activities. He said that one position is already filled and is hopeful the second one will be filled after the interviews are completed next week.

Grants, Contracts and Customer Systems

Sharon Maynard, Grants, Contracts and Customer Systems, Lansing reported that ORV licenses are once again available through the point of sales terminals, and are available at over 1700 outlets throughout the state. She said the licenses are also available from participating ORV dealerships and on the web though E-license. She noted that ORV

license sales though E-license dropped 34% last year from approximately 1500 to 800. She reported there were approximately 150,000 ORV licenses sold in 2001, with stable sales in 2002 and 2003 at approximately 165,000 each year. 2004 year-to-date sales are approximately 60,000.

Ms. Maynard reported their office is communicating with the license agents and have sent ORV guides to them for distribution. She said she recognizes the need to work with the agents to improve the distribution of the ORV guides, and is reviewing agent performance criteria. She added they are also working to improve the quality of license stock used in the point of sale terminals.

Parks and Recreation Bureau

Peter Lundborg, Silver Lake State Park, Mears reported that he is working to resolve congestion problems at the safety check station by constructing a by-pass lane. He noted the project is funded through an ORV grant. He expressed concern with trends that suggest ORV related accidents and fatalities are increasing at Silver Lake State Park each year. He said he is looking for ideas from the board on how to improve safety at the park. He added that he will be bringing this issue to the Parks and Recreation Bureau Management Team for advice and noted a potential need to reinstitute a local Advisory Committee.

USDA Forest Service

Rose Ingram, Huron-Manistee National Forest, Cadillac, reported that Leanne Martin was recently appointed as the new Forest Supervisor for the Huron-Manistee National Forest. **Ms. Ingram** reported that a decision notice and finding of no significant impact for the Horseshoe-Holton Motorcycle Trail has been posted on their web site, and noted the decision is currently in the appeal period.

Public Appearance

Mike Maurer, Lansing Motorcycle Club, Williamston said that his club has begun shopping for liability insurance and noted that the costs have doubled from last year. He believes this increase is a result of the need to include trail exposure in order to meet insurance requirements for the grant program. He believes if the window of exposure under the grant program could be shortened it would help reduce insurance costs. He urged the other clubs involved in the trail maintenance program to begin shopping for their insurance early. **Mr. Maurer** also spoke to the 2004 ORV Trails Advisory Board mis-

sion, and is supportive of clubs working together to resolve issues relating to the ORV program.

Bill Chapin, Cycle Conservation Club of Michigan, Rives Junction believes it was the legislature's intent to require a hands-on training component in the ORV Safety Education Program. He urged the DNR to not abandon this requirement. **Mr. Chapin** questioned the proposed spending plan and believes that regulatory signs should be the priority. He noted that insurance costs have doubled since last year. **Mr. Chapin** believes the DNR should provide tort immunity to sponsors, and shorten grant sponsor liability exposure through application of accepted work doctrine.

Bill Gilbert, Michigan ATV Safety Association (MASA), Burton believes it will cost more than \$20.00 per student to provide a comprehensive ORV training program. He said he currently charges \$35.00 per student and that he could not provide the training for \$20.00. He does not support a paper program and believes that a hands-on component is important.

Tom Craig, ATV Off-Road Club of Michigan, Warren expressed concerns with the ATV trail system and does not believe it is ATV friendly. He expressed concerns with trail width in some areas and said that stumps along the trails are a safety hazard. He suggested the DNR inspect the trails on ATVs. He does not like ORV Routes.

Pat Kinney, Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association, Midland said members of his organization do not use the designated ORV route system, and that other than Silver Lake State Park nothing in Michigan holds their organization's interest. He said members of his organization go out of state to find challenging off-road riding opportunities for full size vehicles.

Paul Mulder, Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association, Harrison distributed photographs of toilet buildings at several ORV trailheads. He expressed concerns with the lack of off-season maintenance and reported that the toilet building at Ewart is closed due to vandalism. He said he cleaned the toilet building at the North Branch Trail. He asked if the North Branch trailhead is supposed to be maintained year round because it also serves as a snowmobile trail. He said the parking lot was not plowed. **Mr. Radabaugh** said the ORV trailheads are maintained by short-term workers only during the peak use season and will verify maintenance practices at the North Branch Trailhead with the Management Unit. **Mr. Mulder** expressed concerns with the ORV plan and

noted a need for a verifiable trail condition assessment. He expressed concerns with the spending plan.

John Stears, Vicksburg is critical of the Department's management of the Off-Road Vehicle Trails Program and Safety Education Program. He expressed concern with elimination of the hands-on component of the safety training program. He is critical of the Department's effort to update the ORV plan, opposes single use designation of the Horseshoe-Holton Motorcycle trail and believes modern equipment should be used to maintain the trails.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Next Meeting

August 11, 2004, Lansing Holiday Inn-South, 6820 South Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan

Public Present:

- Mike Maurer, Lansing Motorcycle Club(LMC)
- Pat Kinne, Great Lakes 4-Wheel Drive Association (GLFWDA)
- Paul Mulder, GLFWDA
- Peter Christenhusz, GLFWDA
- Thomas Dunn, American Motorcycle Association (AMA), District 14
- Ernie Brooks
- Tom Gallagher, MI Recreational Vehicle Riders Association
- Bill Chapin, Cycle Conservation Club (CCC)
- Greg Yager, CCC
- Hal Folk, CCC
- Ted Del Solar, Denton Owners Group
- Donald Craig, Mid-Michigan Dealer's Association
- Jeff VanCamp, ATV Off-Road Club of Michigan
- Tom Craig, ATV Off-Road Club of Michigan
- Steve Gradowski, GLFWDA
- Bill Gilbert, MI ATV Safety Association
- Check Nelson, Michigan State University
- Jeff Hunt, LMC
- Jim Hunt, LMC
- Virginia Hunt, LMC
- Bill Muggelberg, Off-Road Club of Michigan

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**Next ORV Advisory Meeting
August 11th, 2004 at 6:30PM**

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Club: Mud, Sweat, and Gears
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Member: Ian Johns
Club: Individual Member
Vehicle: 1990 Jeep Wrangler
Modifications: Rubicon Express 4.5" Lift
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Hand Throttle
Rocker Guards with Depth Gauge
Modified Roll Bar for Rear Seat
Protection (not in picture)
Frame Rebuilt Around Steering Box
Stock 2.5L and 4.10 gears
35" Mud Tires (31s in pic)



Member: Brandon Groleau
Club: Individual Member
Vehicle: 2001 Jeep Wrangler
Modifications: 2" coil spacers
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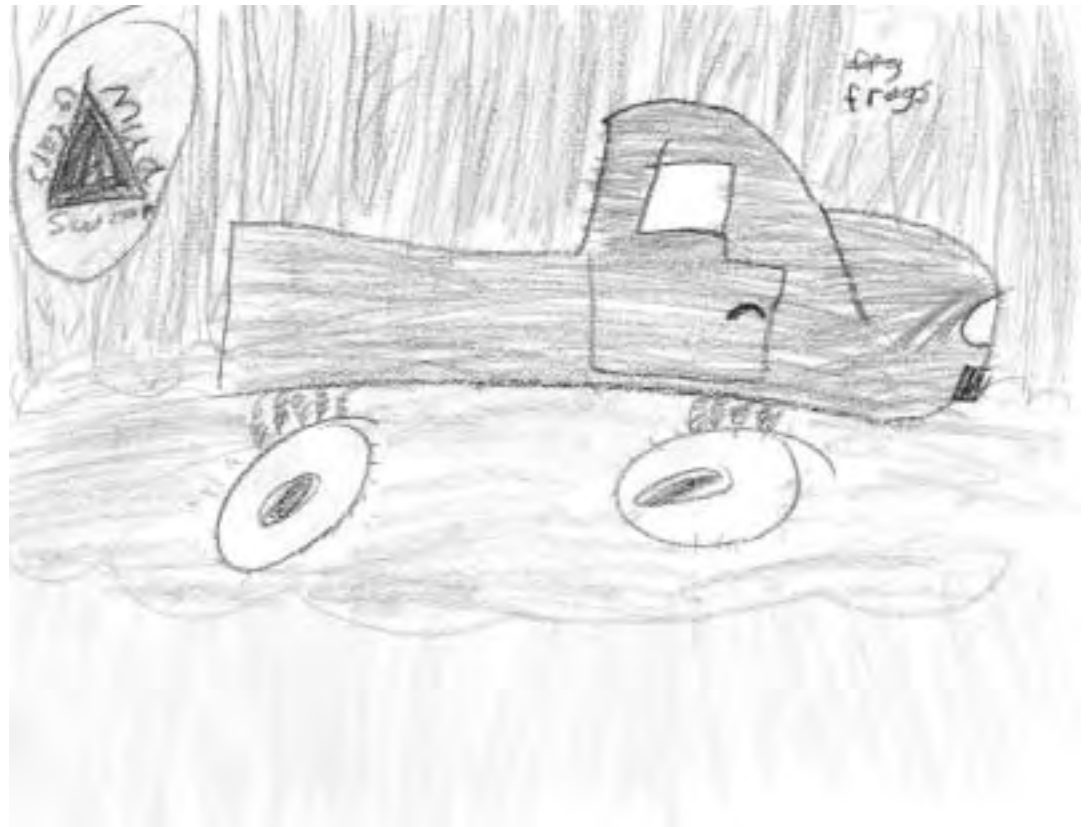
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Submitted by Ashley

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Less Debate; More Decisions?

by Del Albright, BlueRibbon Ambassador

Do you ever get the feeling that our government is drowning in debates with few outcomes or decisions being made? Do you think there can be a time when groups of people gathered together for a similar cause can ever do less debating and more decision-making?

Democracy is a wonderful thing, but it is all about debate. Yup. Yakking and jaw-jacking are the way we do business. But it is the most wonderful way in the world because it means all opinions are being heard. The unfortunate thing is that sometimes this opinion sharing goes on so long that decisions are never made — unless by default.

Elected officials, politicians, government bureaucrats and many others fall victim to the endless debates — even recreational club members. But the beauty of this is that we DO get to speak our mind in this country. That is something to fight for and treasure. Without debate, we end up with dictatorships. Quite frankly, I admire many of our elected officials today who have learned to participate in the debate process and still get things done.

Where some of us become less effective in the process is when we allow debates to turn into arguments. For the sake of this article, we'll say an argument is a heated dispute that implies vehemence or anger. A debate is an exchange of facts, figures and

feelings, while an argument gets ugly, personal and ineffective. Nothing is usually solved in an emotionally charged argument. Once you hit the point of losing control of your emotional connection to an idea, and you enter the stage of arguing, you have probably lost a lot of your effectiveness in getting whatever it is you want.

To avoid some endless debates, and to be part of the decisions that do finally result, I would like to offer you some ideas about the value of debate and how to be more effective. We'll take a look at some simple human interaction techniques to help you stay in touch with your factual side during a debate.

First, realize that debate is part of our system and we need it in order to maintain a government by, of and for the people. Even your recreational club needs debate to ensure all the cards are on the table and everyone has a say in things. It is how we do business.

Second, remember that any good debate is based on facts and figures. The more homework you do, the better your chances of succeeding in a debate, or at least getting your point across. If you are dealing with an appointed commission, let's say, and you want to convince them of the value of your trail maintenance program so they'll give you grant money, then you need to have the figures to back up your claim. How many volunteer hours have you invested? How many miles of trail have you improved? What paperwork do you have to back up your claim? These numbers are hard to debate or contradict.

Scaring Up Some Chickens

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The first part of this loop proved to be a non-graded rough gravel road. Most likely, maintained only by the logging outfits working in the area. I could see sets of dual tired, truck tracks in the sandy parts of the trail and given the hard rainfall that meant current logging traffic. I proceeded with caution. This "trail" is not wide enough in most spots to meet and pass a loaded logging semi. If I met one coming out it would be up to me to get the heck out of the way! Sure enough, after a bit, I came upon a loaded truck. Luckily, it was sitting still. The driver was securing his load. At a glance I realized I know this driver! You see, I'm a truck driver also, and I haul steel out of Algoma Steel Mill, right there in the Soo on the Canadian side. I know a lot of Canadian drivers. I parked the Jeep and got out to talk to him. Imagine his surprise when he recognized me. Not a real shocker though, most people who know me know that I am crazy about wheeling in Canada. We looked at my ever present map and he could not tell

me for sure if this entire loop was still passable. After a friendly "have fun" and a warning of the log skidder working a short way up the trail I was rolling again.

I am thinking this trail has a fair share of wet spots and wash outs, but would be a good mild scenic run, so far. A ways down the trail after coming upon the skidder and making eye contact with the operator to get the OK for a safe passing, I met a stock Toyota pickup. I stopped, they stopped, and I ask if they are out for a drive. They respond "Just looking to see if we can maybe scare up some chickens". I take this to mean they are bird hunting of some sort. I ask "Is this still the trail that goes on through and comes out up north?" They respond "Yes but you wont get past that second collapsed bridge. Well, you might get over it, but you probably wouldn't want to have to come back over it!" I responded "Thank you gentleman, have a good day. I think I just received a challenge!" Well, probably not in their minds, but in mine..... This trail might even get interesting yet!

I drove along a winding trail that crossed the same river many times, over old bridges made of huge

Third, do not over react to someone trying to prod you into the argument level. Be subjective, non-emotional, and remain in the debate frame of mind. Keep the high ground, as my granddaddy used to say. Choose how you react to someone else trying to ruin your day. Do not allow someone else to influence your happiness or the state of your emotions. Keep in mind the mission you are on. Keep your figures and facts handy, and return to them as often as you need in the course of the debate.

I like to have a 5x7 card full of key bullet points whenever I'm going to be in front of a group debating or making a presentation that could lead to debate. Rather than get flustered or pushed into an argument, I remain factual, and keep referring to my 5x7 card points. I repeat them over and over until my case is clearly made. Additionally, these bullet points keep me focused on the message I'm trying to deliver, rather than get side tracked into an emotional outburst.

Fourth, learn some facilitation and meeting management techniques. These skills can help immeasurably when dealing with groups of people, whether or not they are debating or just meeting. Sometimes you can facilitate a debate in your direction by merely employing a few facilitator tips. You can learn these from workshops, books, and courses (such as my Recreational Leadership Training Course).

Fifth, never lose sight of the fact that every debate over recreation, no matter how small or how local, affects all of us. Each small win or loss will impact

squared timbers. Finally, I came to a bridge that appeared to have been crossed by something that exceeded its maximum capacity. This had been a while back because the trail now went down to the left, and crossed through the river. No problem, not very deep, just fast today. Later I came to a rather primitive looking bridge made of logs buried in the bank on either side of the river. Then crude lumber nailed crosswise the logs. Some of the logs had rotted away and collapsed. I surveyed the banks for alternate crossings. Not likely without a bunch of physical work, and winching; not a one man operation. All solid rock and steep. One more look at this bridge is in order. I tested it gingerly, at first. Then stood on it and bounced. OK, it's not but more than a Jeep length across, the hole is in the center, but off to the left. The last log on the left looks fair and big. The right side still has two good sized logs and a half!

Those guys said that it does go through, except for this bridge? If I just put my left tire on this log, my right tire should go between that half log and the next full log..... I eased the front tires down the slope onto

the rest of the recreation world at some point. Like our opponents like to say, think globally but act locally. The more we network and share our wins and losses, the less losses we should have in the future because we learn from each other. Each debate may lead to a bigger picture issue down the road. So do not lose sight of the significance of what you are doing in your little area of the world.

Summary

We live with debates all throughout our lives. We are fortunate to have the opportunity for freedom of speech. We should never take lightly the fact that we can get our cards on the table and have others hear our opinions. The trick to getting things done is to expedite the debating into decision making. By adding these techniques to whatever else you've learned over the years, my hope is that you can stay in the game, get your point across, and have more wins than losses.

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the ...bridge? So far, so good. Front tires start to climb the far bank, rear tire ease to the middle and CRACK! Stand on it! Up the far bank I shot. I did say this Jeep is loaded with every thing I could think of, right? Feeling as gitty as a school girl, I hop out to check the condition of the bridge "you wouldn't want to have to come back across". The left log wasn't so "fair" after all, it had cracked and sagged along with a bit more of the center.

I was so manly proud of myself for taking the challenge issued to me by.....Me. Then I thought, OK smart guy, you better hope this goes on through now! I had confidence. The trail made a split right in front of where I had stopped. My map showed both routs arc off to the west and connect to the same road and on out to the highway. One of them should still be passable. Right?

Decisions, decisions. I must plan ahead. This is the first split where my plans were not definite. I know, I'll make a big, can't miss it, see it from the other side of the bridge, arrow of rocks pointing in the direction I went. I did so. Then I thought, "How to make sure

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my would-be rescuers would know I made the arrow?" Got it! Now I don't condone leaving any trash in the woods, but a message written in the sand might get washed away by the constant drizzle of rain. If my wife was with any search party looking for me, and believe me, you couldn't stop her, she would know that any Diet Coke can left as part of a sign, could only be from me. I took a can; half filled it with stones, and placed it on top of my rock arrow. That would be clear that I had "foolishly" crossed that bridge, and continued on.

To make a long story shorter, I traveled that left fork until I came to an impassable collapsed bridge. I back tracked, checking every little branch of trail to no avail. Every time I took a turn I made another rock arrow pointing which way I went last, turning those arrows if I came back. I came all the way back to my one Diet Coke can. It would only take one to make the point. Changed that arrow and scouted that entire right fork, following the same procedure. I did find a number of places where, in a group, we would have repaired a bridge or made a winch involved river crossing. Once again, not a one man job. See, those general four wheeling rules do have a little merit. Back at the Diet Coke can again, OK wise guy, now you gotta fix this situation. First, I put that can back in the Jeep where it belonged! Then I dismantled my arrow, placing every rock, back exactly where I found it, of course! Yeah Right.

Now for another look at that crossing from my new perspective. (read, I have to go that way!). OK, I could drop off the bank on this side. If I don't get the Jeep stuck standing on it's nose, in the water, that I can't see the bottom of, how deep, or how big of rocks on the bottom... I might be able to jockey around in the water to line up on the crevice of a small tributary stream coming along the road. Then climb up that and onto the road. That's a lot of maybe. Wait! There is a good winch tree on the other side. Wonder if that old bridge will let me take one more shot at being the fool? Now, if I stay tight to the opposite side this time....put my left tire so it is about to slip off the edge, and the right tire will be going over this hole....the lean to the right will hold the left tire from slipping off....the side biters on those Micky Thompson Claws will stop me from falling into the hole... if I just get the front pointed uphill, the winch will drag her out if it falls in. Sounds like a plan to me!

I bring the Jeep right down to the edge, stop, get out double check all my guesstimations of width. Trust me this will / might work! Start her up; ease it down

onto the log, hanging out the window to make sure I'm right where I want to be. This is so much easier with a spotter. Creeping ahead, listening for the crack, the front of the Jeep starts to point up hill, just a little more...CRACK! Mat it and I'm across. Yep, I love it when a plan comes together.

Did I mention I was going to be real cautious today?

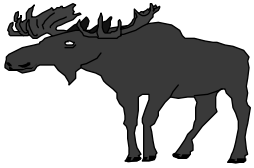
Arriving back at camp, ready for dinner, and real full of myself for overcoming yet another situation that I've managed to get myself into, and what do I discover? To my horror, no one in camp to brag to! The other two runs hadn't come back yet. While in the camper rounding up some grub, I heard Tina's group rolling in. Cool, an audience! I scarfed down my Fruit Loops and two uncooked hot dogs, and headed outside.

I can't even get my story started. These people are excited! Apparently, they had some adventure of their own. The biggest news was, Tina broke the Bronco II. "She limped it back into camp, but she's down for the count." She managed to break the new heavy duty, front axle shaft that I installed two days earlier. I know what you're thinking. "They don't make heavy duty axle shafts for a Bronco II." I discovered that long ago. That's why I replaced both axles with those from a 1973 early style Bronco. For the uninformed, that's a Dana 44 front, and Ford 9 inch rear.

When told on the trail that she was done, my confident wife told everyone, "Vic will have spare axle shafts at camp". I bring everything with me to Canada, but you know what, those spare axles are the one thing that didn't make it into the truck! After all I had just up graded to "heavier duty" ones and we had not even broke one since the switch to a Dana 44. Remember when I told you we live under two hours away? Parts run! Not until I got to tell my little tale, of course.

Fellow Troll, Don Crawford offered to drive back to Indian River. Don's Brother Mike, his rider for the weekend, and I, all jump in Don's truck and split. Now I didn't ask anyone to work on the Bronco while I was gone, but when we returned, Fred Crawford had everything apart. If anyone else helped, I'm sorry for not catching that. I like to give credit where credit is due. Fred had dug out my jack, jack stands and tools, and pulled the broken shaft. SWEET! Thank you, Fred.

I came back with an arm load of inner shafts, outer shafts, and plenty of brand new lifetime warranty u-joints. Fred and I installed joints, ground down inner shafts to work with the locker, dressed up the splines, and put it all back together. Good to go! Tina is ready for action on Saturday, and I'm a few husband brownie points ahead for a change.



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Web Site Directory Of Offroad Parks

Compiled by Pat Kinne

Here is a list of web resources for offroad parks that are available out of state. These will be presented to the ORV Advisory Board to show the need for better full-size trail representation.

www.rauschcreekoffroadpark.org

www.coalcreekohv.com

www.orvpark.com

www.rorp.com

www.dnr.state.mn.us/ohv state owned, Minnesota

www.moabrimadventurepark.com

www.detailplustires4x4park.ca

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www.badlandsoffroad.com

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www.paragonap.com

www.redbirdsra.com state owned, Indiana

www.wheelininthecountry.com

www.shilohridge.com

www.extremeterain.com/offroadpark

www.holisterhills.com state owned, California

www.greatcj8.com/4x4maps.htm Maps and info on several federal, state and private parks.



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Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association By-Laws

Amended April 18, 2004

Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association, incorporated hereinafter referred to as the GLFWDA.

Article II Objectives

The GLFWDA is organized as a non-profit organization for the purpose of:

- A. Maintaining closer contacts between 4-WD clubs and individuals.
- B. Promoting cooperation, friendship, and more 4-wheeling between clubs.
- C. Promote conservation; ecology and help preserve the land through controlled use.
- D. Bring forth a united voice and effort to benefit 4-WD owners and associates in any matter concerning 4-wheeling in any way.
- E. Participating in and supporting civil activities.

Article III Membership

Section 1. Membership in the GLFWDA shall be opened to organized 4-WD clubs, Associates, and individual persons.

Section 2. Limitations on vehicles will be that they are 4-WD type vehicles.

Section 3. There will be no limit to the numbers of clubs in the GLFWDA.

Section 4. All clubs in the GLFWDA must have 100% of their individual/family voting members in the GLFWDA.

Section 5. Applications for membership of a club shall be submitted to the Membership Secretary in duplicate. Such applications shall include club name, location, list of members, number of vehicles, type of vehicles, type of club, length of organization, date organized, current officers, and trustees. An officer of the GLFWDA shall sign and date the approved application and return the duplicate to the submitting club.

Section 6. Submitted application will be accompanied by a set of by-laws, which are used to govern the club making application, and will be voted on at the next meeting. A majority of votes cast by the Directors present and voting will determine membership.

Section 7. Nominations for Honorary Memberships may be made by any Director at any Executive Board Member meeting and require unanimous consent of all Executive Board Members present and voting.

Section 8. Associate membership may be applied for on an application form obtained from the Associate Membership Secretary. A duplicate copy of the form, signed by an authorized officer of the organization, and the full annual dues in advance should be mailed to the Membership Secretary.

Section 9. An individual may become a member of the GLFWDA by completing the Individual Membership form obtained from the Membership Secretary and forwarding their membership dues to the Membership Secretary. An individual member may be any person interested in four wheeling.

Section 10. Membership shall not be limited by race, religion, national origin, gender, or political belief.

Section 11. An events membership shall be available at all GLFWDA events. This shall be a limited membership available to those who wish to participate in GLFWDA members-only events. These members will have no other privileges.

Article IV Dues

Section 1. Each club coming into the GLFWDA will pay an initiation fee of \$20.00 at the time of their application for membership plus their annual dues.

Section 2. Dues will be on an annual basis; new members to a club will pay quarterly until the club's annual renewal date. Payment of application dues shall make a person a "Member in good standing", except (SEE ARTICLE VII, SECTION 2).

Section 3. The amount of dues shall be \$30.00 annually per family. Member club shall pay dues. GLFWDA members with a membership in multiple clubs will only be required to pay GLFWDA dues in their primary club, which they must designate no later than the January Quarterly or default to the previous year.

Section 4. Associate Members dues for dealers will be \$60.00 per year and Associate Members dues for manufactures will be \$110.00 per year, dated at time of application and expiring one year from that date.

Section 5. All dues will be paid to the Membership Secretary. Membership Secretary will record information and turn dues over to the Treasurer of GLFWDA.

Section 6. Honorary Membership shall require no dues and shall remain in force for the lifetime of the recipient unless revoked.

Section 7. Individual membership shall be \$35.00 annually and expire one year from date of acceptance, paid to the Membership Secretary, dues then turned over to the Treasurer of the GLFWDA.

Section 8. Events membership dues shall be \$5.00 for the duration of the GLFWDA event to be paid to the Membership Secretary, dues then turned over to the Treasurer of the GLFWDA.

Section 9. Dues increases may be brought up once a year.

Article V Termination of Member Clubs

Section 1. Upon withdrawal of a member club from the GLFWDA, for any reason, all GLFWDA identification and property being used by the club will be returned to the Vice President of the GLFWDA. The Director of the withdrawing club will be responsible for returning such property.

Section 2. All clubs, to maintain their membership in good standing will abide by all GLFWDA by-laws. Failure to abide by the bylaws shall be cause for dismissal upon vote of 2/3 of the Directors present and voting at any regular meeting.

Section 3. Dues shall be in arrears after forty-five (45) days past renewal date. Such arrears shall be cause for dismissal from GLFWDA.

Section 4. Club's renewal date is the date that a club is voted into GLFWDA.

Article VI Meetings

Section 1. There will be four regular meetings, each year, to be January, April, July and October.

Section 2. In an emergency, the Executive Board may call a special meeting which will be held in a central location.

Section 3. A minimum of thirty-five (35) percent of the total Directors will represent a quorum.

Article VII Administration

Section 1. The elected officers of the organization shall be the President, Vice President, Recording/Corresponding Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, and other officers deemed necessary by the Directors. These officers shall be known as the Executive Board. Each member of the Executive Board shall have one vote at any regular Directors meeting; separate from their Club Director's vote. At no time shall a person have more than one vote.

Section 2. The elected officers of the GLFWDA will

be elected alternately; President and Treasurer one year; Vice President, Recording/Corresponding Secretary, and Membership Secretary the following year, from the membership at large, voted on by the Directors at the first fiscal meeting. The terms of office will be two (2) years. Persons elected will take office at the next Executive Board meeting. All Executive Board members must remain a member in good standing. All books, paperwork, files briefcases or other GLFWDA property related to a newly elected office shall be transferred no later than the January Directors meeting. Failure to do so without the Executive Board approval may suspend the ongoing officer's Member in good Standing.

Section 3. The Directors may hold elections at any meeting to fill any vacancy of office.

Section 4. Any GLFWDA member in good standing may be elected to take the place of a vacating officer.

Section 5. Nomination:

A. Nominations may come from the general membership.

B. Nominees must be present to accept and be a member in good standing.

Article VIII Directors

Section 1. Each member club shall elect one Director from among their members in good standing.

Section 2. Directors shall hold office for whatever term is deemed appropriate by their club.

Section 3. Any club may appoint an alternate to attend a Board meeting in the event that their Director is unable to attend. Alternates shall assume full voting privileges.

Article IX Duties & Powers of the Executive Board, Directors, & Committees

Section 1. President - He/she shall preside at all meetings and shall have the power to appoint such committee as may be necessary to carry on the activities of the GLFWDA. It shall be the duty of the President to carry correspondence that should come to his/her attention and to maintain contact with the Recording/Corresponding Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Treasurer in regards to any business which might come to the attention of any of them.

Section 2. Vice President - It shall be the duty of the Vice President to carry on all times and all meetings and functions. During the absence of the President, the Vice President shall take his/her place.

Section 3. Recording/Corresponding Secretary - The duties of this office shall be to call roll at meetings,

maintain amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, and to carry on such GLFWDA correspondence that might come to his/her regards to GLFWDA business that might come to the attention of either of them.

Section 4. Membership Secretary - The duties of this office shall be to maintain records of membership, maintain correspondence in regard to application for membership, and to carry on such GLFWDA correspondence that might come to his/her attention.

Section 5. Treasurer - The duties of this office shall be to have custody of all GLFWDA funds, and at each meeting submit an actual financial report showing income and expenditures for the last period. An accurate account will be kept at all times regarding the funds. All moneys received shall be deposited and all bills shall be paid by check. Checks are to be signed by two of the following: Recording/Corresponding Secretary or Treasurer and the President. No expenditure over \$25.00 without pre-approval by the Treasurer and one other Executive Board member. (The books of the GLFWDA shall be open and subject to audit at all times by any/or all Directors, at their written request.)

Section 6. There shall be no compensation to any member of the Association for work rendered on any GLFWDA business or activity without Directors approval.

Section 7. Directors - Directors shall vote on matters or business conducted at regular meetings. It shall be the duty of the Directors to guide and direct the Association in such a manner that the interests of the associated clubs and individual members are best served.

Section 8. Director at Large - This office shall be appointed by the Executive Board subject to approval of the Directors present and voting. He/she shall represent the Individual Members and Associate Members. He/she shall have one vote at all regular meetings.

Section 9. Past President - the most recent past President who is still a member in good standing and in attendance, shall be a voting member of the Executive Board. He/she shall have no vote at any regular meeting.

Section 10. Committees - All committees shall answer to the Executive Board.

A. Drags-obstacle, Mud, Trail riders and Road Rallies - These committees shall have the duty of formulating rules and guidelines as well as sanctioning for its events. The number of members on these committees shall not exceed sixteen (16) for each committee. Any GLFWDA

member in good standing shall eligible for membership on these committees. Members will be chosen by the existing committee reviewing those who have petitioned to fill openings. Petitions for membership shall consist of informing the committee in writing, of desire to be on the committee. Terms of each member shall be two (2) years. One half (1/2) of the committee shall be up for membership reconsideration each year. There shall be a chairman and a vice chairman, elected from the whole committee, by the committee members each year. A minimum of one meeting per year held immediately following a regular Directors meeting. All meetings shall be open to any GLFWDA member and Guest. The committee shall establish minimum requirements for its members. Failure to meet those requirements by any member may be grounds to drop that member from the committee. Rules, suggestions, and guidelines shall be brought to the Executive Board for approval. If resolution of any issue is not possible at the committee level, the issue shall be decided by the Executive Board. A minimum of three (3) committee members must be present at any sanctioned event.

Article X Recall

Any Director may recommend removal of an officer from office on grounds of detrimental conduct to the office. Removal of an officer will require 2/3 vote of the Directors present and voting.

Article XI Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rule of Order, revised, shall be the Parliamentary Authority in all matters not covered by these By-Laws.

Article XII Amendments

Any Director may propose a change in the By-Laws at any regular Directors meeting. A 2/3 vote of Directors present and voting shall be required for approval of such change. Any By-Laws change shall be printed in the Boondocker before it is voted on by the Directors. Change in the By-Laws shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Article XIII Tour Rules

Section 1. All laws, state and federal, shall be obeyed.

Section 2. Notification of trip and activities can be made through correspondence.

Articles XIV Dissolution

Distributive rights - In the event of dissolution of the Association, all assets not required by law to be distributable among the members in good standing at the time of dissolution, in direct proportion to the dues paid by them during the last fiscal year ended immediately prior to the date of resolution to dissolve to dissolve voluntarily or decree ordering involuntary liquidation.



Safety Certification Form Changes

Well folks, it is January and that means that it is time to update the Great Lakes Trail Ride Safety Certification Form! Remember, last year we backed down a bit and gave you until January 2004 to bring your trail riding rig up to the expected level of safety.

Trust me when I tell you, this form has been hashed over again and again. It has been worked on and worked on. It has been decided that this is the minimum safety standards that Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association can tolerate on a sanctioned trail ride.

Please, take the time to completely re-read the entire form. There have been a few changes in wording and some information added.

If you have a question about an item on the checklist, first look for an * after that item. If one is present, look down to the notes at the bottom of the page. Find the item in question and read the explanation. If you still have any doubts, contact me.

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Safety Certification Form

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Form 2003B (updated 12/6/2003)

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(*see notes for details)

- First Aid Kit
- Fire Extinguisher
- Proper Recovery Strap*
- Proper Clevis, if Equipped*
- Recovery Point Front*
- Recovery Point Rear*
- No Trailer Ball in Hitch*
- No Improper Lift Blocks*
- Frame & Body Sound
- Drive Train Sound
- Steering Sound
- No Fluid Drips
- Battery Secure
- Lights-Head, Tail & Brake
- Safe Suspension
- Loose Objects Secured
- All Lug Nuts Present
- Spare Tire, Jack & Wrench
- Spare Tire Within 3"*
- Adequate Roll Protection*
- Working Seat Belts for All Passengers
- Fluid and Electrical Lines Secured
- Liability Insurance*
- CB Radio
- Secured Antenna*
- Brake Pedal Pressure
- Front and Rear Brakes
- Emergency Brake
- No Pinion Brakes*
- Muffler
- Spark Arrestor*
- ORV Sticker or Equivalent*
- No liquor or firearms in vehicle

I hereby certify that my vehicle meets all the above requirements. I understand that the Trail Leader or other official of the Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association (GLFWDA), reserves the right to inspect my vehicle at any time for failure to meet any requirement above or other serious safety deficiency. I understand that by accepting this form GLFWDA is not certifying its accuracy or the safety of the vehicle.

Name of Driver

**IF YOU DON'T COMPLY
YOU CAN'T RIDE WITH US!**

Signature

Date

Notes:

Emergency Brake- hydraulic line lock acceptable if two or more wheels are locked

Antenna -if over 48", must be sufficiently stiff or strapped down so as not to pose a danger to bystanders by swaying

Clevis - screw type only with proper rating. No pull pin.

Insurance - your vehicle must have the minimum liability insurance required by the state of registration

Lift blocks - no front lift blocks on leaf spring suspension, no lift blocks over 4" in rear unless OEM installed, no stacked blocks

Lines - fluid and electrical lines secure and not hanging below frame

ORV sticker - if required by regulating agency

Pinion brakes - pinion mounted or other driveline mounted brakes, not allowed as primary braking system

Roll protection - roll bars for open top vehicles, all roll bars made of heavy steel,

Spare tire - diameter must be within 3" of tires on vehicle

Spark arrester - not required for mufflers with offset exhaust gas flow (most stock mufflers OK)

Recovery points - must be frame mounted tow hook (grade 5 bolts or better) or clevis, receiver hitch tow point acceptable if class III or better

Recovery strap - No metal hooks, minimum 20,000# capacity

Trailer ball - use of trailer ball for recovery is not permitted! Ball must be removed or incapacitated to prevent use as recovery point.



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Item	Style	Price	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	QTY	Total
T-Shirt	With Pocket 100%	\$12.00								
T-Shirt	Without Pocket 100%	\$12.00								
Polo	With Pocket	\$16.00								
Polo	Without Pocket	\$16.00								
Sweatshirt	9oz. 50/50	\$20.00								
Tank-Top	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	\$12.00								
Jacket	Baseball style	\$45.00								

Embroidered Items With Logo On Front Chest

Item	Style	Price	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	QTY	Total
T-Shirt	With Pocket 100%	\$20.00								
T-Shirt	Without Pocket 100%	\$20.00								
Polo	With Pocket	\$24.00								
Polo	Without Pocket	\$24.00								
Sweatshirt	9oz. 50/50	\$28.00								
Tank-Top	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	\$20.00								
Jacket	Back Only	\$67.00								
Jacket	Front and Back	\$77.00								
Hat	Adjustable	\$15.00								

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For each 2x add \$2.00	
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Subtotal	
Shipping & Handling	\$5.00
Total	

Please make checks payable to GLFWDA

Personalized items are available on request.

◆ To avoid shipping charges, please attend the next GLFWDA Quarterly and stop by the store to see what we have in stock.

Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association Membership Data Sheet

www.glfwda.org
1-888-705-8683

Name: _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____ Check if new: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Make of Vehicle: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Interests Sand Racing: _____ Mud Drags: _____ Trail Riding: _____ Road Rallies: _____

Four Wheel Drive Club: _____

Other Affiliations: _____

Membership Club: _____ Renewal: _____ GLFWDA#: _____ \$30.00

Individual: _____ Renewal: _____ GLFWDA#: _____ \$35.00

Complete this form for each person making application for membership. Enclose data sheets with the proper check or money order made out to:

Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Assoc., Inc.

Return to: GLFWDA Membership Secretary
c/o Jeremy Vohwinkle
1268 W. Clark Rd Apt N-3
DeWitt, MI 48820

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

As an Individual Member of the Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association, you have the same benefits as our club members, with the exception that your right to vote is carried by the GLFWDA Director At Large at the Quarterly meetings.

You will receive a GLFWDA identification card that will be checked at our events that are open to members only.

You will receive each issue of the *The Boondocker*, our quarterly newspaper. The Boondocker carries club events, important land information, and other four wheeling information.

You are invited to our Annual Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association Convention.

Individuals and member clubs have competitive events like sand drags, obstacle course events, and mud drags that follow GLFWDA Competition Rules. These rules are in booklet form for a small fee.

Individual membership dues are \$35.00 annually. As a member, you can purchase GLFWDA patches and decals.

CLUB RENEWAL INFORMATION

Attention Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, GLFWDA Directors, or whoever renews your club membership with GLFWDA, you must submit the following for renewal:

1. One **typed** master membership list required (alphabetical preferred). **It must include Name, Address, Phone #, and GLFWDA number.** Your membership number is forever.
2. Data sheets filled out for new members. For any members with changed information, fill out a new data sheet and **highlight** the changes.
3. Membership will not be processed until payments of \$30.00 per member are received. Send check to the Membership Secretary, not the Treasurer.
4. When adding new members during the year, pay \$7.50 per quarter until your renewal date. Fill out data sheets for them.
5. Please indicate new Officers and GLFWDA Directors.

Thank you for your cooperation. For more information contact:

Jeremy Vohwinkle <jeremy@vertexhost.com>
1268 W. Clark Rd Apt N-3, DeWitt, MI 48820
517-505-8483

Sanctioning Guidelines

1. All clubs hosting a non-racing event will be eligible for the benefits provided by the Association. As a sanctioned event, any club hosting a non-racing type event (i.e. rally, parade, car show, etc.) will also have available to them the benefits of a sanctioned event. Compliance with rule #4, along with adherence to the GLFWDA bylaws will be required.
2. All clubs should notify the Trail Riding Committee Chairman at the January quarterly or three months prior to the event of their intention to sanction an event in the forth-coming year.
3. Clubs hosting events should make every attempt to not schedule it on the same weekend as another sanctioned event.
4. Sanctioning fee shall be \$25.00 per event plus \$1.00 per vehicle, regardless of how many people are in the vehicle. Initial fee shall be paid upon confirmation of date. The remaining vehicle fee shall be submitted to the Trail Riding Committee Chairman after the event, and then surrendered to the GLFWDA Treasurer. In the event of a cancellation, the sanctioning fee shall be returned minus a \$5.00 administration fee.
5. All participants over 18 years of age *must* be a GLFWDA member. Current membership lists will be provided to the hosting club upon request. Participants under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian whose membership is in good standing.
6. Clubs hosting events will be provided with the required minimum State or Federal mandated liability insurance.
7. All vehicles participating in the event must be licensed and insured.
8. Events shall not be manufacturer or brand specific.
9. All clubs must comply with applicable State and/or Federal policies regarding organized events on public land.
10. All participants must follow GLFWDA trail riding guidelines at all times.
11. The Trail Riding Committee shall have the right to recommend refusal of sanctioning based on non-compliance of the GLFWDA Trail Riding guidelines or conduct detrimental to the reputation and/or image of the Association.

Associate Member Secretary

Attention all GLFWDA members! If you own, operate, or work for a business that might be interested in being a supporting member of Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association then we have a deal for you! As an Associate Member of any level you will receive:

- The business name, address, and phone number listed in the Boondocker.
- Up to 10 issues of the newsletter each quarter.
- A certificate and window decal.
- Two identification cards with GLFWDA Associate Membership number
- An invitation to the GLFWDA Convention.
- A chance to be nominated Associate Member of the Year.
- Welcome to attend all GLFWDA sponsored events.

For \$60.00 per year, you will be entitled to all of the above, plus a one time only, free half-page ad in the Boondocker. For \$110.00 a year, you are entitled to all of the above, plus two full pages of advertising, which can alternately be broken down into four half-page ads to run in each issue of the newsletter.

If you or any business owners that you know are interested please call me, and I will mail a packet with the form to be filled out and mailed back.

Let's go out and try to get at least one new Associate Member. I would like to see every club bring in at least one. It is not hard. If you show them this article then they can see for themselves that they are getting their money back in advertising.

Crystal Aho <crystal@msg4x4club.com>
6167 Burroughs, Sterling Heights, MI 48314
586-731-3814

SUBSCRIPTION ORDER FORM

If you are not presently a Club, Individual, or Associate Member of GLFWDA, but you are still interested in receiving *The Boondocker*, then buy a one-year subscription for \$10.00. Send a copy of this form and a check payable to **GLFWDA** to:

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