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Trail Maintenance

by Ryan "Boosted Zuk" Reynolds
Face Full of Mud Offroad

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With old man winter having his frosty grip over our great state, it's sometimes hard to imagine that spring will ever come. But before you know it spring will in fact be here! Most people will tell you that robins are a sign that spring has officially arrived, but for us GLFWDA folks it has to be the sounds of Paul Mulder's chainsaws and power augers! That's right, it's also DNR Trail Maintenance time, and this is your chance to give back a little to the trails of our state.

I know you are probably thinking that trail maintenance is all work and no play, but you could not be any further from the truth! Just ask anyone who participates in trail maintenance and they will tell you the same thing. It is really a fun trail ride, just with a little brushing and signing tossed in for good measure. And nothing says fun like a day full of four wheeling and power tools!

After the day is up then it's time to head back to camp where there is no shortage of food, friends, or stories as everyone winds down around the campfire. On top of it all, you have just supported your own association by having all this fun!



Paul Mulder rallying the troops in West Branch, 2001

Trail maintenance is one of the most important events for GLFWDA right now, and we need your help. Aside from clearing up the trails, our participation shows that we care for the trails we use. The DNR recognizes this, and that gets us closer to possibly having a more challenging trail system for full-sized users, or having rock courses installed in the St. Helens Motorsports Area. When these things start to take shape, it will be in part because of the individuals out there on the trails doing their part. And I know you want to be a part of that! So grab your gloves and loppers and come join us this spring during the trail ride/maintenance and help support your association and the sport we all love!

CALENDER OF EVENTS

January 11, 2004
GLFWDA Quarterly Meeting
Midland, Michigan

April 2-4, 2004
10th Annual Troll's Spring Opener
Indian River, Michigan

April 10, 2004
M.S.G. Easter Egg Hunt
Romeo, Michigan

April 24-25, 2004
Trail Maintenance
Atlanta, Michigan

May 1-2, 2004
Trail Maintenance
Alpena or West Branch, Michigan

April 18, 2004
GLFWDA Quarterly Meeting
Midland, Michigan

**HELP KEEP OUR
CALENDER UP TO DATE!**

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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.

A bona fide interest in four wheeling is the only essential qualification of membership; ownership of a four wheel drive vehicle is not a prerequisite. Membership is granted to anyone within the United States and Canada.

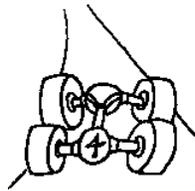
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Deadline for the next Boondocker is **March 7th, 2004**. All flyers, advertisements, and articles must be received by this date. Late submissions will be printed in the next issue. If you can get items in earlier it would be greatly appreciated. Only 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 1/2" x 11". Articles may also be submitted on a 3 1/2" PC floppy disk.

Send to: John Jacobs
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There will be a charge of \$2.00 for placement of want ads, available only to GLFWDA members. For placement of a commercial advertisement, please see the schedule of advertising rates. There are no charges for club or individual member news articles, announcements, or similar submissions.

Editor's Notes

Well, here it is, my first Boondocker. I hope you enjoy it. You will notice that it is smaller than most previous issues, so I will go through my list of stuff that did not make it for this issue. Many of the items listed will be discussed at the January Quarterly and will return in the Spring Boondocker.

Associate Member Advertisements: I wanted to wait to start putting these in until I had at least conquered the basics. I will be working with the new Associate Member Secretary to make sure that we fulfill our obligations to our Associate Members due to missing advertisements for two quarters.

Member Club Listing: This was left out for now as the previous list was very out-of-date. We have gained a few new clubs, and unfortunately, we have also lost a few. I will work with the Membership Secretary to come up with an updated list for the Spring issue.

Standing Committees & Representatives Listing: This, too, was out of date. This will also return in the Spring issue.

Official Calendar: A full calendar is not included, many dates past the dates on the front cover are not known.

E-mail & Web Site Directory: Again, out of date and needing attention at the Quarterly.

ORV Advisory Board Minutes: There were three sets of minutes that had not been published in the Boondocker at the time I was putting it together. Rather than boring you with many (more) pages of minutes, it was decided to provide a link to them. To find them, go to www.michigan.gov/dnr and click on the "Inside DNR" link on the left, and follow the "ORV Advisory Board" link on the next page, also on the left. There will be a link in the center of the page for "Agendas and Minutes." You will need the Adobe Acrobat Reader to view the files; if you do not have the reader, it is a free downloadable program.

So what is in here? Lots. There are two sets of GLFWDA Quarterly Minutes, Reports from the Board of Directors, the new Safety Certification Form from the Trail Ride Committee, and flyers for upcoming events.

I have also dug through some of the old Boondockers to try and get a feel for the past. The theme for this issue is retro-70s. I have brought back the original Boondocker symbol that was used in the '70s, and the front page is based on a format from the late-70's. I hope you like it.

And finally, I want to thank Linda Josephson for all the work she did on the Boondocker. I now realise what a daunting task it is to put one together.

-- John Jacobs, Boondocker Editor

The Prez Says...

A lot of things have happened within the Association since you last held a Boondocker in your hands. One of those is the position of President, which is now held by me, Pat Kinne. Many of you know me as "Ironman" as well as your former Corresponding Secretary and Membership Secretary. Another recent development is the resurgence of interest in the Association, in the form of club and individuals as well as members volunteering for positions within the Association.

With that being said, I would like to thank the volunteers and welcome the new members and new clubs. A lot of this new blood so to speak, is a result of better communications between Great Lakes folks and those that haven't heard of us before.

This is happening on the internet via message forums and e-mails. Communication is going to be the key to make Great Lakes work for all of us. It has always amazed me that I have been on the Executive Board for 5 years now and have only spoke with approximately 25% of the membership, even though the GL toll free number rings into my house.

I really want that to change! We as a board need to know ASAP if there is something that you or your club has a concern about. All too often we get news, good or bad way too late to do anything about it, and then the whole Association ends up with egg on its face.

So, please feel free to call or e-mail me or any board member for that matter whenever you have anything to discuss regarding anything to do with our sport. For instance, if you have had a new junior wheeler join your family let us know about it so it can be made known throughout the membership that we have a new future four wheeler to look out for.

That leads me to the next issue I want to make everyone aware of. Those future little wheelers trails are in jeopardy and if we as their peers aren't getting involved in the process to change this, than it will be us that has to explain to them that there really isn't anywhere to take that big kids toy anymore. They will really be upset when they watch your videos of your past trips to Silver Lake, Drummond Offroad Adventure, Spring Opener and so on. Especially when they see all the kids in the video, young and old having the kind of fun that Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association is all about.

Fun is what we need to put back into GL. But we all have to communicate to do that. I was serious when I said feel free to call me with anything, or even put it on the GL message board and it will start the lines of communication that it will take to move all of us into the future. Remember if you have a GL membership card than you are Great Lakes, plain and simple. That mes-

sage board belongs to you, as does the toll free number; it isn't here for any other reason than for its members to communicate.

So, if you are getting the idea that I want to hear from you than you would be correct. Let me know your thoughts, concerns, even your kids names so when we are out on the trail or at an event I can say hey there is little Bobby playing with Joe's son Anthony and it looks like they are just chomping at the bit to drive mom or dads four wheeler onto the public land that we all helped keep open for them so they can shoot there own video of there kids playing with one another.

If you want to hear more and help more of what and where we can go from here come out to the next quarterly meeting and help your GL family succeed and move into the future.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 11, 2004, at the Bullock Creek Elementary School, 1037 Poseyville Road, Midland 48640. These quarterly meetings are open to anyone interested in GL or our sport. This is a good way for you and your fellow four wheelers to come out and see what GL can do for you and what you can do for GL.

Passionate and proud,
Pat Kinne <Ironmanent@aol.com>
President GLFWDA
1-888-705-8683

**Next Quarterly Meeting
January 11th, 2004 at 11:00am**

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

Treasurer's Report

My name is Rick Ingman and I am serving as your Treasurer. I have been a member of GLFWDA since 1995 and a member of Wolverine Four Wheelers club since 1997. I enjoy trail riding in my '76 CJ-7 or Chevy ZR-2. I have had a career in mechanical engineering. My goal is to support family orientated four wheel drive activities and charitable endeavors in GLFWDA.

Rick Ingman <mudgoer@msn.com>
Treasurer GLFWDA

Vice President's Report

Well it is good to be back and involved with Great Lakes again. After my year off from Great Lakes I am well rested and ready to again serve the general membership. I am looking forward to working with the board as well as the membership in reorganizing Great Lakes so that it has a chance to grow into the full-fledged organization, that it has so much potential of becoming. The board has already met and has assembled a game plan for Great Lakes. We are in the process of sorting thru a lot of ideas and suggestions that have been brought forward. I am looking forward to bringing some of these plans into motion.

With a new editor for the Boondocker, with a fresh new look and style. With a new redesigned web-site, with a new easier to use message board, and an executive board willing to work with each other towards common goals and objectives, Great Lakes surely has begun to get all our ducks in a row. There are a few pieces to the puzzle still missing, that's where the membership comes into play. Help us form Great Lakes into the kind an association that you, the membership want and expect.

COME OUT AND PLAY,
Joe "Double J" Cefali <doublej@msg4x4club.com>
Vice President GLFWDA
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Corresponding Secretary's Report

Please note the following dates for the Quarterly Meetings for the coming year:

January 11th, 2004
April 18th, 2004
July 11th, 2004
October 10th, 2004

Because it does not look like we will be having a Convention in the next year, the Board decided that at the January Quarterly Meeting the awards for this year would be given out. If you have any questions please call Pat on the toll free number: 1-888-705-8683. We would like to get as many people there as we can.

Another very important thing to please remember is that all budgets must be asked for at the January quarterly. And they must be in writing please. If you have any questions or concerns, please let the Board know.

Thank You,
Tina R. Brasseur <brasseur@localnet.com>
Recording Corresponding Secretary

Dirty Dozen 2003

Well, another one bites the dust (or mud, depending on the weather). Another year of filth and fun has passed under the tires. It's been a great year of events. The trail rides the trail maintenance workdays, and the many fun filled things to do at Sand-O-Rama. Seems as though every time we get together, either for work or play, we see a lot of old friends as well as some new ones.

The Trail Rider Points Series is based on Great Lakes members being awarded points for participating in events or workdays. Members are awarded points for riding in events as well as driving in one. Bonus points are awarded for being given an award of some kind at an event. To make it fair to those hard working souls who can not be on the trails because they are busy busting their butts to put on the event for the rest of us, they receive points also.

In order for this to work, there needs to be a good record of who participated. So, every time you participate, make sure you write your name on the PARTICIPATION REGISTRATION FORM! It really is up to the participant to print their name legibly on this form, whether you are a driver, passenger or worker! This is to ensure correct spelling and accurate record.

With all that said, the points have been tallied and this year and we actually have a "Baker's Dozen". After 9th place, we have a four-way tie. That makes thirteen. My Grandmother taught me, that's a Baker's Dozen.

I see we have a few repeat offenders and few new villains to add to the list. Congratulations to all of them. First time offenders are awarded a jacket with "Dirty Dozen Trail Rider 2003" emblazoned on the front and the Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association emblem on the back! Repeat offenders will receive a nice Fleece pullover with the Dirty Dozen emblem and a G.L. logo; all of these in the familiar G.L. blue and gold.

SORRY!! The winners will be announced at the January Quarterly!

Victor Brasseur
Trail Ride Committee Chairman

Atlanta Trail Maintenance

April 24th & 25th, 9:00AM

Meet at the BP Gas Station in Atlanta

Call Pat for more info, 1-888-705-8683

Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association Inc.

October 12, 2003

Quarterly Minutes

Vice President Aaron Young called the general meeting of the Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association to order at 11:00 am. Roll call showed 15 Club Directors and 5 Board Members present for voting.

Aaron Young first apologized to Rich Nowak for the Board being wrong on the number of Directors required to be present at a Quarterly to have a quorum. This came up at the July quarterly.

The Association welcomed North Wood Wheelers to the meeting. Clark Cole represented the club for their petition of Great Lakes membership.

At this point we had a long discussion on the letter the Board sent to Roy Josephson on his position as Great Lakes President. After the discussion, Jeremy Heavens made a motion to recall Roy Josephson as President of Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association. Mark Burns seconded the motion and it was put to a vote. The votes were counted and the result was in favor of Roy remaining President. But after all was said and done, Roy still decided to resign. Brad Stocker, Myra Nowak, and Kim Fischer-Kinne counted the votes. Myra Nowak made a motion that the ballots be destroyed and Joe Cefali seconded the motion and it was carried.

Joe Cefali then made a motion to set aside all regular agenda items so that a motion of great concern to Great Lakes could be made. Tim Treadway seconded the motion and it was carried.

Joe Cefali then went on with his second motion, which was to suspend racing as a part of Great Lakes. Tim Treadway seconded this motion. After a lot of discussion with everyone present, Paul Mulder made a motion to table this until we have more input from the Association. Pat Woods seconded the motion and the motion was passed. Now with Joe's motion being tabled we went back to our regular agenda.

President:

There was no President's report this quarter.

Vice President: Aaron Young

Aaron wanted to say thank you for all the support the last two years. He feels he let people down by not following through with everything that he said he would do. He did attend Gitchee Gumee and said things went well while he was there.

Corresponding Secretary: Tina Brasseur

Tina said with no Boondocker and no extra set of minutes with her, we could not accept the minutes from the last quarterly until they were printed. Tina was sorry for the delay in this matter. Tina is asking again that everyone please get her all of the updated information from all the clubs please. It will make everyone's job easier if we all have updated information.

Membership Secretary: Pat Kinne

Pat said Pay-Pal is helping to get new Great Lakes members. Pat also needs to be updated information on everyone. It is the only way to make sure you are getting all of the information about Great Lakes. Pat said we have 341 Great Lakes members at present. He will have everything ready to go for the next Membership Secretary, with everything being up to date until January.

Treasurer's Report: Rick Ingman

Rick reported that to date we have \$8,598.48 as a check-book balance. We have \$3,880.45 that is unrestricted. Gary Kovach made a motion to accept Rick's report as printed and Victor Brasseur seconded the motion and it was carried. We then had discussion on where Great Lakes stands with all the money that comes in and where it all goes. Regrettably, the Board has not yet made any headway on this issue; but it will make this its top priority. It was asked that the Treasurer have a pie chart or something similar at the Quarterlies to help all of us understand the dealings of the money. Rick will do his best.

Standing Committee Reports:

Director at Large: Gary Kovach

Gary took his resignation off the table. It was put under new business. He said he would like to continue to do this job. He has been making contact with all of the individual Great Lakes members. He said he is also willing to help people or clubs put on events if anybody needs help.

At this point it was pointed out that we should vote on the new club. So Aaron Young made a motion to accept the North Woods Wheelers as the newest Great Lakes club. Paul Mulder seconded the motion and it was carried. Welcome to Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association, North Woods Wheelers.

Associate Membership: Kim Fischer-Kinne

Kim said she has been working on getting new associate members, but with her new job she will be stepping down. So if you or someone you know would like to try this, please let the Board know and we will get you setup.

Boondocker Editor:

Linda Josephson has stepped down from this position. There will be no issue of the Boondocker. John Jacobs has offered to step up and give his hand a try. We will all be helping him to get the first issue out. If you have any thing that you would like to see printed in the Boondocker please send your information to John. The deadline for the next issue will November 30th. If you have any questions please let John or the Board know, and we will get back to you ASAP. Thank you John and good luck.

Patches & Decals: Pat Kinne

Pat said he would also be giving up this position. He would like to work harder on the land issues for the time being. We talked about putting clothing in with patches and decals at this point so it can be easily handled with pay-pal and everything. Pat made a motion for clothing, patches and decals to all be joined into one Committee. Mark Burns seconded the

motion and it was carried. The discussion moved on to the prices of tee shirts. Kim Fischer-Kinne made a motion to raise prices to \$15.00. The break down will be a \$5.00 profit with \$2.00 for shipping and 6% sales tax. Jeremy Vohwinkle seconded the motion and it was carried.

Drags and Obstacles:

There was no report available for this meeting.

Mud Racing:

Gary Kovach said that there are still some tech sheets out that need to be paid for, but that there were enough races to say that they had a season. We will have to wait for tech sheets to see where this will all stand at the end of the year.

Sand-O-Rama: Gary Kovach

Gary submitted a report, but there was a question about some money that was paid out for the event so it was tabled until we can put it all together. If no one steps up with a budget and is willing to put this on, we may stop having Sand-O-Rama for a few years. We do know that we lost about \$2000.00 on this year's Sand-O-Rama.

Road Rally:

There was no report for this Committee. At this point Tim Treadway made a motion that we remove it from the agenda until there is an interest in Road Rally's again. Pat Kinne seconded the motion and it was carried.

United 4WDA/Land Use/Environmental Affairs: Jim Mazzola

Jim started out by saying that we need to watch and let them know what all is going on in the North because land closers are headed our way. We need to stay active with meetings and such to help all public lands to stay open. There looks like there could be a user fee to play at certain places around the nation. United is staying on top of this. There was a \$30,000 donation made to United that has come into question; Jim will let us know how this turns out. Jim said Convention went well, and there is always a lot going on.

Trail Ride: Victor Brasseur

Victor said things are moving along. Gitchee Gumees went over really well. We had over 40 participants show up. We profited over \$1400.00 this year. Thank you to all who showed to play and for all those that showed up and worked. Victor said that he will have more meetings this next year, and that insurance has been a problem, but with that worked out things should run smoother now. If you would like to be on the Trail Ride Committee just let Victor know and he will let you know about the meetings.

ORV Advisory: Paul Mulder

Paul started out by saying that a new Board has been seated and that things are moving forward, but a lot of work still needs to be done. Some things they are looking at are the event permits and event trail riding. He is not sure how all that will work out yet. They have done the grants for next year's trail maintenance. We have been awarded the same as this

year, plus been reimbursed for the insurance we had to have. Paul said we can try for more trails when we have more people helping. There are a lot of things going on at St. Helen. Paul did put in for us to do the rock course up there. We'll have to wait and see if we get to do this.

Insurance: Pat Kinne

Pat said we do have insurance until July. At that point we will have to decide what we want to do as far as having insurance. We have to be covered 24/7 because of trail maintenance, but we also need it for events. We will continue to work on this and see where we should go. Kim Fischer-Kinne made a motion to buy the \$1500.00 policy for insurance if the other leads fall through. We could ask the trail riders to donate the money from their fund. Tina Brasseur seconded this motion. Four people opposed the motion and twelve people were in favor of it, so it carried.

Marketing Director: Dana Mazzola-Graham

Dana has stepped down from this position, so there was no report for this meeting. If you or someone you know would like to try this please just let the Board know.

Website: Lee Murrah

The website has been getting some use, but people seem to be using other message boards more. We need to encourage people to use our web site. We only have about 150 members signed up on it. Jeremy Vohwinkle and Ryan Reynolds have stepped up to give Lee a hand in updating the site.

Rocks: Aaron Young

Aaron said that there is still a small amount of money in this fund. The rocks are still available to us to use. If it looks like we will not be having Sand-O-Rama then we will need to look at moving the rocks. Maybe we could donate them to the rock course at St. Helen if moving them can be figured out so as not to cost an arm and leg.

Awareness Training:

This position is open again also. It was decided to move this into the Trail Ride Committee as a subcommittee.

Calendar Of Events:

Nothing new was added.

Amsoil: Joe Cefali

Joe stated that we have a new contact person for Amsoil. He will get all the information on this and get us updated.

Property: Jonathan Blysta

Jonathan stated that he would put together the survey on what the membership would like to do. He will ask about what people would like to pay to play, how far they would travel to play, and how to run it. When he has all the informa

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tion put together he will report back.

**Old Business:
Convention 2004:**

No one had any ideas or proposals for the next Convention. It will be taken off the agenda and brought back up if any one would like to do this.

Elections:

1. President: Tim Treadway nominated Pat Kinne. Tina Brasseur seconded the motion and Pat accepted. He was the only one nominated, so Pat will be President for the remainder of Roy's term.

2. Vice President: Tina Brasseur nominated Joe Cefali for this office and Aaron Young seconded it. Joe accepted the nomination. Paul Phelps nominated Aaron Young for a second term and Gary Kovach seconded it. Aaron did not wish to run for a second term and declined. Joe Cefali is the new Vice President.

3. Corresponding Secretary: Tina Brasseur was nominated for a second term in this office with no opposition, so Tina will serve a second term.

4. Membership Secretary: Gary Kovach was nominated at the July meeting. Pat Kinne nominated Jeremy Vohwinkle. John Jacobs seconded this nomination. The ballots were counted and Jeremy Vohwinkle will be the new Membership Secretary.

Tina Brasseur made a motion that all the ballots be destroyed and John Jacobs seconded the motion and it was carried. Congratulations to all of the officers of Great Lakes.

Pay Pal:

This is up and working on our website. Go check it out and if anyone has any questions please just let us know.

Budget:

This was talked about briefly and the Board will have answers for the membership at the January quarterly meeting.

Bob Velasco:

After a trial was held with the Board in September, it was found that Mr. Velasco has done no harm against the Association.

Sand-O-Rama:

It was decided that before just saying we would take a break from this for a little while, that we would wait and see if any one had any ideas at the next quarterly. Paul Mulder made the motion and Paul Phelps seconded it and it was carried.

Gary Kovach:

It was brought again about Gary stating he would resign from his position as Director At Large. Kim Fischer-Kinne made a motion that Gary hold to this. Tim Treadway seconded this motion. And after a brief discussion on this Gary decided that he would indeed resign.

Lights and Scales:

Due to the lateness of the hour it was decided to table this until the January Quarterly meeting.

Paul Mulder made a motion that we adjourn and Aaron Young seconded this motion. The motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina R. Brasseur
Recording Corresponding Secretary

Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association Inc. July 13, 2003 Quarterly Minutes

President Roy Josephson called the general meeting of the Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association to order at 11:15 am. Roll call showed that we had a quorum present for voting.

We had The Tri-City Trail Riders wishing to join Great Lakes. They have ten families in their club. Paul Phelps made a motion to accept the Tri-City Trail Riders into Great Lakes membership. Victor Brasseur seconded this motion and the motion passed. Tri-City Trail Riders welcome to Great Lakes.

President's Report: Roy Josephson

Roy stated that he plans on have more board meetings and to make a business plan for Great Lakes. He is sure that things are moving in the right direction for Great Lakes. He said the board would be busy getting things taken care of.

Vice President's Report: Aaron Young

Aaron was absent so there was no report this quarter.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Tina Brasseur

Tina started off by asking for any corrections to the last minutes. With none needing to be made, Pat Kinne made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. George Motes seconded this motion and the motion passed. Tina again asked for an updated list of all clubs please.

Membership Secretary: Pat Kinne

Pat said we have 349 members total to date. Pat stated that he also needs all the info from the clubs. Just pieces and bits back it is very hard for us to do our jobs. Pat will not be running again for this office. There are other jobs that Pat would like to work on. He fills that he can be a bigger help in other places. At this time Gary Kovach stated that he would be willing to run for this office in October. Pat also stated that he would like to see a fund started for people going to all the ORV meetings and such. It would help pay for the gas people use to attend these meetings. It is something that will have to be looked into. Mark Burns stated that there might be a problem with the positions. We wouldn't want to pay for everyone's gas for going unless they car pool together.

Treasurer Report: Rick Ingman

Rick submitted a report of \$16,216.41. Mark Burns made a motion to accept this report as submitted. Rich Nowak seconded this motion and the motion passed. Rick is still trying to get the legal fund transferred over.

Director At Large: Gary Kovach

Gary stated that he has sent out mailings for dues reminders and introducing himself as the Director at Large for Great Lakes. Pat Kinne said he has received four renewals because of this mailing. He said that he would continue to work hard at this job.

Associate Membership: Kim Fischer-Kinne

Kim started out by saying that we have two new associate members. The first one is Sun Rise Screen Arts. They are in Alpena and Hillman. They are doing the shirts for Sand-O-Rama. We will be doing all shirt orders with them. The details are being worked out, but if anyone wants to order Great Lakes Clothing just let Gary Kovach know. Plus, do not forget the web site for this, along with stickers and patches. The second new associate member is Sandy's Corner Jeep Rentals at Silver Lake. All of their jeeps now have Great Lakes and United stickers on them. They have 40 jeeps. Kim also stated that she does have more packets if any one knows of a business that would like to join Great Lakes as an Associate member.

Marketing Director: Dana Mazzola- Graham

Linda stated the Dana is working very hard at this job and is receiving things back from companies now. If you have any ideas or questions about please go to Linda or Roy Josephson.

Editor: Linda Josephson

Linda started off by saying that the Boondockers are out. The next deadline is August 31st. Please remember that when sending pictures for the Boondocker to tell about it. Such as who it is and where the picture took place. She can always use articles for the Boondocker, so please get them in. Linda is looking for people to do a couple of things for the Boondocker such as the Reader's Rides and Tech Tips. If interested please let Linda know.

Patches and Decals: Pat Kinne

Pat stated that he still has them. We are selling them at events and such also. You can place an order from the web site or by calling the 800 number. (1-888-705-8683)

Clothing:

There was no report at this time. Details are being worked out on ordering them straight from the printing store. (Sun Rise Screen Arts)

Drags and Obstacles:

Other than the races at Sand-O-Rama, there is nothing. Pat Woods will be at Sand O to help.

Mud Racing: Jim Knieper

Jim was not able to attend so we had no report other than

to say that there would be some late fall mud bogs.

Sand-O-Rama: Gary Kovach

Gary started off by asking that we do a bulk mailing to let everyone know that this event is still on. Tina said it would not be a problem and she would get right on it and have them in the mail tomorrow. Gary has made a camper package up. This will have garbage bags and rules plus something extra to prove that people paid for their camping. The electric will be collected by Gladwin themselves. Gary said that the lights will be there and are working. He gave a list of things that he will still need help with. They are as follows:

1. Rock Rodeo

2. Rock Crawl (The rock crawl classes will be done by tire size printed on the tires.

a. Under 33"

b. 33" – 35"

c. 35" – 40"

d. 40" and up

The stump crawl will not happen this year as time ran out before the course was set up. George Motes will run the kid games with Tina Brasseur helping to get the supplies. This will be a great event so come ready to have a great time.

Road Rally: Bob Stevenson

Bob was not present so we had no report. If any one has any questions on this please just let Bob know.

United: Jim Mazzola

Jim was unable to attend today's meeting so we had no report at this time.

Trail Ride: Victor Brasseur

Victor stated that there has not been much going on right now. There are some events coming up such as: DOA, the Troll's Color Tour, and Gitchee Gume. There will be trail rides at Sand-O-Rama this year also. Victor is hoping to do a trail riders meeting by the bomb fire at Sand-O-Rama if time allows.

ORV: Pat Kinne

Pat stated that they have a new board in place now. There are full size users on the board now. This should really help us. Paul Mulder, Pat Kinne and Aaron Young will now do the grant writing for Great Lakes. They will be looking at getting some more routes to do, but we will need more people to help do this. It takes more than just a handful of people. Pat looks forward to helping out here as much as he can.

Insurance: Jim Mazzola

Roy talked on this. We do have insurance and will continue to have insurance. Roy will make sure to get a copy to MSG for DOA. We will use the insurance that Gladwin has for Sand-O-Rama. It has been said that United is working on getting insurance for full size users to use. We will keep you updated on this.

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Web Site: Lee Murrah

Lee was unable to attend so we had no report.

Rocks: Aaron Young

Aaron was not here so we had no report other than to decide what to do with the rocks at Gladwin when we no longer hold Sand-O-Rama there.

Awareness Training: Kim Mazzola

Pat gave a report for Kim stating that the last class held turned out very well. We need to make a little money from it. The classroom and the grounds that they used were great, but we are back where we started with needing a good place to hold these classes. If any one has any ideas or questions please let Kim Mazzola know.

Calendar of Events:

There was nothing new to add at this time. But remember that there are still lots of things to do yet before snow flies.

Amsoil: Joe Cefali G/L's # 1064284 1-800-956-5695

Joe was not present so we had no report. Gary Kovach made a motion that we take this off the agenda for now until we have all the information on this that we need. Pat Kinne seconded this motion and the motion passed. Mark Burns stated that he would get with Joe and find out what he could for us.

Property: Jonathan Blystra

Jonathan could not be here but prior to the meeting he sent a letter to all board members about where we all stood on if and how to get property. This letter was read to the members and then they were asked what they thought. After a discussion it was determined to have Jonathan come up with a survey to be printed in the Boondocker that the members will fill out and then send back to Jonathan who will make a report back to the Association. Some of the questions will be about the money side of it and how much time people will spend there. The survey will be in the next issue of the Boondocker. Everyone please take the time to fill it out and get the info back to Jonathan ASAP. This is very important to the Association. Gary Kovach made a motion on the survey being done and Victor Brasseur seconded it. The motion passed.

Old Business:

Convention 2003 was talked about briefly. It was decided to table this for a later date because some issues have to be settled.

Convention 2004 stills need someone to step up and run with this. It can be as big or as small as they would like. It can be done at any time of the year. If any one has any questions please let the board know.

Nominations were opened at this time.

1. Vice President: Aaron Young was the only one nominated but he was not present to accept. So at this time

we have no nominations for Vice President.

2. Corresponding Secretary:

a. Tina Brasseur accepted after she gave her thoughts on how she has done for the last two years. But the membership thought she is doing just fine and learning as she goes.

b. Mark Burns was also nominated but he turned it down. Thank you, but no thank you.

3. Membership Secretary: Gary Kovach was the only nomination for this office. Gary accepted the nomination.

Good Luck to all.

Pay Pal:

For those who do not know, this is a way to buy things off the internet using credit cards and such. Pay Pal is very secure. It is now up and running on the Great Lakes web site for people to use in paying their dues or buying stickers, patches, or clothing. If you have any questions please let Lee Murrah know.

Calendars:

Being that we are short on time to raffle off the months again this year, a committee was set up to pick the pictures that will be used this year. The calendars will be for sale again for a fundraiser for Great Lakes. The people on the committee are Jeremy Havens, Pat Kinnee, and Tina Brasseur. Please get your pictures to them ASAP. All pictures will be returned but please put the info about the pictures on the back. i.e. name, place and so on. If you have any questions please let them know.

New Business

Membership List:

This was brought up Roy Josephson. He would like to make a list up for the marketing director to use for her contacts. Any one who would be on it would only be there because they volunteered to do so. Any one not interested in this would not have any of their information added to the list. Roy will work on getting this set up.

Meeting Location:

We had the meeting at the school across from where we have been holding the meetings. There was no cost. Paul Phelps made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the school library for letting us use it. Victor Brasseur seconded this motion. After a brief discussion this motion did not pass. But then Pat Kinne made a motion to donate \$50.00 to the school. Gary Kovach seconded this motion and the motion carried.

Gary Kovach made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rich Nowak seconded it and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tina R. Brasseur
Recording Corresponding Secretary

Next Meeting: January 11, 2004

Great Lakes Clothing!!!

Contact: Maria Cefali
810-798-2823
RockenRia@msg4x4club.com

Silk-screened Items

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								

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

For each 2x add \$2.00

For each 3x add \$3.00

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.



Hey Four Wheelers!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Have you been sittin' around all winter,
wishin' you could go 'wheelin'???????**

**Then make plans now to attend
the.....**

10th Annual Troll's Spring Opener!!!!

**A Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association Sanctioned Event
(Membership in GLFWDA required at \$25 per year)**

April 2nd - 4th, 2004

**We will be exploring the wilds of Northern Michigan, in and around the
Indian River / Cheboygan area!!!**

Trail rides will take place on Friday afternoon, Friday evening, and all day Saturday!

Cost is \$40 for driver and 1 passenger over the age of 16. Additional passengers over 16 are \$5 each. Kids under 16 are absolutely free!!

Cost includes: Guided trail rides
Awards
Goody bags
Dinner Saturday evening
Fun for all!!!

Note: This event is limited to 40
preregistered entries! You
must preregister to attend!
Membership in GLFWDA
is *mandatory!!*

Deadline for Registration is March 1, 2004!!!

Full event details, accommodation lists, maps, etc. will be sent with registration confirmation packets!

**Fill out the registration form and mail it today!!!!
Don't miss the first trail ride of the season!!!!**

More Info: Tina Brasseur 231-238-0964
brasseur@localnet.com





TROLL'S SPRING OPENER

April 2nd – 4th, 2004

Registration Form

Deadline for Registration is March 1, 2004

Driver & Vehicle Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Vehicle: _____ Model: _____ Tire Size: _____

Fee Schedule

Driver & 1 Passenger 16 & over Registration	\$40.00
____ Passengers 16 & over @ \$5 each	
____ Passengers under 16 @ no charge	FREE
GLFWDA Membership @ \$25 (if not already a member)	
T-shirts _____ Small _____ X-Large \$15.00 each _____ Medium _____ XX - Large Enter quantity for each _____ Large	
Sweatshirts _____ Small _____ X-Large \$25.00 each _____ Medium _____ XX-Large Enter quantity for each _____ Large	
TOTAL REMITTANCE	\$

Please make checks payable to **Victor Brasseur**, and mail to:
 Victor Brasseur
 7200 Bunker Road
 Indian River MI 49749 **Total # of people attending (including driver)** ____
 (231) 238-0964
brasseur@localnet.com

Please note that all fees are nonrefundable.

Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association By-Laws

Amended October 11, 1998

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 \$20.00 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 \$50.00 per year and Associate Members dues for manufactures will be \$100.00 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 \$25.00 annually and expire one year from date of accep-

GREAT LAKES FOUR WHEEL DRIVE ASSOCIATION PROPERTY USE SURVEY

Please make the appropriate copies for your clubs so that everyone has a copy.
Return all copies by February 1, 2003 to:

Great Lakes Property Committee
c/o Jonathan Blystra
806 South Meadow Court
Holland, MI 49423
FAX 616-394-5936
E-MAIL: ddstrunt@yahoo.com

GLFWDA has been tossing the idea of purchasing property to hold events for several months now. However we would like input from more people than just those that have been attending the quarterly meetings. This is your opportunity to participate!

1. a. How far would you be willing to travel to access "THE PROPERTY" if it were open every weekend? _____
b. How many times a year would you go roughly, if it was open every weekend? _____
2. a. How far would you be willing to travel to access "THE PROPERTY" if it were open once a month? _____
b. How many times a year would you go roughly, if it was open only once a month? _____
3. What types of things would you like to see on "THE PROPERTY" as far as events? _____

Possibilities include: Sand drags, mud bog / drag, obstacle, tough truck course, rock crawling, trail riding in some capacity, log / tire crawl.

4. Rank the following types of wheeling events in order from most favorite to least favorite with 1 being your most favorite and 10 being your least favorite.

___ Rocks ___ Sand hills and bowls ___ Sand Drag ___ Mud Drag ___ Mud Bog
___ Tough Truck ___ Obstacle ___ Trails ___ Road Rally ___ Car / Truck shows

5. If the only way to get enough money were to raise the current GL dues by \$25.00 for several years, would you still be member? _____ The current individual membership is \$25.00, however half that money goes to United FWDA memberships.
6. a. Would you be more interested in a per use fee or a per year fee to access "THE PROPERTY"? _____
b. What would be a realistic fee to charge as a per use fee? \$ _____
c. What would be a realistic fee to charge as a per year fee? \$ _____
7. Do you trailer your vehicle to events or drive your vehicle to events? _____
8. a. Are you an individual member or a member through a club? _____
b. If you are a member through a club, which one? _____
9. What part of the state do you live in? UP-WEST, UP-EAST, NW, NE, CW, CE, SW, SE
(Circle the appropriate one)
10. Any other comments or suggestions concerning the pursuit of the purchase of property for GLFWDA?

Thanks for your time and cooperation!

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tance, 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-

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EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday
April 10th
12:00PM

Rain, Snow, or
Shine!!



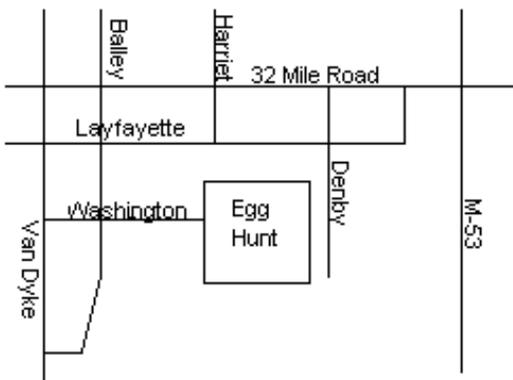
Ages 1 thru 10
\$3.50 per Child
Includes Hot Dog
and Drink

With a visit from the Easter Bunny,
who will also be available for pictures!!!

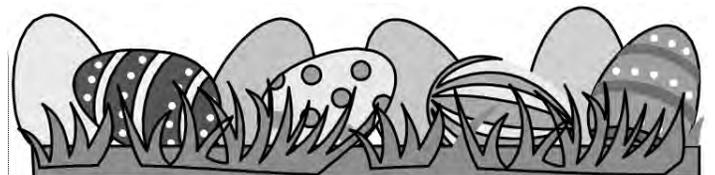
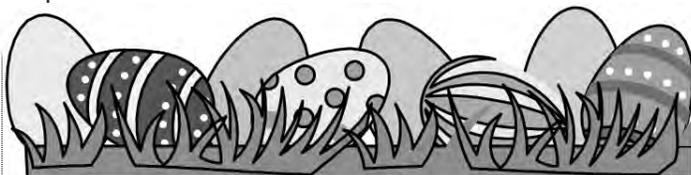


All Proceeds Donated To
A Charity Chosen By
Mud, Sweat & Gears

For More Information, call
Maria 810-798-2823
or Teresa 810-615-2001



The Easter Egg Hunt will be held
at the Romeo Lions Club Grounds
in Romeo.



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

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.

Victor Brasseur <brasseur@localnet.com>
Trail Ride Committee Chairman
231-238-0964

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

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Safety Certification Form

Event _____ Date _____ Vehicle _____ License No _____

Form 2003B (updated 12/6/2003)

**Any questions, contact Trail Ride Comm. Chairman Vic Brasseur 231-238-0964 or
Brasseur@localnet.com**

(*see notes for details)

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

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.

Trailriding Guidelines

1. The trail master is the boss for the event. He should do everything possible to make the event enjoyable and safe for everyone. He may ask anyone to leave 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 trail; follow the marked or beaten path. Always tread lightly!
4. Keep an eye on the children at all times. Accidents can and do happen.
5. If you leave the event 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. Leave headlights on for safety.
7. No open exhaust 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, or other obstacles leave enough distance between vehicles to prevent collision, or wait for an "all clear" in trick situations.
9. The trash you truck in is yours to truck out. DO NOT LITTER!
10. Never travel alone. Always have at least two vehicles for safety's sake.
11. Always start with a full tank of gas. Carry extra gas on long trips.
12. Everything must be secured whether inside or outside of the vehicle.
13. Always wear seatbelts.
14. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will be consumed on any trail ride event. This includes lunch breaks and night runs.
15. Respect the community and environment in which you are traveling.
16. Always share the trail wisely.
17. No fireworks or firearms are allowed.

Safety Equipment Required

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seat belts | <input type="checkbox"/> Roll bar (optional for hard tops) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire extinguisher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tow straps | <input type="checkbox"/> Tool kits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spare tire & accessories | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tow hooks front & rear (trailer ball may <i>not</i> be used) | |

Suggested Additional Equipment

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> CB radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Tire pump and patches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shovel | <input type="checkbox"/> Cellular phone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winch | <input type="checkbox"/> High lift jack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food | <input type="checkbox"/> Blanket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass | <input type="checkbox"/> Map |

GLFWDA Sanctioning Procedures

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A sanctioning fee of \$25.00 must be paid to GLFWDA and mailed to the appropriate sanctioning member. The sanctioning fee is non-refundable except in the case of an act of God.

No two drags and obstacle events will be sanctioned on the same date. No two mud events will be sanctioned on the same date.

To reserve a prior date:

Sand Drags & Obstacles

1. Turn in date to sanctioning member by March 1st.
2. Pay fee to sanctioning member by April 1st.

Mail to: Gary Kovach
10127 Spruce
Ossineke, MI 49766
989-471-0031
Gary_Kovach@hotmail.com

After April 1st, all dates will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

Mud Drags and Bogs

Turn in date and fee to sanctioning member by May 1st.

Mail to: Gary Kovach
10127 Spruce
Ossineke, MI 49766
989-471-0031
Gary_Kovach@hotmail.com

Trail Rides

1. Turn in date and fee to sanctioning member at the January Quarterly, or at least three months prior to the event.
2. All clubs hosting events should make every effort not to schedule an event on the same date and/or weekend as a sanctioned competitive event. Racers are trail riders, too!

Mail to: Victor Brasseur
7200 Bunker Rd.
Indian River, MI 49749
231-238-0964
brasseur@localnet.com

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 or resolution to dissolve to dissolve voluntarily or decree ordering involuntary liquidation.



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#: _____ \$20.00

Individual: _____ Renewal: _____ GLFWDA#: _____ \$25.00

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 \$25.00 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 \$20.00 per member are received. Send check to the Membership Secretary, not the Treasurer.
4. When adding new members during the year, pay \$5.00 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

Patch & Decal Information

GLFWDA	Price	Qty.	Total
6" GLFWDA Decal	\$2.00		
4" GLFWDA Decal	\$1.00		
4" GLFWDA Shoulder Patch	\$2.00		
Swamp Rat Patch	\$2.00		
Sand-O-Rama Patch	\$2.00		
GLFWDA Flag	\$15.00		
UFWDA	Price	Qty.	Total
UFWDA Patch	\$2.00		
6" UFWDA Decal	\$4.00		
Endangered Species Patch	\$3.00		
Endangered Species Sticker	\$1.00		
Tread Lightly Bumper Sticker	\$1.50		
Tread Lightly Sticker	\$1.00		
Subtotal			
Shipping & Handling			\$1.00
Total			

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Send to: GLFWDA, c/o Maria Cefali
80480 McFadden, Armada, MI 48005

Phone: 810-798-2823

E-mail: RockenRia@msg4x4club.com

Make checks/money orders payable to GLFWDA

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, which are also free passes to Sand-O-Rama.
- An invitation to the GLFWDA Convention.
- A chance to be nominated Associate Member of the Year.
- Welcome to attend all GLFWDA sponsored events.

For \$50.00 per year, you will be entitled to all of the above, plus a one time only, free half-page ad in the Boondocker. For \$100.00 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 <ckaho@comcast.net>
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:

The Boondocker
c/o Jeremy Vohwinkle
1268 W. Clark Rd. Apt N-3
DeWitt, MI 48820

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Associate Member Directory

Four Wheel Drive Diversified

www.4wddiv.com
222 Illinois Ave., Maumee, OH 43537
419-893-7006 or 800-728-7843
Contact: Dan Toepfer

Kenn Mitchell's Signs & Graphics

715 George St., Midland, MI 48640
989-835-3964
Contact: Brian, Stephanie Mitchell

Jeeperz Creeperz

www.jeeperz-creeperz.com
1627 Eureka Rd., Wyandotte, MI 48192
734-281-8141 or Fax 734-281-2841
sales@jeeperz-creeperz.com
Contact: Kevin Bentz

Please support our Associate Members by
patronizing their businesses and telling
them that you saw their listing in the
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Sandy Korner's Jeep Tours

www.sandycorners.com
1762 N. 24th Ave., Mears, MI 49436
231-873-5048 or Fax 231-873-4876
jeeprentals@sandykorners.com
Contact: Jack Warfield, President

Joint Clutch & Gear Service

www.jointclutchandgear.com
703 Marquette St., Bay City, MI 48706
989-686-2924 or Fax 989-686-9906
Contact: Bruce Roberts

Sunrise Screen Arts

2577 US-23 South, Alpena, MI 49707
989-354-5198 or Fax 989-356-0327
feemb@freeway.net
Contact: Crystal Hollingsworth, Office Mgr.



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