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The official newsletter of the Virginia Four Wheel Drive Association

VA4WDA 2020 Members' Meeting!
Sunday, March 15th
12pm-4pm
Mark your calendar & RSVP Today!

By Jesse Schneirla, VA4WDA President
Our Annual Members' Meeting is March 15, 2020 and our new business member, First Team Hampton Chevrolet, is hosting at their location at 1075 West Mercury Boulevard in Hampton. VA4WDA will provide lunch at noon and the meeting will start at 1:30 PM. In order for us to plan for the appropriate amount of food, please let us know if you will be attending by emailing to VicePresident@va4wda.org with the number of people in your group.

During the meeting, we will be taking Board of Directors nominations for President, Member at Large 1, Member at Large 2, and Member at Large 3. The nomination period is open now and closes when the Annual Meeting is adjourned. If you would like to nominate someone for any of these positions, send a written nomination to VicePresident@va4wda.org. You may also make the nomination in person at the Annual Meeting.

We are also taking nominations for VA4WDA Club of the Year and VA4WDA Wheeler of the Year. Please send a write-up to either president@va4wda.org or vicepresident@va4wda.org. These nominations are open now.

It is getting to be that time of the year to get your rigs ready for the upcoming season. If you are looking to plan some trips, please check our events calendar in this edition and on the VA4WDA website. There are events hosted by VA4WDA, our clubs, and our Business Members.

See you on the trail!
Jesse

Join us and learn what the VA4WDA does for you and our sport. Our business members and guest speakers will be present to answer your questions. This is a great opportunity to promote your club & speak with 4-wheelers from other clubs.

We are searching for DOOR PRIZES and GUEST SPEAKERS! If you would like to donate a door prize that will be awarded after the meeting or if you would like to suggest a guest speaker or be a guest speaker, please contact Sandy Schneirla at VicePresident@va4wda.org today.

Business members, please contact Sandy if you are attending and need to set up promotional space!

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Editorial Calendar
Summer – Due 5.1.2020
Fall – Due 8.1.2020
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Spring – Due 2.1.2021
*All ads must be 1/4 page & submitted in JPEG format.

Have you moved?
Send an email to secretary@va4wda.org with your new mailing address

Are you on Facebook or Twitter?
We are!
Search for VA4WDA on social media & tag us in your photos!
As a kid in Spotsylvania and Locust Grove, Virginia, Dustin Bowers "grew up hunting and fishing, muddin’, working on rigs and cars – always turning a wrench.” He and his friends spent plenty of time hanging out with their dads and grandfathers in auto shops, around 4x4 clubs and being involved in all types of racing. However, as they got older, these pastimes started to fade out.

Bowers, 27, wasn’t ready to let it go to the wayside. In December of 2019, he and a close group of friends and family members created No Limits 4x4 Club based in Locust Grove. Bowers, who is the club’s current president, noted that, as a club, they want to “allow our kids to share the same traditions we did and carry it on in the future.” They also are looking to establish a legal play park for all off-road gearheads and find ways to give back to the community and local charities. “We named the club ‘No Limits’ because we welcome all types of rigs of all different shapes and sizes,” Bowers said. “We didn’t want to focus our club on one group of people or rigs. We wanted people from all over to feel welcome. Also, if we gotta send it, we’re not afraid to peg the RPM gauge!”

According to Bowers, No Limits 4x4 will likely appeal to younger and older gearheads who love mud bogs, racing and having a good time in a family-oriented atmosphere. He looks forward to having the club become an organization that teaches and guides people to wheel and work on their rigs, and hopes members will also pitch in with trail events and work days and help with set up and take down at events.

In addition to getting No Limits 4x4 up and going, Bowers stays busy with his immediate family, girlfriend Cheyenne Heflin, and their daughters, two-year old Bryleigh and one-year old Bristol. He also works full-time for the Virginia Department of Transportation and takes care of his own fleet - a 1995 Jeep Wrangler (15ins of lift, 5.13 gears, lockers front and back, high steer, sittin’ on 39.5 boggers on custom bead locks), a 2006 Dodge 2500 (lifted on 35s, AKA "the tow pig") and a 1982 Chevy one ton (on 35 boggers, LS 6.0 swapped with 4.56 gears and lockers front and back).

Want to learn more? Find No Limits 4x4 Club on Facebook!
NOTES FROM THE V.P.
Sandy Schneirla

Lawsuit To Block Currituck County NC Beach Parking Permit Update

Our court case for our lawsuit against Currituck County, North Carolina will be heard again in May 2020. We sued Currituck County over their ordinance that requires all non-Currituck County residents or property owners to purchase a parking pass to park on the beach. They are charging $50 for a 10-day pass and $150 for a season pass. This is only in effect from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. Residents of Currituck County, whether they live in the 4x4 area or not, receive a FREE parking pass for every vehicle they own and they receive two FREE passes to be used for guests. Stand by for more information to come. We have our Annual Earth Day Clean Up

Earth Day Clean Up

Earth Day Clean Up in the George Washington National Forest is scheduled for April 3-5, 2020. This year, we will be working in the North River District of the GWNF. The National Forest Service will provide at the Hone Quarry Campground (primitive camping – no water or electricity is available at this campground) for the weekend. You can arrive Friday and camp until Sunday. We meet Saturday morning to clean the trails for the day and VA4WDA provides the evening meal for all volunteers. The details are still being worked out with the Ranger’s office, so stay tuned to our Facebook page, website, and your email inbox for more information as it is available.
VA4WDA and Off Road Militia had a face-to-face meeting on January 24 with District Ranger Mary Yonce and her staff in the North River/Lee Districts of the George Washington National Forest. The meeting was in regards to conducting a clean up in the North River/Lee Districts. We met at the Rangers’ Post at noon and had a great showing. Greg Jackson, former VA4WDA Land Use Coordinator, even came up to show support for our mission. Ranger Yonce, Deputy District Ranger Eric Freels, Volunteer Coordinator Steven Beri and Law Enforcement Officer A. DeVore were in attendance and all were very receptive to our ideas and future plans.

We discussed doing an Earth Day Clean Up first, and then moving forward with possible trail signage and maybe even some challenge areas. There is a formal agreement we have to file with this district that we are working on now. The date picked for the Clean Up is Saturday, April 4. The Rangers stated they would have the Hone Quarry Campground opened for our use. We would be able to arrive on Friday, April 3, to set up our camp sites. This is a primitive campsite, so no electric or running water. On Saturday, we will hold the Clean Up. From what we scouted out, the trails are not in bad condition. We asked the Rangers to look around for any areas of concern, and we would add them to our list of problem areas and take care of them. Dinner will be provided by VA4WDA for all who volunteer. On Sunday, April 5, check out of the campground is no later than 11am, after a walk through to ensure all personal belongings and trash are taken with us.

We’re looking forward to a good turn out from VA4WDA members, Off Road Militia and all other clubs, individual members, and non-members who would like to join us in our mission. This is our first step to showing the North River/Lee District what we are capable of doing, so let’s make this great!
By Gerald Hall, Member-At-Large 3

After Thanksgiving dinner with family, 17 of us departed for our sixth annual Potts Mountain Black Friday run hosted by Brad Boyd and me. What started out as a handful of us making the trek for a day run has evolved into a sizable group of us meeting at the Pines campground. Some took shelter in a nearby motel while others braved the cold to rough it overnight in the primitive campground.

After a hearty breakfast, we headed out to the trailhead 17 vehicles strong to our drivers’ meeting. It was great to join up with friends we haven’t wheeled with in a couple years as we set out for a beautiful day of fun.

Once we completed a few obstacles, we took a break at the meadow for lunch. There were a great deal of hunters in the area; a few of them might have been annoyed by our presence. We tried to stay out of their way as much as possible to honor their hunt.

There were a few more difficult obstacles later in the day, but almost everyone made it through the trail with no damage. There was only the minor loss of one driver side mirror on Cliff’s TJ.

At the end of the day, we met back at the Pines campground to pack up and head home. We can’t wait to do it again this year!
MPJAI Update

By Charles Sikes

Happy Spring to all!! The Middle Peninsula Jeep Association, Inc. (MPJAI) stayed active throughout the fall and winter with a number of happenings.

November and December brought us the holidays and, although we did only one trail ride, we had a lot of great time together at meetings, parties, coffee runs, and a parade. To start, MPJAI held its annual Turkey Run where the club collects, sorts, packages, and then delivers, convoy-style, Thanksgiving food stuff for families to support Edmarc Hospice for Children. This year, members collected and/or donated enough food items so that each of the ten families received two huge bins of goodies. The donations were delivered on November 23 by 13 Jeepers, who were divided into two groups. A big shout out of thanks to all who participated and a special thanks to Jenina Fitzgerald for coordinating.

Also in November, MPJAI had a weekend camping and trail ride at Peter’s Mill and Taskers Gap recreation area. There were a total of ten Jeeps and 16 club members. It was cold, but we all stayed warm and comfortable, thanks to a great group fire, outstanding food, and superb fellowship. The trail ride was pleasant and everyone had a great time. Thank you, Mitch Keith, for coordinating this event.

In early December, the club held its annual Christmas party with 45 members who celebrated with eats and a goodly bit of rowdy parlor games. In addition to a nice visit from Santa, everyone came away with neat exchange gifts and door prizes. Thank you to the club’s Executive Committee for coordinating this gala.

About a week later, the club participated in the annual Hampton Holly Days Parade. We had 13 Jeeps decorated, cheerily providing a great show for the spectators at the parade. Additionally, MPJAI was selected as First Place winner of the Best Decorated Truck/Other Display! Out of the last 10 years of these parades (2 being cancelled by the city due to weather), MPJAI has won Best Decorated Truck/Other Display twice, as well as overall Best Illumination six times. We don’t just run trails…..we rock parades :) We also had a group of eight Jeeps and families take advantage of the holiday display at Newport News City Park while driving through the Celebration of Lights display.

Unfortunately, December was also a very sad time for MPJAI as we lost one of our beloved members to cancer. Brian Webber, aka Honey Badger, passed away on December 2 and was laid to rest on December 7. There was an outstanding outpouring of love and respect by the club as 27 Jeeps escorted Brian and his family to the cemetery. Brian will be missed by all.

January was a quiet month with only the standard meeting, coffee runs, and Adopt-A-Spot clean-up held.

Remember, if you own a Jeep 4x4 and are interested in joining our club, we meet monthly on the first Thursday of the month at the Pomoco Jeep dealership in Newport News. We also have a weekly coffee run to the Dunkin Donuts just past Pomoco each Saturday from 10am-12pm. Come on out and visit us!
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YOU CAN WIN IN ONLY ONE CATEGORY!

Drawings for door prizes will be held Saturday at the tournament meeting and Sunday at the weigh-in. You must be present to win. Entries postmarked by April 8, 2020 will receive a free T-shirt at the tournament meeting. All mail in registration must be received no later than Wednesday, April 15, 2020. For more information on regulations requiring North Carolina saltwater fishing licenses, visit the online website for the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission at www.ncwildlife.org.

TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. TOURNAMENT MEETING: starts promptly at 7 A.M., SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020 at Fessenden Center, behind Dillon’s Corner in Buxton. Tournament starts following meeting. This is an individual surf fishing tournament only! No help in fishing except for getting a fish. Your feet must be in the sand. You must fish with rod and reel. No nets! Boundaries are from North Beach at Oregon Inlet to South Beach of Ocracoke.

2. WEIGHT-IN: will be at the Fessenden Center on SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020. You must register with an official at weigh-in NO LATER THAN 8 A.M. Any discrepancies must be registered with the judges prior to the 8 a.m. cutoff. All decisions made by the three (3) judges are final. 4 Plus reserves the right to inspect all fish.

**Please remember that any registered fish must be available for inspection at the weigh-in Sunday morning.**

3. We will abide by the limitations of the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries and the rules and regulations enforced by the National Park Service. 4 Plus will not weigh or record any illegal fish.

All fish must be weighed and recorded by a tournament official or by a tournament designated weigh station.

Any violation of tournament rules listed above may disqualify the offending fisherman.

Be on time to all meetings.

Entry Fee: $35 Entry Fee

Name: ___________________________  Email: ___________________________

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Please make checks payable to 4PLUS 4WD Club and mail to:

Marty Childress, 12197 Cheryo Rd, Ashland, VA 23005

Entries postmarked by April 8, 2020 are guaranteed a T-shirt.

Please circle T-shirt size: S  M  L  XL  XXL  XXXL

Additional t-shirts and tournament hats may be ordered below.

Children’s sizes t-shirts available at tournament meeting.

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2020 Calendar of Events

Keep up-to-date! Visit www.VA4WDA.org for more events!

Mar 7 or 14 (still TBD) 4 Wheel Parts Virginia Beach Madness in March Sale 9am-5pm
Mar 8 NOVA Jeepers’ March Meeting & 13th Annual Chili Cook Off, Mustang Sally Brewery, Chantilly, VA (https://novajeepers.com/)
Mar 15 VA4WDA Annual Members’ Meeting held at First Team Hampton Chevrolet, 1073 W. Mercury Blvd, Hampton VA

Apr 4 VA4WDA Earth Day Clean Up, George Washington National Forest’s North River/Lee Districts
Apr 24-26 Big Dogs Offroad Ice Breaker in Gore, VA (www.bigdogsoffroad.com)
Apr 25 Wheelin’ 4 Hope in Nelson County, VA (www.wheelin4hope.com)

May 2-3 (still TBD) VA4WDA Member’s Only Ride, Big Dog Offroad in Gore, VA
May 2 Goin' Coastal Jeep Club’s "Butts on the Beach," 12pm-4pm, Carova Beach, NC
May 3 NOVA Jeepers May Meeting (https://novajeepers.com/)
May 9 Eastern Truck & Accessories Open House 2020, 6320 E. Virginia Beach Blvd, Norfolk VA 23502, 757-461-2600 (www.etaoffroad.com)

May 16 NOVA Jeepers 17th Annual NVJA Show & Shine, Fauquier County Fairgrounds, 10am to 4:30pm, (www.novajeepers.net/)
May 16 Off Road Militia’s Off Road-n-Jeep Jam (https://offroad-militia.com/)
Jun 6 (tentatively) NOVA Jeepers New to Jeepin Run (www.novajeepers.net/)
Jun 12-14 Bantam 10th Jeep Heritage Festival, Butler PA,(www.bantamjeepfestival.com)
Jun 19-21 Big Dogs Offroad Spring Fling in Gore, VA (www.bigdogsoffroad.com)
Jul 11-12 NOVA Jeepers July Meeting: Christmas in July donation event to benefit Inova Fairfax Children’s Hospital (www.novajeepers.net/)

Jul 18-19 25th Annual PA Jeeps All Breed Jeep Show, Carlisle Fairgrounds, Carlisle PA (www.pajeeps.org)
Aug 14-16 (tentatively) NOVA Jeepers Camp Heep, Rausch Creek Off Road Park, Tremont, PA (https://novajeepers.com/)
Aug 27-30 Ocean City Jeep Week, Ocean City MD (www.oceancityjeepweek.com)
Sep 11-15 Big Dogs Offroad Main Jambo in Gore, VA (www.bigdogsoffroad.com)
Sep 12 or 13 NOVA Jeepers September Meeting (https://novajeepers.com/)
Sep 18-19 VA4WDA’s 2020 Trail Ride, Nelson County, VA
Oct 3 Tidewater Broncos’ 13th Annual Carova Beach Clean Up
Oct 16-18 Big Dogs Offroad Fall Crawl in Gore, VA (www.bigdogsoffroad.com)
Oct 17-18 Capital City Four Wheelers 35th Surf Fishing Tournament in Cape Hatteras, NC (www.capitalcityfourwheelersva.com/)
Dec 8 NOVA Jeepers December Meeting (https://novajeepers.com/)
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