



VA4WDA Spring 2025

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Editorial Calendar

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Delivery</u>
Spring/February	February 1	End of February
Summer/May	May 1	End of May
Fall/August	August 1	End of August
Winter/November	November 1	End of November
*All ads must be ¼ page and submitted in JPEG format.		



A message from Jesse L Schneirla, VA4WDA President

VA4WDA Members,

Happy 2025! As we move forward with the year, I wanted to let you know about some recent developments with a few things.

First, we are scheduled to have our **VA4WDA Annual Meeting 22 March 2025** hosted by Southern Auto Group. Details can be found in this newsletter. With that, we will be accepting nominations for **Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer**. Nominations will be accepted the following ways: 1. An email to president@va4wda.org. 2. A letter mailed to VA4WDA PO Box 6612 Virginia Beach, VA 23456. 3. A nomination during the Annual Meeting. Those nominated will then be voted on by the membership through a mailed ballot to those members in good standing. Of those currently holding those positions, Melissa Wood, Treasurer, will be stepping down.

Second, our **Earth Day Clean Up** in the Peddler District of the George Washington National Forest will be held on **12 April 2025**. So put that on your calendar. More information will be forthcoming soon on our website and Facebook page.

Third, we are still working hard to make the **2025 VA4WDA Fall Run** a reality. We are hoping to secure insurance soon and then start the planning to make this thing go. We really missed seeing everyone's smiling faces with or without mud from the trails last year. As soon as we finalize things we will be putting information out on our website, VA4WDA Facebook Page and VA4WDA Fall Run Facebook page. So keep checking back! We will also put out an e-mail to those in good standing via Constant Contact. Please make sure your email address is up to date with our Secretary, Russ Murphy, at secretary@va4wda.org. You can also update those mailing addresses.

See everyone at the Annual Meeting,

Jesse L Schneirla
VA4WDA President



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VA4WDA Annual Meeting

Saturday March 22, 2025

Southern Auto Group
Auxiliary Building at
3301 N Military Hwy
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12 PM – 3:00 PM

12 PM - Lunch Served (RSVP to VicePresident@va4wda.org with the number of people in your group for food)

1:00 PM - Business meeting starts (bring your favorite camp chair)



Join us and learn what the VA4WDA does for you and our sport. Our business members, club spokespersons, and guest speakers will be present to discuss what they do and answer any questions you may have for them. This is a great opportunity to promote your business/organization/club and speak with four wheelers from other clubs.

As Jesse mentioned, we are taking nominations for the offices of Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer for the 2025-2027 term. Please refer back to his message for ways to submit nominations. Nominations will be accepted 30 days prior to the meeting (starting February 20, 2025) and conclude at end of the business meeting. Ballots will be mailed if candidates are running opposed. If candidates are running unopposed, a vote will be taken at the meeting.

Business members please email Sandy that you will be attending so we can prepare your time slot to speak and your space to set up your promotional area. If you wish to be a speaker or know an organization, club, or business that does, please email Sandy at vicepresident@va4wda.org.

Door prizes will be given out after the meeting. We are accepting door prizes. If you would like to donate a door prize, please contact Sandy at vicepresident@va4wda.org.



Hey VA4WDA members!! We want to hear from YOU! Let your fellow 4 wheelers know what's up!

Message from Mike Slater with Eastern Truck & Accessories!

Eastern Truck & Accessories 23rd Annual Open

Join us for the 23rd Annual Eastern Truck & Accessories Open House & Customer Appreciation Day being held on Saturday May 31, 2025 from 10am-4pm, rain or shine. Stop by the shop and hang out as we celebrate another great year serving Hampton Roads. Clean up your ride for the Show-n-Shine contest (\$20 entry fee) and bring the whole family for a fun filled day. Make sure you come hungry; we're serving a free lunch for everyone! Last year we raised more than \$54,000 for charity, and this year we are supporting the American Cancer Society through the auction, apparel sales, truck giveaway and more. Stop by the shop to buy your \$20 raffle tickets to enter for your chance to win it live at the open house. For more info call the shop, check us out on social media, or head to the ETA website for the latest updates. See you there!!

Mike Slater, President



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Message from 4 Plus 4 Wheel Drive Club!

The 40th Annual 4 PLUS Surf Fishing Tournament will take place April 26-27, 2025. This is a 24-hour tournament.

Please note! The **4 Plus Surf Fishing Tournament is MOVING!!** We will be using the Cape Hatteras Secondary School (Cape Hatteras High School). We will no longer be at the Fessenden Center. This move will provide us with more room and better parking. We will also have breakfast provided and sold by the students. Please Note* NC state law requires NO SMOKING on the school property.

Early bird registration: All online entries submitted by **March 1st** will be entered into a drawing for a **Custom, 10' Rod and Reel!!!** This is a BONUS drawing (YAY!) and does not affect door prize entry.

Enter online at bit.ly/4plusfishing2025 or scan this URL code



Saturday morning, we will be handing out the tournament packages, selling T-shirts, and raffle tickets from **7am – 9am**.

Sunday morning, the scales will be set up at **6:30am**. **Door prizes and tournament winners will be announced at 8am!**

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If you have any trail camp recipes you'd like to share, let us know!



Crock Pot Creamy Ranch Chicken

Sandy Schneirla 04.21.2020

2 boneless chicken breasts
Mushrooms, Fresh-Sliced
Onion, Sliced
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 can chicken broth
1 packet dry ranch dressing mix
1/2 cup milk
1 Tablespoons butter
Thyme to taste
(Optional – add 1/2 lb. baby carrots and 2 potatoes cubed)
Rice

Mix all ingredients, except chicken and vegetables, in bowl and whisk
Spray crock pot with nonstick spray
Pour half of mixture in bowl into crock pot
Add chicken
Pour remaining mixture over chicken
Add sliced onion and mushrooms on chicken
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Serve over rice



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2025 Earth Day Trail Clean Up

April 12, 2025 – 9:00 am until 4:00 pm

Site Clean Up: Bald Mountain Jeep Trail FS Road 162, Coal Rd, Glenwood-Pedlar District, George Washington National Forest
Dinner provided Saturday evening by VA4WDA.

We are proud to announce this year's event with the NFS to give back to our public lands. We will be providing gloves, water, litter pick up tools, and trash bags. You may bring loppers, manual trimmers and hand tools. Please also bring your bug spray and your lunch.



Camping is at no charge if you are staying in our designated area, William Branch Day Use Area of Sherando Lake Campground. Hard sided campers and RVs are not permitted in this area. You can reserve a site in the main campground if you have a tag camper or RV. (Contact Sandy if you have questions about this.) Hot showers are available. The gate closes at 10pm. Let them know at the gate that you're with VA4WDA, and they will give you a pass and directions to our camping area. Our area is secured from Friday morning until Sunday morning. If you plan to trail ride on Sunday, you must pack up your camp site before taking off for the trails. Again, we need a head count so be sure to let us know if you plan to join us. (VicePresident@va4wda.org or bronco.1995va@gmail.com).

Camping and dinner at Sherando Lake Campground (94 Sherando Lake Rd, Lyndhurst, VA 22952), William Branch Day Use Area.

We will be working with the NFS and Tread Lightly! to remove litter from the trails, clear brush and limbs from the trails, sign installation, camp site cleanup, repairing kiosks, and other tasks.

Let's show our support for the land we use by performing some well-needed maintenance. This is one step closer to keeping our Public Lands Open!

More information at: <https://www.facebook.com/va4wda>.



A special thanks to all our business members! Please provide them with your patronage when you are in the market for their services!

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CONTENT NEEDED!

Our members keep the Virginia Four Wheel Drive Association going! Education, conservation, and recreation are the tools we use to be the voice keeping public lands open. But we continue to need your support.

We are always looking to hear from our members. Have you or your club hit the trails, and cleaned up some trash? Let us know! Have you or your club held an event in support of the four-wheel drive community? Let us know! Are you or your club helping educate the next generation of wheelers? Let us know! The more content and exposure we get as a community, helps us ensure we can continue to fight for our access to public grounds.

Do you have a cool build going on? Send it in. You may be helping a fellow wheeler with their build, and not even know it. Don't forget the progress photos! Send your articles and photos to editor@va4wda.org. Happy wheelin'!

2025 Calendar of Events

Mar 22: **Annual Membership Meeting**, Southern Auto Group Auxiliary Building, Norfolk, VA 12pm-3pm

Apr 11-13: **Tidewater Broncos Beach Bash** Carova NC, www.facebook.com/Tidewater-Broncos

Apr 12: **VA4WDA GWNF Earth Day Clean Up**, 9am-4pm.

Apr 26-27: **4 Plus 40th Annual Surf Fishing Tournament**, Cape Hatteras High School, Buxton NC
www.4plus4wheeldriveclub.com

Apr 25-27: **Big Dogs Ice Breakers**, Gore VA, www.bigdogsoffroad.com

May 16-18: **Monsters on the Beach**, 500 Atlantic Ave Virginia Beach VA, <https://beacheventsvb.com>

May 26: **MEMORIAL DAY**

May 29-Jun 1: **Ocean City Jeep Week**, Ocean City MD, www.oceancityjeepweek.com

May 31: **Eastern Truck and Accessory Annual Open House**, Norfolk VA, 10am-4pm www.etaoffroad.com

June 13-15: **Bantam 14th Annual Jeep Heritage Festival**, 9am-6pm, www.bantamjeepfestival.com/info/

June 20-22: **Big Dogs Spring Fling**, Gore VA, www.bigdogsoffroad.com

July 4: **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

July 18-19: **Annual PA Jeeps All Breed Jeep Show**, York PA, www.pajeeps.org

Sept 1: **LABOR DAY**

Sept 12-14: **Big Dogs Main Jambo**, Gore VA, www.bigdogsoffroad.com

Sept TBD: **VA4WDA Fall Run**, Nelson County VA, facebook.com/va4wdaAnnualFallRun/

Oct 3-5: **Overland Expo East**, Oak Ridge Estate, VA www.overlandexpo.com/east/

Oct 11: **Tidewater Broncos Beach Clean**, Carova NC, www.facebook.com/Tidewater-Broncos

Oct 17-19: **Big Dogs Fall Crawl**, Gore VA, www.bigdogsoffroad.com

Oct 18-19: **Capital City 40th Annual Surf Fishing Tournament**, Buxton NC www.capitolcityfourwheelersva.com

Oct 31: **HALLOWEEN**

Oct 31 – Nov 2: **Myrtle Beach Jeep Jam**, Myrtle Beach, SC www.mbjeepjam.com

Nov 2: **DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS**

Nov 7 - 9: **VA Beach Jeep Fest**, Virginia Beach Oceanfront

Nov 11: **VETERAN'S DAY**

Nov 27: **THANKSGIVING DAY**

Dec 25: **CHRISTMAS DAY**

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