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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
<b>*All ads must be ¼ page and submitted in JPEG format.</b>		



## A message from Jesse L Schneirla, VA4WDA President

VA4WDA Membership,

We are all ready to hit the trails at Oak Ridge Estate in September. I hope that everyone that wanted to attend the 2025 VA4WDA Fall Run got a ticket. If not, there is a waiting list on our website to put your name in for any spot that comes available. Remember that your registration isn't transferable. If you can't make it, contact me at [president@va4wda.org](mailto:president@va4wda.org) and I will work a refund and contact the next name on the waiting list. It's only fair.

As a reminder, this event benefits the Nelson County Food Pantry so we will have a food drive at the event. We will be accepting food donations and cash. We will be rewarding the individual and club that donate the most to the Pantry. So don't forget your donation.

Speaking about food... As in all the years past, we ask everyone to donate a can of chili or chili makings to put into a community pot and serve with the catered meal on Saturday night. So please don't forget your chili. The left over supplies will be turned over to the Food Pantry.

Again, we want to thank all our Sponsors for this year's event with their donations that is put towards the Saturday night Raffle. ***Eastern Truck & Accessories \* Southern Auto Group Norfolk \* Aylett Tire \* 4-Plus \* Alphatec Surveyors \* ELifixesjeeps.*** With their donations we have **13 sets of tires, 6 Warn winches, a set of Method wheels, Children's raffle prizes and much, much more.** So this year's raffle is going to be the best one yet. Save your funds to purchase tickets on Saturday night. And yes, I will be selling full rolls for \$1000.

Remember when you arrive on the **18<sup>th</sup> of September after 2pm**, to have your **proof of insurance, registration and driver's license** with you when you come to the registration table. This will make the check-in process smoother and will get you to your campsite quickly.

I want to thank everyone that pre-ordered swag and meal tickets when registering. But if you forgot to get those, we will have a limited amount of extras to sell at the event. First come, first serve. The design of this year's shirt is one of the best we have put out and everyone will be pleasantly pleased.

So get those rigs put back together (some will be finishing at the event), camping equipment packed, food loaded (don't forget the adult beverages), funds for raffle tickets, and don't forget to talk to the weatherperson to guarantee us a nice weather weekend. Then we will see you on the 18<sup>th</sup> for a great two days of wheeling, story making and telling (some are lies but make for great conversation).

Jesse L Schneirla  
VA4WDA President



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

**Message from Mark Mormando, VA4WDA Land Use Coordinator**

## **Corolla Wild Horse Rules & Regulations & Corolla Wild Horse Fund**

Currituck County Ordinances, NC Laws, and Federal Laws

The Wild Horse Ordinance of Currituck County says, among other things, that feeding the wild horses or getting within 50 feet of them is punishable by law. The laws are designed to ensure their safety and well-being.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

1. Distance: It is illegal and dangerous to approach the horses closer than 50 feet, according to CWHF. This rule applies even if the horses approach you. The 50-foot rule is in place to protect both humans and horses.

2. Feeding: Never feed the wild horses. Their digestive systems are not adapted to human food, and even seemingly harmless items like apples and carrots can be deadly. Feeding the horses can also lead to them becoming habituated to humans, potentially leading to their removal from the wild.

3. Harassment and Harm: It is illegal to harass, entice, or attempt to touch the wild horses. This includes actions like attempting to ride them, lure them with food, or otherwise interfere with their natural behavior.

4. Other important rules and considerations:  
Use a 4-wheel drive vehicle. To access the beaches where the horses roam, a 4-wheel drive vehicle is necessary, and it's recommended to air down the tires. Believe it or not there is a speed limit on the beach. Please obey it.

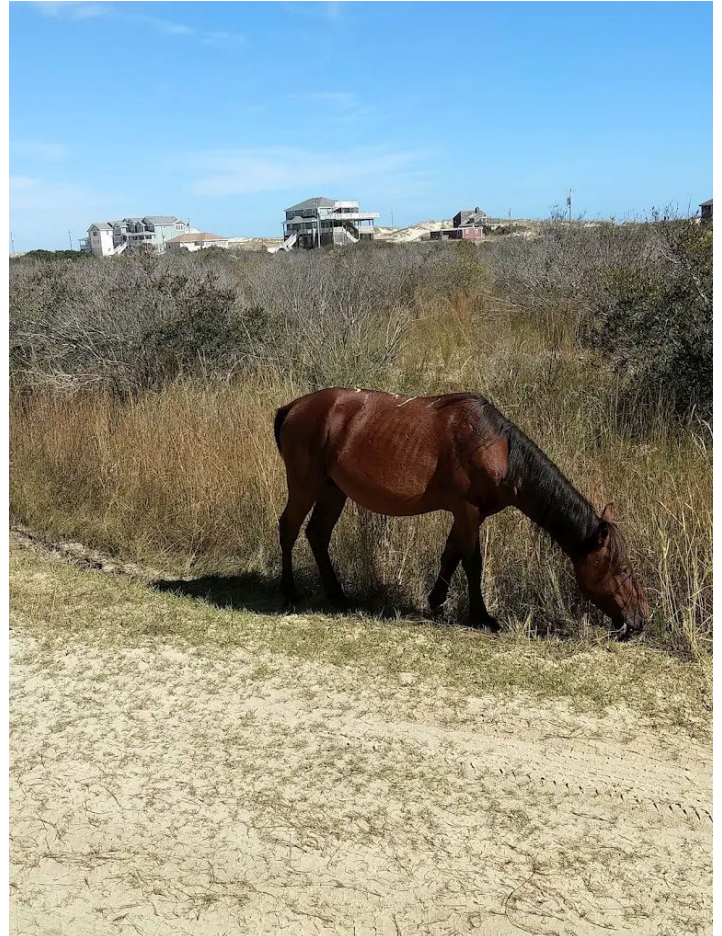
Observe from a distance: Use binoculars or a camera with a zoom lens to enjoy the horses without disturbing them.

Respect their space: The horses are wild animals and should be treated with respect. Avoid any actions that could cause them stress or fear. Like blowing your horn/air horns at them or revving your loud motors to scare them.

Report injuries: If you see an injured horse, report it to the authorities and the Corolla Wild Horse Fund.

Be aware of your surroundings: Pay attention to where the horses are and their behavior. If they approach you, calmly move away to maintain the 50-foot distance.

Consequences of Violations: Violations of the wild horse ordinance can result in citations and fines. The Corolla Wild Horse Fund and local authorities have a zero-tolerance policy for those who endanger the horses.





Fines & Court Appearance: Violating this ordinance can result in a maximum fine of \$500 and may require a mandatory court appearance.

Increased Enforcement: The Currituck County Sheriff's Office has adopted a "no warning" policy, issuing citations directly to those caught violating the horse ordinance.

Please be a Good Steward of the off road community and help protect the wild horses that roam the beach. By following these rules and regulations, you can help ensure the safety and well-being of the Corolla wild horses for years to come.

To learn more, please visit the Carolla Wild Horse Fund at <https://www.corollawildhorses.com>



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## Message from John Nachman, Member at Large 1, VA4WDA!

### Scrambler Owners' Association National Event 2025

In June, I attended the Scrambler Owners' Associations Annual Event in Evarts, Kentucky. That's near Harlan, if you're trying to find it on a map. The event was held at the Black Mountain Off-road Park. First, if you're not aware of what a Scrambler is, it's a Jeep model made in the 1980's (1981-1986) that's basically an extended CJ-7. They didn't build a lot of them and they were actually, pretty much, a failure for Jeep back in the day, but they're in demand and unique these days. Virginia had the most Scramblers there with 7 out of about 40 Scramblers there from all over the country. They ranged from some beautiful restored, original and restomods to totally modified in every way. I fall somewhere in the restomod category. We run the trails and go see some local sites for 3 days, have group meals and a raffle on the last night. I'm usually able to attend events and not have to lift my hood to work on anything. Typically, it's unload off the trailer, run everything, load it up and go home....not this time. I just



put a new motor in my Scrambler, another AMC 360, with a few more upgrades than the last one. So I knew that I'd be working out a few bugs, but not as many as I seemed to find. My GRMS radio didn't have power (I had 2 handhelds that worked), my lockers wouldn't come on (bad relay), my power steering fluid all leaked out on night (loose fitting at the steering box), had death wobble for the first time ever (bad ball joints, now replaced), blew out my lower steering column bearing (fixed now) and some temperature readings for the new motor that kept me stressed out a bit. Plus a few more minor things.

Still, I was able to run trails and do some sightseeing in the area. I've been to this park before, many years ago. I have to say that it didn't seem as well maintained as it was the last time that I was there, I hope it was just an off week for them. The trails are good with a lot of variety for whatever difficulty level you might be looking for. I kept it on the moderate level. One morning I headed out with a small group in a hurry and quickly found out that airing down shouldn't be skipped. Also managed to sort out my lockers after doing a steep climb without them, luckily someone else had a relay for me when we figured out that it was bad. The rest of that day went a lot better after that.

Overall, it was good trip with a lot of great friends at the event, some that I only get to see once a year. Va4WDA member and Vice President of the SOA, Jake Everly, won the top raffle prize of a portable, battery powered welder...so if you need some welding. Dustin Bryant seemed to win a bunch of stuff too.





**Message from Ben Wood and Mel Wood, President of Tidewater Fourwheelers and Secretary for VA4WDA, respectively!**

August 16, 2025 - Frisco, NC

**RUN TO THE ISLAND AND BACK**

Members of Tidewater Fourwheelers participated in their third NPS adopt-a-beach cleanup. Attendees were Chris & Carla Boucher, Scott, Lynnette & Maverick Rollings, Harold & Nicole Sumpter and Ben & Mel Wood.

This third beach cleanup started early for some. The Wood's left the mountains at 0415 and met up with everyone at the NC12 Visitors Center around 0900. We then caravanned south on HWY 12, stopping at the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse visitor center to gather supplies.

Arriving in Frisco out front of the park campground, we signed waivers and aired down the tires for flotation on the loose sand. We got to "spin the dial" to sand mode in the TrailHawk for the first time and proceeded to the access road.

We leapfrogged the access road and Ramps 48 and 49. Each family collected a five gallon bucket of trash. Afterwards we had a picnic lunch together and enjoyed some R&R oceanside. The tide kept us on our toes; the weather and company were perfect - despite Hurricane Erin churning up in the Atlantic.

Our next (and last) cleanup in 2025 is scheduled for November. Be on the lookout for exact dates and join us if you can.





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From time to time, after years of wheeling adventures, we come across some great recipes that we just have to share with the membership!

This one below was a favorite of Sandy Schneirla, our Vice President and business member!

### Pineapple upside down cake

Credit given to the great American outdoors cookbook

1 16ounce can of sliced pineapple

2 tablespoons margarine

One jar, maraschino cherries

1/2 cup packed brown sugar

One package yellow cake mix

Drain pineapple, reserving the juice. Line Dutch oven with foil. Grease foil with margarine. Arrange pineapple and cherries on foil. Sprinkle brown sugar and 3 tablespoons of reserved juice over fruit. Prepare cake mix using package directions. Pour prepared cake mix over fruit. Place cover on Dutch oven. Place 1 inch above hot coals. Top with hot coals. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until Cake tests done. Cool for 10 minutes. Convert onto platter. Peel off foil. Enjoy!

This one below is a favorite of mine. I love cooking on my discada any time I get a chance! This always tastes better after a good day of wheeling. 😊 From Paul Szabo, Editor.

### Pepper Brats

Adjust ingredients slightly based on number of folks eating. Makes a great lunch. This recipe can feed 12!

3 packs of your favorite Brats

Green Chile

3 Onions, 3 yellow peppers, 3 orange peppers, sliced

Seasoning - your choice! (garlic, pepper, salt, cajun spices, get creative)

Large flat buns



Heat the oil or butter in the disk (Never use more heat than you need!! Add Brats and brown - for crisper veggies cook brats till nearly done. Add Onions, Peppers, Chile and seasoning. Mix until done. Serve on flat buns with what you like! Serve with mustard or ketchup.



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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](mailto:editor@va4wda.org). Happy wheeling!

## 2025 Calendar of Events

Sept 1: **LABOR DAY**

Sept 12-14: **Big Dogs Main Jambo**, Gore VA, [www.bigdogsoffroad.com](http://www.bigdogsoffroad.com)

Sept 19-20: **VA4WDA Fall Run**, Oak Ridge Estate, Nelson County VA, [facebook.com/va4wdaAnnualFallRun/](https://facebook.com/va4wdaAnnualFallRun/)

Oct 3-5: **Overland Expo East**, Oak Ridge Estate, Nelson County VA, [www.overlandexpo.com/east/](http://www.overlandexpo.com/east/)

Oct 11: **Tidewater Broncos Beach Clean**, Carova NC, [www.facebook.com/Tidewater-Broncos](https://www.facebook.com/Tidewater-Broncos)

Oct 17-19: **Big Dogs Fall Crawl**, Gore VA, [www.bigdogsoffroad.com](http://www.bigdogsoffroad.com)

Oct 18-19: **Capital City 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Surf Fishing Tournament**, Buxton NC, [www.capitolcityfourwheelersva.com](http://www.capitolcityfourwheelersva.com)

Oct 31: **HALLOWEEN**

Oct 31 – Nov 2: **Myrtle Beach Jeep Jam**, Myrtle Beach, SC, [www.mbjeeppjam.com](http://www.mbjeeppjam.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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