

Club News and Information

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Club News



BG4x4 501c7 Status

Bluegrass 4x4 Inc. has officially heard back from the IRS and we have our official letter of tax exemption as a 501c7 organization. Sorry, you don't get to write off your dues as a charitable

contribution. There are also a couple of minor things we must do to keep track of our finances. Our treasurer is fulfilling all the requirements. The official designation should take care of any questions about our tax status from the state or federal governments.

Smokey Ridge Clean Up

There have been a few people that have managed to get down to Smokey Ridge and help Kenny with the winter storm clean up so far. The weather has not been very cooperative with their efforts. However, the opportunity to help is still there. Kenny has an open invitation on Saturdays to meet him at the property to help clean up. If you are able to help Kenny, please contact Kenny and let him know when you can help. If you are



interested in getting a group together for a camp out and work day please feel free to start a discussion on the forum so we can get organized.

Interlake Ride 3/14/09



Recycled Teen and Bear 7 at Interlake

A small group of us headed up to Interlake on the 14th of March. It really was a small group. Recycled Teen and Bear7 were the only jeeps. We also had Charles Johnson and 2 of his friends on ATVs. It's amazing how much ground you can cover with a small group. We pretty much covered everything except the most extreme and "the bowl". After exploring some trails marked as full sized on the map, we discovered that meant "full sized ATV". At the end of the day Recycled Teen and Bear7 did trail 4 just to the east of the parking area. Bear7 found out there is one nice drop off with a little pucker potential.



Rick Holeman (Recycled Teen) posing with his new Jeep

WITC Ride 3/14/09

There was a group ride from BG4x4 that went down to WITC on March 14/15. This was supposed to be a trip to a new park called Crazy Horse. However the plans changed with the rainy forecast since it was reported that Crazy Horse could be pretty muddy if the weather was wet.

This trip is one that's best described with pictures and there are plenty of links to them on the club forum. Some trail carnage reported but from all the comments on the forum, the group had a blast. This is a great shot of the group that braved the trip to WITC. Notice YJason's off camber position. He is next to the last in line.



Kevin Glover finds himself up-close and Personal with an embankment at WITC
This rewarded him with a new exhaust system



Brittany, Ryan and Hayden cheezin'

Turkey Bay Trail Ride

A group from BG4x4 met up with friends from ItsAJEEP.org at Turkey Bay on the weekend of April 4th. Recycled Teen arrived early on Friday afternoon and did a little trail riding and broke an axle on the trail. He waited for Pablo to get there

(much later) with a spare and repaired it. He then wheeled the rest of the weekend with no problems. People were coming early was because the weather on Saturday April 4th was predicted to be perfect for wheeling. It was sunny with temperatures in the upper 60's. The trees were just beginning to bud but were still largely bare so, most of the sun reached the ground. There were 14 plus jeeps and two ATVs that joined in the ride. To cover more ground, a couple of smaller groups were created. Most everyone decided to ridge hop. We did stop at some playgrounds like "dog-leg" and "butt-pucker hill". At the time this story was written, there was only one carnage report that had been filed. While climbing up "silo hill", Pablo found a sharp rock that put a slice in the sidewall of rockntj's 37" tire. He was ready to ride back on the rim when someone recommended just plugging the side wall. Yes, you can plug the side walls if you have enough tire plugs. It just happens that Extreme RC brought his 30 pack of plugs with him. They only needed 5-6 plugs that made the tire hold 15 psi all the way back to camp. (*Safety note: do not drive on a highway with a plugged sidewall*). Trail tip #1: Carry a supply of tire plugs and tool. Trail tip #2: Tire plugs are useless unless you have a way to re-inflate the repaired tire. Trail tip #3 In lieu of tips #1 and #2, bring your spare tire and a jack on the ride.



Other than the slit tire there were only some minor paint scratches and mirror adjustments due to the tight spots we got into. Grmckr did end up on his side, but all the damage he got was his CB antenna was torn off. Saturday night several people stayed and went out to eat together in Aurora. A few stayed and rode on Sunday before the severe weather started to roll in. The forecast was for rain Sunday and a light April snow on Monday night.

Union County Trails

At the last club meeting Jim Guthrie presented a brief discussion about some interest in developing a riding area on reclaimed coal mine land in Union County Kentucky. According to Jim there is significant interest from public officials for developing such an area. This would be a multi use area for various interest groups.

There has been some discussion of this idea on the club forum and the BG4x4 officers are trying to determine the best way to support this effort that fits within the charter and goals of our club.



2009 Advance Auto Cruise In

The 2009 Advance Auto Cruise In will be held on Saturday, May 9 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. This is also All Things Jeep's "Go Topless Day". If you have a removable top, now is the time to take it off! Pictures of the topless Jeeps will be sent in to All Things Jeep for a chance to win some prizes.

The cruise in has become a great tool to reach out to the people in the surrounding communities so they may become more familiar with our club in an informal and public setting. Each year we have made new friends with other 4x4 enthusiasts in our area. This is a great time to show public support for your club and maybe make a new friend or two in the process. Come on out and show everyone what modifications you have done in the past year. There are also the RTI scores that may have improved or maybe you haven't tried the ramp out yet and are ready to see how well your rig does on it. Bring them clean or bring the with the trail dirt still on them. Don't forget the half-pot! It has been a favorite at the past cruise in events. If you would like to help, please let one of the board members know. All help will be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Rides and Events

April 10-12 Turkey Bay Ride and Campout-
(Weather permitting)

April 25-26 Ride @ Red Bird

May 1-3 Tri-State Jeepers Spring Trail Ride

May 9th Advance Auto Cruise In

President's Letter

April is here and it is time to wheel!

We have had a few rides so far this past month and one of which is going on as I write this. Right now there is a group from our club and IAJ at Turkey Bay. I want to say THANKS to Recycled Teen for getting this ride organized. I wish I could have participated this weekend. There have also been a ride to Interlake and one to WITC. As the weather gets better, I am sure there will be more and more rides. It is very important that you keep an eye on the website to know when they may happen. I know everyone is busy and cannot make all the rides, but if you watch the site sometimes there may be enough time to make arrangements. Sooner or later you will be able to make one or more of them. We also have our 3rd annual cruise in on May 9th. I am hoping to get 50 vehicles this year. By the time of the April meeting we will have to be shifting to high gear for this. We still need to get some door prizes. So far I have some t-shirts and 4 gift cards. I have been told that an oil change and a few cleaning supplies have been donated, too. The board will be discussing the cruise-in at the board meeting. With everyone's concentrated help, it will all come together. If you want to get a ride together or help with the cruise in let me know. I will say it again, the more people we have involved and active in the planning and organization of the club, the more successful it will become. Don't forget the meeting on the 9th and please feel free to invite a friend that may be interested too.

See ya on da trails!

Skipper



Next meeting:
April 9, 6:30 pm
Pizza Hut
2041 Hwy 41 North
Henderson, KY