



# The Official Newsletter of Ocean State Jeepsters

## Message from the Board



Wow . . . what a crazy year! It seems like just days ago that we were kicking off the 2013 season ago and now all-of-a-sudden the most successful year in Ocean State Jeepsters

history is rapidly drawing to a close.

As of this writing we have hosted 29 events in including trail rides, camping trips, a clam boil, trail clean-ups, and the first annual Ocean State Jeep Festival which was presented in conjunction with Paul Bailey's Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of North Kingstown on August 18th. In this issue you can read about the 6th Annual Go Topless Day on Monson, MA, our 2nd Annual Pig Roast, and our RTI ramp build.

Expanding access to land is a core part of our mission and 2013 has been a breakthrough year. We have successfully partnered with several private landowners, engaged in positive discussions with the RI Department of Environmental Management, and



m a d e significant progress toward the goal of acquiring our own land.

As one of the first members of OSJ I am so proud of what we have accomplished over the past 5 years. It's so good to see OSJ growing – and the quality

of our membership could not be higher. Thank you for what you have done so far!

Looking forward will still have several more events on the schedule including trail rides, our 4th Annual Toy Run & Food Drive, and our holiday party. The remainder of the 2013 season is going to ROCK, and rocks are something that we are very familiar with!

- Stacey  
Secretary

## Our Mission

Ocean State Jeepsters is a non-profit organization whose mission is to advance the sport of four-wheeling as a safe, enjoyable, and environmentally responsible form of outdoor recreation.

We regularly host trail rides and other social events for our members and seek to expand land access through education, private partnerships, land acquisition, and the public process.

# Events

## OSJ BUILDS AN RTI RAMP

An RTI ramp is a device that measures the articulation of an off-road vehicle's suspension. The importance of articulation when traveling off-road is easy to understand when you consider that a tire not touching the ground cannot get traction. RTI stands for Ramp Travel Index and is reported as the maximum distance a vehicle

can travel up the ramp until one tire loses contact with the ground divided by wheelbase times 1000. RTI ramps are commonly constructed with inclines of either 20 or 30 degrees and typical RTI scores range from 300 up to 1000+.

RTI ramps are popular attractions at Jeep and four-wheel-drive events where the highest score wins bragging rights. Earlier this year, the membership of Ocean State Jeepsters decided to build their own RTI ramp for



use at Club events. Plans were drawn up, steel was purchased, and in April a group of volunteers converged in a member's garage to build the ramp. Our RTI ramp first saw action during Go Topless Day on May 18th, 2013 and now stands ready to provide many years of service.

-- Eric

## PIG ROAST

Ocean State Jeepster's 2nd annual Pig Roast was another not-to-be-missed event. As our 94 guests and members enjoyed a great meal with some homemade cornbread, pig cupcakes, beans from Bekky's BBQ, and our amazing pig which came in weighing over 150lbs. While the kiddos spent much of their time coloring or in the moon bounce, the adults enjoyed an amazing fire. We had a great raffle going on as well. Prizes consisted of a 3lb tenderloin, a recovery strap, margarita basket, lotto bucket, some of Mike's "world famous" jerky, and a 50/50 earning one lucky attendee with an extra



\$85 in their pocket. As the night went on, many people camped out counting piggies as they fell asleep.

--Melissa

# Go Topless Day



The 6th annual Go Topless Day celebration was held on May 18th, 2013 and included over 100 individual events

worldwide. For the second year in a row, Ocean State Jeepsters partnered with All Things Jeep to host the flagship event in Massachusetts which was held this year on the grounds of the Quaboag Riders Motorcycle Club in Monson,



horsepower machine to rocket up and over the top of the Monson Monster, an insane gravel hill climb constructed for competition events.

In addition to All Things Jeep, vendors included Clayton Offroad, Crown Automotive, Central Mass Offroad, Jeepin' Stuff, Bikini Doors, and Overdrive Motorsports. Scott from

MA. The weather was perfect and in the end we counted 426 Jeeps and over 850 people through the gate.

Trail rides were one of the event highlights and feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive. There was an easy trail suitable for stock Jeeps and a difficult trail that challenged well-built Jeeps. Demand for the trail rides was high and over 250 Jeeps had the chance to experience the trails this property has to offer.

Another highlight of the day was the hill climb demonstration put on by a member of Central CT 4 Wheelers. It took only a matter of seconds for his paddle tire equipped, mega-

Central Mass Offroad even set up shop and spent the day bending tube products for participants. (Continued on next page)



# Go Topless Day (Continued)



The list of organizations was also impressive including our friends from Central CT 4 Wheelers, Underground Jeeps, Great American Jeep Rally, Crawling for a Cure, and Push Your Boundaries.

All of the vendors who were present made generous donations to the huge raffle as did many other vendors including Superwinch, Bushwacker, Mickey Thompson, Warn Industries, Teraflex, Rugged Ridge, River Raiders, Rough Country, and Summit Racing.

Chef Justin Miller and family reported pumping out over 300 hamburgers and 400

hot dogs during the course of the day. Kids were not forgotten either with activities such as face painting, a craft table, and the ever popular bounce house.

Weeks after the event people were still talking about the good time they had at Go Topless Day in Monson, MA. With over four months of planning and hundreds of volunteer-



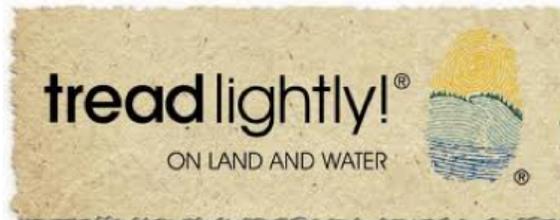
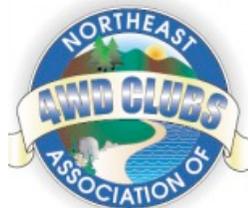
hours, this year's Go Topless Day in Monson, MA can only be described as an epic success. On behalf of Ocean State Jeepsters and All Things Jeep I would like to thank everybody who showed up.

See you in 2014!!

--Matt

*Events Director*

Ocean State Jeepsters is a member of the Northeast Association of 4WD Clubs and proudly supports the Tread Lightly principles.



# Member Spotlight

The membership of Ocean State Jeepsters is diverse and ranges from single adults, to families with children, to retirees. Among our members we count doctors, teachers, engineers, citizen soldiers, health care professionals, electricians, contractors, small business owners, service workers, and more. In order to celebrate the diversity of our club we will occasionally run this article called the Member Spotlight to feature one of our members.

In this issue our Member Spotlight shines on AJ Archambault.

AJ grew up in Cumberland, RI where he graduated from Cumberland High School in 1983. After graduation he spent 2 years on active duty with the U.S. Air Force followed by 4 years in the RI Air National Guard. For the past 25 years AJ has been employed as a gas control technician for National Grid.

Today, AJ still lives in Cumberland with Catherine, his lovely wife of 17 years, and their 16 year old daughter Sarah.

AJ started riding motocross dirtbikes at age 7 which ultimately led to his interest in offroad Jeeps at this stage of his life. He

discovered Ocean State Jeepsters through an Internet search and became a member in November of 2010. His Jeep is a 1987 Wrangler "YJ" which has been heavily customized including an automatic transmission replacing the original manual gear box,



traction-aiding differentials, and BDS leaf springs.

AJ is a regular at club functions and regularly volunteers to help staff our largest events. We are lucky to have AJ as a member.



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# Upcoming Events

**November 16, 2013**

Trail Ride

**December 1, 2013**

Toy Run

**December 1, 2013**

Holiday Party



**Crown Automotive Sales Co., Inc.**  
**Warehouse Outlet Store**



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