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WE'RE BACK!

Sorry about last month's newsletter, well actually the lack of a newsletter. It's been a little crazy around the homestead lately and I've fallen behind on a few things. Read on and I'll do my best to catch you all up with the fun you missed out on and the fun things you could be part of before the year ends.

ONE MORE JEEP NIGHT AT THE DOCK

The Dock at Bayview has decided to extend their "Jeep Night" festivities into October. This month's theme is "Fall". Dress your Jeep up in its best fall colors and listen to live music while hanging out with a bunch of cool jeepers. Turnout has been pretty good for these events and this one should be the best yet. Come on out and see us! The event runs from 6:00 PM through 9:00 PM.

WHEELING WEDNESDAYS TO RESUME IN NOVEMBER

When we decided to support the Jeep Nights at the Dock the idea was to resume our "Wheeling Wednesday" Meet and Greet schedule when Jeep Nights came to an end. Please see the new Meet and Greet schedule later in this newsletter.

DRUMMOND ISLAND WILDERNESS RESCUE VEHICLE

Sundowners 4X4 has committed \$500.00 to the fundraising efforts of the Drummond Island Fire Department and their goal of outfitting a side-by-side for wilderness rescue operations. The proposed UTV will carry up to four EMT's and a stretchered trauma patient in addition to emergency medical supplies. I am happy to announce that a check for the amount of \$1,215.00 is on its way. Thank you all for your support of this great cause. If you would still like to send a contribution you can go to their official fundraising site at <https://gofund.me/8cb4f075>.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO GET TICKETS

The Sundowners 4x4 Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
For more information, contact Tim @ 517-819-0057
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Continuing our Summer of Slim fund-raiser; we have a one-of-a-kind rustic Jeep sign up for grabs. This sign was handmade by Slim and would be a great addition to your Den, Man Cave, or Garage. "Waffle" tickets are \$5.00 each and a drawing will be held during this year's toy drive. If you haven't seen it just stop at any Summer of Slim event or check out the meeting minutes from July to see a picture of it (the picture does not do it justice). This is a great piece of art that even a non-jeepster like me would be proud to own.

RECENT CLUB EVENTS

Marc and Shari recently made a run up to the Gaylord/Pigeon River area to do a little elk hunting (camera only) and brought back some amazing pictures and stories. I wish I could have fit that in my calendar! It looked like a great time....maybe next year.

Our fearless leader (Tim) spent Labor Day weekend at Bundy Hill as he has for several years. A few members tagged along and new friends were made along the way. One of the "tagalongs" posted some cool pictures and videos on our public facebook page. You should check them out if you haven't. It looked like a great time!

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Speaking of Bundy Hill Offroad; they are putting together a Jeep Invasion on November 6th and have asked us to be a part of it. Several members have already signed up and I expect several more will join in. If you're looking for a late season adventure this is for you. As I understand, there may be Chili too.

October 23rd Spooky Trail Ride

It's not too early to start planning for our annual Color Tour and Spooky Trail Ride. We will once again meet up at the Plainwell Meijer and head out from there. Look for us at the west end of the parking lot (near Home Depot). We should do our best to hit the road at 4:00 PM. Please have a full tank of fuel and be ready for a fun day! Instead of going to a restaurant I have made arrangements for a bonfire. We will make our way to the bonfire site via the backroads of Allegan County. I have mapped out (in my head at least) a new route which I think you will all enjoy. After the bonfire I have teamed up with a soon to be announced party for a completely different halloween surprise. Of course I will also have a story or two to tell along the way so you will want to have a GMRS radio installed. Please bring lawn chairs and something to char in the fire as well as something to share with the group. Let's also plan on a "trunk or treat" at the bonfire site. The night is sure to be filled with spooky stories, goblins, and ghouls.

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Recap of new and old business items

- Election of officers is coming right up. Feel free to throw your hat in the ring.
- Show up to any event or meeting to be entered into a drawing for a cool prize to be held at the end of the year.
- Jeep Night at The Dock on Bayview continues through October.
- Our October club meeting will be held on Drummond Island. If you can't be there you can join in via Zoom.
- You can support our fundraising efforts by purchasing one or two of our special "Summer of Slim" stickers. All proceeds go towards our December Toy Drive.
- We still hope to be part of the Adopt A Highway program in 2022. Bill is working out the details and will have more news next month.
- Dues have been sent to GLFWDA but as of September's meeting the check had not been cashed.
- Paul is still working on the offroad awareness class schedule. We hope to be able to offer first aid training as well. Please let us know if you are interested in becoming certified (or re-certified) in first aid and CPR.

CLUB MEETINGS:

- Meetings are held at Club Car Grill 6225 West D Avenue Kalamazoo, MI 49009 at 7:00 pm, the second Thursday of every month. Everyone is invited to meet up with the group at 5:30 for dinner prior to the meeting. MEETINGS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE **VIA ZOOM** FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

Our next meeting will commence at 7:00 PM October 14th 2021 from Drummond Island.

ONE FINAL THOUGHT

It has been way too long since I have seen many of you and I can't say that I like it. Can we make a concerted effort to all get together at least once before the end of the

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year? It could be the October Jeep Night, Our next Meet and Greet, the Color Tour and Spooky Night Run, or our next club meeting. Any or all of those would be great!

WHEELING WEDNESDAY/MEET AND GREET SCHEDULE:

Meet and Greets are held at 6:00 PM on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. If you are in the area during one of these events be sure to stop by and say hi. Meet and Greets are PUBLIC events. Guests and visitors are encouraged to attend!

Our Meet and Greet schedule has been put on hold for the summer to allow us to support the themed **Jeep Night** at The Dock at Bayview. Jeep Nights will be held on the 1st Wednesday of every month from May through October. All 4X4 enthusiasts are welcome to attend regardless of the vehicle you are driving with reserved parking specifically for Jeeps.

We will resume our monthly "Wheeling Wednesday" Meet and Greet as follows:

November, Travelers Cafe and Pub

December, CJ's Pub

2020/2021 TENTATIVE CLUB CALENDAR - BOLD = CONFIRMED DATE

<http://sundowners4x4.org/calendar/>

PLEASE NOTE; all events are private or, by invitation only, unless specifically listed as public.

- **October 13th - 17th Drummond Island**
- **October 23rd Fall Color Tour and Night Run**
- **December 4th - Jay "Slim" Stull Memorial toy drive**
- Keep an eye on the Facebook pages (public and private) for "spur of the moment" runs.

ALL trips are on the club Google calendar and will soon be updated.

AWARDS:

Each month one "lucky" member is awarded a prize for some special feat of humanity or stupidity. This month's winners include:

CABLE PULLER AWARD: No nominations.

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TURKEY AWARD: No nominations.

INFORMATION CENTER:

- Club members, please send David or Kerry photos and stats of your rig to put on the public web site. No personal information will be shown.
- Contact a board member if you would like some “Spotted Your Rig” cards.
- For CB’s, CB tuning, and CB accessories we have found none better than the 131 CB Shop on 76th Street just south of Grand Rapids.
- O’Reilly Auto Parts on Gull Road offers steep discounts to all Sundowners members.
- Free beer (limit 2 per customer) if you come hang out with me at the Otsego VFW Post 3030 any Monday evening after 4:00 PM.

MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Anniversaries:

August 18th David and Melissa Perigo

Birthdays:

August 12th Scott Carr
August 14th Elizabeth Terrill
August 19th Rhonda Wine
August 22nd Jim Robbins
August 23rd Eileen Johnson
August 24th Cleo (Roger Miller)
August 27th Jody Siefker
August 31st Troy Quakenbush

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