

Newsletter

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WISCONSIN 4-WHEEL DRIVE ASSOCIATION FALL MEETING

October 16, 2010

Black River Falls, WI

Called to Order at: 9:00am by President Chris Han- nis.
Chris read the Mission statement.

Roll Call:

Present- Twin City Bushwackers, 4 Lakes 4 Wheelers, River City 4 Wheelers, Borderline Trail- seekers 4x4 Club, 4x4 Forever, Trailgators, Week- end 4 Wheelers, Green Bay Highriders, and Lon- eriders 4x4

Absent- Guests – Badger State 4 Wheelers, Road- side 4 Wheelers, and Badgerland TNT

Secretary Report: Mark White made a motion to accept, Mary Hoernke seconded.

Treasurers Report: Mark White made a motion to accept, Helen Wagner seconded.

Committee Reports

National Forest/Land Use:

Bylaws/SOP's:

SCORP/STC/UNITED/MW4WDA: See Luana's Report.

UFWDA See Luana's report Were dues paid?

MW4WDA – n/a

Membership: n/a

Budget: Mark White (January) - Mark apologized he did not have anything

Lake States Resource Alliance: See Helen's re- port

Newsletter: The due dates are as follows:
February 15, May 15, August 15, and November

15. Make a note of these dates and try to make some type of contribution. **February 15 is the next due date.**

Need Email addresses of members!!!!

Website:

Regional VP Reports

Region A: Borderline T4T October 23. . Lonerid- ers T4T Ride was Oct 9th. Borderline 1st Friday 7:30/ Loneriders 2nd Saturday 7:30. The two clubs held a challenge ride in which the drivers competed against each other. About 50 trucks participated 7 completed the event.

Region B:

Region C: .

Break 15 minutes

Old Biz NOTHING

MSRA/WOHVA-

Mc Caslin –

New Biz:

WOHVA – see reports.

March of Dimes – Canceled, unsure of next year..

Spring Fling –

Chris presented the 4 Wheeler of the Year to Brian Swearingin, but Brian was not present.

Elections

President – Jon Graham

Region B Vice President– Mark Oelfke

Secretary– Voting at January Meeting

Treasurer– Mary Hoernke

Region A Assistant VP Board Position – Jon Clem- ens

Region C Assistant VP Board Position - Helen Wagner

2011 Winter Meeting

2011 Spring Convention

Adjourned: Mark Oelfke made a motion to ad- journ the meeting, Mark White seconded the mo- tion. Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

**NEITHER 9/11 NOR THE ECONOMIC DOWN-FALL COULD DO IT,
BUT MOTHER NATURE DID!!**

by Luana Schneider and Photos by Toni Gilbertson

On Labor Day week when the rally committee went up to Northwoods Overland Off Road Park (Northwoods) near Rib Lake, Wisconsin to work on Four Wheelin' with Feelin' for the March Dimes we found majorly wet conditions. This created a situation where we knew up front there was no way we could use the county land that is adjacent to Northwoods! The Northwoods was being logged out so there was significant damage to the trails anyway so the owner said it was OK to run that, but some private property we call "the cornfield/rock crawl" was iffy. We also had received permission to use another very interesting forty that we were quite excited about having for a nice little ridge trail with permission to cut in a better access trail. We assessed the situation and decided to go forward and cut the trail and came up with a plan for the "cornfield/rock crawl area" where we found a bit more trail. We agreed that these would be usable if it didn't rain much the next month.

So we went forward and worked the trails, set up a route and wrote clues. The clue writing became somewhat of a challenge since it was quite cold and very windy and we had no real shelter available for a group so we finally packed up our stuff and set up office at one of the bar/restaurants. With 75 cent mugs and excellent food, you can imagine the "sacrifice" that was! We left Northwoods later that week with high hopes that the rains would cease and desist!!

However, this was not the case and it kept raining on and off with a major rainfall one week before the rally was to be held—I was told 12 inches of rain fell in September after an already saturated area from a very wet summer! This created a situation that was not acceptable. The only route we could realistically use was *all on road* due to potential unacceptable damage and safety issues. As for facilities there was just no place for all the campers to camp, nor was there a place to even set up the headquarter tent (that spot was essentially under water), and then also there was no realistic parking for all those vehicles and trailers including three



semis that usually come! We had no area for tech inspection and starting. Even though the park was mostly mud, the owner was not concerned since it all needed fixing anyhow, but we surely did not want all those muddy vehicles heading for the road—realize trailers, etc. would have to be parked somewhere else.

The county forest folks helped us out and checked out all the roads we were going to use in the forest and de-



termined the roads would be fine by rally day and even gave us leads on campgrounds etc. in the area that might be used. The Northwoods owner called around trying to find alternative facilities and the Town chair and Road Grader person for the Town assured us the washed out roads we needed would be fixed in time.

However, with all the support and efforts of everyone it just wasn't realistic to pull everything together on such a short timeframe and we still would not have an acceptable route—*all on road*. So we cancelled the rally. This created a whole new set of challenges, since we never did anything like that before and this is not an event where folks pre-register. We made the decision on Sunday night and by the end of the day on Monday, the Rally, Wisconsin Four Wheel Drive Association, Midwest Four Wheel Drive Association and IH8Mud websites all had the notice out there and the March of Dimes had a letter out to all those we had addresses for! I can't express how impressed I was on how all these parties acted so quickly and efficiently!

The first couple of days phone calls and e-mails of disbelief came in. Statements such as "I wait for this event all year!", "I'm really disappointed, but understand", "I know how hard it was to cancel, but it was for the right reasons!" and the best "you did the right thing, you need to look at the integrity of the sport and future rallies".

In cancelling we invited anyone who still wanted to come up could hand in their pledges and would be given a prize and a set of all *only on road* clues. We also encouraged others to send their pledges into the March of

Dimes and pledge trophies and prizes would still be given—we dubbed it “Virtual Rally for 2010”.



On rally weekend, since the weekend was allotted to go wheeling some just went wheeling some place else. We and some of the committee left for Northwoods Friday morning and as we got close it started raining again—which it continued on & off through Saturday! We went up to greet anyone who did not get the message that the event got cancelled or decided to come up anyhow. Also the owner of Northwoods came and opened up the park for the few that might come up and also there were some spots available for light camping such as tents. Four families came up of which only one family did not know of the cancellation. All four went out on the park and did a bit of wheeling. Then the family who did not



know it was cancelled and another family actually ran the only on road route—they had left separately, but hooked up somewhere during the day. They weren't back yet by the time we all had supper and were sitting around the campfire. In the dark the two vehicles arrived and came out of their vehicles chattering and laughing—they had a really good time! They enjoyed some fun wheeling and really nice scenery between the raindrops and really couldn't stop talking about the crazy clues!



Bravo to all those who currently have sent in over \$8,500 to the March of Dimes and we are hoping for more. Dan Sippola raised \$3,200 this year and Jeff Steinhorst raised \$2,000 with other high pledges of \$406, \$400 and \$300. The prize donors we have so far

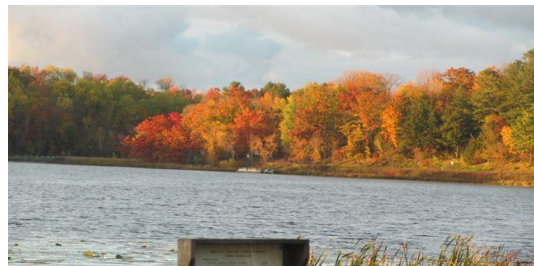


contacted have told us to use their donated prizes for our “Virtual Rally” or told us to save for next year.

So, even though in the past 9/11 occurring six days before the rally didn't stop us and the major economic downfall that occurred didn't stop us, this year mother nature did—after 32 years we had to cancel the rally!!



2011 is another year and we know that Northwoods is going to need repair, some healing time and the whole area needs some drying out time. We hope to have a



new area to run if we can get approval from all the various parties—stay tuned!

Hello friends,
Many of you may not know this family but those of us in the Fox Valley area have known Chris Walburn for a number of years. Chris is a past member of the Trailgators. Chris has a little girl named Emily, she is 5 years old. Here is their story:

“The Monday after Halloween, Emily had symptoms like the flu a headache and throwing up a few times. Tuesday still seemed like flu, but she also was kind of dizzy and had a little trouble walking. Then Wednesday she wanted to go to school because she was supposed to be star of the week. Well two hours later they called and said she still had trouble walking but then Wed. night she seemed better, then Thurs she still did not feel good so we took her in. We were sure they would tell us she had an ear infection or just the flu so imagine our shock when they did a CT scan and found she had a brain tumor. Ever since then our lives have been turned upside down. Since Thursday, November 4th we have been in Milwaukee, Emily has had 2 surgeries, and is being braver than ever. Starting Wednesday, November 10th, she will begin radiation for 6 weeks which unfortunately will take us to Dec. 30 but Chris, I, and Sarah, mom, are working hard together to make things as good and fun as possible for Emily while we have the chance. So great to see the support from all of our families and friends we are hoping for the best but were told the prognosis is 9 to 12 months we are preparing for the worst but praying for the best because miracles do happen.”

Well, members of the Trailgators, Twin City Bushwackers, 4 x 4 Forever, and Extreme Off Roaders are coming together to do a benefit for Emily and her family!

There is a Benefit Account set up for Emily:

Emily Walburn Account
Heritage State Bank
201 West Clark Street
Spencer, WI 54479

Also in Spencer at the library and Land O Lakes, and various bars by Michelle, and in Oshkosh there will be donation canisters in place thanks again for all the prayers and support they are greatly appreciated:) We are looking at doing a benefit dance with raffles etc... Family event shooting for January 29th in the Fox Valley area. More info to come as it becomes available.

If you have anything you would like to donate for a silent auction or raffle etc.

Please send to:
Emily Walburn Benefit
Attn: Dawn Krueger
2329 Minerva Street
Oshkosh, WI 54901

Please keep Chris and Emily and their family in your prayers this Holiday Season. This all came as such a shock and Emily is being so brave with all of her treatments!!!

Thank you,
Dawn Krueger
W4WDA Secretary

If your club is interested in becoming a Forest County OHV Park Partner, please draft a letter stating such and forward to WOHVA. Please include areas in which your group might be willing to assist. The following areas have been suggested, but Forest County is interested in other areas which they may have not yet considered: Trail Construction; Trail Maintenance; Facility Maintenance; Waste & Garbage Removal; Campground Construction; Campground Maintenance; Events; Sponsorship; Food Concessions; Beverage Concessions; Merchandise Concessions; and many other areas to be determined.

If your club/group is interested please forward your letter to: WOHVA, Attn: OHV Park Partnerships, P.O. Box 1865, Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1865.

Thanks for your anticipated support and commitment to OHV recreation here in Wisconsin!

Ma & Pa Rocker's

Most dates are still available!
Call today to set up your weekend in 2011!

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Associate Members

Currently neither association has a paying associate business member other than IH8MUD.ORG, which is hosting the websites at no cost. With that being said we are always looking for businesses that would like to join our associations. Interested businesses have three different options to join us. These options include:

Contributing Associate: For a \$50 donation, the business will receive a certificate to display in their place of business, and will be listed as a contributing member in the Newsletter and Website.

Supporting Associate: For a \$200 donation the business will receive a plaque to display in their place of business, listed as a supporting associate in the Association newsletter, a 10% discount on advertising rates in the Association newsletter, have their E-mail address, web site link, and a banner add on the association's web site.

Corporate Associate: For a \$1000 donation the business will receive a plaque to display in their place of business, listed as a corporate associate in the Association newsletter, a 15% discount on advertising rates in the Association newsletter, have their email address, web site link, and a banner add on the association's web sites.

Articles Needed

While I enjoy doing the newsletter, it would be much better if the members would contribute information for the newsletter. I have personally written numerous articles as have Tim and Luana. I am not asking for elaborate articles but something to keep us all up to date on things going on. Without articles this newsletter will not exist. I am out of ideas!!!!!!

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NEWSLETTER STATS

The W4WDA Newsletter is sent out quarterly to the nearly 600 members of the association. Deadlines for articles

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Mary Hoernke - Corrections can be e-mailed to her at hoernke1@earthlink.net or by calling (920) 722-3777.