

July, 2009

Badgerland 4x4 News

Special Points of Interest:

- Chicken Fest on August 1st— contact Joe and Leann
- Next meeting is on Sunday, August 2nd
- Dresser trailride on Aug 28-30

Badgerland 4x4 Club is a family oriented off road enthusiasts club. Chartered in 1970

Cliffs Trailride

Knuckle Dragger 7/11/2009

That's the name we gave the culvert where Tony bloodied his knuckles. More on that later. Mike Miller and girlfriend Crystal road along with myself and Denise, Majid and Ann, Tony and Lynn and family and Dave Novak and Alisa and family met at the Cliff's Extreme Terrain off road park. After noticing all the standing water in the parking lot we new the hill climbs weren't going to be fun. We hit the trails around 10am and quickly started sliding around in the mud. Normally the best part of the Cliff's is the challenging hill climbs that stretch your suspension to the limits, but very few of them could be climbed since they were slick as snot. On our way back to the parking lot for lunch we saw a brand new Range Rover stuck in a puddle. The driver's side was pretty deep in the water and the passenger side was high and dry. We watched as someone got in front of him to pull him out. It looked like the Rover was only a couple degrees away from flipping over when it finally popped out of the water. The best part was when the driver opened his door and a couple hundred gallons of muddy water came pouring

out. We were laughing so loud we drew the driver's attention. What can you do, it was the funniest thing to happen all day. After lunch we hit the first culvert of the day, going down hill. Dave decided to stay out of the culvert since the angles Majid was at several times were more then he wanted to experience. We made it to the bottom and looked for a way back up to the top so we could go back down another culvert. That's when we found Knuckle Dragger, except we didn't know it yet. Just dropping down into the culvert was difficult. There wasn't enough room, the angle you were at when you dropped in sucked and it was difficult to make the hard right hand turn needed to go down the culvert. Only about 200 ft. later we came to a stop. Tony was trying to sneak underneath a fallen tree. He couldn't do it and couldn't back up so Majid was winching Tony backwards when all the sudden it looked like Tony's front tires weren't pointing in the same direction so yelled to stop. Right after that Tony says that his brake pedal just went to the floor. The top half of the driver's side knuckle broke off. This was going to be a nightmare to get him out of the park. His jeep is in a culvert, the wheel wants to fall off, we had 2 hrs to get off the park property and we were about as far away from the parking lot as we could be. Dave made a run to the parking

lot to get some ratchet straps. The plan was to use them to try and keep the wheel close to it's normal position. Problem was it wanted to roll and then it would it would lean away and pull the axle shaft out. After Dave's second trip to the park office (this one included him having to winch himself out twice) he came back with good info. The owners were going to leave somebody around to close the gates whenever we were able to get Tony's jeep out of the park and he now knew of a much easier way out to the parking lot. We eventually got the right combination and placement of straps to keep the tire from rolling. So with help from my jeep pulling him and that tire being dragged the whole way we made it out to the parking lot at about 5:30pm (the time when the gates are normally locked). We thought the worst was over, all we had to do was get his jeep on my trailer, Tony's was way back at the campground, and Tony and I would take each other's jeeps home. Well let's just say that rubber doesn't drag very well up car ramps. It was about an hour and a half before the jeep was tied down on the trailer. We really could have used some sort of a ski for the tire to slide on. A good time was had by all, just not all day.



Dear Badgerland Club,

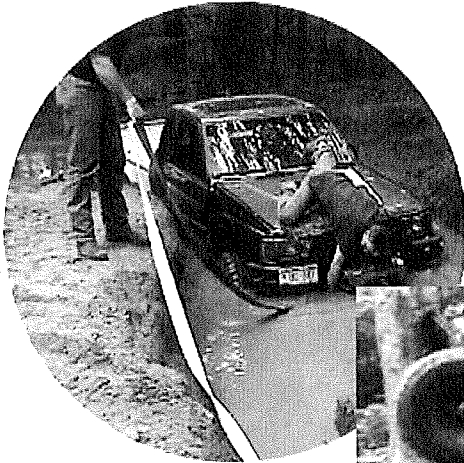
I wanted to thank you for all the fun I had four wheeling with the Badgerland 4x4 club this last Saturday. I think that Megan and Rebecca are so cool! I want to sit up on my dad's roll bar like they do on yours but I can't climb that high. I don't understand why Mrs Denise laughed so hard at the guy who had all the water that poured out of his car. He didn't have to climb on his hood like she did on Mr Joel's jeep when they were stuck in the water. Also why did Mrs Ann get so scared when Mr Majid was listening to my daddy in the ravine? I thought it looked like fun with all of those tires in the air. My brother, Griffin, and I always enjoy bouncing around in Daddy's jeep. But the most fun I had was playing with bugs and trees while all you guys were playing with the winches and ratchet straps. Even though my brother got upset everyone was so nice to us. Ms Crystal held my hand after I woke up from my nap and Mr Mike held Griffin's hand while he was screaming. We all really had a fun time.

Thank you,

Sydney Wick.



Midwest Invitational Trailride Dresser, WI August 28-30, 2009



Mud



Hills



Rocks

Trollhaugen ski resort

Who ever thought that the back side of a ski hill could be so much fun! A little bit of everything for everyone. Now with four great trails and plenty of challenge. Think your rig isn't up for it? Don't worry all obstacles have a bypass. Don't try something you don't want to. But feel free to go for it from mild to wild. Trail vehicles must pass tech inspection. (see attached) Driving time from Milwaukee is about 6 hours including a lunch stop. There is camping on site or hotels nearby.

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2nd Annual Jake's Ride for JDRF
Poker Run
August 29th, 2009

Registration: 8:30am to 10:30am

**Hartford Harley-Davidson
427 W. Summer (Hwy 60)
Hartford, WI 53027
Phone (262) 673-1000**

**Approximately 135 Miles
4 Stops, 2, 3 or 4
Wheels are Acceptable**

**Pre-Register by August 15th and Receive an event T-shirt
Any Questions? 262-644-7681**

**Website: <http://www.jakesrideforjdrf.com>
watch website for updates**

- \$25 per person
- Food, Prizes and Live Music by Dr. Bob and The Neighbors and Lead Bottom
- Last Stop is at 4:00pm

**Jugs Hitching Post, 5781 Main St.
West Bend, WI 53090
(Hwy D - west of West Bend in the heart of Kohlsville)**

All proceeds go to JDRF, to help find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes



Badgerland "TNT" 4x4 Club 2009 Calendar of Events

Meetings (7:30PM unless noted below)

January	4th	
February	8th	
March	1st	
April	5th	
May	3rd	Also Truck Care Clinic at noon at Chad Brown's House
June	7th	
July	12th	
August	2nd	
September	13th	
October	4th	
November	1st	
December	5th	Saturday 7:00PM Also Elections, & Christmas Party

Events

Date	Event	Location	Coordinator
March 7-8	Trailride at Apple Valley	Chetek, WI	Dave Novak
April 4	Drink with Klink	TBD	Carl Klinger
April 10-18	Moab Adventure	Moab, UT	Majid Taghikhani
May 3	Meeting/Truck Care Clinic	Germantown, WI	Chad Brown
May 9	Badgerland Meet & Greet	TBD	Joe Van der Linden
May 16-17	Trailride at Badlands	Attica, IN	Mike Miller
May 29-31	Antigo Brush & Boulder Run	Elton, WI	Tony Wick
June 13	Badgerland Picnic	Sussex, WI	Tony Wick
June 20-21	Trailride at Apple Valley	Chetek, WI	
July 11	Trailride at the Cliffs	Marsaelis, IL	Joel Gabler
July 25-26	Trailride at Apple Valley	Chetek, WI	
August 1	Chicken Fest	W. Milwaukee, WI	Joe Van der Linden
August 28-30	Midwest Weekend	Dresser, WI	Tony Wick
August 28-30	Great Northern Trailride (WOHVA Members Only)	Mole Lake Tribal Land, WI	
September 12-13	Pipeline-Mcaslin Mt (Run-N-Gun??)	Lakewood, WI	Joe Van der Linden
October 3-4 (estimate)	March of Dimes 4-wheelin with feelin	TBD	
October 30-November 1	Halloween Badlands Bash	Attica, IN	Curt Kempfer
December 5	Christmas Party At Dicken's Grill	West Allis, WI	

Badgerland Events are open to club members and their invited guests.
Contact the appropriate coordinator for event details.
Calendar is subject to change without notice.

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See us at:
www.badgerland4x4.org

Dear Bob...

Dear Bob,
Things in the big city are getting crazy. After my recent trip to Chetek, I am thinking to move to a place where life can be simpler. Chetek is the closet place to Mayberry that I can find. What do you think?
Dear Dave

*Dear Dear Dave,
I got your message. There are a lot of reasons that you "CITY" guys can NOT move up north: It's to "BIG" for you. You need good map skills. It's dark at night. Not enough traffic. Not enough Bars, scratch that, Too many Bars. No "rush hour*

traffic". We don't want "CITY" folks to stay, just to come, visit & spend money. As you can see, you just would NOT fit in up here

Dear Bob,
What is wrong with your brother? My children happened to scan the Badgerland 4x4 News this past weekend, they had a few suggestions for him and asked if I would pass them along....
Change the piece entitled "Useless Facts" to just "Useless"
AND

Add one more item to the Trail Ride Recommended Checklist - possibly note it under the Essential Spare Parts: Ensure to bring a backup driver just in case the original driver goes AWOL on the trail leaving the other passengers to fend for themselves as the other jeeps continue on. Preserved in Franklin.

*Dear PIF,
You're right. I don't know what is wrong with him. He is very insensitive and rude. Regarding your note - Most things in life are useless, including your input.*

Useless Fact

Your thumb is the same length as your nose.

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