



## Ozarks Jeep Thing

### December 2022 Newsletter

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and I hope you had a great Turkey Day! November was a slow month for events, but there was plenty of stuff going on. But first things first. OJT would like to congratulate Laura Messersmith and all of her hard work on Jeepin' for a Cure. At the National Philanthropy Day luncheon, she was awarded the Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year for Jeepin' For A Cure!



## Hot Springs Badge Run

**November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

A group of 7 Jeeps met down at the Hot Springs Off Road Park that Saturday morning to earn our Jeep Badges of Honor. For those who don't know, Badge of Honor is an app that Jeep has put out so that you can earn badges for

going on certain trails around the country. There are 2 badge trails down at SMORR: Guardrail and PeeWee Crossing; and three more down in Hot Springs: Snake, Rubicon Ridge, and Fun Run. The trails are in various difficulties and are all over the country. We had an absolute blast and definitely earned our badges! Be sure to keep an eye out for the next run back to Hot Springs. I know I would love to go again.





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*Definitely not a good sign!*

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Turkey weekend down at SMORR was a great time as well. They were extremely packed for their last weekend of being open for the season. Many OJT members were camping and on the trails, including yours truly. I had to winch out of a tough spot twice. Thanks to Kirk Hoskins and Chris Hill for all the help getting me through! And if you haven't seen the mud shower video, go check out our Facebook page.









## Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 10th, 2022 - 9am

OJT will be shopping for the family that we adopted. If you would like to help out, meet at the Steak N Shake at 3755 S. Campbell.

Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 5pm to 9pm

OJT Members only Christmas Party. Location: Frisco Building at 3253 E Chestnut Expressway. Tickets are available on the OJT website under the members section.

Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 9am

Riggs and Coffee at Jeep-Life Upfitters, 400 E Bennett St, Springfield (Not an official OJT Event)

Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 10am

Highway clean up. If you would like to help, meet at the Howliday Inn Pet Resort 4939 US-60, Rogersville.



Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – 8:30am

Bald Eagle Run. Meet at Calgary Baptist Church, 804 U.S. Hwy 60 W, Republic. Bring your binoculars and pack a lunch. We plan to take a little cruise to go eagle watching. Reach out to Wendy Twitty for any questions, she will be leading the event.

Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 \*Event not Finalized\*

Sweetheart Run to benefit Ronald McDonald House.

### Off Road Parks Nearby

SMORR Southern Missouri Off Road Ranch - 5722 State Highway K, Seymour, MO

Hogan's Off Road Park – 321 Construction Dr, Disney, OK

Kansas Rocks Recreation Park KRRP - 2051 130th St, Mapleton, KS

FLATNASTY Off-Road Park - 1775 Highway, Jadwin, MO

3B Off Road & RV Park Campground - 10 Mint Ridge Rd, Eureka Springs, AR

Rush Springs Ranch - 7600 State Hwy 90, Pineville, MO

Rugged Mountain Ranch - Burris Valley - 61 Warr Road, Clayton, OK

Green Acres Offroad Park - GPS Coordinates to Park Entrance (34.5938938,-95.3666362)

Pruitt Mountain Adventures, LLC - 12969 State Hwy BB, Caledonia, MO

Busted Nutz Off Road Park - 8930 SE Highway J, Collins, MO

"THE LOOP" Lake Ozark Offroad Park - 28270 MO-135, Gravois Mills, MO

Hooter Holler Offroad - 8101 Thornhill Dr, Mountain Grove, MO

Hot Springs Off-Road Park - 2100 Millcreek Rd, Hot Springs, AR

J&D Offroad Park - 2405 N Schifferdecker Ave, Joplin

Vandyz Offroad Park - 8615 State Hwy CC, Steedman, MO

TexPlex At Fox Creek Park – Holister, MO – Not yet open, but website shows January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

This in no way is a complete list. Thank you to all that helped put this list together.

## Ozarks Jeep Thing 2023 Calendars Are Here!



Contact Laura Messersmith to buy one. They are only \$15 and would make an amazing Christmas Gift!

### Jeep Fun Facts

Why is everybody waving at me? What is this “Jeep Wave” I’ve heard about? The Jeep wave’s origins date back to World War II. Around 1940, auto manufacturers were tasked with designing an all-purpose vehicle for the US Army. They needed a vehicle that was durable, adaptable, and lightweight. Many auto manufacturers presented their





