

# OZARKS JEEPTHING



April / 2021

## UPCOMING EVENT

Wheeling 101 / 102 April 10<sup>th</sup>  
Sign Up at [www.jeeptthing.org](http://www.jeeptthing.org)  
Come out to SMORR on April 10<sup>th</sup> to learn the basics of off-roading! We will go over the following:

- Airing down your tires
  - Disconnecting your sway bars
  - Basic tools you should bring with you
  - Recovery gear
  - Explanation of 4 wheel drive – 4 high & 4 low
  - Explanation of lockers
- AND MUCH MORE!!



## CONGRATULATIONS!

At our last meeting, in March, we announced this year’s winners of the following awards:



**WHEELER OF THE YEAR:**  
Randy Bryan

Where is your favorite place to wheel?  
“We love SMORR because it’s close to home and it’s just an awesome place. Lots of different types of wheeling for all levels and desires. Hot Springs is also a cool place. Lots of fun rock gardens.”

What is your favorite part of wheeling?  
“It’s all about the camaraderie with fellow Jeepers!”

Do you have a favorite wheeling event or memory of wheeling that you can share?

“Favorite memory would be the first trip to Hot Springs. We went with the Shafer’s, and unfortunately my Jeep went lame on the first trail (broken knuckle). Took Jeff, David, and I about 3 hours to get it back to the trailer. Just about rolled it on semi flat ground...good times. That trip, in particular, was probably one of the best wheeling weekends we have had. We met some awesome people from Texas on the side of the road and we found the coldest creek, I believe on planet earth, with some very awesome wheeling friends.”

“All in all, I’d have to say the most fun I have wheeling is watching people stretch their comfort zone and conquer things without damaging their Jeeps.”

## Runner UP Wheeler of the Year:

Zeke Clawson



## Spirit of JeepThing Award:

Wendy Twitty



# LOCAL WHEELING

One of the many benefits of living in southwest Missouri is that we have several off-road parks within a few hours' drive. We would like to encourage all members of Ozarks Jeepthing to visit at least one new local off-road park this year. However, we understand that many people may not know what is available, or how other parks compare to SMORR. The Board of Directors voted on their favorite park(s) and we will begin comparing them in the upcoming newsletters. Below, you will find our first comparison between the 2 most popular voted parks: Southern Missouri Off Road Ranch in Seymour, MO and Hot Springs ORV Park in Hot Springs, AR.



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SMORR - MO

HOT SPRINGS - AR

Open Season	March - November	Thurs-Monday, 51 weeks a year Closed the week of Christmas
Travel Time from Springfield	45 minutes	5 hours
Size of Park	940 acres	1,254 acres
Running Water / Bath House	Yes	Yes
Tent camping	Yes	Yes
RV camping	Yes	Yes
Cabins	Yes	Yes
Cost	\$30 per vehicle \$15 per passenger	\$33 per vehicle
Annual Pass Option	No	Yes Premium for \$60, +\$16.50 each day Gold for \$275 - no day fees Gold (2 vehicles) for \$385 - no day fees
Badge Trails	Yes! 2 Badges Guard Rail PeeWee's Crossing	Yes! 3 Badges Snake Rubicon Ridge Fun Run
BOD favorite?	Yes!	Yes!

# TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Family Membership: \$40 / year | Individual Membership: \$35 / year

There are a couple of ways to renew your membership:

- 1) Visit [www.jeepthing.org](http://www.jeepthing.org) to renew on-line
- 2) Fill out the form in person at one of our monthly meetings

An OJT membership will provide you with club stickers for your Jeep, the ability to purchase OJT branded products from club vendors through the OJT store, and allows you voting rights for all club sanctioned votes.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE EXCITING EVENTS (MAY OR MAY NOT BE OJT AFFILIATED)

April 10	Wheeling 101 / 102
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Wing Wednesday at Bairs - S. Campbell
April 23-25	Chicks in the Sticks at SMORR
May 15	Go Topless Day – Blood Drive / BBQ
May 28	Memorial Day weekend at SMORR
June 13	Members Only BBQ at River
June 19	Buffalo Wilderness Ranch Drive
July 2-4	SMORR's 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Bash 2021
July 17	Seymour Jeep Show
August 1	Andy Dalton Shooting Range
August 14	B&R Performance at DISNEY
August 21	Midnight Backroad Run
September 18	Big Run @ SMORR
October 1	Crawl the Ozarks at SMORR
October 16	Jeepin for A Cure
October 30	Trunk Or Treat at SMORR





## MEET YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors will change just a little bit this year:

President: Kevin Young

Vice President: Jeff Shafer

Treasurer: Shelly Bassham

Secretary: Brittney Middleby

Trails: Jay Bassham

Memberships: Darrell Haase

Events: Brandi Sissel

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