

OZARKS JEEPTHING



July 2021

HISTORY OF THE JEEP WAVE

If you drive a Jeep, then you are probably familiar with the wave you give and/or receive when you pass another Jeep going down the road. The excitement you get when you see the iconic 7-slot grill coming down the road, your hand at the top of the wheel, ready in anticipation to wave to the driver as you pass. Have you ever wondered where the infamous “Jeep Wave” came from? Based on my research, there are 3 different theories.



- 1) During World War II, Jeeps were commonly seen driving on the front lines to transport supplies, mail, and the wounded to safety. The Wave started as a way to differentiate ally and enemy or as a simple greeting from one fellow soldier to another.
- 2) The tradition began after World War II. When the soldiers returned home, many purchased their own Jeep. The Jeepers began waving at each other knowing that the other driver was most likely a fellow soldier.
- 3) The wave began when civilians began to purchase Jeeps. The vehicle became more common off the battlefield as people would drive them more for recreational purposes. Jeep etiquette was created as a way for Jeepers to recognize each other's shared interest and hobby.

The Jeep Wave is an everlasting way to say “HI!” to a fellow Jeoper. So the next time you are out driving your Jeep, don't forget to throw up a hand, peace sign, or wave when you encounter another Jeep on the road. We are, after all, one big happy family.¹

¹ www.wildedodge.com

JUNE in Review

June 12th Jeeps & Monster Trucks

Ozarks Jeepthing had a wonderful time at the Outlaw National Monster Trucks at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 12th.



June 13th Members Only BBQ

Several of our members gathered around the river on Saturday, June 13th, for a fun day of food & fellowship. Thank you, Adam and Brandi, for sharing your beautiful river front access!



June 19th Wilderness Rider Buffalo Ranch Drive

On Saturday, June 19th, a large group made the drive to Kingston, AR, to see the beautiful waterfalls and “fluffy cows” at Wilderness Rider Buffalo Ranch. While this park may not offer huge obstacles, it does provide pretty scenery and up-close views of buffalo. It was a great park for some new Jeepers to attend to help get their feet wet and familiarize themselves with airing down and disconnecting their sway bars. There were also a few opportunities, for those not afraid of heights, to do some hiking to get some awesome photos of the breathtaking views of the valley.



LOCAL WHEELING discontinued

We hope you have enjoyed our park comparisons these past few months. If you know of any other local parks that you would like for us to get more information on, please reach out to anyone on the board. We hope to see you out on the trails soon!

Life Without Doors

Now that the weather has decided to warm up, most of us have removed our Jeep tops & doors for the season. As we all know, Missouri weather can be very unpredictable, and when the meteorologist calls for “scattered showers”, they really do mean “rain can pop up in any part of town, at any time”. So what do you do when you get caught in one of those pop up rain storms? Let us introduce you to our newest vendor, Life Without Doors.

Life Without Doors is a local company, out of Monett, MO, owned and operated by Amber Miller. On the website, you can find rain curtains for both 2 and 4 door Jeeps, dash covers to protect your stereo and clockspring, seat ponchos, and even childrens seat ponchos. These are lightweight rain covers, made out of polyester ripstop fabric. To test the durability, Amber took her Jeep through an automatic car wash. While the suction cups may have come off the windshield due to the pressure, the material itself was left unscathed.

If you find yourself wanting to drive your Jeep throughout the summer, without the doors or top on, be forewarned you are going to encounter a rain shower at some point. Rather than having your day spoiled by the rain, have some fun with it and invest in rain gear. With ten different color options, you are bound to find one that will match your Jeep.



ARE YOU A VENDOR?

DO YOU WANT TO HELP SUPPORT OZARKS JEEPTHING?

If you are interested in becoming a partner with Ozarks JeepThing, please see Adam Sissel for more details.

Our current vendors:

1. Vixen Vinyl Designs
2. Jeep Kings LLC
3. Embroidez
4. C & M Gearworks
5. AWG Gases and Welding Supplies
6. DGG Fabrication
7. Weldy's Off-Road
8. Life Without Doors

Saturday, July 17th 4-7 pm

Set up 3-4 pm

**Seymour, Missouri, City Square
Presented by the City of Seymour**

The first annual Jeep Show & Shine is coming up this weekend! This will be a great opportunity for the city of Seymour to see our Jeeps up close and personal. Even though SMORR is in their own backyard, the citizens of Seymour may not be familiar with what Jeeps are capable of or the modifications that can be done to them.

This event will have live music featuring Denzil & Jonathan Band, Prizes and Food for sale with proceeds going to local charity groups. There will be several prizes awarded: Muddiest Jeep, Farthest Traveled Jeep, Mall Crawler Jeep, Oldest Jeep, Most Likely to Fall Apart, Most Iconic Jeep, and People's Choice. So, whether your Jeep is bone stock or highly modified, please join us for this family friendly event in a couple of weeks.

Don't forget to visit our WEBSITE!

- Looking for upcoming events?
 - visit our website to see scheduled backroad runs, trail runs, pop-up meet & greets, etc
- Curious about other OJT member's Jeeps?
 - visit our website's "Member Directory" to view profiles
- Shopping for OJT swag?
 - visit our website to purchase trail bags, decals, embroidered logo wear, etc.
- Interested in what discounts members of OJT get?
 - visit our website "Members Section" to find membership discounts

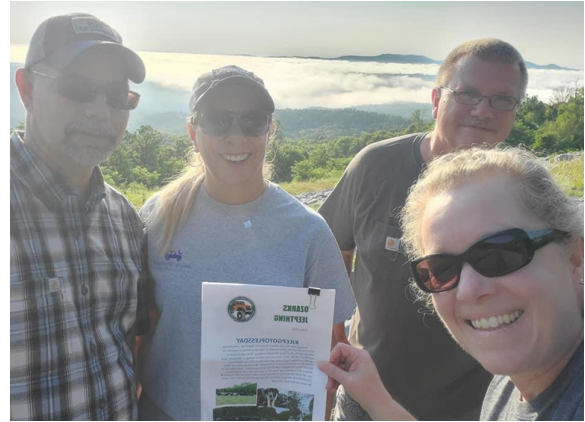
Our website is FULL of information, so go check it out!

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

July 17	Seymour Jeep Show
August 1	River Float Day
August 14	B&R Performance at DISNEY
August 21	Moonlight Backroad Run
September 11	Kansas Rocks
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

WHERE'S OJT?!

- 1) Wade & Laura Messersmith, with Steve and Angie Kay Thorton, above the clouds at the Arkansas Grand Canyon.



- 2) Billie Jo McIntyre, at the Humansville School, which was the 1st stop of the Ducking Jeep Run, a fundraiser to raise money for the Humansville Girls Athletic Team

- 3) Larry & Shelley Collins and Laura Messersmith, attending the 2nd stop of the Ducking Jeep Run at the Lucas Oil Speedway in Wheatland.



- 4) Angie Kay Thorton & Laura Messersmith, at the Lucas Oil Speedway in Wheatland, which was the 2nd stop of the Ducking Jeep Run.