

OZARKS JEEPTHING

September 2021



For this month's newsletter, I wanted to do something a little different, so I sat down with Taryn Campbell to ask her a few "get to know you" questions.

Taryn grew up in Minnesota and moved to Springfield during her college years to play basketball for Missouri State University. Her husband, Daniel, grew up in Branson. After serving in the United States Army, he moved back to Branson. In 2017, the two of them met while racing on the Mother's Brewing Company cycling team. The two of them now live in Billings, MO with their 3 children: Ashdun (soon to be 16), Gavyn (10) & Analise (7, going on 23). In addition, they have 3 Great Danes, a hairless cat, 3 horses, and 1 pet snake.

A little over a year ago, Taryn & Daniel decided that they wanted to purchase a "play vehicle" --something they could take out on date nights, trips to Branson, etc. At first, they talked about getting a Corvette, but decided against it. They drove around town, looking in several car dealer lots, looking for a Jeep, but couldn't find anything. Then, around New Years Day, 2021, Taryn found "Kryptonite" online, a bright green 2020 Sport Unlimited JL. She mentioned it to Daniel, and they bought it the next day!

As many of you are aware, they also have a 1983 CJ7 Laredo that they are currently restoring. This CJ7 has been in the family since the 1980's when it was her uncle's daily driver. She also remembers when her Dad and uncle would take it to the deer stand out in the woods in Minnesota. When her uncle decided he couldn't use it anymore, she decided they would invest in it to restore it to its original beauty. They have been hard at work! They have fixed a

steering issue and the front passenger leaf spring hanger. They have installed a 4 inch suspension lift in addition to the 3 inch body lift her uncle had previously installed. She told me that the body lift will eventually come off. They have increased to a size 35 tire. They have installed a raised winch plate, chrome front & rear bumpers, chrome nerf rails, and will soon install a lightbar with 4 KC apollo pro lights. This Jeep is an absolute beaut! If you get the chance, be sure to check it out next time you see Taryn & Daniel at a Jeep event!!

Taryn has been involved in several Jeep events, but she had absolutely no hesitation when I asked her what her most memorable Jeep trip has been....drumroll please.... Of course, it is the back road run that she went on with Sarah Bruffey in July. Sarah was leading the group when she decided to venture off the road on a low water crossing. Due to the angle of the road and the rocks below, she ended up getting stuck on her front differential cover. In the rain, Daniel got into position to help pull her out, but the Jeep would not shift into 4L. Thankfully, Larry Collins was there to assist and was able to get Bear out of the water.

Taryn and Daniel were first introduced to Ozarks Jeepthing by Edmond, who invited them to a backroad run in January and then Wendy invited them to a meeting & told them to join! They officially joined OJT in April, 2021.

One thing that is on Taryn's "Jeep bucket list" is to plan a trip for a large group of Jeeps to attend the Pigeon Forge Jeep Invasion, which is in Tennessee. Be on the lookout in 2022 for an invitation to go to this fun event with her and Daniel! Any trip with your Jeep family is bound to be an awesome time!

Please join me in welcoming Taryn & Daniel Campbell!





September 18th will be here soon! Ozarks Jeepthing will be hosting a day out on the trails with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks at SMORR. This event is a great opportunity for us to offer the "littles" an experience of a lifetime. THANK YOU to everyone who has signed up to drive. If you did not get your name on the list, we still have a signup link posted on the event on Facebook. Feel free to sign up as a backup in the event that a driver is unable to make it.

All drivers need to be checked in by 8 am. Bigs and Littles should start arriving at 9, and then we will hit the trails by 10 am. We will wheel for a little while and then meet at Larry's Hill for lunch. OJT will be providing bagged lunches and mud towels this year. In addition, all of the "Bigs" will receive a \$15.00 gift card to Andy's so they can treat their "littles" to a sweet treat at a later time.

Normal wheeling fees apply, and there will be an option to continue wheeling after the bigs and littles leave after lunch.

ARE YOU A VENDOR?

DO YOU WANT TO HELP SUPPORT OZARKS JEEPTHING?

Please see Adam [Sissel](#) for more details. Our current vendors are:

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
9. Baker Homes – realtor, Matt Baker

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

September 18	Big Run @ SMORR
Sept 30 – Oct 3	Crawl the Ozarks at SMORR
October 16	Jeepin for A Cure
October 30	Trunk Or Treat at SMORR
November 6	Bonfire in Nixa, MO
TBD	Members Only Christmas Party

CONGRATULATIONS, OJT!

Adam Wallace, Andrea Weldy, and Jason Kinnison did an AWESOME job representing OJT at Clash of the Clubs at Disney on August 14th. Ozarks Jeepthing came in 2nd Place!! Jason Kinnison also won "Best in Show" for recovering and finishing the obstacle after laying his Jeep on its side, against the wall. This was an extremely fun event that we are hoping becomes an annual competition.

Thank you, Bill Adair, for the invitation!



Full Moon Run

We had 73 Jeeps at our Moonlight Backroad Run on August 21st. Huge shoutout to Laura Messersmith for planning the route and Edmond McClure for this epic photo! Everyone had a great time!



Who: All off-road enthusiasts

What: A guided off-road experience supporting K9s for Camo

When: October 1st

Where: Southern Missouri Off Road Ranch in Seymour

How: Sign up on their website, crawltheozarks.com



Last I heard, they had a couple of spots become available due to some cancellations. If you have not signed up already, make sure you get your name on their waitlist. If you are unable to attend this year's event, make sure you sign up early next year! This is an event you don't want to miss!

****Check out our website for more upcoming events****