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Sunday April 9th, 1pm.

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President's Message

Northern Lights Goes Racing

I attended the hot rod show at Performance World a few weeks back and imagine how surprised I was to see a *Northern Lights* decal on a racing car! The decal was on a car in the Sauble Speedway display promoting a fairly new class called *Junior Late Model*. The car is a 1/4 scale stock car with the body molded to look like a late model Monte Carlo or Thunderbird. Powered by a Honda 9 or 8 horsepower motor capable of speeds of up to 85 mph. This provides a low cost way to experience track motorsports. This particular 9-hp. car belongs to 12 year old Kris Lewko. He and his Dad, who runs a 12-hp. model, are competing. Should you ever have the chance to attend one of these races I would recommend it as it is a great evening of grass-roots motorsport. I would like to thank Kris for his support of the Northern Lights 4x4 Trailriders Association.

This type of promotion is invaluable as it increases public awareness of our existence. We heard comments back about how good our jackets looked after a fellow four-wheeler saw Doug wearing his at the Toronto Autoshow. Should anybody be interested in a jacket, there are prices and information on ordering elsewhere in the newsletter. Also please note the article on our raffling off a jacket to raise money for the Trail Maintenance fund.

Over the last month I received calls from 3 clubs wanting more information about Northern Lights. This is our second year and the momentum is starting to build.

While at the Sportsman's Show in Toronto, I came across an organization that offers wilderness first aid training. The primary difference between this and the common course offered by the Red Cross, that a lot of us have taken, is that the Red Cross assumes that professional help will respond fairly quickly. These courses teach you not only to initially stabilize the patient but how to keep them going while you get them out of the bush. I will look further into this type of training and we will have an update in our next newsletter.

I am sorry to announce the resignation of Kris Schattmann from the Board of Northern Lights. Kris has multiple interests and business concerns that require his attention at this time. Without Kris's dedication to the sport, determination and foresight Northern Lights would not exist today. Kris was instrumental in the birth of this organization.

The Board Of Directors for Northern Lights have unanimously agreed to appoint Dennis Missios to the Board in an interim position. Dennis has a long history of involvement in the four wheeling community and is a resourceful, determined individual.

He expressed interest in participating at the BOD level prior to the 1999 AGM. We look forward to working with Dennis.

Wayne Groom

President NL4x4



The Ottawa Valley Off-Roaders would like to take this opportunity to announce this year's Calabogie Highlands Off-Road PJ Party set for May 20-21, 2000. OVO has hosted this event for over a decade, and the year 2000's run should be one of the most challenging runs to date. This year's event will consist of two official runs; a poker run on the Quinn Lake Trail and a *Rock Crawl With a Twist*, on the Perch Lake Power line for Sunday.

For the Poker run trucks will be assigned a letter at the beginning of the run. At select points along the trail (after obstacles) the driver will be handed an envelope containing a playing card. Drivers that successfully complete some of the particularly difficult obstacles within the allotted time will receive a wildcard. The driver that makes the best 5 card poker hand from the cards collected on the trail will be the winner. (note* only one wildcard may be used per hand) Full rules will be available before the run.

During the *Rock Crawl With A Twist* each truck will be issued a letter. The

letters for trucks with fewer modifications will be placed in one hat and the letters from the trucks with more modifications will be in another. Teams of two trucks will then be drawn, one from each hat. The teams will then complete the trail with penalty points being assessed away from a perfect run at each major obstacle. The teams score will be the average of the two trucks individual scores.

Of course every event needs a little social! This will be a camping weekend with a Saturday night BBQ with a PJ theme. Please remember that if you intend to participate in an unofficial night run (can you say MUD HOLE!!!) Friday or Saturday night: **DRINKING & DRIVING DON'T MIX!** For those a little less adventurous hotel/motel accommodations are available within 1/2-1hr. drive of the trails in the Town of Calabogie or at Barryvale Lodge.

The event will cost \$15 per truck (\$10 in advance!) with the proceeds from the event going to two local charities. Both trails are tight, and moderate to difficult in nature. As a result the event will be limited to a total of 40 trucks. All trucks must be in safe working condition and have a pull point both front and rear. 30" tires should be considered an absolute minimum. Neither of these trails are suitable for stock trucks.

Additional information may be obtained from either of the event coordinators. Sarah Wesenburg: swesenburg@hotmail.com or Jim Sprang: jim_sprang@hotmail.com. Or by phone at: 613-228-1990 or on OVO's club hotline: 613-739-0544. Check the web site for details or to check your registration as the event date approaches.

Payment *must* be received by OVO before your spot can be reserved. Registration forms are available on-line and should be mailed to:

PJ Run, 72 Hilliard Ave., Nepean, Ont., K2E 6C5

Looking forward to seeing you on the trails!

Jim Sprang
Vice President OVO



UFWDA

Update on United's lawsuit against the United States Forest Service Chief, Michael Dombec. This was received from UFWDA.

For Immediate release:

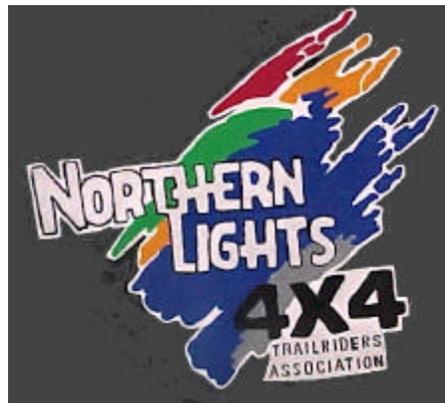
United Four Wheel Drive Associations Forces U.S. Forest Service to Settle Out of Court! UFWDA the nation's leading representative of four wheel drive enthusiasts, has compelled the (US) Federal Government to sign a settlement agreement prohibiting the US Forest Service from categorically closing roads or using the term "unroaded" in establishing roadless areas for Wilderness designation. "Under the terms of the settlement agreement the Forest Service is banned from using the Road Moratorium to close a single mile of road". stated Carla Boucher, author of the agreement and nationally recognized attorney for UFWDA. "United obtained evidence that many, if not all, of the national forests were using the Temporary Road Moratorium to create de facto wilderness areas as part of forest planning". stated Boucher, who predicted in early 1998 that this was the plan of the US Forest Service all

along. "This agreement prevents the creation of de facto wilderness, protecting nearly 347,000 miles of access for motorized recreationists", remarked Boucher. For more information about the settlement agreement contact UFWDA by calling Carla Boucher at: 757-482-4474

Way to go UFWDA! It is just this kind of precedent setting agreement that "paves" the way for four wheelers looking to maintain access to trails.

On March 7th, United organized a call in day to voice opinions and the phone lines were totally plugged by concerned four wheelers calling from everywhere. We have contacted UFWDA, to request information concerning nominations for Four Wheeler of the Year and Environmental Four Wheeler of the Year. Details will hopefully be available in the next newsletter.

John Carroll
UFWDA 1st Delegate



NL 4x4 Jackets

The above picture is an NL4x4 chenille jacket back crest.

Available:

Jean Jacket style or "Denim Club Jacket" is available in black with red sleeves, blue with red sleeves, black with gold sleeves and denim with beige sleeves.

For those of you who have seen them, the Black/Red combination with the NL4x4 logo is awesome.

Price (incl. taxes) \$130.00

For those who wish a warmer jacket... Melton/Pigsplit has the wool feel body with soft sleeves. This jacket style is available in black with black sleeves, black/forest green, black/red, black/royal, black/whiskey, forest/whiskey and navy/whisky. Whiskey is a warm golden brown colour.

Price (incl. taxes) \$190.00

For those who would be interested in purchasing just the chenille back crest and having it sewn into a jacket of their own the cost is \$55.

There are lots of other jackets available but we need to remember that the chenille back is very heavy so you can't put it on anything light like a shirt or jogging suit style. We can get regular jean jackets, however I have not priced them out yet. Please feel free to contact me at 416-447-1246 if you would like to place an order or have any questions. Our first "official" group order will be placed April 10, 2000 and pre-payment is required.

Trish Groom- NL4x4
Clothing Coordinator

Also available; additional copies of the NL4x4 video "Hooked" for \$15 per copy. Please contact w.groom@nl4x4.com or 416-444-8231



Is it Spring yet?

NL4x4 Web Page

We'd like to thank Charter Member, James Seitz, for all his hard work, dedication and cool web tricks used in setting up the initial NL4x4 Web page. Thanks James! You did a great job on the page and with sourcing out 4x4 links and we appreciate it!

The web page is currently undergoing some reconstruction and all kudos, complaints or suggestions would be welcome.

Once again, thank you James!

Thank you to Tim for donating the server space for us!

Brenda Hackett NL4x4



Psst! Wanna Buy A Ticket?

NL4x4 is raffling off a denim style jacket, your choice of colour and size, with the NL4x4 chenille logo stitched on the back. All proceeds will be going towards the Trail Maintenance Fund! Tickets are \$5 a piece and will be available at the spring annual meeting and at various events. This is a great chance to win a jacket (valued at \$130) for a mere \$5 and help us build the Trail Maintenance Fund for the future. If you would like to get a ticket or maybe help us sell them contact either Chris Carroll, secretary NL4x4 at j.carroll@nl4x4.com or Brenda at

b.hackett@nl4x4.com or by phone at 416-444-8231.



EBR Registry Number: PB00E6004

"2000 Prescribed Burns"

A prescribed burn is an area allocated for a controlled burning. Controlled or prescribed burns are carried out in Ontario to; maintain and restore ecosystems, improve and develop wildlife habitat, reduce the potential hazard posed by wildfires, prepare sites for natural or artificial regeneration and to obtain data and information for research into fire behavior and fire ecology. What does this mean for us? If these "PB" areas are in the same area of a trail that is being used for a trail ride then members need to be aware of the burning areas and dates for safety's sake. Not to mention that the MNR probably would not look kindly on a well meaning group of four-wheelers putting out a prescribed burn. Contact your local MNR district office if you have some trail rides planned. For a list of district offices please contact Chris Carroll at: j.carroll@nl4x4.com

Or for further information you can check out the proposal on the EBR registry or talk to your local MNR office. Districts affected by the Prescribed Burns are: Aylmer, Bancroft, Dryden, Fort Frances, Guelph, Kemptville, Midhurst, Red Lake, Sault Ste. Marie, CPR (Nipigon) and CNR (Fort Frances).

Chris Carroll
Secretary NL4x4

The Toronto Autoshow

I recently (well last month) had the pleasure of spending almost a whole week at the 4x4 test track sponsored by TD Bank at the Toronto Autoshow. As a CO4x4 member I volunteered my time to help out at the test track. I was fortunate to have folks to stay with for the week who could put up with some really odd arrival and departure times. Down to the track to help with gassing up the track at 8am. Work the demonstration track until 9pm. Maybe stop for supper after closing the track for the night then back again the next morning. Am I complaining? Not on your life! I had the opportunity to test drive many makes and models, smelling sweetly of new leather and carpet, in an off road situation. The weather provided for some good soupy conditions as the mud changed from hard frozen packed earth to slippery, sticky goop! I had a blast. I got to exercise my teaching capabilities with folks who have never seen the dirty side of a trail and only had a few would-be yahoos to dissuade from beating on the trucks. All in all it was a genuinely rewarding experience and I got the chance to pre-test all the participating 4x4's in the best kind of test drive.

So, you might ask...what do I consider the best off road vehicle? My own. Not for it's trail readiness or prowess not for that fact that it has all the bells and whistles and off-road goodies, but because it is uniquely mine. It's getting old and tired but I know it'll get me through and I've finally, after 10 years of driving, got my seat just the way I like it!

If you have an Autoshow in your area I encourage you to get involved and

have some fun. Beside meeting some really nice people, it's fun!

Brenda Hackett
Editor VP NL4X4



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Supporting the Northern Lights 4x4 Trailriders Association

Web site links are provided for the member clubs on the NL4x4 web page at: NL4x4.com

Contact information:



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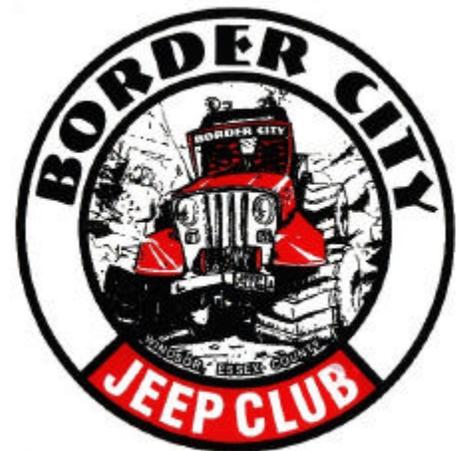
Membership Information

Individual Membership \$20 yearly, this includes decal.

Club membership \$100 yearly.

Associate Membership \$20 yearly.

International Membership \$25 yearly, includes decal.



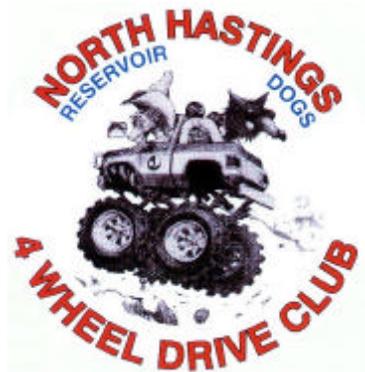
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listing the member clubs' web page
addresses in this section but hardly
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part.. so I took the easy way out...
Please use the club links in the
Members section of the NL4x4 web
page. Brenda Hackett Editor



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- Drive and travel responsibly.

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actions, drive responsibly!

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