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WOHVA seeks unity, visits clubs in WI, MN and IL

I would like to introduce myself to everyone at WOHVA. My name is James Goeldner I have been with WOHVA since its inception and I am currently a 4 year Crimson Club member.

In 2012 I took on the WOHVA Raffle chair and am proud to say, last year we had a profit of about \$3000. That was the largest profit for us since the inception of the raffle. These funds are critical to our insurance as we operate in Mole Lake, building trails and hosting events like the Northwoods Mole Lake Jeep Jamboree and the GNTR. I took a hands on approach that meant I called each and every WOHVA member. Some conversations were short, others lasted 30 minutes. The bottom line is everyone has a voice and it needs to be heard.

Wisconsin needs to provide all of us with more places to recreate. The funny part is you do not get what you do not ask for. Amazing to me that Wisconsin lacks opportunities to recreate and membership is low. You would think we should have 1000 people fighting for a place to recreate. Is everyone that busy? Or honestly is it people don't care? I used to believe that everyone just assumes others will get it done. I decided in April of last year to become your Club membership Chair. That means my job is to get out to the clubs and seek support.

As I look back on 2013, it has been an active year for WOHVA. With all of the things we are doing, one thing was high on my priority list. Membership cannot be done by simply sending out an email or posting on Facebook. It is done day to day face to face. So last year I took on that challenge and hit the road. With easily over \$5000 miles logged and countless hours of windshield time WOHVA has made some more friendships.

Last February WOHVA met a club called Roadside 4 Wheelers. This is a club made up of about 20 members and they are a powerful 20. They own a 40 acre parcel of land just west of Mole Lake purchased with club funds. The group annually goes snow wheeling or camps on it in the summer. The club also does an annual tough truck competition at the local Mazo days county fair. After WOHVA introduced itself these guys stepped up big and became a supporting club of WOHVA. They have since supported WORVPI by purchasing a VIP pass for every one of its members. It's great to have Roadside on our team. If you see any of these guys on the trails thank them for their support.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association exists for the sole purpose of proactively assuring that public and private off-highway vehicular recreational opportunities are expanded in Wisconsin for safe use by this and future generations.



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In July I took my jeep (Hirise) to visit two clubs in Red Wing MN. Loneriders 4x4 club and Borderline 4x4 club, both have access to a family owned farm with tons of challenges many competition Rock buggies couldn't master. What a great 2 nights of camping and great hospitality. These clubs were eager to hear more about WOHVA and things they can do on their own land to make it better for all. It is my hope that both of these clubs join WOHVA and help Wisconsin grow to the trail system MN has. Both of these clubs have not joined WOHVA yet however several of members joined WOHVA after my visit. Please Facebook these guys and help me welcome them to WOHVA.

As of lately, Titledown Jeepers joined WOHVA this past December. We were able to connect with this group at the WORVPI meeting in Carter. They jumped on Board with a \$250 supporting membership and will be advertising in the Forest County Visitor guide with WOHVA, DAMAGE, and ROADSIDE. This unity to the businesses in Forest County is huge. Titledown is an energetic group eager to help WOHVA succeed. With how close they are to Mole Lake it is my hope we can get a bunch of these guys up to Mole Lake to help build the trails for the Jeep Jamboree and the Great Northern Trail Ride. If you see any of the guys from Titledown thank them too for their financial Support. Together we can do great things.

Mid December John Schnorr President of WORVPI and myself visited Chicago Land Rovers Club. They were having the end of the year Christmas party. I was excited to have WOHVA invited so we treated them to the President of WORVPI for an update on the parks progress. These guys really lack trails in Chicago so the idea of a park had them all listening. Every year they travel to Northern Wisconsin and Snow wheel on the Pipeline. It was WOHVA a few years back that helped save a few CLRC members from a trespassing ticket as they were on marked snowmobile trails with their Land Rovers. After a few phone calls all the problems were solved. Since the CLRC has been a supporting club of WOHVA. They were the first club to send in their dues for 2014. Thanks guys we will see you on the trails.

All in all it has been a wonderful year for WOHVA as we gained more membership. We still have many goals to achieve but I am very proud to say that we are working towards them each and every day. If you like what we are doing here WOHVA needs more volunteers. With our 2014 Raffle about to start along with the convention around the corner we cannot do it alone. Thank you to each and every one of you for your support. I look forward to a busy 2014.





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Time to renew your WOHVA membership

Greetings Fellow OHV Enthusiasts,

I bet you know why you're hearing from me again, that's right, its renewal time.

This year we made great progress in our efforts to get an Off-Road park in the state.

There is still much to do before the realization of the Park. Your donations of time or money to WOHVA or WORVPI are greatly appreciated. WOHVA can always use your help expanding the trails on work days throughout the summer. The Great Northern Trail Ride is the

perfect opportunity to see what an Off Road Park in Forest County can offer. Consider making the GNTR a destination this year.

I have enclosed an application for both WOHVA and WORVPI. Your support of both of these organizations is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support,
Jayne Duenkel
Membership@ WOHVA.com

Payment Methods

There are 2 ways you can renew your membership. Go to www.wohva.com and click on the "Join" tab. Here you can print the membership application and mail in with your check. Or you can renew electronically via PayPal in our "Store" Tab.

All members current in 2013 should have received a renewl packet from our Membership Chair with an application



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Extreme Offroaders

Ice Racing 2014

Happy New Year! The end of 2013 and the start of 2014 have been great for making ICE! Once again the Extreme Offroaders of Oshkosh, WI will be hitting the ice Feb 1st and Feb 8th to put man and machine up against the elements and the clock.

Feb 1 racing will start at noon in Oshkosh, WI on Millers Bay, Lake Winnebago in conjunction with the Otter Street Fisheree. Registration starts at 10:30 am and a driver's meeting will be held at 11:50am.

Feb 8 time will be the same in Neenah, WI. Races will be held just offshore of Payne's Point Hook and Spear Fishing Clubhouse on County Road A North of Oshkosh and South of Breezewood in Neenah.

We have interest in a 4x4 Side by Side UTV class this year and if we get enough registrations it will happen. It is excellent to see new interest and more racers are always welcome. Belts and helmets will be required. Other classes will include Short, Medium and Long wheel base 4x4 vehicles, two wheel drive classes, studded 2x4, studded 4x4, and a women's open class. It takes three vehicles to make a class. Cash pay outs to the top three drivers.

Extreme now has a five year running "Stimulus Package" offering \$10 racing to all who care to participate. Rules of the course are available on Race Day, see the Race director.

For more information email

ceo@wohva.com

follow Extreme on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/extremeoffroaders4x4

Pictures and results will be posted as fast as possible.



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State News

Forest County Chairman names ad-hoc committee for proposed off-road park

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE December 20, 2013

Supervisors and citizens to work with off-road park group to assess feasibility for proposed park

Forest County—County Chairman Paul Millan named three county supervisors and two citizens to work with the non-profit group Wisconsin Off-Road Vehicle Park, Inc. (WORVPI) to determine benefits and risks of park development in Forest County. "Before we ask the county board to make any final decisions there are many questions that have to be answered," stated Millan. "We carry the burden of responsibility for the taxpayer to make certain that benefits of a park are real and there is no risk of harm to the full faith and credit of Forest County."

Millan announced a Forest County Off-Road Park Committee represented by supervisors Paul Cleereman (Caswell), Mike Albrecht (Laona), and chaired by Steve Bunda (Lincoln), joined by two citizen committee members; Cheryl Ehlinger (Town of Wabeno) and Jerry Gudowicz (Town of Armstrong Creek). This group will begin a series of meetings with the WORVPI Phase II action committee under a formal Memorandum of Understanding. The initial goal of this committee will be to oversee the county's portion of a grant which is focused on completing the scoping phase of the project.

The notion of an off-road park has been building for a decade or more in Forest County. Things progressed in 2006, not soon after the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board, after recognizing the overwhelming economic impact of off-road parks in neighboring states, unanimously passed a directive seeking that one be developed in Wisconsin. Efforts in other areas of the state have to date not been successful.

Forest County's effort picked up even more momentum in the past few years due to the support of University of Wisconsin Extension agent Steven Nelson, as a formal non-profit (WORVPI) was formed, twelve-member board elected, and the investment was made in a feasibility study and business plan, now completed.

Forest County Economic Development Partnership (FCEDP) President RT Krueger, while expressing support for the potential economic impact the project could bring to the county, noted the need to make certain that Forest County's pristine environment is protected. "We choose to live in Forest County for its quality of life and great natural resources. Projecting this environment and making certain that a park will not negatively impact our watersheds and ecological values is paramount." One of the steps to help ensure environmental protection will be a partnership with the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC).



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Along the way, the decade-long plan of an off-road park of up to 10,000 acres has led to very recent speculation and unfounded rumors of potential economic exposure to the county, as well as impact to the environment and communities. Confidentiality has been important to protect the venture from being developed in another region or by private investors that would seek to maximize personal profit. "I expect this process to help us separate the wheat from the chaff and determine what this could mean to taxpayers, business owners, and local municipalities," added Mike Albrecht.

Recently, the county board agreed to invest matching funds for a grant through the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC). That grant was recently completed by FCEDP. The grant is focused on determining alternatives for grants and financing for potential acquisition, environmental evaluation studies of the seven potential sites, potential for marketing income, and appraisal services.

Once phase two (scoping phase) of the project is complete, possibly as late as early summer, options will be presented at a public meeting before any final commitment will be considered. Any talk of purchase price or finance rates prior to the completion of the scoping phase is mere conjecture.

WORVPI President John Schnorr applauded Millan's announcement stating "it is important that we complete the process of determining the best path forward for all parties that may be involved. Certainly this announcement creates the opportunity for Forest County to have more influence on the final process as opposed to completing the project with private investors."

Thank you.

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Editors note: For more information or to join Wisconsin Off Road Vehicle Park Inc. see www.worvpi.org





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The National Front

[Del Albright, BRC Interim Director of Operations](#)
[Paul Turcke, Esq.](#)

POCATELLO, ID (November 12, 2013) -- The BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC) Board of Directors formally announced today that Del Albright will serve as Interim Director of Operations, overseeing the daily affairs of BRC following the [departure of former Executive Director Greg Mumm](#). Albright is well known to BRC supporters and the broader outdoor community, having worked with BRC for over a decade, most recently as the BRC Ambassador.

"It is with great anticipation that we promote Del to this position," said John Parrinello, President of the BRC Board. "He has the right mix of experience, vision, and credibility with our constituents to lead BRC at this important juncture," Parrinello explained.



[Del Albright](#)

"I am excited to tackle this new job and new challenge," said Albright. "We need to remind everyone what made BRC a leader in grassroots recreation advocacy. We will continue our time-tested strategies advancing recreation interests in the most efficient and effective way possible," Albright promised.

Del Albright has an extensive and diverse background, including service as the BRC Ambassador, as State Environmental Affairs Coordinator for the California Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs, and as a member in United Four Wheel Drive Associations, Friends of the Rubicon, Tread Lightly!, and the North American Motorized Recreation Council. Albright holds a bachelor's degree in Forestry and a master's degree in Environmental Planning. Before Albright "retired" to his present role as an outdoor recreation advocate, he served 26 years in the California Department of Forestry and 14 years in military service, including as a U.S. Army Green Beret. More information about Albright is available at www.delalbright.com.

Editors note: Del Albright is a long time WOHVA friend and supporter. We wish Del our sincere Congratulations and know he will do great things for the BRC.





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2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

22nd Spring Trails Meeting BOD Meeting to be held concurrently Location TBA

APRIL

10th Annual Enthusiasts Work Shop 11-13 Mole Lake Lodge BOD Meeting concurrent with weekend events

2013 Volunteer Appreciation dinner April 11th Mole Lake Lodge

MAY

17th Spring Pipeline Work Day

JUNE

4th BOD Meeting Location TBA

7th Trail Work Day, Mole Lake 9:00 AM

15th Parking for the KMSR Hillclimb

Sunburst Kewaskum

28th Trail Work Day, Mole Lake 9:00 AM

JULY

5th Trail Work Day, Mole Lake 9:00 AM

12th Trail Work Day, Mole Lake 9:00 AM

17th - 19th JJUSA, Mole Lake

AUGUST

2nd Trail Work Day, Mole Lake 9:00 AM

6th BOD Meeting, Location TBA

16th Trail Work Day, Mole Lake 9:00 AM

14th -16th Great Northern Trail Ride, Mole Lake

30th Trail Work Day, Mole Lake 9:00 AM

SEPTEMBER

27th Fall Pipeline Work Day

OCTOBER

4th Fall Trails Meeting, Location TBA

BOD Meeting to be held concurrently

19th Fall KMSR Field and Forest Location TBA

NOVEMBER

5th BOD Meeting Location TBA

