



# JeepsterNews

Monthly Newsletter of the  
WILLYS OVERLAND JEEPSTER CLUB



**OUR MOTTO:** *"Love At First Sight... It lasts a Lifetime!"*

Jay Sherwin

## RACING INTO 2023!

*Eugene Mease WOJC #3154 owns a special piece of old school dirt track racing history!*



### GOLD MINE SPEEDWAY

(1 Mile South of Tower City)  
Biggest Show of the Year!  
SUNDAY, JULY 10, 1954  
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FREE PARKING! FREE KIDS! FREE PROGRAMS!



### GOLD MINE SPEEDWAY

(1 Mile South of Tower City)  
STOCK CAR RACING!  
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Racing Every Sunday and Holidays!

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Admission .. \$1.04 plus tax

### GOLD MINE SPEEDWAY

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### Gold Mine Speedway

One-fourth Mile South of Tower City  
SATURDAY NIGHT, JUNE 28  
7:30 O'clock  
JULY 4TH PROGRAM  
2 P. M.

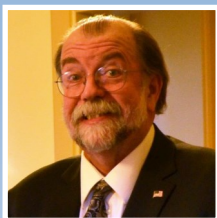
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between Bill and Hal Lord, Pottsville brothers. Hal will drive a Chevrolet and Bill will drive a Ford.

10-LAP RACES  
Children under 12 years admitted free when accompanied by parents.  
Admission \$1.25 including tax. Free Parking.



See complete story at: Dirt Track Pg. 4



### President's Corner by Pete Mozzone

*In 2022, I enjoyed welcoming over 60 new or returning members to WOJC!*

*We are truly a large group of friends brought together by our wonderful little cars, the Willys Jeepsters!*

*The club is stronger than ever and we look forward to continuing this trend into 2023!*



### Secretary-Treasurer Kevin Stepinski

Financial Report 12/10/2022

Beginning Balance	\$ 14,015.28
December Newsletter	- 680.85
Mailing Expense	- 55.26
Deposits	+1,223.01
Ending Balance	\$14,502.18
Current Active Membership	366

### FLORIDA WINTER LUNCHEON

All Jeepster Enthusiasts Invited! Bring a friend!  
Kevin Stepinski WOJC #3086 is hosting a luncheon in

### WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA

\* Saturday Feb. 11, 2023 \* Winter Garden Heritage & Music Festival!

\* Pay on your own, but please RSVP for planning purposes.

\* 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Farmers Market (optional).

\* 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Group Lunch (location to be announced based on response).

\* 1:00 PM - ?? Enjoy the Winter Garden Heritage & Music Festival on your own.

\* RSVP as soon as possible to Kevin Stepinski

wojctreasurer@gmail.com or 586-219-2438

### REMINDER: 2023 WOJC Membership

Payment is Due by January 1st

Did you send in your payment for 2023 membership?

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Willys Overland Jeepster Club

c/o Kevin Stepinski Secretary-Treasurer

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## Jeepster Meet Munchies!

BY: Alicia M. Kullas #2103

French Onion Soup appears to be a favorite ordered by many WOJC members when dining during recent meets. My research has discovered & perfected a method of simplifying that process. Enjoy!

### INGREDIENTS & PROCESS

1/3 Cup EVOO  
3 T Unsalted Butter  
4-5 #s White Onions Thinly Sliced  
½ teaspoon Kosher Salt  
1 T Sugar

(1) Mix well and cook covered on high in slow cooker for 7-9 hours to caramelize the onions, stirring occasionally.

(2) Using 2 quarts Beef Bone Broth (Simply Nature Organic) or Beef Stock. Warm broth in a separate saucepan over low heat.

Add to broth or beef stock

1 Cup Dry White Wine (Sauvignon Blanc)  
2 Tablespoons Dry Sherry  
2 Tablespoons All-Purpose Flour

(3) Once onions are caramelized, add them to a pot on the stove along with the wine and sherry.

Allow mixture to come to boil. Stir in the flour and let thicken for a minute or two.

(4) Slowly add warm broth, ¼ teaspoon salt (optional) and freshly ground pepper to the onion mixture and boil uncovered for 10 minutes. Add more salt and pepper to taste.

(5) Heat the broiler and arrange individual over-proof casseroles on a baking sheet. Ladle soup into casseroles and cover top with toasted bread cubes (French bread cut 10 millimeters (a bit more than 1/3") thick and cut again into quarters, toasted previously.) Sprinkle each casserole generously with chunks of Gruyere cheese. (Approximately 1 lb.) Broil for a minute or two, watching carefully, until cheese melts & browns. Serve Immediately!

## MIKE HAGEN WOJC #3262



## TO HOST SPRING 2023 MEET

Please join us for a terrific Willys Overland Jeepster Meet, from 13-16 April 2023, in Historic Montgomery, Alabama, the cradle of the Confederacy and the birthplace of the Civil Rights movement! We will be staying at the Fairfield Inn and Suites East Chase Parkway, located in an outdoor mall area with shops and restaurants. Reservations need to be made by March 30<sup>th</sup> 2023 to get the group rate of \$104 plus tax. There is ample parking adjacent to the hotel for your tow vehicle and trailer. When you arrive, we will greet you in a Hospitality Room at the hotel to give you additional information packets. Every morning, there is complementary breakfast along with many other hotel amenities.

On Friday, 14 April, we will take a Jeepster Tour of 35 miles through scenic Alabama countryside to the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site. There you will see a memorial hosted by the National Park Service to a group of American Airmen who overcame the cultural adversity of the day to serve their

nation in World War II. Arriving back at the hotel area around lunchtime, a group of 16 people (first 16 to register can sign up) will motor over to Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama for a tour of the facility that builds 1500 cars daily for the American market. The remainder of the group is free for the afternoon to drive the 10 miles to the downtown entertainment district for dinner at one of the many restaurants, or a Riverboat Dinner Cruise in the Harriott II Riverboat, or a fun-filled minor league baseball game with the Tampa Rays affiliate Montgomery Biscuits. You can also join your WOJC friends for a libation at the Aviator Bar. Little known fact: Montgomery Alabama was the site of the first flying school in 1910 with Wilbur and Orville Wright and a huge training area for pilots during WWII.

On Saturday, after breakfast at the hotel, we will motor back to downtown Montgomery to see the Rosa Parks Museum. Next, we will drive past the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church enroute to the Civil Rights Memorial. From there we will drive by the First White House of the Confederacy to the Alabama State capitol where we will see the place where Jefferson Davis was inaugurated as President of the Confederacy. Here there will be a photo opportunity in front with our Jeepsters! There will be lots to see and do in Montgomery, Alabama. You'll be free until the evening banquet of Southern Fare courtesy of Martha's Place, just a short ride from the hotel. There will still be time for a Montgomery Biscuits baseball game after dinner if you like.

Well, all good things must come to an end eventually and I'm sure with all the activities we have planned, though there will be some free time as well, you will be ready to settle in for a Sunday departure back home. We hope you will be inspired to join us in April, 2023!

Links will be posted at [JeepsterClub.com](http://JeepsterClub.com) & Facebook.

If you have questions about anything, contact Mike Hagen 334-300-5678 or Email [ac130Buff@aol.com](mailto:ac130Buff@aol.com)

See you in Montgomery!



### DIRT TRACK Continued from Pg. 1.

Eugene Mease WOJC #3153 is 80 years old, and is emphatic in saying he's going to own that Jeepster until the day he dies. He also reports that he's a retired car dealer and operated a car rental agency as well. So, he's a real car guy. He has bought and sold collector cars over the years and currently owns eight after he just sold two at the car coral at the big Hershey show. Those were a 1935 Ford three window coupe, and a Corvette that was shipped to Holland. Among his collection is a 1966 T-Bird and a 1968 'Cuda convertible. But of any collector car he's ever owned, his 1948 Jeepster gets the most attention. "I can't take it anywhere, to the store or a gas station without being surrounded with people asking what it is and telling me how much they like it!" he said.

Eugene doesn't know the complete history of the car except it was owned by the Gold Mine Speedway in nearby Tower City, PA. He currently resides in Jonestown, PA which is less than twenty miles away. He explains, "The track is still there, but it's been closed for years, and nature has taken back the land." He went on to say that it was a dirt track, very similar to so many small ¼ mile rural tracks back in the 1940's and 1950's. According to the history of this type of racing in Pennsylvania, the track opened in 1950 and closed in 1953. Yet, newspaper advertisements have been found promoting events in 1954. The original promoter's son reopened the track in 1962 but had to shut it down in 1968 due to fewer and fewer racers showing up, as well as a lack of racing fan support. Eugene says that while operating, the track was great entertainment for local folk. Many guys wanted to race their cars, which were mostly 1932 through 1938 Fords. These cars were considered jalopies at the time. Eugene has no idea how the Jeepster was used by the speedway owners saying, "It may have been a pace car, or possibly they simply drove it around town to advertise the track. You know these Jeepsters always get lots of attention!"

Gene happened to spot the car long after Gold Mine Speedway was long forgotten and bought it on the spot. "I drove it for a year or two but man, did she burn oil!" he said, "I had a friend who had been in the racing game, and he rebuilt the engine for me. He bored out the cylinders, added larger intake valves, and we developed a custom intake manifold so we could install a Holley 4412 two-barrel carburetor." Eugene assures us that the car will now cruise at 60-65 miles per hour all day long.

It is not known how the Gold Mine Speedway got its name, but our club member certainly has an historical gold mine in this once in a lifetime Jeepster!

(Editor's Note: Eugene's car will be featured in the 2024 Jeepster Calendar)



### LOTS OF TRACTION FOR LOTS OF ACTION

When renewing their membership for 2023, David & Elaine Phillips WOJC #1905 shared this photo of their 1950 Jeepster which they modified for their rocky mountain road trips. The Jeepster has a 4x4 drivetrain with a 360 CI V8.



### SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER!

Doug Butler WOJC #0679 will be 98 years old and is a WW2 Army Air Corps veteran and stays active with his community service volunteer work. He's an active member of his Kiwanis Club, and reports that he was swamped with invitations to drive his Jeepster in many regional Christmas Parades. Doug also proudly displays his "50 Year Jeepster Medallion" on his glovebox door.



### SHARING THE LOVE

When Ronnie Baggett WOJC #2159 of Hayesville, NC wrote to Secretary-Treasurer Kevin Stepinski he said,

**"I enjoy getting my newsletter JeepsterNews each month. Pete does a great job on the stories from new members, meets and keeps us informed on Tech information. It's great coverage of our love at first sight...It lasts a lifetime Jeepsters! When I originally joined, Mr. Jay Sherwin kept things going and he is a true lover of the Jeepster!"**

*(Ronnie, I am truly honored to be mentioned in the same letter as Jay Sherwin. However there is no "I" in team and all of our officers, board, and members who support our mission make the club work. Even so, THANK YOU! Pete)*





# WOJC Spring 2023 Jeepster Meet!

## April 13-16

### Montgomery, Alabama

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ WOJC # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Will you bring a Jeepster? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer \_\_\_\_\_ Drive it \_\_\_\_\_ Modern Car \_\_\_\_\_

Does your Jeepster have a name? If so, please share it \_\_\_\_\_

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THURSDAY April 13th: Arrive at hotel, meet host & other members, settle in, dinner on your own or with friends.

FRIDAY April 14th: 35 mile scenic Jeepster driving tour to Tuskegee Airmen Historic Site. **FREE**

**FREE BONUS TOUR: 2:30-4:00 PM. Limited to first 16 paid registered members.**

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SATURDAY April 15th: Cradle of the Confederacy / Birthplace of Civil Rights Movement Jeepster Tour

Downtown Montgomery: Rosa Parks Museum (\$7.50) Pay as you go. Dexter Avenue King Baptist Church (Free)

Civil Rights Memorial (\$5.00) Pay as you go.

State Capitol. Jefferson Davis Inaugural Foot Prints.

White House of the Confederacy. (Closed Saturday but many photo opportunities)

SATURDAY EVENING: Club banquet featuring classic southern fare at Martha's Place Restaurant.

Saturday Club Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ People @ \$30.00 per person includes tax & tip = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

WOJC REGISTRATION FEE (Member, Spouse, Family Member, guest) \_\_\_\_\_ People @ \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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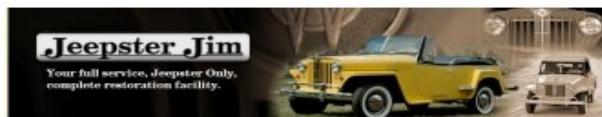


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**DEAR JEEPSTER NEWS: Nov 28, 2022**

Hello, My name is Tom Seibel from Columbia, Missouri. I'm the proud owner of a 1948 Jeepster. I've owned my Jeepster for less than 1 month. I enjoy it every day, either by working on it or just driving it around town. I'm glad I joined WOJC and look forward to talking and asking questions about my Jeepster!

*Tom! Welcome to the Willys Overland Jeepster Club. We look forward to learning more about you and your Jeepster. While you're out for a spin, please consider posing your car in some scenic spots in your area and sharing them with us for publication in JeepsterNews. Very best wishes, Pete Mozzone, Editor.*





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Willys Overland Factory promo photo shows a pro photographer who set up his Jeepster as a platform for shooting events!

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## Welcome New Members!

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1950 Jeepster - red - 6 cylinder - stock

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1948 Jeepster - yellow - stock

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1948 Jeepster - yellow - stock

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1949 Jeepster - Fiesta Yellow  
4 cylinder - stock



Jeepster Designer Brooks Stevens, left meets with David Moskowitz, center, and his dad.

### THIS DATE IN HISTORY:

By- David Moskowitz

50 years ago, in the WOJC January 1973 newsletter, it starts with an article about the December 9, 1972, Founders Meet. That was what the main annual 'Fall' club gathering used to be called. The article was written by Jay Sherwin, our long-time Secretary-Treasurer. He produced our newsletters and handled club finances for many years. I met Jay and his wife Irene at meets in the mid-seventies. They are wonderfully nice people. As part of his treasurer's report, Jay informed the meet attendees that the club had almost doubled in size in the past year. Jay also reported on the balance sheet, that the club was

comfortably in the black. The issue lists five Jeepsters for sale, ranging in price from \$175 (but will 'dicker') to \$750. The issue includes an announcement that the Jeepster was accepted into the Milestone Car Society. This was a distinction of note at the time.

25 years ago, in the WOJC January 1998 This newsletter was edited by our esteemed current President and newsletter author, Pete Mozzone! A special header announced that the new year marks 50 years of Jeepsters. The issue opens with a reprint of a classic ad, one starting with 'now comes a dream of a car...'. An article provides lots of detailed information on Jeepster colors. It covers more than just the paint, including items such as the tops, seat frames, upholstery and wheels. There is also good information on the side curtains and floor mats. A full report is included on the Fall 1997 Founders meet held in Cleveland, Ohio. A Service Bulletin discusses the overdrive system wiring and includes a wiring diagram with the color of each lead. Besides the usual classified ads, 50th anniversary medallions, designed and produced by two club members, were offered at \$15.00 each plus shipping. The back cover has a great photo of Delmar 'Barney' Roos of Willys Overland at the plant with a 1949 Jeepster. He is described as the 'Father of the Jeep'. An interesting feature is that the car shown has a small emblem at the top center of the front of the grill, but no 'T' bar. The caption notes cars were offered this way that year to reduce cost. The vehicle is also lacking bumper guards.

(This column is a new monthly feature to JeepsterNews.)



**Miss January 2023**



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**LOOKING BACK:** Willys rolled out their new model 'Jeepster' in 1948 and along with it a strong advertising campaign intended to bring all the attention possible to the car. This is an example of a factory promotional photo shot at a state fair no doubt somewhere in the American heartland. Note the businessman behind the wheel and the interesting antenna mounted in the rear.