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*****August News Letter*****

NOTE FROM CHRIS MOB PRESIDENT

We had a nice outing at Rib City. There is interest in putting on a car show in the fall. Looking at numerous sights in the area. It is easier to put on a car show without a swap meet.

NEXT MOB MEETING

WHEN: August 12th, Wed.
WHERE: Me Maws B-B-Q
Located at 4916 Babcock St N.E. Palm Bay, 32905
TIME: 5:30 social hour, 6:30 meeting.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Debbie Verzi	4th
Larry Groves	6th
Joseph Naulty	7th

Doris Heuer	11th
Mike Nemiec	19th
Joan Yater	30th

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Ray & Joan Yater	9th
Pete & Anne Swaar	29th

TOPICS TO DISCUSS

Possible fall car show
Monthly outing.

EVENT LISTINGS

Back to School car show at Fords Garage

Sunday August 2nd 8 - 11
5480 Lake Andrew Dr.
Melbourne

Cars and Caffeine

Sunday August 2nd 9-11 AM

4620 Babcock St NE, Palm Bay

Champs Steak House

Saturday, August 8th

12:30 – 3:30

N Sykes Pkwy, Merritt Island, FL

New Smyrna Swap Meet and Classic Car Cruise-in

Saturday August 15th

8:30 – 10:30 AM

3939 Fl-44, New Smyrna Beach, FL

DJ, 50/50, Door prizes, Food trucks

Beer & Burgers Car Cruise

Saturday August 15th 11

AM- 2 PM

Elks Lodge, 731 S Fleming
St. Sabastian, FI

Show Us Your Wheels Car Show (Daddy O's)

Saturday August 29th 9AM-
12 PM

772 W King St, Cocoa, FI
32922

Along US 1

Dogs R Us Cruise in, Titusville Saturday August 22th 2 – 5 PM

Dogs R Us, 4200 S
Washington Ave, Titusville

By Penny Anderson

PETE AND KATIE STASIO



On May 30th, past MOB
members recently
celebrated 40 years together

by the reciting of vows. The venue was their local church in Thomasville, North Carolina in which state they now reside. For many years, both Katie and Pete were instrumental in many MOB functions. Pete held the office of the President, Swap Meet Chairman and Cruise in for Charity Chairman. Katie was in charge of the Swap Meet Bake Sale for many years. I understand they are both enjoying retirement plus their new location which has 4 seasons in which they delight in.

We MISS YOU! Happy for you two and wish you many, many more years to come!

How the Jeep went from Army scout vehicle to American icon

Tom Lounsbury: Michigan
Outdoors



The U.S. military began realizing during the 1930s that it needed a light reconnaissance vehicle due to the quickly developing atmosphere of modern warfare.

The British had been using some tough vehicles made by Austin, but they were two-wheel drive and causing issues during reconnaissance in rough country. It was determined the only way to go would be with a light and compact vehicle which featured four-wheel drive. The German blitzkrieg in 1939 put developing an ideal scouting vehicle into overdrive.

1940 found the Army Quartermaster Corps (QMC) seeking designs and bids from various American automobile manufacturers. The three main competitors were Ford, Willys-Overland and a small company called American Bantam Motors. There was lobbying and a bit of skullduggery taking place to win the government contract, which would mean millions.

Bantam came up with the best design, but Army officials (under the guise the data was Army property) allowed the other competitors to review all of Bantam's technical data, who in turn would create their own versions which were nearly identical to Bantam's. Being the lowest bidder, Willys-Overland won the contract, and production began in 1941.

There are various theories as to where the name “Jeep” came from. It is said that when Willys-Overland reps were giving rides to politicians up and down the White House steps with the new reconnaissance vehicle, one of them told a reporter it was a “Jeep,” so it came out as such in newspapers the next day.

It turns out it was a term which goes back to World War I, when Army mechanics called any automobile to be tested a Jeep. There was also the 1930s cartoon character called “Eugene the Jeep,” who could go anywhere. Because it was a very effective vehicle for scouting activities, it was called a “Peep” by World War II soldiers. It was an extremely versatile and dependable vehicle which could also be armed, even with anti-aircraft guns, and stretchers for transporting the wounded. It was never commonly called a Jeep by soldiers until the Korean War, when Willys-Overland would give it the official name Jeep in 1950. Willys-Overland was purchased by Kaiser Motors in 1953 which would become the Kaiser-Jeep Corporation in 1963. Kaiser would sell its automobile business to

American Motors Corporation (AMC) in 1970, which in turn would be purchased by the Chrysler Corporation in 1987. This is when the “CJ” designation of Jeeps that had been around for years was dropped and the newly designed “Wrangler” came into being. My first plunge into four-wheeling was with a brand new 1974 Ford Bronco and truthfully, I have never wanted to be without a 4-wheel drive capability ever since. Like the British military during the 1930s, I found two-wheel drive to be a bit lacking for my outdoor lifestyle. However, venturing into four-wheeling taught me humility right away, because nothing is as stuck as four-wheel drive when you try to tackle the impossible! My trusty Bronco had become a beat-up rust-bucket when I purchased a bright red 1986 Jeep CJ 7. It was a very versatile vehicle which even included a snowplow, and I dearly loved to plow snow with it. All three of my sons used that little Jeep to learn how to drive and with a four-on-the-floor transmission, they learned how to manually shift gears, something many kids don’t know anything about these days. We also shared many outdoor adventures, thanks

to the Jeep, and there was the family vacation to the U.P. with all three boys seat-belted into the back seat, and our luggage and gear in a small trailer towed behind. Then came the moment when my two older sons, Jake and Josh, were in high school and they decided to “transform” the Jeep when I wasn’t home. I knew its hardtop was removable, as were its doors, and that the windshield could be folded over onto the hood. It is just that I liked it the way it was, and yep, folks, I was a bit breathless, but after regaining my emotions, I quickly adapted because its rugged, “combat ready” look grew on me (I believe my sons thought the transformed Jeep would make a great “chick-mobile”). From that time on, warm weather permitting, the Jeep went frequently about in the transformed mode, a fact the versatile Jeep has always been known for. There was also the memorable moment when my son Josh was home from college for Christmas during muzzleloader deer season. There was an impending big snowstorm, with snow already coming down heavily at a steady rate when we headed for a likely location to do a two-person deer

drive, which we performed in a leapfrog fashion by taking turns being the stander or driver.

The snowstorm was reaching blizzard proportions when I pushed a fork-horn buck to Josh, which he dropped at near-point-blank range when it busted out of the swirling storm and nearly ran over him.

We quickly tagged and field-dressed the buck, and by the time we reached our little red Jeep, a near-blinding blizzard was in full progress. Being only a couple miles from home, we simply threw the buck across the Jeep's hood. We had to bust through snowdrifts, which were beginning to plug the road, but our dependable little Jeep did its duty!

I had the CJ-7 Jeep for over 20 years and eventually, quite sadly, we parted ways when I purchased a four-wheel-drive Jeep Grand Cherokee, which was a

great vehicle, but alas, it couldn't be transformed any and lacked that rustic "Jeep" look I had grown to appreciate. Then 15 years ago, I started frequently seeing the new four-door Jeep Wrangler around the country, and it certainly piqued my interest. I told my wife Ginny that we really needed one, and much to my surprise, she agreed. The color we picked is "Mango Tango," a coppery orange. The four-door Wrangler is longer and a bit wider than my old CJ 7, but I see a whole bunch of similarities, including it can be transformed somewhat (the roof can be easily removed in 4 sections). And I have always appreciated a sturdy rollbar for off-road adventures.

Ginny and I soon learned about the "Jeep wave," whereby Jeep Wrangler owners usually wave at each other when meeting on the

road, which I find rather unique and friendly, because it makes you feel like you are all one big family. Like the Jeep ads say, the Wrangler gives you an automatic sense of freedom and adventure, something I believe began with that first successful four-wheel drive, light, compact reconnaissance vehicle. Fifteen years later, our well-made 2011 Jeep Wrangler still looks good and remains as dependable as ever. Yep, folks, we are not about to go our separate ways, and like its predecessors, it is tough, durable, and ultimately versatile.

The basic concept and look are still there and no doubt are the key reasons the Jeep remains an American icon 85 years later.

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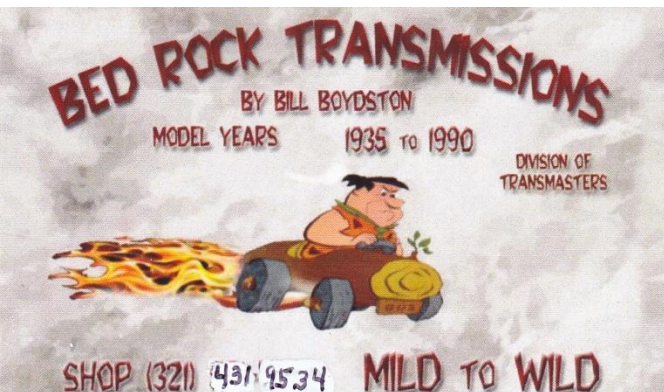
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