

Turtle News



**November /
December 2011**

2011 Mud Turtles Board

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Joliet Mud Turtles Club meetings are held the 2nd
Wednesday of each month at **7 pm**.
They are held at Cemeno's Pizza
on Essington in Joliet.

If you have articles to submit or items to sell, you can
reach Jimmy at 815-693-8129 or taz138@comcast.net

Joliet Mud Turtles
P.O. Box 351
Joliet, IL 60434

Calendar of Upcoming Events

December 14, 2011 - Club Meeting at Cemeno's Pizza

December 25, 2011 - Christmas Day

January 1, 2012 - New Year's Day Run at the Cliffs

January 21, 2012 - Bowling Party at Channahon Lanes

Dues are due THIS Wednesday
At the meeting. Please plan on
Paying your dues. If they are late, you will
Pay a \$5 late fee.

Bowling Party

The bowling party is January 21 at Channahon Lanes in
Channahon, IL. It will be \$5 a person. The rest will be
covered by the club.

We will have pizza, bowling, and more!!

Please check the website for more details.

Channahon Lanes
25306 West Eames Street
Channahon, IL 60410-5053

Recent Events

November 25, Paul Bough, Scott Bryll, Scott Oldham, and Ralphie went to the Badlands for the day. They had a great time and apparently no breaks!

Toys For Tots 2011

December 3 was the annual Toys for Tots at the Badlands. There was a whole convoy that went down this year.

Brian
Josh Henson
Jimmy Lowry
Kyle
Jay
Derek
Paul Bough
Froggy
Brandon
Tyler

All brought their trucks and many more rode alone. Lunch was provided by 4 Wheelers to Freedom if you brought a Toy to donate. We did some good wheeling. We started out on Orange, but Pinky had to take a Pit stop to repair a "bullet proof" dana 60. After that we continued on and finished the trail. Then we headed to the quarry to play on the rocks. Brandon broke a U-joint and used a log as a jack (extremely clever!) We finished the day off with Green and headed to the World Famous Hotel Attica for some mouth watering Filet Mignon!

It was a great weekend with no major breakage! Thanks to all who came out and donated toys for the great cause! There are some pictures in the newsletter and the rest of the pictures and videos will be up on the website shortly.

Our Convoy on Orange



Brandon Wheelin it Up



Derek stuck on Orange. Amazingly
Enough, he only got stuck once with a
Stock Jeep Cherokee!!



Kyle washing his truck off



Playing on the dunes



Paul Playing on the Dunes



Josh in the quarry



Jimmy in the quarry



Family News

All members and their families are assumed to be in good health. We can be thankful for that.

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In an effort to reduce costs and become more “Green”, the Turtle News will be posted on the Mud Turtle website and sent via e-mail to Club members. The format will change so it will be more printer friendly for those who wish to print out a hard copy. **If you are a member and wish to have Turtle News sent to your e-mail account, please send an e-mail to webmaster@jolietmudturtles.org stating you would like the Turtle News sent to your e-mail account.**

Check out the new forum at the Club web site. Use it to schedule outings, discuss projects, or report on past outings with other Club members.

Please send your truck specs (year, make, model, engine, lift, axles, tires, etc.) and a picture to:

webmaster@jolietmudturtles.org

Classified

* New Derale engine oil cooler, part# 15502 fits all 4,6,8 cylinder Ford, Chrysler, Chevy, except Chevy V8 1999 and earlier - \$35 Roger (Doodles) Doolin – 309-275-8835

* 4 - 16.5 x 9.75 steel black and chrome modular wheels/ 8lug 6.5"/ 4 3/4" back spacing/ some rust - \$75 set Frank Grigus – 815-546-4794

* Edelbrock 440 aluminum intake/ Chrysler 440 - \$75 Frank Grigus – 815-546-4794

* Hydraulic steering ram 2 1/2" bore x 6 1/2" stroke used - \$50 Frank Grigus – 815-546-4794

* Taylor 8mm spiro pro series plug wire set/ part#74272/ dodge V8 big block 1960-79 - \$30 Frank Grigus – 815-546-4794

2 - Alpine 5 1/4" Auto speakers, new never used. Part # SPS-1329S - \$25 Frank Grigus – 815-546-4794

* Xantrex 3000 watt Power Inverter, new never used - \$200 Frank Grigus – 815-546-4794

* 4" or 6" lift kit fits '80 - '96 full-size bronco - \$150 Frank Grigus – 815-546-4794

* Jeep OEM Hardtop. Will fit 1988 -1996 YJ - \$350 Scott Bryll – 630-650-3158

Special Services

Off-road Parts Distributor Club Discount

Jimmy Lowry has set up an account with an off-road distributor. We will be able to get everything related to off-roading (tires, winches, etc.). Significant discounts are possible. Please have manufacturer's part numbers for items you would like priced and/or ordered. All orders will be shipped to Jimmy Lowry's house. Cash is preferred. Check with Jimmy for credit card payments. Contact Jimmy Lowry (815-693-8129).



Off-road buggy frames, custom off-road suspensions, and custom steering systems with a fabrication service for special brackets and miscellaneous parts. There are a lot of things going on around the shop lately the most important thing is I purchased a powder coating system and oven so I will be powder coating soon. Also a large set of dimple dies and a high end tube roller. This will make it possible to make large radius bends like across hoods around a windshield, or across a top of a Jeep Cherokee. The dimple dies make thinner materials stronger by flaring the holes and also make it look much cooler than a flat boring gusset or tab. A special tool I purchased allows me to dimple materials while still on the vehicle, no need to put these in a press. Such as a series of holes along a hood for cooling or a TJ grill for recessed turn signals. I also am working on YJ to XJ conversion bumpers with built in Ballistic Joints instead of Urethane bushings which will offer a lot more flex. Lots and lots of XJ stuff also in the works from rocker protection to safari racks with desert style light bars that will fold down for trees. Also in the works is a DIY traction bar for the guys running spring overs using Ballistic bushings and DOM tubing. There will be some options available with these like adjustable Ballistic joints on the pivot end for even less binding and 2 different radius arm brackets for more separation. Also short and long versions for YJ's with XJ spring conversions. Nobbies Off-Road is an authorized dealer for PSC Steering, Ballistic Fabrication, and Poly Performance. For all your hardcore off-road needs call Jason Willis at 815-651-9146 or e-mail at nobbiesoffroad@yahoo.com or jason@nobbiesoffroad.com to place orders