

Recovery Points

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...because access to YOUR public land is too important to lose

President's Message

From the desk of the President of the Middle Atlantic Four Wheel Drive Association

Larry Pope

MAFWDA President

I hope everyone had an opportunity to get out on the trails this past spring. I along with a few members from Capital Off Road Enthusiasts (CORE) had the pleasure of participating in the MAFWDA Spring Volunteer Weekend at Green Ridge State Forest.

There is a MAFWDA outing and a member clubs' event coming up soon; Preston Stevens, MAFWDA Director of Conservation and Land Use, will be hosting the annual MAFWDA Potomac State Forest Volunteer weekend July 8th through the 10th. Also there is the PA Jeeps 21st Annual All Breed Jeep Show July 16th and 17th at the York, Pa fairgrounds. MAFWDA will have a booth at the show and I hope if you have the opportunity to attend you will stop by and say hello. I am sure others have trail rides scheduled and planned for the summer. I remind and ask everyone to be safe while travelling and on the trails. While on the trails please remember the basics of Off Road 101.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer. I am sure I'll see you on a trail somewhere.❖

Larry Pope

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MAFWDA GRSF Volunteer Weekend (5/21/2016)

Andrew Taylor

CORE

Once again Larry Pope set up a volunteering opportunity for Mid Atlantic Four Wheel Drive Association to take place in Green Ridge State Forest (GRSF). CORE has had members in attendance to every one of these opportunities since their inception in the spring of 2013 when Larry was the CORE President. As often happens what was expected to be a bigger crowd dropped drastically at the last minute due to lifes complications. But still in attendance were the following.

- Larry and Berna Pope and Granddaughter Alexis from MAWFDA – Blue JK
- Andrew and Cherie Taylor from CORE – Silver Xterra
- Robert Rixham and Fred Granruth (and Trudi!) from CORE – Silver 4Runner

Larry, Berna and Alexis got to camp Friday afternoon around lunchtime. Cherie and I arrived just before dark to maintain our reputation of always setting up our tent in the dark. After getting settled in and hearing about Alexis' "squatch hunting" during the afternoon we all called it a night in preparation for the work to be done on Saturday.



Through the night we all enjoyed the sound of steady rain on the roof of our tent and trailer. In the morning around 8:45 Robert, Fred and Trudi arrived at our camp. At about 9am Mark Beals, GRSF Manager, arrived to chat about the days project, show us an Eastern Box turtle he'd pulled off the road, and lead us

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to our work location. Our work would occur on some newly purchased property that GRSF had recently acquired. The drive to our work location was longer than in the past, taking us about 30 minutes from Group Site 1.

We had two projects to complete for the day. The first was to build a new split rail fence on either side of a new gate. The fence would help to define a new parking area that visitors will be able to use when entering this part of the property to hunt, hike, or just come out to enjoy the large field. The holes had been pre-drilled but the work was fun in the sloppy mud. While some of us set to fence building others planted trees. Project number two was planting Eastern Hemlock and a type of hardwood. The hemlock is currently being attacked by the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid and so GRSF is putting extra effort to combat this pest as well as ensure there are still healthy hemlocks being added.

The fence building proved to be an interesting project. Some of the holes spacing wasn't quite right requiring us to either move the holes or to pull out a chainsaw to shorten the horizontal fence members. We ended up employing both methods at one point or another while assembling the fence. All of the vertical posts were fixed in place with concrete that we mixed on site. Most of the holes had enough water in them from the rain we just had to add the powder!



About the time we finished the fence the last trees were planted. We all set to adding mulch to the bases of the new trees. It was about noon, and so we thanked Mark for the opportunity, packed up the tools back into his truck, and parted ways with the MAFWDA crew heading back to camp. Back at camp Robert and Fred hung out for a few minutes before heading out to get lunch on their way home, possibly at the new Oak Barrel Cafe at exit 72 on I-68.

After lunch Cherie and I headed out on our own for a bit just to drive around and enjoy a little bit of Green Ridge (and to get out of the rain for a bit). With conditions as wet as they were, and us wheeling alone, we decided not to risk getting stuck on Twigg Road. That being said, we discovered Gordon Road which turned out to be a fun little drive. Nothing a stock 4x4 couldn't

handle, but still fun! When we returned to camp Larry also mentioned that he'd recently done Picnic Road for the first time, and when it was wet and muddy it was quite the hill to try to climb. Next time.

We relaxed in camp that evening and parted ways Sunday morning. Larry and Berna were just hooking the trailer up to the truck when we headed out. Cherie and I took the scenic route by way of some of the overlooks on Oldtown Orleans Road on the east side of the forest. We stopped for lunch at the Oak Barrel Cafe to discover Larry, Berna and Alexis just leaving. The food at Oak Barrel was apparently a good way for all of us to finish off our fun weekend! ❖

Andrew

Former Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley moved to hospice

Preson Stevens

MAFWDA Land Use Director

Today, I heard on WCBM radio that former Congresswoman, Helen Delich Bentley is in home hospice. She is 92 years old. In 1992, she was a speaker at the United Four Wheel Drive Associations Convention that was held at the Day Hotel in Timonium, Md. She was fantastic. The delegates and guests loved her. Especially, her stories about her nephew, the late Mark Smith of the Jeep Jamboree USA. Mrs. Bentley was very involved in the Port of Baltimore, Maritime Exchange. She brought a lot of business to our port.

She was probably 4'10" in her high heels, but tough as nails. Yet, that kind. She was Republican, but she voted for what she felt was good for her people, and had no problem going against the grain. Not at all a rhino, but was certainly known by others on the hill as a "renegade." Has had the respect from members of both houses and both parties.

Dave Hook and I had a 6:30pm appointment with her once. She saw us at 7:00pm. We left at 7:30 and she had more folks waiting to see her. She was the real deal. While she had her aids like other representatives, she most often did things herself. Such as calling me at my home, at like 6:30 in the evening to tell me she has accepted the invitation to speak at that United Convention.

Her and her family are in my prayers. I feel she is a great lady.

For more information on the life of U.S. Rep. Helen Bentley see:

<http://www.wbaltv.com/news/former-us-rep-helen-bentley-in-hospice-care/40170482>

MAFWDA Recommended Businesses

The MAFWDA membership recommends these local businesses for your four wheel driving accessories and services. If you own a business or know of a business that would like to become a Business Partner contact Larry Pope MAFWDA President Director (President@mafwd.org).

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The Dollar Bill & Its Meaning

A Patriot's Reminder

Reprint:

<http://www.deanza.edu/faculty/swensson/dollarmeaning.html>

Take out a one dollar bill and look at it.

The one dollar bill you're looking at first came off the presses in 1957 in its present design. This so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen blend, with red and blue minute silk fibers running through it. It is actually material. We've all washed it without it falling apart. A special blend of ink is used, the contents we will never know. It is with overprinted symbols and then it is starched to make it water resistant and pressed to give it that nice crisp look.

If you look on the front of the bill, you will see the United States Treasury Seal. On the top you will see the scales for balance - a balanced budget.

In the center you have a carpenter's T-square, a tool used for an even cut. Underneath is the Key to the United States Treasury. That's all pretty easy to figure out, but what is on the back of that dollar bill is something we should all know.

If you turn the bill over, you will see two circles. Both circles, together, comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved. If you look at the left hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted and the western side is dark.

This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the West or decided what we could do for Western Civilization.

The Pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished inside the capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity.

It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could

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DO YOU KNOW YOUR MAFWDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

Your MAFWDA Board of Directors is composed of volunteer members who contribute their free time to keep the organization going. Currently we have the following folks on the BOD:

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Do you have free time and are willing to help MAFWDA? If so contact one of the Board members at the email addresses above. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAFWDA POTOMAC STATE FOREST FAMILY FOUR WHEELING / CAMPING WEEKEND

July 6-13

Volunteer work weekend, camping, and trail ride in Potomac State Forest

Email: pstevens122656@comcast.net
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York Fairgrounds
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http://www.4wheeljamboree.com/Bloomsburg_4_Wheel_Jamboree_2016

TOPLESS FOR TATAS

August 12-14, 2016

Rausch Creek Off Road Park

Email:

Web site: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/8th-annual-topless-for-tatas-wheeling-event-registration-18134501783>

Big Dogs

August 13-14, 2016

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Big Dogs

September 9-11, 2016

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October 15, 2016

Rausch Creek Off Road Park

Email: <http://www.4w2h.org/contact/>

Web site: <http://www.4w2h.org>

Any additions? Contact Mike Vincenty to get them added to the MAFWDA calendar (Newsletter@mafwd.org). ❖

News Items Wanted

The MAFWDA "Recovery Points" newsletter is always looking for interesting articles and news items for publication. If you or your club has something that you would like to share with other members of the four-wheel drive community, please shoot an email to Mike V (MAFWDA newsletter editor) at Newsletter@mafwd.org and he will ensure your contribution is included in the next published edition.

"Recovery Points" is published quarterly (Jan, Apr, Jul, and Oct).

Quote

"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." **[Abraham Lincoln]**

"Those who won our independence... valued liberty as an end and as a means. They believed liberty to be the secret of happiness and courage to be the secret of liberty." **[Louis D. Brandeis]**

"If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter." **[George Washington]**

■ The Dollar Bill & Its Meaning

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do anything. "IN GOD WE TRUST" is on this currency.

The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUI COEPTIS, means "God has favored our undertaking."

The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means "a new order has begun."

At the base of the pyramid is the Roman numeral for 1776.

If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery and is the centerpiece of most hero's monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet no one knows what the symbols mean.

The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: first he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong and he is smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England.

Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own.

At the top of that shield you have a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation.

In the Eagle's beak you will read, "E PLURIBUS UNUM," meaning "one nation from many people."

Above the Eagle you have thirteen stars representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away.

Again, we were coming together as one. Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace.

The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

They say that the number 13 is an unlucky number. This is almost a worldwide belief. You will usually never see a room numbered 13, or any hotels or motels with a 13th floor. But, think about this:

13 original colonies,

13 signers of the Declaration of Independence,

13 stripes on our flag,

13 steps on the Pyramid,

13 letters in the Latin above,

13 letters in "E Pluribus Unum",

13 stars above the Eagle,

13 plumes of feathers on each span of the Eagle's wing,

13 bars on that shield,

13 leaves on the olive branch,

13 fruits, and if you look closely, 13 arrows.

And for minorities: the 13th Amendment.

Ask people, "Why don't you know this?" Your children don't know this and their history teachers don't know this.

Too many veterans have given up too much to ever let the meaning fade. Many veterans remember coming home to an America that did not care.

Too many veterans never came home at all.

Tell everyone what is on the back of the one dollar bill and what it stands for, because nobody else will. ❖

"And they who for their country die shall fill an honored grave, for glory lights the soldier's tomb, and beauty weeps the brave." --Joseph Rodman Drake

Do we have your email?

As a member of MAWDA, you should be receiving periodic communications from your fellow MAFWDA Board Members. If you haven't been receiving these messages, we probably do not have your current email address. Shoot Mike V your email address at Secretary@mafwd.org and he will ensure you are added to the MAFWDA email list.

Also all current MAFWDA members are encouraged to post items of interest for follow four wheelers on this public email list. Simply send email message to mafwd_news@mafwd.org.

Federal Land Grab Continues

Obama Again Bypasses Congress

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"We've designated new monuments and historic sites that better reflect the story of all our people," President Barack Obama recently boasted at Yosemite National Park.

What he's referring to is the White House's authority to classify large swaths of land as national monuments based on an obscure provision in the 1906 Antiquities

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Act. With that designation, the federal government can restrict all sorts of activities on the land, including ranching, off-roading and energy production — disregarding the wishes of local communities. Obama can effectively rope off millions of acres in states like California and Utah without congressional approval.



President Barack Obama signs a proclamation in the Oval Office of the White House on April 20, 2012, to designate federal lands within Fort Ord, a former military base located on California's Central Coast, as a National Monument under the Antiquities Act. (AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

The Obama administration does so diligently: It has already set aside over 265 million acres of land, more territory than any other president in history. During his two terms, the president has added 22 sites to the National Park System under the Antiquities Act.

But federal oversight of America's lands leaves plenty to be desired. A recent analysis from the Property and Environment Research Center found that the federal government loses billions of dollars a year caring for land under its control — now nearly 30 percent of the entire country. For every dollar spent on land management, the federal government only recoups 73 cents in revenue. Recent estimates show the National Park Service has more than \$11 billion in deferred maintenance, while the U.S. Forest Service has more than \$300 million in backlogged trail repairs.

NPS is also under fire for allegations of mismanagement and sexual harassment. The chief park ranger at Florida's Canaveral National Seashore, for instance, was accused of sexually harassing women on three separate cases in two years; yet he still works at the park.

"The department does not do well in holding employees accountable who engage in misconduct," Interior Deputy Inspector General Mary Kendall explained. "Often, management avoids discipline altogether."

But the Obama administration continues plugging away with monument declarations. It represents the president's "keep it in the ground" stance on fossil fuels, which has led to a decrease of production on federal lands. While the country is in the midst of an energy revolution, the growth has come almost

exclusively on state and private land. According to the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service, between 2009 and 2013, oil production increased by 61 percent on state and private lands, but actually dropped 6 percent on federal lands. Natural gas production rose by a third on state and private land during that same time period, but plummeted on federal lands by 28 percent.

Federal lands could provide a tremendous economic boon. A study by Timothy Consideine, a professor of energy economics at the University of Wyoming, found opening federal lands could lead to \$26.5 billion in annual gross regional product, more than \$5 billion in tax revenue and more than 200,000 jobs in the Rocky Mountain region alone. But a small contingent of radical environmental groups blindly opposed to fossil fuels has convinced the president to lock up these resources.

And in an effort to drown out local opposition, left-wing activists have gone to extreme lengths to cloak their appearance.

A group called the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership and a handful of other supposed hunter-advocate organizations recently released a report extolling the virtues of the Antiquities Act as a powerful conservation tool and praised Obama for his use of executive power.

In order to make up for lack of actual support among the American people for federal land grabs, environmental and left-wing foundations have dumped millions of dollars into groups that claim to represent hunters and anglers, using them to create a false grass-roots image behind the use — or abuse — of presidential powers.

As an example, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers — one of the report's supporters — receives the lion's share of its funding not from grass-roots sportsmen but from environmentalists such as Wyss Foundation, which also donates heavily to radical activists at the Natural Resources Defense Council and Earthjustice (the "law firm of the environment") — which oppose affordable energy development in favor of unreliable and expensive wind and solar energy.

TRCP, meanwhile, gets most of its money from environmentalists and Big Labor, according to tax records.

In 2010, leaked documents from the Obama administration identified more than a dozen sites covering 13 million acres as potential new targets for monument designation.

In other words, the problem is only getting worse. And not much can be done unless Congress rolls back President Obama's overreaching executive power.

Will Coggin is the research director for the Environmental Policy Alliance. ❖



Over five thousand years ago, Moses said to the children of Israel , "Pick up your shovels, mount your asses and camels, and I will lead you to the Promised Land." Nearly 75 years ago, (when Welfare was introduced) Roosevelt said, "Lay down your shovels, sit on your asses, and light up a Camel, this is the Promised Land." Today, Congress has stolen your shovel, taxed your asses, raised the price of Camels and mortgaged the Promised Land! I was so depressed last night thinking about Health Care Plans, the economy, the wars, lost jobs, savings, Social Security, retirement funds, etc I called a Suicide Hotline. I had to press 1 for English. I was connected to a call center in Pakistan . I told them I was suicidal. They got excited and asked if I could drive a truck..... Folks, we're screwed.

Contributed by Larry Pope

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by Brian Zaikowski



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Are you missing something? Where is your club? If you would like your club to be represented here, contact Mike Vincenty at secretary@mafwda.org for information on how your club can join and contribute to MAFWDA.

Shoe Creek Trail Closure

Exploratory Run

Andrew Taylor

CORE

Last year on July 4th weekend some CORE members got a chance to run Shoe Creek Trail. Little did we know at the time but the trail was being closed behind us. Shoe Creek Trail crosses a section of private land in the center portion of the trail. The trail was open because the landowner(s) were willing to allow trail traffic to cross their land. However, on July 5, 2015 the owner put up gates across the trail denying access across his property from both sides. This trail report is written not to stir the pot or discuss blame or anything like that. Instead its purpose is to give a clear and concise description of what is and is not open regarding the Shoe Creek Trail.



Several members of CORE ran the upper and lower sections on Memorial Day weekend and recorded how far you could go from either end before hitting the gates. As you can see in the pictures the gates are similar to what the NFS uses and so these gates are easy to identify. From the southern end of the trail much of the more interesting water crossings are still open and accessible. Moving at a casual pace it took us 30 minutes to get from the trailhead to the gate. The southern end of the trail ends on a shelf road just around a curve. There is a small campsite just before it that is a convenient turn around spot.

Just to be clear, despite all the campsites along the trail, these are not to be used for campfires or camping, per the notice linked to below.

http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5440375.pdf

The southern end of the trail therefore is about a 1 hour round trip in and out, but could be extended if you stopped for lunch or pictures or to let your kids play in the water for a bit midway through your ride.

Also noteworthy are the spider trails and other offshoots from the main trail. The trail up to Slick Rock is still closed as well as several other side trails. These are clearly marked with gates and signage and so should not be traveled on by vehicle. In addition to those closures which have been up for some time,

there has also been some effort put into stopping people from going onto the various side obstacles that are just off the main trail. This effort appears to be done by the Forest Service. These have all been modified with a large deep trough cut perpendicular to the direction of travel across these side obstacles. These modifications are obvious as you approach them because of the disturbed clay and straw put on these, but we did note while walking around one that the trough was largely filled back in with leaves and so the depth of some of the troughs may not be blatantly obvious to someone that just decided to drive up onto the illegal obstacle. The pictures of these modifications don't do them justice. Be aware that these side obstacles are not part of the trail and so should not be attempted.

From the northern end the trailhead officially begins after the parking area for the Crabtree Falls hike. For those not familiar with the area, the road to get to the gravel lot for the hike is traversable by a car but does include some bumpy road sections and water crossings so is an interesting drive in and of itself. From the paved road to the hiking trail parking lot is a 20 minute drive at a casual pace. Note that there is a vault style latrine still available at this parking area.

From the gravel parking lot to the gates on the north end is about a 20 minute drive also. At the gate there is space for one vehicle to do a 4-point turn, but again there is a campsite just before the gate that is a much easier spot to turn around at. Note that in the GPS track below the northern track is mostly dirt road between the paved road and the gravel parking lot. The portion of Shoe Creek Trail that is still open is roughly similar in length from the north or south end. Approximately 1/3 of the trail is now closed. The closed section includes the rutted out section known to many as the "Bullpen" or "Playground" amongst other names.



To sum up, the southern portion of the trail is about 60 minutes round trip trailhead to gate to trailhead. The northern portion is about 80 minutes from paved road to gate to paved road. Although the trail was much more enjoyable as a through route it still has excitement to be had from either end, and the views at the water crossings on the southern part of the trail are truly spectacular, and still accessible. To drive from the southern trailhead to the gravel road leading to the northern trailhead is about a 45 minute drive. ❖

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