

EVANSVILLE AREA JEEPERS

BY-LAWS

I. **Mission Statement:**

Provide a fun, family-friendly organization that maximizes the Jeep experience while fostering an atmosphere of community by supporting local charities and organizations through safe, responsible, environmentally conscious wheeling.

II. **Membership:**

Membership will consist of owners who enjoy many activities including: facebook group participation, wheeling, camping, off-road trips, Jeep sponsored events, and community events.

Membership shall consist of one of two membership types: Standard Membership and Premium Membership.

a. **STANDARD MEMBERSHIP – EAJ MEMBER**

Requirements for current members and prospective members include the following:

- i. Be a past, present, or future owner of a vehicle produced by any of the following:
 1. Bantam Corporation
 2. Willy-Overland Corporation
 3. Kaiser Motor Company
 4. American Motors Jeep Division
 5. Daimler Chrysler Jeep Division
 6. Chrysler Group Jeep Division
- ii. All driving members must maintain liability and no-fault insurance as required by their state under which the vehicle is registered.
- iii. All driving members must possess a valid driver's license issued by their state of residence. A valid learner's permit accompanied by a legal parent/guardian as authorized by their state of residence is also permitted.
- iv. Each member partaking in any off-road activity must maintain, on file with ***Evansville Area Jeepers***, current member information forms including a signed ***Waiver of Liability*** and ***Emergency Medical Contact Information***.
- v. Each member must meet all current ***Vehicle Equipment Requirements***.

- vi. **Evansville Area Jeepers** will not be held responsible for injuries to a member and/or guest. **Evansville Area Jeepers** will not be responsible for any damage or loss to any vehicle or personal property at any organized event, meeting, or scheduled trail ride.

b. **PREMIUM MEMBERSHIP – EAJ+ MEMBER**

Requirements for premium members and prospective premium members include all requirements listed for **Standard Membership** as well as the following:

- i. Each premium member must be current on **Premium Membership Dues**.
- ii. Each premium member will be afforded the benefits and club discounts as detailed by the **EAJ+ Membership Discount Card**.

III. **Premium Membership Dues:**

- a. Dues are payable from Oct 1 – Nov 30 of the current year for the upcoming annual calendar year; or as per scheduled by the board of directors.
- b. New membership dues are due with application for membership.
- c. Dues shall be \$35 per vehicle to support the fiscal commitments, expenses, and activities of **Evansville Area Jeepers**. Any remaining profit at the end of year will be donated to such charities as directed by the Board of Directors.
- d. Any standard member wishing to partake in an **EAJ+ Premium Members** event shall be assessed a per-event fee of \$10 per vehicle.
- e. Dues shall be payable to “**Evansville Area Jeepers**”. A receipt will be issued for all monies paid.

IV. **Conduct and Activity Rules:**

- a. All members must conduct themselves in a respectable and orderly manner. Any member not doing so may be subject to dismissal. In the event of a dismissal due to conduct, the former member will not be due any refund of dues, fees or other monies.
- b. Members will be responsible for the actions of their guests.

- c. **Evansville Area Jeepers** promotes a family oriented environment and does not allow the consumption of alcohol or any controlled substance prior to or during any official event where driving is involved. Consumption of alcohol or any controlled substance prior to or during any official event will constitute dangerous and unsafe behavior and will be subject to review by the Board of Directors. This action may result in immediate revocation of all membership rights and participation of all club events.

V. **Trail Ride Rules:**

- a. The Event Coordinator, Board of Directors, and/or admins are in charge of all official rides and have ultimate authority for all rides and the safety of scheduled events.
- b. Members must have on file a **Waiver of Liability**. Guests must sign a waiver before participating in an event. It is the responsibility of the Event Coordinator to ensure that all participating vehicles have completed Waivers.
- c. All vehicles must meet all **Vehicle Equipment** requirements.
- d. Do not travel in unauthorized areas. Respect any rules and/or signage in place on location.
- e. Travel in natural waterways is prohibited except in locations of pre-defined, posted crossings.
- f. Pets must be controlled by their owner.
- g. Do not litter! **You haul it in, you haul it out!**

VI. **Vehicle Equipment:**

- a. Vehicles must be maintained in a safe manner, be properly tagged and licensed, and be in compliance with all federal, state and local laws. Each driver must have a valid driver's license (or learner's permit with parent/guardian present), proof of insurance, and current member information on file with **Evansville Area Jeepers** including a signed **Waiver of Liability, Emergency Contact Information**; and meet all current **Vehicle Equipment requirements**.
- b. Safety belts (one for each occupant). All individuals must be properly restrained by factory or better equipment inside any moving vehicle on a club ride.

- c. A roll cage or factory unitized roll protection structure as well as functioning safety belts for every passenger is required on every vehicle. No Exceptions.
- d. A spare tire within two inches of the diameter of the vehicle tires, a jack capable of adequately lifting any vehicle tire off the ground, and a lug wrench matching lug nut size of the vehicle.
- e. Frame mounted front and rear recovery points are required.
- f. All vehicles must have a functioning exhaust system for both noise control and fire suppression purposes.
- g. Towropes or tow straps are **highly recommended**. No hooks or metal ends. It is recommended that each vehicle possess at a minimum, one (1) tow strap or rope of a minimum length of twenty (20) feet and rated with a safe work load limit above 5,000 lbs.
- h. A functioning 40-channel CB radio is **highly recommended** for each vehicle. This allows clear communication between vehicles at any point during the event.
- i. Fire Extinguishers and first aid kits are **highly recommended** for each vehicle.
- j. Any vehicle in non-compliance with any of the above **Vehicle Equipment Requirements** is the sole responsibility of the owner/occupants of said vehicle. There is a risk of having to abandon the vehicle on the trail due to inability to continue on (i.e. flat tire with no spare). **Evansville Area Jeepers** will not be held responsible for recovery of any abandoned non-conforming vehicles.

VII. **Board of Directors and Duties:**

- a. **The President shall:**
 - i. Exercise general supervision of the club, and club affairs; represent the club within the public, leadership meetings, and other official meetings.
 - ii. Conduct general membership and officer meetings.
 - iii. Act as the bylaw chairperson, maintaining and enforcing the bylaws.
 - iv. Appoint all officers (unless elected by members) and special interest leadership.
 - v. Handle or oversee all routine club business including scheduling club meetings and requesting meetings of club officers.

vi. Oversee responding to club e-mails and correspondence.

b. The Evansville Area Jeepers Officers will consist of the following:

i. Vice President

1. Fulfill the president's duties when the president is not present.
2. Oversee responding to club e-mails and correspondence.
3. Promote the education of proper trail techniques; trail repairs, safety, recovery and first aid for all **Evansville Area Jeepers** members.

ii. Secretary/Treasurer

1. Maintain all club finances; sign all checks; and present regular financial statements to the club officers.
2. Record minutes of each meeting; distribute minutes to members; maintain club records.
3. Collect membership and renewal dues and issue receipts for collected monies.
4. Collect new member information and ensure that all forms are completed including Waiver of Liability, Member Information and Vehicle Information forms.
5. Keep a sign in sheet for each meeting.

iii. Chief Events Coordinator

1. Manage and oversee the calendar of events; assure that each event has the necessary officer support/attendance.
2. Oversee all major **Evansville Area Jeepers** events.
3. Coordinate club calendar with president and/or special interest group leadership.
4. Coordinate volunteer resources as needed for events.

VIII. **Meetings:**

- a. A general membership meeting of the ***Evansville Area Jeepers*** will be held each year at a specified date, time, and place as announced at the previous meeting and/or on ***Evansville Area Jeepers*** facebook or email communications.
- b. A trail ride or planned activity will be held each month, as the schedule allows.
- c. The club officers will present to the membership each January a proposed calendar for the year. The calendar of events will include the general meetings of ***Evansville Area Jeepers***, the monthly schedule trail ride, and major events and meetings.

IX. **Club Funds:**

- a. In the event of the disbanding of ***Evansville Area Jeepers***, all monies, assets, and property shall be donated to such charities as directed by the Board of Directors.
- b. Benefit and/or fundraiser events organized by ***Evansville Area Jeepers*** shall benefit charities selected by a majority vote of ***Evansville Area Jeepers*** premium members. The input of each premium member is valued and will not go unheard.
- c. The Annual budget surplus, less any expenses, shall be donated to such charities as directed by the Board of Directors at the end of each calendar year as to maintain a not-for-profit mindset.