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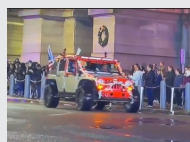
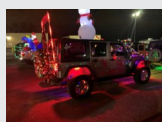
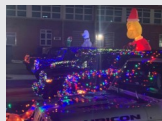


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## Community Spotlight

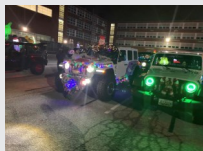
It's hard to believe we are almost at Christmas Day. It has been a super fast year. As always, EJA members have shown their community spirit again.



We have seen participation in numerous Toy Drives and Parades in

December as well as

getting a few member's best friends in a charity 2023 Dog Calendar. If you have not gotten your 2023 calendar yet, search for the post on our Facebook page and order yours today.



## IF YOU'RE NOT EVOLVING, YOU'RE STANDING STILL

### Member Spotlight

This month's member spotlight is Chris Wagner. We asked Chris a few questions about his Jeep, Crush, and most importantly what got him into Jeeping.

Here is what he had to say.

My Jeep is a 2012 Sport 6 speed. I had been looking specifically for a two-door six-speed in Orange Crush and found mine completely stock in NYC.

I installed a 3.5" Rock Krawler X-factor lift on it, which I am replacing with a Barnes4WD front and rear 3-link long arm setup mated to a Dana 60 front / 14 bolt rear. It is currently rolling on 40" Mickey Thompson Baja MTZs wrapped around Mickey Thompson Classic III wheels.



I began wheeling in the early 2000's in a Ford Explorer with a 302 v8 and 33" tires. Back then, everything "Jeep" was primarily the TJ's and I found the Jeep community very welcoming despite the fact that I was not a "Jeeper" at that time. In 2004 I got my first Jeep, a CJ-7 with a

401 v8 / 3 speed, which I bought from a friend who used it to tear up muscle cars block-to-block at the cruise nights in Pottstown, PA. After that I had a CJ-5, a TJ, an XJ then got Crush, my JK.



I ditched the hard top in favor of a soft top, pulled the carpet and Raptorlined the interior, installed a Rubicon 4:1 transfer case, OEM Rubicon "enhanced" rock rails, Poison Spyder steel fender flares front and rear and EVO Manufacturing corner armor.



I primarily enjoy heavy snow wheeling and learning new recovery challenges and techniques, but I also enjoy rock crawling in the warmer months. I find this hobby fascinating as there's always a new skill to learn, whether it be something practical on the trails or something related to mechanical/fabrication. Just as I find recovery an excellent component of wheeling, I find wrenching on the Jeep an enjoyable component of wheeling itself.





## Sponsor Highlight



Stinger Off-Road offers a variety of vehicle specific electronics for Jeeps and trucks. Radios, backup cameras, lighting, and audio kits are created to be DIY friendly for anyone to install.

Stinger has been a leader in car audio and install accessories for over 30 years as a direct supplier for car audio shops all over the world. It wasn't until 2020 when the Stinger Off-Road subdivision launched to offer these accessories direct to Jeep and truck owners with the debut of the HEIGH10 plug-and-play radio upgrade kit. Stinger Off-Road has won first and second place at SEMA for the New Product Awards two years straight as well as multiple Global Media Awards.

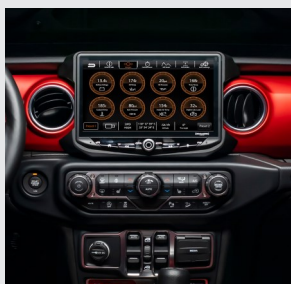


The Stinger Off-Road team is full of Jeepers that thrive to offer the best solutions for the off-road community. The brand has grown with the engineering of vehicle specific camera solutions, audio systems, and lighting kits to accompany the 10-inch touchscreen radios people love. In-house brands include Stinger, Stinger Audio, PAC Integration, Echomaster cameras, and AudioControl. Look for

more integration features and plug-and-play options in the future for a variety of Jeeps, trucks, and SUVs. Stinger Off-Road now offers KC Hilites with more friends and partners to be available online soon at [www.StingerOffRoad.com](http://www.StingerOffRoad.com).



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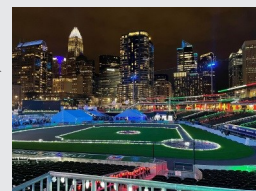


## Where's EJA

Over the weekend of Dec 10th Rebecka Reinecke and her boyfriend made their way down to Charlotte NC for a little 4 day vacation. That's where the birth place of racing is with all the NASCAR team shops located there, the NASCAR Hall of Fame and the famous Charlotte Motor Speedway. Unfortunately, they did not drive her jeep since it's leaking oil, but his truck did get better gas mileage than the jeep would have anyway.

While on their way down to North Carolina they were surprised by the lack of Jeeps on the road as well as not too many in Charlotte that she saw but, overall they met a few Jeepers and gave them each an EJA card and told them about us. Rebecka made sure she had some with her in case she saw some super cool Jeeps!

They got there Saturday afternoon after leaving her house at the crazy time of 4AM. Lets just say she fell asleep at some point on the 8.5-hour drive. Since it is the holiday season, she googled some Christmas Light displays or any Holiday Village/Holiday events going on while they were there. They did find a few which, overall, were some of the best lights she has seen.



The first stop was Light the Knight event at Truist Field which they covered the field and stadium with lights and had some vendors throughout the stadium. It was extremely crowded; They underestimated the amount of people they thought would be there. The lights were beautiful and the addition of the city skyline in the background was a little breath taking.



The NASCAR Hall of fame was another stop, Rebecka saw one of Tony Stewart's car again. The last time she took a picture in front of his car she was around 5 years old. She is currently 24 years old so that was definitely a cool experience in addition to the race simulation they had.

While going around to the different current drivers' shops and gift shops they came across one of the newer teams, Track house Racing. They actually let them on the shop floor and allowed them to take a picture with Ross Chastain's car from the Martinsville Race. The car will actually be in the hall of fame after the first of the year. Rebecka was able to rep her holiday EJA shirt as well as get compliments on it throughout the day, even at the racing museum.



Rebecka recommends to anyone going to the Charlotte area to put on your to do list Lancaster's in Mooresville which is a NASCAR themed restaurant or Pinky's BBQ in Charlotte. The food is amazing and the service is as well.

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# 2022/2023 EVENT CALENDAR

Date:	Event:	Location:
2/4/2023	February EJA Wheeling at AOAA	AOAA
2/18/2023	EJA Goes Snow Tubing	Liberty mountain resort
3/11/2023	March EJA Wheeling at AOAA Blues & Blacks	AOAA
4/1/23-4/9/23	Easter Jeep Safari	Moab, UT
4/23/23-4/30/23	Jeep Beach	Daytona, FL
5/6/2023	Recovery for a Cause Benefiting Project Sanctuary	AOAA
5/27/2023	May EJA Wheeling at AOAA Blues & Blacks	AOAA
6/9-6/11/2023	Bantam Jeep Festival	Butler, PA
6/24/2023	EJA Supports Crawlín' for a Cure	Rausch Creek
7/15/2023	July EJA Wheeling at AOAA Blue & Blacks	AOAA
7/21/2023	EJA Supports Skid Row Offroad Open House	100 Creek Road, Carlisle, PA 17013
7/21/23-7/23/23	All Breeds	Carlisle, PA
8/11/23-8/13/23	Topless For Tatas	Rausch Creek
8/24/23-8/27/23	Ocean City Jeep Week	Ocean City, MD
10/14/2023	October EJA Wheeling at AOAA	AOAA
10/19/2023	EJA To Field of Screams	Montville, PA
11/11/2023	Wheel2Heel	AOAA
11/25/2023	November EJA Wheeling at AOAA	AOAA

## Tech Talk

### Recovery Equipment

So you are going out off-road, this could be the first time or the 100th time but what recovery equipment are you bringing with you? As we have discussed in the past, a winch is always a good idea. What else could be needed?

**Winch Line Dampener-** If using a winch for your recovery adding a winch line dampener is a must! In the event of the line is to break, this will keep the line weighted and will help line fall to ground. There are many options for winch dampeners but in a pinch other items could be used.



**Tree Saver-** A tree saver is a small strap used to wrap around a tree to prevent damage to the tree. Wrapping your winch cable around a tree can damage the tree or even kill it.

**Shackle/D-ring-** A shackle is a device that is used to connect 2 points together. There are metal shackles which should only be pulled from the ends and should be left back off half a turn when using so the thread will not lock together. There are also soft shackles. These are made of a rope compound. These are very safe as they are a closed system but also carry less mass than a metal shackle. Shackles are sold in many different working loads, so it is important to get one that is best for your needs.



**Snatch Block-** The purpose of a snatch block is to be able to get a straight pull on a vehicle if you can not pull straight up to them. They can also be used with to double your winching power. There are metal pulley styles, aluminum rings and many more. The style you need depends on the type of winch line you have and or your desired style.



**Kinetic Rope-** These ropes are great for mud or sand recovering. These are not normal rope. They have a high elastic compound so as you pull they stretch and then will try to retract to help the stuck vehicle.

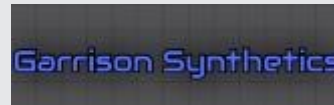
**Recovery Strap-** Unlike the kinetic rope these will not have the stretch. These will typically give you more feel in the vehicle as you pull the other. You always want to be sure you have the correct working load equipment for the recovery. Always check your equipment before going out. Any torn or damaged equipment should be replaced.







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## EVOLUTION MERCHANDISE

Purchasing some Evolution Merchandise is a great way to support our mission to build, grow and help not only the Jeep community, but our local communities. All proceeds of our merchandise goes to funding events for our members as well as supporting local charities and fundraising efforts to better our communities.



We are offering 2022 Evolution Jeep Alliance Christmas Ornaments in a limited run. Please get yours while they last.



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