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Where's EJA?

Matthew Weiler and his family were in Newport Beach, CA for a friend's wedding and being a Jeep guy he had to rent a Wrangler while there. The rental was a JL Sahara from Enterprise so clearly stock, a far cry from his lifted 392 on 38s back at home.

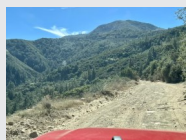


However, being that he has never wheeled out west, he had to take advantage of having a Jeep while out here .

The trail they took was the Maple Springs Truck Trail in the Santa Ana Mountains at the eastern edge of Orange County.



It was about an hour and a half ride from the trailhead to Santiago Peak, the tallest peak on the trail at about 5,500 feet. The views did not disappoint, nothing like what we have back east.



From one of the peaks about 5,000 feet above Orange County you could see the San Bernardino mountain range to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west.

This was a total tease for west coast wheeling and now he's itching to come back with his 392 and tackle more difficult trails out here. And maybe never come back!

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

Member Showcase

The October Showcased Member is **Mason Hager**. Mason sat down with us and this is our conversation. Thanks Mason and congratulations.

EJA: What did you name your Jeep, and where did the name come from?

Mason: My Jeeps name is Sully. It comes from the abominable snowman from "Monsters Inc"



EJA: what got you into this passion known as Jeeps?

Mason: My brother first got me into Jeeps - he had a 95 YJ that I loved!

EJA: How did you come to find Evolution Jeep Alliance?

Mason: I found out about Evolution from Scott and Heather and Brennen and Kait.

EJA: What does Evolution Jeep Alliance mean to you?

Mason: For me Evolution is a great group of people, as they have been kind and helpful many times to me.

EJA: What events are you planning on attending/looking forward to attending?

Mason: I'm attending a few more events this year including "Krawlin for K9s" but I look forward to "Recovery for a Cause".

EJA: What year and model do you own?

Mason: My ride is a 2012 Jeep Wrangler JK, 2 door, Arctic edition.

EJA: do you have a list of mods and/or future planned mods?

Mason: My Jeep is where I want it, except for one-ton axels. I'll get there one day. Here is what I've done so far. JKS 3.5 inch lift w/falcon piggy back shocks, Rough country skid plates, 37 inch tires on 17x9 Dirty Life beadlocks, 4.88 gears with RCV front axels shafts, torque master lunchbox locker in front with a Dana Spicer true trac in the rear, MCE narrow fenders with front MCE inner fenders and Motobilt rear inner fenders, Bestop coredoors, "my favorite mod" - Iron cross stubby front bumper with a Quadratec 10k winch, Quadratec stubby rear bumper, Poison spider body mounted tire carrier, and Tom woods 1310 driveshafts.



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Men are challenged to grow out their facial hair, beard, mustache, whatever they can stand!

This movement was created to raise awareness of Men's Health issues, including a number of diseases and illnesses. Like prostate cancer and mental illness."

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2023 Event Calendar

Date:	Event:	Location:
10/21/2023	Krawlin for K9s	AOAA
11/04/2023	Women's Wheeling Event Hosted by EJA and Skid Row Offroad	AOAA
11/11/2023	Wheel2Heel	AOAA
11/25/2023	November EJA Wheeling at AOAA	AOAA
April 2024	EJA Supports Spring J.E.E.P. Event	AOAA
5/4/2024	Recovery for a Cause	AOAA
6/7/24-6/9/24	Bantam Jeep Heritage Festival	Butler PA
6/22/24	Crawling for a Cure	Rausch Creek
07/12/24-07/14/24	NJ Jeep Invasion	Wildwood NJ
7/20/24-7/24/24	All Breeds Jeep Show	Carlisle PA
August 2024	Topless for Tata's	
August 2024	Ocean City Jeep Week	Ocean City MD
September 2024	Jeeper's Back the Blue	Dover DE
September 2024	EJA Supports Fall J.E.E.P. Event	AOAA

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Tech Talk – Bump Stops?

Why are bump stops important?

Bump stops are a component that limit your suspension up travel. They can be adjustable or stackable, hydraulic to name a few. A few popular brands are Metalcloak, ACOS, and Teraflex to name a few, however almost all major offroad parts manufacturers offer them.



Bump stops should be added when modifying your vehicle. The bump stop will limit your suspension from having too much up travel and have your tire hit your fender or even your shocks topping out.

With not enough bump stop you can cut up your tire, ruin your shocks, and limit your coil springs from over compressing.

With too much bump stop you will lose some articulation and up travel not getting the full amount of travel out of your suspension.

How do I set up the proper amount of bump stops?



This can be done with or without the coil spring in. You will cycle the suspension bringing one side up until it just about maxed out (fenders/tires or shocks) and measure from your bump stop pad to the bump stop isolator.



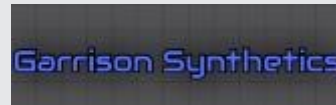
Add in your bump stops and recycle the suspension. This may take a couple tries to get it just right. After you can make the bump stop bottom out and your shock is not topped out and/or your tire is not touching the fender at all you are all set.

Having bump stops protects your vehicle and components from being damaged while off road.





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