



Welcome to the RTP Off Road Club (ROC)

We are glad that you have joined the club. Our philosophy is simple, Wheel, have fun and enjoy good company from other like-minded individuals. We firmly believe in the principles of Tread Lightly! and do require all members complete the Tread Lightly awareness course. This is an online, no cost course in which after you take the quiz, you will be presented with your certificate. We ask that you forward a copy (paper or electronic copy) to me, Bob Thibodeau, thibodeaur@hotmail.com to finalize your membership.

If you do not have a Tread Lightly certificate, please go to <https://www.tread-lightly.teachable.com> and select the "Tread Lightly! 101" Online Awareness Course. It takes about 30-45 minutes of your time.

As for our members, we are open to all 4x4 vehicles regardless of your ability. The core of the club are seasoned veterans to wheeling and will help each and every member become the best they can be on the trails. No one gets left behind in our club. You wheel with similar people to your ability and as you gain experience, we are there to advise and encourage you. Everyone was a beginner at one time. For those of you who are experienced, we have plenty of members who will ride the advanced trails with you.

Club events will be posted to our Google Groups calendar, Google Groups, our Facebook page and our website www.rtpoffroad.club. Your suggestions for Club rides, etc. are welcome.

Dues is \$20 a year, this is to help offset supplies and club materials for all. In the unlikely event that the dues amount needs to be changed, all members will be asked prior to any changes. Everyone gets input. If we have differences, we discuss things like adults. I also ask at some point that you provide me with some basic info, address, phone #, an In Case of Emergency contact and phone # for them. In Case of Emergency should be self explanatory. The other info is so that we can enroll you in the 4 Wheel Parts/4WD.com discount program. As we continue to work on adding other benefits for our members, you can be enrolled in them as well.

Rules, yes, we have to have them but they are simple.

- 1) **NO** alcohol while trail riding for anyone in the vehicle. That includes just having alcohol in your vehicle heading to the trailhead. Should the venue we are at prohibit alcohol in camp, we abide by those rules. If allowed by the venue, we can enjoy an adult beverage, in moderation, in camp after the days riding. In short, BE SMART.
- 2) Treat everyone like you would like to be treated. If you have a problem or concern, speak up. As a group, we can't fix anything if we don't know about it.
- 3) We have a minimum required equipment list that all vehicles must have to ride with the club.
 - a. All vehicles must have a front and rear recovery point. A tow strap (with loops), D Ring shackles, gloves and a tree saver are strongly recommended. This is for everyone's safety.
 - b. All vehicles must have a fire extinguisher.
 - c. All batteries must be secured.
 - d. Every vehicle must have a first aid kit. It doesn't need to be fancy but it should have basic first aid supplies.
 - e. Sport Bars, hard top or roll cage are required. The factory Jeep Sport Bars qualify.
- 4) We recommend everyone have some sort of a 2-way radio. CB is the primary radio desired but if you have a ham rig or GMRS radios, those work. We have several members that can do all of those communication types in their vehicle. Several members have hand held radios that we can lend if needed. We also have the ability to provide Amateur Radio License testing, if you wish to get your ham ticket, let us know and we can work with you and schedule a testing session when we have a couple of members ready to test.
- 5) Our most important rule, Have Fun.

In closing, please let us know if you have any questions, we are here to help. See you on the trails.