



North American XJ Association - A Non-Profit Corporation
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NAXJA is getting ready to enter its 17th year of incorporation as the premier internet based XJ/MJ clubs. More than just a forum of users, NAXJA is a club that has several thousand users, over 800 paid members, several supporting members, and around 30 vendors – from local shops to national parts warehouses.

The 2015 calendar year was the first in three where NAXJA wasn't preparing for a major anniversary. The year 2013 featured our celebration in Moab of the 30th Anniversary of the 1983 launch of the 1984 model year Cherokee. In 2014 we celebrated our 15th year of existence with a birthday weekend over the 4th of July at the Black Mountain Off-Road Park in Harlan County, KY. Unfortunately for many members of NAXJA, 2015 will be remembered as a year of loss, as 4 of our long time members – including a former NAXJA president - passed away, all very suddenly.

NAXJA is comprised of 10 regional chapters nationwide and one international chapter. Leadership of NAXJA consists of member elected president, a vice president, a treasurer, a recorder, and 5 Directors at Large. As well, each of the 10 chapters have local leadership consisting of member voted president, vice president, and treasurer. Annually each of our 10 chapters host a NAXJA sanctioned event featuring trail rides, a raffle with prizes donated from our sponsor companies, and a sponsored meal. While the main attraction of these events is the friendship and camaraderie of sharing the outdoors, the monetary goal of these sanctioned events is to supply working capital for our local chapters to use for local land use purposes.

For several years our renewed focus has been land use on local levels with our chapters. The National Board of Directors annually allot up to \$500 (or more pending circumstances) to each chapter as a match of chapter funds to donate to a land use organizations or support local public lands – resulting in an estimated \$10,000 in regional annual donations. In the past year NAXJA chapters have also supported land through man hours on monthly, bi-annual, or annual trail clean-up programs, and with equipment donation for continued trail maintenance. As well as donating locally, NAXJA also donates on a national level, having donated \$15,000 to the Blue Ribbon Coalition over the past 3 calendar years.

It is a continued pleasure for the leadership of NAXJA to be invited to be a part of the NAMRC program and have the opportunity to learn from other entities in our sport and to be an active participant in the land use discussion that threatens our sport on a daily basis.