



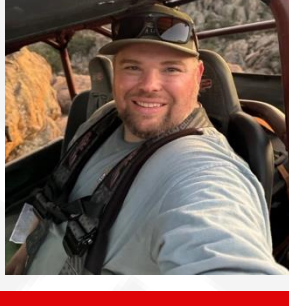
July 2025 Newsletter

Leave no one behind
and leave no one where
you found them!

BOARD SPOTLIGHT

Meet Patrick Lombard, 2025 Wheeling & Safety Director for Midwest Krawlers!

Patrick's off-roading journey began in 2017 when his daughter asked to ride in a car with "no lid," leading to the purchase of a Jeep TJ and a first trip to Kansas Rocks. The family soon joined Midwest Krawlers and stayed active even while living in Texas. During the COVID lockdown, Patrick built his Jeep at home and is now pursuing a new goal: building a tube chassis, rear-steer rig. Patrick enjoys traveling the country wheeling and has wheeled in California, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, and Kansas all in the last year. Inspired by the club's supportive culture, he joined the board to give back and help newcomers feel welcome. His vision is simple—"Be active, help each other out, and have fun."



TECH TIPS

Before hitting the road with your 4x4 in tow, give your trailer a full pre-trip check—tires should be properly inflated (don't forget the spare!), wheel bearings greased, and all lights and brakes functioning. Long summer hauls can heat up tires and hubs fast, so check for hot spots during fuel stops. Make sure your load is balanced with about 60% of the weight toward the front and use proper tie-downs on all four corners. Double-check your hitch, safety chains, and wiring connections every time you hook up. A little prep goes a long way to keeping your wheeling rig safe on the way to the fun.

-Patrick

Camping Corner

It is HOT outside right now! What does everyone use for shade? We have sponsors such as 4x4 Colorado that have high quality awnings to outfit your rig if you have a bed rack or roof top tent. These are very easy to open and even stand up to wind and rain. Other sponsors, such as Moon, make a very durable shade that can be attached to any vehicle and pack up very small for portability. Our sponsor Core Equipment sells free-standing canopies that set up quickly and easily fold down when you are ready to pack them back in your vehicle. If you need any advice on shade, just let me know and I'll answer your questions!

Happy Camping!

-Brendon

Junior Krawler

Check out this month's Jr Krawler Offroad word search! Share your completed word search with the board for a special Junior Krawler drawing!

[Junior Krawlers Word Search Page](#)

Have an idea for content or club trips? Message mwk@mwkclub.com with ideas and suggestions!



UPCOMING EVENTS

August

- 2- [Annual Hutch Jeep Jam](#)
- 3- [K-Rocks Day Run @KRock](#)
- 13- [MWK Monthly Club Meeting](#)
- 16- [Sunflower Trail Ride](#)

September

- 1- [Labor Day weekend/ MWK @SMORR](#)
- 6- [Adopt-a-Trail Work Day at KS Rocks](#)
- 11- [Eureka Springs Jeep Jam](#)

Keep an eye for more events on our Website and Facebook Pages!

PARTNER FEATURE- 4x4 LAND

4x4 Land has been an MWK sponsor as long as there has been an MWK. If you're looking for expert off-road support in the Midwest, **4x4 Land** in Topeka, KS should be at the top of your list. Known throughout the region for their unmatched knowledge, skill, and customer service,

4x4 Land has built a strong reputation as a trusted resource for everything from trail-ready builds to daily driver upgrades. Founded with a deep passion for the off-road lifestyle, 4x4 Land specializes in custom fabrication, suspension upgrades, axle builds, drivetrain work, and gear installs. They frequently support local events, trail cleanups, and MWK activities (like The [Sunflower Trail Ride](#)!).



Notes from the Prez

Sunflower is happening Saturday, August 16th. This isn't just an event - it's a celebration! Yes, there will be trails, raffles, vendors, food, and fireside stories. But what really makes this weekend special is what it sparks in people - especially the women of Midwest Krawlers.

This event is all about boosting confidence, igniting passions, and creating space for women to take the wheel—sometimes for the first time—and absolutely crush it. We've seen it year after year: that moment when someone realizes they're capable of more than they ever thought possible. And those moments? They turn into lifelong friendships, unforgettable memories, and a passion for wheeling.

So what can you expect at Sunflower 2025? Glad you asked:

- 🌻 **Off-roading for all skill levels**—from first-timers to seasoned pros
- 🌻 **Professional trail guides** from Kansas Rocks to lead the way and build your skills
- 🌻 **Hands-on training & demos**—including winching, recovery, and trail navigation
- 🌻 **Swag bags** for all registered attendees
- 🌻 **Mouthwatering dinner** catered by Rib Crib
- 🌻 **Big-time raffles** with awesome gear and giveaways
- 🌻 **Camping & Bonfires** - be sure to reserve your campsite through Kansas Rocks in advance

If you've been waiting for the right time to jump in or invite someone new, this is it. Let's bloom where the dirt is. Click the link and secure your spot today!

<https://www.midwestkrawlers.com/sunflower-2025/>

-Brantley "The Prez" Ping

Featured Event



When: Saturday, August 16th @ 8 AM

Where: Kansas Rocks Recreation Park



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MIDWEST KRAWLERS MOTTO

"Leave No One Behind, and Leave No One Where You Found Them"

This motto captures the club's essence of community, growth, and responsibility. Here's what it means:

"Leave No One Behind"

Support and Unity: As a club, we are a family. This means we stick together, whether it's on the trails or in life. No one is left stranded, unheard, or unsupported.

Collaboration: When challenges arise, we tackle them as a team. From mechanical breakdowns to personal struggles, we're committed to helping each other through life's obstacles.

"Leave No One Where You Found Them"

Encouraging Growth: We don't just offer support, we inspire progress. Our goal is not just to help people where they are, but to challenge and equip them to move forward with confidence — on and off the trails.

Skill Development: This could mean helping someone become a better driver, teaching trail recovery skills, or even developing as a future MWK leader.

Empowering Transformation: Everyone should leave the club stronger, more knowledgeable, and more capable than when they joined.

How This Motto Shapes Our Actions:

On the Trails: We stay together, ensuring every vehicle and driver completes the trail safely. At the same time, we encourage members to push their limits and try new challenges, growing their confidence and skillset.

In the Club: We build a culture of mentorship, sharing knowledge and developing personal relationships.

In Life: Midwest Krawlers is more than off-roading — it's about building each other up, so every interaction leaves a positive impact.

This motto calls us to be a club that not only supports its members but also invests in their growth. It's about creating a lasting legacy of camaraderie and transformation, ensuring Midwest Krawlers is a place where everyone feels belong and where they're encouraged to become their best selves.

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