

Mountain - Ears

March Club Trip

The Mountaineer family gathered for a trip up Left Hand Canyon west of Longmont. With four to six



Inches of wet spring snow, it promised to be an exciting spring trip. Twelve vehicles stopped at the potty box a mile below the trailhead to prepare for the trip. This was the maiden voyage for Mike and Bianca's newly acquired

rock crawling Jeep complete with a big power plant and hydraulic ram steering.

A few people had already been on the trail before us and the wet snow had been packed and very icy in spots. The first obstacle we got to was “Big Mother Hill”. It took quite a while for the first three (Dan V, Cotton & Jake A.) to get up the



1 rock face due to the snow, ice

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and mud they had to contend with. Mikes new crawler made the trip look easy which put a big smile on his face. It was decided to turn the rest of the group around and proceed up the switchbacks or we would be there all morning especially since Dan had a flat tire after climbing Big Mother. That wasn't the only flat on



this trip as guest Clay's Toyota had wedged some wood between the bead and rim causing him to lose all the atmosphere in his tire. Going up the switchbacks, if the person in front of you stopped, there was a distinct possibility that you might slide back

down into the person behind you. Luckily, Don MacDonald was able to back up enough to avoid playing catcher for the Meadow Muffin a couple of times.

Going up “Fireman's Hill” was an exciting trip as snow, rock and mud was flying everywhere because tire spin was the only we could make it. Don Mac had to put a strap to Clay and tug him most of the way to the top. About half way up, Coyote John broke a rear brake line and trail repairs



had to be made. With the help of a pair of vice grips, some brake fluid and brake line

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bleeding, John was on the way again. Near the top, Craig slid into the giggly weeds and had to winch out of the drift. Jake A. also slid into the same hole. He worked it so hard that he had that Toyota really buried in the drift. Cotton backed down to strap Jake out. After several tries, Cotton heard that sickening sound of axle breakage. He had shattered a front axle and would have to



make the rest of the trip in 2WD. At the top we regrouped for the steep and slick trip down off the mountain.



It was tricky when we got to the section called “The Squeeze” especially since you were on a sidling leaning into trees that were scared up from other people hitting them over the years. The trail was very slick and at times there was an intense pucker factor thrown in. to make the trip even more exciting. At one point, Cotton got sideways in the middle of the trail and couldn't go forwards or backwards. Mike B. went back to set him straight. At the bottom, we were all smiles; just glad we were all in one piece and didn't add any new scars to the trees.

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We gathered back at the potty box to air up for the trip home. Mike and Bianca were happy with the performance of their new crawler. Their smiles were turned into frowns when they saw their tow rig had a ticket on the windshield for blocking a handicap parking place. Mike loaded the crawler onto the trailer resigned to the fact that he would have to pay the ticket. After he started the truck, he discovered that the steering was broken and realized that



he was dead in the water. The end of the day was a bummer for Mike. He had to call AAA for a tow on his truck, drive

the crawler back home and have Jim D. hook up the trailer and haul it back to Fort Collins. This fun trip will be remembered for years by all of the Mountaineer family that participated.

El Guapo



April Club Trip

Upper Cherokee Park
Meet at Albertson's at
9:00AM Sunday Apr. 21st

Poker Run Planning Committee

John Schrader is looking for help planning and putting together a Poker Run that we will do later in the year. If you have planned or helped run a Poker Run in the past and would like to help plan our upcoming Poker Run, please talk to John Schrader.



Poudre Canyon Cleanup

Saturday, April 20th

We will do our first adopt-a-highway cleanup of 2013 this coming Saturday, April 20th. Our area of cleanup is between mile marker 117 and 119, which is just a mile or so up the canyon from Ted's place. Please meet at mile marker 119 (picnic rock parking area) at about 8:45 so we can start promptly at 9:00am. Bags and safety vests are provided so all you should have to bring is gloves and a hearty appetite. No, you won't have to eat the road kill; afterwards we will head down to the Braskich Plantation where Mike and Bianca will be cooking up a blueberry pancake and bacon breakfast for us. You can eat out on the wooden deck by the pond and listen to the 20 foot high waterfall or go out to the hut and bowl a line or two on his regulation size (complete with automatic pin setter) bowling alley. If pinball or ping-pong trips your trigger, they have that too. Hope to see you there! Guests are welcome. Any questions, call Craig at 221-5524.



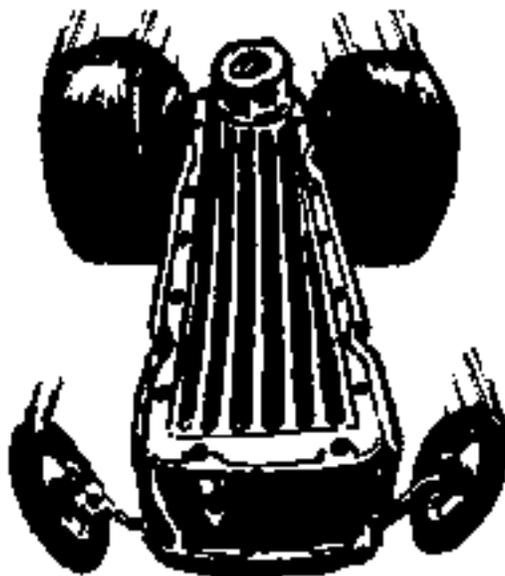
Members Rides

The basic rules are as follows:

- 15” maximum width
- 30” maximum length
- 10” maximum height
- 10 lb. maximum weight
- No engines - No propulsion of any kind
- One valve cover per chassis - No switching chassis or cover
- Automotive valve covers only with stock gasket surface
- Nothing can be mounted in front of either the valve cover or chassis
- No moving or movable weight

The race will be for distance, exactly as last years.

Good luck!!!



For Sale

- 2000 Bombardier DS650 ATV
- 2002 Yamaha Warrior 350
- 2006 HMD 12'x5' utility trailer with drop down ramp, spare tire, 2" hitch & drop foot jack

See <http://fortcollins.craigslist.org/spo/3710150172.html> for pictures.

I'm also selling my 16' car hauler trailer. Photos at <http://fortcollins.craigslist.org/sgd/3725658425.html>

Larry Hofmann



Roof Top Tents

ARB roof top tents without the logo. From the same manufacturer.

Color: sand, green, coffee brown

Tent Fabric: Water Proof Canvas

Mattress: Poplin, 50% polyester, 50% cotton and high density foam

1000D*1000D waterproof cover

YKK Zippers

Roof tent size is 320 x 140 x 13 cm

Bottom annex size: 2.2m L x 1.4m W x 2m H

Floor aluminum sheets 2mm thickness, 114cm ladder.

Annex with PVC base on ground

\$1200

Contact Kyle Eddy keddy1108@gmail.com



April 2013						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Sharon Kapperman	4 Valorie Miller	5 Christina Eddy Seth Burch	6
7	8 BOARD MEETING <i>Don Maresh</i> Aure Marvin Scott Riley	9	10	11	12	13 Bob Schleppey
14	15 Cassandra McCurry	16 R&J Marolf	17 CLUB MEETING	18 Jim Dixon	19	20
21 CLUB TRIP	22 Justin Treece	23	24	25 Rich Stengaard	26	27 Dave Oden
28	29	30				

May 2013						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Karlen Mueller	3	4
5 Attie Burch	6 BOARD MEETING <i>Bob Paul</i> Jeff Mueller	7 M&L Golly	8 Bill Marquardt	9	10	11
12	13	14 R&J Marolf	15 CLUB MEETING	16	17	18 CLUB TRIP J&C Thoen
19 CLUB TRIP	20	21 Corinne Surface	22 B&H Crue	23	24	25
26 Shane Payton	27 S&K Ficarra	28 Tonya Mercer	29 Ben Crue	30	31	

Board Meeting: May 6 7:30pm Bob Paul
 Jun. 10 7:30pm Dan Venrick
 Membership Meeting: Apr 17 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 May 15 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: **Apr. 21 9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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