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July Club trip

Green Ridge

Seventeen 4WD vehicles met at the King Soopers parking lot for our trip over the Green Ridge Trail. We made the leisurely drive up the Poudre Canyon to the Laramie River Road by Chambers Lake. At the trail head we stopped to take advantage of the last potty box on the route, air down and lock in our hubs. Even with the dry weather, we encountered enough mud to make the trail interesting as usual.

We were being led like lambs to slaughter by our trip leader Ben in the Bruiser Bronco. At the first mud hole, Ben dove right in. It took several minutes of back and forth for him to finally get the Bronco out of the gooey mud. We knew right then that it could take forever to get our whole group through this particular mud hole. Next in line was our guest Jim Verg in his built up Land Cruiser FJ-60. It took Jim a long time to maneuver the obstacle also. We also had a guest from Wyoming that wanted to see if his Wrangler could make it through. It didn't. We eventually had to tug him out as well as Darwin who gave it his best shot to get out of the sticky hole. Of course we had to use the Wyoming guests brand new yellow snatching strap to pull them out. Needless to say, when we were done the strap was coated with brown muddy water and didn't look like a virgin strap any more. Guess when he looks at that strap the next time, it will bring back memories of the Green Ridge mud.

The next challenge was the Long Trough. We stopped to take a look first. The water in the trough was about a foot lower than any of us had seen before. A lot of rocks were exposed and we thought it might be easier to get across. WRONG! Ben was the first in and had to really work the Bronco. Jim in the FJ-60 also had to work it. From previous experience, we knew that there was a spot that stopped most short wheel base vehicles. Our guest in the Wyoming Wrangler found the spot as did Darwin. We had to strap both of the vehicles out while the rest took the bypass, ate lunch and watched the action.

By the Lilly Pad Lakes, a report came over the CB that Jim's FJ-60 had lost its right rear tire. "What do you mean, he lost a tire?" was the question asked over the radio. "The tire and wheel fell off." was the answer. It seems that the lug nuts had worked loose and in the process the wheel studs had sheared off. We backtracked along the trail looking for the pieces and parts but could only find one stud. We stood around for a few minutes scratching our collective heads while formulating a plan. The brake line was pinched off and all the brake assembly was removed. We scrounged enough nuts and bolts to attach

the wheel onto the axle. This whole process took about two hours. As it was three in the afternoon, it was decided to turn around and escort Jim slowly back to the pavement. Our temporary fix worked and everyone got safely out.

Although we only got to see three miles (the best three miles) of the Green Ridge Trail, most everyone had a fun day. To bad that we didn't get to see the other sixteen miles but we will just have to save that for another day.



Garfield

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Alternate Trip

While most of the Mountaineers were excited to go on Green Ridge, there were a handful of us that wanted no part of Green Ridge. So we put together an alternate trip.

We decided to do Seven Mile. We met at the same place as the rest of the club, at the same time. Dave & Patty Oden, Jeff & Sheila Mueller, Elaine Allbrandt, Todd & Chris McCurry and one of Elaine's friends were the handful that decided to go.

We were delayed because Jeff's gas tank had a hole in it and was leaking on the parking lot. Jeff fixed the leak so it was only a drip and took his Cherokee home and met the rest of us at the trailhead of Seven Mile in his GMC truck.

The rest of the day was uneventful but fun. We tried some of the side roads, they had some steep and moguly sections. Elaine found some mud and a small hill and had to try it. In the process she bent her rear license plate.

We came home in one piece and had a great time.

JeepnDave

Mountaineers at All-4-Fun

This years All-4-Fun event was held in Central City. Mountaineers in attendance were the Ken Kinnison family, the Gollys, Craig Stumbough, George & Alice Kinnison, Elaine Allbrandt, Bob, Justin and Ty Schleppey and a weekend visit from Tim Sigley.

Sunday was our first trip and we went to Bill Moore Lake which is almost up to timberline. It is an easy trail with beautiful views. Mondays trip started out with breakfast in Idaho Springs and then a fascinating tour of the Argo Stamp Mill. Then it was on to the Lamertine Trail. Again it was an easy trail that ends up at the Georgetown Lakes. The next day we took the Kingston Peak Trail which runs across the tundra above timberline. We stopped for lunch above St. Mary's Glacier at a "house" that is being built stone by stone. As each 4 wheeler or hiker stops, they are asked to add a stone to the structure and sign the guest log book.. Our trip leader added Yankee Doodle Hill and a neat challenging road to our itinerary.

Wednesday was parade/show & shine/vender and kids game day. The parade was impressive when you saw over 200 4 wheel drive vehicles snaking the're way through Central City. Cory, Cody and Travis all took home some big trophies from the kids games. This was also the day that several of us decided to visit the casinos.

Thursday the group wanted to do something more difficult and choose the Empire Loop trail. Donna K. was really nervous about this run when she heard that a Texan on this very same run a few days previous had rolled his Jeep over twice. He was not belted in and was tossed from the Jeep but only received injuries to his leg. The fun part of the trail is a very steep and one mile long hill with some off camber places that lean you over the steep rock embankment. This section of the trail is called Red Elephant Hill. By the time we had reached the bottom of the hill, Donna had turned purple because she had held her breath so long.. The last day of trails, George went on the Jenny Creek Trail while Ken, Mike and Elaine went on the Spring Creek Trail. Elaine was the only one with no damage. Mike sliced open a side wall and Ken broke a front axle u-joint. Craig took the day to visit old mining sites and 5 turn of the century cemeteries. The week included free hot dogs, a burger night, a barbecue night and an ice cream social. Prizes were drawn for on three nights under the big top tent but the Mountaineers were not able to claim any of the big prizes this year. We also had two nights of fantastic entertainment. Bob and Danny in the FC4X4 fix-it-shop were generally kept busy and only got to wheel

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on the first day and one other afternoon.. The rest of the time they opened shop at 8:00 a.m. and worked until 10:00 p.m.

Next year the event will be held on the western slope (rumor has it in Parachute). Those that attended this years event would highly recommend the experience to anyone who enjoys four wheeling.



Garfield

Club Trip

Spring Creek
 Challenging for Stock Vehicles
 New Meeting Place & Time
 Aug. 20 8:00am
 South East Park & Ride at Hwy 119 and I-25
 Longmont Exit

New Members

100 Jerry Hufman
 101 James Verg

You might be a Coloradoan if ...

You know the 'correct' pronunciation of Saguache.

When you visit friends at sea level, you can drink a case of beer and not get a buzz.

You think there are only 3 seasons: elk, football, and skiing.

April showers bring May blizzards.

THINGS TO PONDER

You see someone riding a Harley in a snowstorm, and you look closer to see if it's someone you know.

'Timberline' is someplace you have actually been, many times.

You know who Alfred Packer was.

SPF 90 is not out of the question.

People from other states breathe 5 times as often as you do.

Having a Senator named Nighthorse doesn't seem strange.

You have an \$800 stereo in a \$300 truck.

Knowing that Texas & California is downstream gives you a certain feeling of satisfaction.

You carry your \$3,000 mountain bike on top of your \$500 car.

You thought "Californication" would be banned by Amendment 2.

You're actually proud of "South Park."

You have a business degree and are frying burgers at McDonald's.

You have a fat tire in your refrigerator and your garage.

You tell your husband to pick up Granola on his way home from work and he stops at the day care.

You own a big dog named Aspen, Buck or Cheyenne that wears a bandana.

You cast out your fishing line while white-water rafting.

You've never seen the tourist attractions in your own city.

A pass does not involve a football or a woman.

You are 82 years old and take up snowboarding.

Your SUV tire size exceeds your IQ.

Your real Y2K fear is running out of Celestial Seasonings tea and trail mix.

The entire top of your head is bald, but you still have a pony tail.

You personally wouldn't pay \$10 per head to drive up Pikes Peak unless it was the only mountain on earth... but you tell all your house-guests to do it.

You get depressed after one day of foggy weather.

You wear the latest fashions a year after they went out of style.

You think that formal wear is ironed denim.

North means "mountains to the left;" south is "mountains to the right;" and east and west are where all those damn liberals keep moving in from.

You go anywhere else on the planet and the air feels "sticky."

You consider a three-piece suit to be a pair of shorts, a sweatshirt and Birkenstocks.

You see your East Coast relatives now more than when you lived there.

You think gun control is not dropping it.

Your bridal registry is at REI.

You can run up 10 flights of stairs without huffing and puffing.

4x4 classifieds

'75 AMC 360, Long Block (Needs Valve work), '82 AMC 360 w/ 200K+ miles, ran when removed from vehicle. Burns oil. '82 Chrysler 727 automatic transmission w/ part-time transfer case. Lock stock and barrel for \$150 Please call Jeff 970 663-4391

4" Trailmaster suspension lift Fits 80-96 Ford F-150 Includes springs, all brackets, and rear blocks. No shocks or pitman arm. \$300 o.b.o. 970-686-8847

AMC 304 V-8 engine approx 80,000 miles will sell complete meaning everything ALL bolt on parts brackets etc ...with headers 250.00 or will sell engine with intake manifold and carb for 175.00 engine ran excellent before replaced (it used to go to Denver on a daily basis) for more info contact Joe 970-204-4894

1971 CJ5 new supertop with half doors, V6 w/3 speed/overdrive 80,000 actual miles rebuilt at 45,000 always garaged, all paperwork, new tires, shocks 2 1/2" rancho lift, gas can rack, full roll cage, aux heater, ARB air lockers front and rear, warn winch, heavy bumper, power steering, rear seat, never wrecked, body in good shape, 2 gas tanks, 11' drum brakes front and rear Dana 30 in front will accept disc brakes, bikini top, white spoke wheels 4.88 ring and pinion 18 mpg serious climber. \$7000 Call Rich at 970-587-2508

258 6 cylinder engine Yuell Brothers built, 4 bbl carb, cam, split headers, Mallory

4X4 CLASSIFIEDS

Ign, runs strong. Please call Rich at 970-635-0393 or 970-416-0245 Priced to sell.

Pick Axe Pulaskis Pick Axe combo (Rare Govt. Issue) \$39.99 shipping included.
Call (970) 221-5895

YJ Stuff Wrangler Hardtop w/ rear wiper (Tan) - \$900, Rear Seat - \$100, Stock Springs - \$50. Call Curtis (970) 217-7226 or pager (970) 416-4238

Teddy Bears Hand made jointed musical Teddy Bears, four sizes \$35 to \$55 - you choose color, type of fur, color of eyes and music box. Great for baby gifts, birthdays, Christmas or just for hugs. Please call Donna for more information 970-229-0119 or 970-222-0885.

MEMBER NAME: _Chris Mercer & Tonya Chenoweth

MEMBER NUMBER: _66_____

RIDE MAKE & MODEL: __Toyota 4Runner SR-5____

YEAR: __1985_____

ENGINE: 22 RTE Turbo Intercooler_____

TRANSMISSION: Auto with/overdrive_____

TRANSFER CASE: _____stock_____

FRONT END: __5.29 Loc-rite_____

REAR END: __5.29 Detroit_____

WHEELS & TIRES: __36X12.5X15 TSL on 15X8____

SPRINGS & SHOCKS: __modified Skyjacker 4"_____

__Black Diamond XT Shocks_____

MISCELLANEOUS: __Winch, Shortened bed, Softop_____

CURRENT & FUTURE Projects: Crossover Steering, _Full-floater rear, rear disk
brakes

MEMBERS RIDES

