



# July Trip Report

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We only had six vehicles show up at the Albertsons parking lot for this months trip to the Green Ridge trail. We followed Brett up the Poudre Canyon and as we neared Chambers Lake everyone in the open vehicles were grabbing for their jackets. It was a welcome relief from the blistering hot weather we were experiencing in town. As we got to the trailhead, it was evident that it had rained hard the night before and we were not going to eat much dry dust on this trip. By the time we got on the trail we had twelve vehicles in our group and we were following another group of six.

The first bogs didn't give us as much trouble as it did to the bunch in front of us. Brett went through the Long Trough and made it look easy. Ted's Comanche had high water marks half way up the doors. The fan was pushing water up through newly installed hood louvers which made it look like a fountain. Troy had sworn that he wasn't going to take his Bronco II through the trough again as he had done it only a week before. But once at the obstacle he couldn't resist the temptation to do it all over again. It only took Darwin and Darren to pull him out when he thought he had lost a hub. Once out, Troy changed his hub while the rest of the group ate an early lunch. Troy reported that his front end still wasn't working even with the new hub. He finally discovered that his shift lever was in 2WD and all he had to do was pull it into 4WD. Of course, the whole rest of the trip Darwin wouldn't let poor ol' Troy off the hook.

With the mud obstacles out of the way, it was just crawling over the rocks and through the mud puddles. We had to stop for awhile to allow the group in front fix



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a spring problem. On down the trail we came across a bicyclist who asked Brett for a ride to the end of the trail. We guessed the guy had learned his lesson, it is much better to ride in an ol' Scout than to try to ride a bicycle over those rocks and through the mud holes. A little further down the trail we came across a couple of guys from Greeley and their girlfriends tearing the front end off of a Ranger Pickup. It seems that the day before the guys were going down the trail and lost control and smacked a tree (dead center). It made the bumper look like a V and took out their radiator. They hit pretty hard as it deployed the drivers side air bag and put the passenger into the windshield. They were able to catch a ride down and came back later with their girlfriends and tools. We made them an offer they couldn't refuse. We hooked the disabled Ranger to Brett's Scout and towed him the last three miles to their waiting buddy and his trailer.

It was the end of a wonderful day of wheeling and we got the added bonus of helping others while we were having more fun than should be allowed. I guess that's what wheeling with the Mountaineer family is all about!!!

*Garfield*



**All 4 Fun**

A very small group of Mountaineers headed to Silverton for All 4 Fun this year. The Schleppey's, Golly's & Kinnison's arrived late Friday and first thing Saturday we all pitched in to set up Bob's repair shop.<sub>2</sub>

As usual Bob had his first customers very quickly. It seems like there are always “towing disasters” for some unlucky folks on their way to All 4 Fun.

Sunday we headed out for Poughkeepsie Gulch. Silverton door prize night & the Golly's scored with gift certificate for \$20 of jerky at a store in town.

Monday we planned our own trip. We left camp before the first trips and headed to Black Bear Pass. Dick & Barbara Block (aka Bumperjack), Jeeping friends from California also joined us today and for most of the trips this week. We stopped for lunch in Telluride and then up over Imogene Pass, back to Ouray and swimming in the Hot Springs pool. Later, back at camp we enjoyed burrito night and watched Kenny fix his shifter cable.

Tuesday it was back over Red Mountain Pass again to run the Bachelor-Syracuse Mine tour where they also have a buffet breakfast. After the mine tour the Kinnison's headed to Montrose for parts and Golly's & Block's took a run up Yankee Boy Basin. Back at camp the shifter was repaired and we enjoyed ice cream from Bestop.

Wednesday was vendor day. We paraded through town, which didn't take long, it's quite small. Back at camp the show & shine started, vendors lined up under the tent, kids games got under way, hot dogs were cooking and the kegs were tapped! Wednesday night is Bar-B-Q night so the ladies didn't even have to cook.

Thursday we were able to pull Bob away from the shop for a short trip. We wound around on roads just outside of Silverton. We enjoyed awesome scenery, lunch by a mountain stream and wound up at the old Mayflower Mine which is now closed up but had lots of rusty old stuff to look at. Mike & Kenny both won door prizes that night, although not the ones they wanted! Mike won a rack for a hi-lift jack and Kenny won a cool 1969 Camaro.....model car!

Friday we started out on the trip to Corkscrew Gulch but after 1 hour of stops for various reasons we broke off

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from the main trip and ran it ourselves and had a great time. That night Warn Industries sponsored burgers and a band and once again a good time was had by all. Everyone danced at least once and many free beers were consumed.

Saturday it was time to leave for home and tackle a mountain of laundry. It was a fun & relaxing vacation in Silverton. The registration was held at 200 this year so it was a smaller crowd plus fewer Mountaineers too. Sad to say but it was mentioned that we missed having Craig along! See you at All 4 Fun 2003!



## ***Rubicon 2002***

Rubicon Bound in the July heat from Fort Collins to Cisco Grove made all look forward to the cooler temperatures of the Northern Sierra Nevada Mountains. Elaine Albrandt and Darwin & Colleen Stengaard arrived 2 days ahead of Tim Sigley, Bob & Tyler Schleppy, and Andy & Al from Wales.

July 6th was spent northeast of Truckee by Boca Reservoir on the Verdi Peak Trail and the eastern portion of the Hennes Pass Trail established in 1849 for the silver mines in the area known as the Comstock Lode.

Sunday, July 7th, found snow bashing to be the course for the day on the Lola Montez Trail, unusual as California was as hot and dry and dusty as Colorado. Continuing north on the trail, Elaine found the ARB on her Jeep was not engaging and we turned back toward camp. On the road back Darwin found his attempts at snow bashing had taken toll on his exhaust and the

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header pipe broke on the Jeep. Finding repairs in Truckee on a Sunday would not be an easy task.

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The rest of the crew arrived at Cisco Grove and set up camp. Luckily Bob had an onboard welder and would be able to fix the repairs needed on both Jeeps to have them ready for the Rubicon.

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Monday morning all 6 vehicles were packed and headed to Georgetown our starting point on the Rubicon Trail, “ a Public Highway” established in 1887 through Wentworth Springs and Rubicon Springs and reconfirmed in 1991 as an unmaintained County right of way to ensure it remain open for public use.

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Our group headed east on the Wentworth Trail toward Loon Lake. We took a quick detour to see “Uncle Tom's Cabin” due to the new road construction. Arriving at Loon Lake we took our first of many wrong turns as we found there are “ No Signs” marking the Rubicon Trail.

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After traveling 101 miles from Cisco Grove we were finally at the staging area at the Loon Lake spillway. Although it was 2:00 p.m., we hoped to camp at Buck Island Lake that night. Our 6 vehicles included; Elaine Albrandt in a TJ, Bob Schleppy, Darwin & Colleen Stengaard, and Al & Andy in CJ7's; Tyler Schleppy in a Cherokee; and Tim Sigley in a LandCruiser. Every vehicle was set up differently and would be needing their own unique line when taking each challenge.

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The July heat and the Rubicon “moon dust” would be constant as we continued. With Bob in the lead, we did a trial loop through the large granite boulders until we found what we thought to be the Rubicon trail and

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headed for the granite bowl. Here again with no signs we searched for the trail and decided on a trail that was quite challenging and time consuming only to find we were back within minutes of the Loon Lake staging area. Brian, a local, turned us around to redo this challenging section the correct direction. This would have been the correct way in for the Rubicon Trail. Brian, then led us across the granite bowl to the next section of the Rubicon Trail.

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At Ellis Creek the trails from Wentworth Springs, McKinstry Lake, and Loon Lake converge to continue on the Rubicon Trail. Shortly after passing this point Tim's LandCruiser broke steering bolts. With Darwin's on board air and air tools, we were able to get the broken bolts out and robbed metric bolts from other Toyota components to get Tim going.

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Daylight was quickly fading as we headed up the trail with Andy & Al in the lead. We proceeded through Walkers Rock, a rock strewn section of trail that makes a sharp turn to the left, a 100 foot section of extreme trail topped with a turn to the left and some additional challenges in a sandstone section. Although this is a very challenging part of the Rubicon Trail, we did it at night with all having a great time. Darwin tried to tell us it was a romantic evening drive. Elaine and Colleen both thought the dust and the smell of gas and oil was anything but romantic.

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Andy & Al finally came to a section of trail we thought best to tackle in the morning and proceeded to set up our tents using our vehicle headlights. We had a "romantic"

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dinner and drinks at midnight by Jeep light. Everyone retired for the night not knowing we would be awakened by Howard the Bear raiding our camp. The bear made 4 trips into our camp taking two coolers, getting inside

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Bob's Jeep to steal food out of his cooler, and waking us when he dropped a 60 gal plastic tuff tub climbing the vertical granite wall behind our tents. Andy, Al, and Tyler managed to sleep till morning, although the rest of camp was awake. The bear was spotted during a flashlight search of camp. The camp was lit up and bear watch began.

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At daylight Bob and Tim went in search of the small coolers and found them emptied a short distance outside of camp, both in different directions.

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Daylight also found us at the base of Little Sluice. Checking out the large boulders and the Jeep size holes in the sluice, all decided to take the by pass. Little Sluice By Pass was a down hill with large boulders followed by a rock garden of midsize to large boulders. Having made it through this section, Tim started downhill, over and through a large boulder section only to break the drivers side front axle. Everyone found several choices of downhill trails to join Tim at the bottom.

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Moving on we found multiple trail options. Taking a best guess, Andy & Al chose a well used downhill trail, we found later to be called Lost Trail. This trail was great 4 wheeling both up and down. Darwin did a rock dance going down and broke the exhaust on his Jeep. Tim found the twisting and flexing had broken steering bolts again. Having no further replacement bolts, a decision was made to send 3 vehicles out for parts. An unusual rescue crew, 2 Brits, a woman, and a teenager. Although they would have great bragging rights in having completed the Rubicon Trail twice in 4 days.

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Bob, Tim, and Darwin stayed and proceeded to see if there might be any way to get the LandCruiser back together and out tonight behind the other vehicles.

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Welding nuts on the studs to make them bolts appeared to solve part of the problem but when taking to the next rocky section of trail the welding would not hold. A camp sight was found and we began our wait for parts.

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The trail to Buck Island Lake, Big Sluice, Rubicon Springs, and Cadillac Hill winds down and around a canyon allowing us to maintain CB contact with our group going out. At 10:30 p.m., we were able to see their vehicle lights on Observation Point across the canyon. This meant they were through the worst sections of the trail and should make it across the McKinney Creek Trail to Lake Tahoe and back to Cisco Grove that night.

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Wednesday was a busy day for our parts chasers. Not only did they have to find parts, cold beverages , and ice; they had the problem of finding the unmarked trail back to us. Waiting at repair camp was mainly keeping in the shade and watching the rare group of 4 wheelers go past. One was a group from Chrysler of Rubicons with inexperienced international drivers. We also had time to walk back to Mudd Lake to wash off some of the Rubicon “Moon Dust”.

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The parts chasers finally arrived at repair camp at 7:00. First on the list was cold drinks then on to the repairs. After finishing repairs we walked to Spider Lake to wash off more “moon dust” as we had decided to spend another night on the Rubicon Trail.

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On Thursday the 4th day we did not get very far out of camp when we stopped to repair the ARB on Darwin's Jeep. We then headed to Buck Island Lake for a midmorning swim in its pristine blue waters. Then on to Big Sluice where a few wheels found air traveling through the boulder laden section. Next was Rubicon

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Springs bridge, the homestead, and lunch at the water falls. Leaving there we climbed Cadillac hill, meeting the owner of Rubicon Springs who express thoughts that Tyler and his Cherokee was not out of trouble yet. Much to his amazement, he found that Tyler was on his 2nd trip through in 4 days.

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Photos were taken at Observation Point. All were ready to get back to camp for showers and their favorite cold beverages. Al, commenting on their excursion for repair parts thought Tim should have a Bandoleer full of metric bolts for the next trail. The McKinney Creek Trail out was not without problems, as Darwin thought he was out of gas but the problem persisted with Elaine towing his Jeep for a while. It turned out to be a fuel pump problem and was able to coax the Jeep back to Cisco Grove. Bob also needed gas to make it to Lake Tahoe and on to camp.

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Friday July 12th had Darwin & Colleen heading home with the others heading up the Fordyce Creek Trail

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The Fordyce Creek Trail is run during the Sierra Trek when the water flow is shut off. The trail opened the 4th of July weekend. This trail is considered as tough or tougher than the Rubicon plus it has several deep fast flowing water crossings and several winch hills. Time did not allow them to complete this trail.

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All are making plans to revisit these trails in 2004, a sign a good time was had by all.

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# M O U N T A I N - E A R S



## OKLAHOMA CLASSIC BRONCO ROUNDUP 2002

September 13, 14 & 15 -- Clayton, Oklahoma

We are trying a new location for this year's Round Up. Clayton, Oklahoma offers a variety of challenging and scenic trails - more of something for everyone here. We are headquartering at the Clayton Country Inn - rooms, food and lots of camping space. We are looking forward to seeing you there. You can see pictures of the past Round Ups on our website at [okclassicbroncos.com](http://okclassicbroncos.com).

Please send your registration form to: Oklahoma Classic Broncos  
7723 E. 105<sup>th</sup> St.  
Tulsa, OK 74133

We will lead trail rides Friday and Saturday, ranging from super-easy tours to extreme four-wheeling. Please read the Vehicle Requirement section of the registration form carefully if you plan to go on the trails and come prepared for your particular level. Every registered vehicle will be inspected before participating in the four-wheel events. Last year we had plenty of extra seats for those of you who want the thrill of the ride but don't have your Bronco set up for the harder trails. We are also planning more on site activities, with an articulation ramp, contests and an area for "Bronco Parking Only," so every one can look at the trucks. We are also planning on plenty of prizes, both for raffles and for bidding.

Hotel Information: Clayton Country Inn (918) 569-4165

Camp Minnetonka (918) 569-7856 (Church camp across road from Clayton Country Inn - nice rooms, but no smoking, drinking or loud parties - they like 4 Wheelers without the extras)

A & A Motel (918) 569-4101

Sardis Inn (918) 569-4665

G's Cabins (918) 569-4147

Nashoba Valley Golf (918) 755-4519

If you have friends, share this information with them. Call us and we will send a registration form to them. If you don't see our information on a Bronco website, please share the information with them, or contact



# Mountaineers Lost

On August 8th the Mountaineers lost one of its most eligible bachelors to that great institution called matrimony. Bill and Judy pulled the pin at their cabin in Red Feather Lakes. We offer up the following unaltered and certified documentation as proof. Congratulations to you both from your Mountaineer family.

No. F 19886

THIS LICENSE VALID FOR ONLY  
30 DAYS FROM DATE OF ISSUE

NOTE: THIS IS A MARRIAGE LICENSE, NOT A MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE. IF IT IS NOT USED, THE PERSON TO WHOM IT IS DELIVERED MUST RETURN IT PROMPTLY TO THE COUNTY CLERK AND REGISTRAR WHO ISSUED IT.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE**

THE STATE OF COLORADO  
COUNTY OF LARIMER

*To any person or religious society Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony:*

GREETING:

*You are hereby authorized to join in marriage*

Mr. William Charles Marquardt IV  
of Fort Collins Colorado and  
Ms. Judy Marie Heiderscheidt  
of Fort Collins Colorado

*and return this license to this office*

*Witness, my hand and the seal of my office at*  
Fort Collins, Colorado this 8th day of August in the year 2002

Given  
at Fort Collins, Colorado at 10:31 a.m. on 8/8/02

*Maryna J. Rodenberger, County Clerk*  
*Carol Ann Smith, Deputy*

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**MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE**

STATE OF COLORADO, }  
COUNTY OF Larimer }

*It is hereby certified that on the* 8th *day of* August  
*A.D.* 2002 *at* Norfolk Hwy Cabin 30490 W. Col. Rd 74E  
*in said county, the undersigned, a* pastor *to the marriage,*  
*did join in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony in accordance with the laws of the state of*  
*Colorado and the authorization of the foregoing license*

Mr. William Charles Marquardt IV  
of Fort Collins Colorado and  
Ms. Judy Marie Heiderscheidt  
of Fort Collins Colorado

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# Club Trip

To Be announced at Club meeting

Sunday August 25th



# Guest's at last Meeting

Tony Hanson Gary Davis Randy Raymer



# Much Thanks

We would like to thank Mike Braskich for Breakfast for the 8 people that helped with the Hwy Cleanup



# Night Run

Sept. 14, Moody Hill-Crystal Mtn. Night Run  
Club provides meat and buns  
Bring side dishes to share.  
Meet at Masonville at 5:00pm



# M E M B E R S R I D E S

**Member name:** George Kinnison

**Member number:** 2

**Make and Model:** Jeep CJ-8 Scrambler

**Year:** 84

**Engine:** 258 6cyl

**Tranny:** 5 speed

**T-Case:** Dana 300

**Front Axle:** Dana 30 ARB

**Rear Axle:** Beefer Dana 20 Lockright

**Tires and wheels:** 31" Goodrich MS 8" White spoke

**Suspension:** 3" Lift Rancho 9000 Shocks

**Brakes:** Stock Disc Front Drums rear

**Accessories:** Mopar EFI Conversion, Full Cage Roll Bar, Warn 9500i Winch, -MORE



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4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Lloyd Vicek
11	12 BOARD MEETING	13 D & C Stengaard	14	15	16 Jerome Maes	17
18 J & S Mueller	19	20	21 CLUB MEETING Cody Kinnison B & C Hawf	22	23 Milly Smelker	24 Kim Schleppey
25 CLUB TRIP Brian Graves B & K Schleppey	26	27	28	29 Shannon Dalldorf	30	31

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8	9 BOARD MEETING Jim Miller	10	11 Brett Newton	12 Cameron Klein	13	14 Cory Kinnison
15 Larry Stein	16 C & M Smelker	17	18 CLUB MEETING Scott Ellinger	19	20 P & K Schnaidt	21
22 CLUB TRIP Heidi Crue	23	24 Nathaniel DeWitt	25	26 R & K Kapperman	27	28 Nicholas Hawf
29 Bev Klein	30		Ben Crue Karina Early			

Board Meeting:      Sept. 9    7:30pm    Lori Golly  
                                  Oct. 7    7:30pm    Craig Stumbough  
 Membership Meeting: Aug. 21    7:30pm    Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
                                  Sept. 18    7:30pm    Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Club Trip:            Aug. 25    9:00am    **Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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The following businesses give Mountaineer Members special discounts on parts or specific services. In other words, they save us money... and we are grateful.

<p><b>Ft. Collins 4X4 Center</b>            1101 North College            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-482-5500</p>	<p><b>IKON Office Solutions</b>            2531 South Shields Street #2A            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-482-8830</p>	<p><b>CarQuest Auto Parts</b>            2716 South College Avenue            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-226-5050</p>
<p><b>RockHard 4x4 Parts</b>            Lewis Barth 401 Jackie Ann St.            Ault, Co 80610 970-834-0767</p>	<p><b>Fantasy's 4x4</b>            4311 Service Road            Evans, Colorado 303-330-3833</p>	<p><b>R &amp; S Auto Body</b>            1912 Terry Lake Rd            Fort Collins, Colorado</p>
<p><b>Mark Turner Off-Road</b>            2649 E. Mulberry St. #2            Ft. Collins Colorado 970-416-1234</p>		<p><b>RockStomper</b>            650 Weaver Park Road, Unit G            Longmont Colorado 720-652-0700</p>
<p><b>Front Range Off-Road Fabrication</b>            www.frii.com/~frorfab            cel (970) 481-6508 (970) 472-1846</p>		<p><b>Vanworks</b>            900 East Lincoln Avenue            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>
<p><b>Loveland Powder Coating</b>            225 SW 42nd Street            Loveland, Colorado 970-679-7500</p>	<p><b>4X4 Used Parts</b>            Bob Schleppey Bob@4x4usedparts.com            970-224-4294 www.4x4usedparts.com</p>	<p><b>Colorado Iron &amp; Metal</b>            1400 E MulberrySt            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-482-7707</p>