



# July Trip Report

## Gillespie Gulch

A few club members and guests left the Albertson's parking lot July 20th to meet with those waiting in Lyons. Twenty-seven vehicles strong for the trip up Gillespie Gulch in Jamestown. A great turn out with the number of guests as passengers and guests in everything from a stock 2003 Toyota 4 Runner to several well modified Jeeps.

Dave & Dawn P. lead the group at a slow and steady pace from Jamestown to the mine site. At the front of the group as they proceeded up the next rough section, Theresa S. in her Toyota Pickup began to have fuel problems and was not able to navigate this section on the vehicles own power. Craig S. backed down and tried to tow the vehicle up this section but after several tries, he turned around and winched the Toyota to a pull off spot. Theresa and her guest joined Craig in his vehicle. This rough section and 90 degree turn made for some excitement for the several vehicles. It was interesting to watch the spotting going on with the stock Toyota 4 Runner and a stock Jeep with 4 big guys from Kansas. We were taking bets if the 4 from Kansas would each get out and grab a corner of their Jeep and reposition it in the rough areas.

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With the main group proceeding on up the hill, we turned back to check on a couple vehicles who the fuel gremlins had left further down the hill. Fuel pumps, vapor locking, among other overheating problems just slowed them down. Darwin & Colleen S. assisted Steve, a guest, get his Jeep going sending him up the trail to join the main group. Brett N. and Troy W. assisted Dave F. with relocating a fuel pump that was overheating. With repairs made, Dave F. all but hooked on to Darwin & Colleen S. bumper in driving up the hill to join everyone else.

At the top of the climb Craig S. returned Theresa S. down to her Toyota for the return to town. The rest of the group headed for the overlook. Over half the group went to the top to check the full overlook for photos of the valley view. Even the stock 4 Runner made the last climb to the overlook.

As a light rain shower moved in, we turned around and headed down the trail to Jamestown. All our guests made great efforts at making it through some rough sections regardless of how they were equipped. We enjoyed assisting and watching and hope they will join us again. Definitely a great day of 4 wheeling.

Colleen



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## Mountaineers at All-4-Fun

The Gollys, Craig, the Kinnisons, Elaine and the Stengaards gathered for the 2003 All-4-Fun event near Leadville. Craig got there early and staked out one of the prime camping spots for our group. We waited for Bob, Justin and Tyler Schleppey to arrive so that we could help them set up their Fix-em-up shop.

The real fun began on Sunday with hundreds of vehicles lining up to tackle the different trails. Our group decided to take on the most difficult trails offered. During the week we signed up for Grizzly Lake, Holy Cross City, Iron Chest, Chinaman Gulch and the Mount Antero Trails. The trails were fun and the Mountaineers vehicles performed well for the most part. The only real breakdown was the Muffin which broke before even getting to the Chinaman Gulch trailhead. A ring gear bolt had backed out and got punched through the bottom of the pumpkin. Mr. Schleppey got the Muffin back on the road later in the day with some creative upside down welding.

The real hit of the week was 13 year old Travis Golly who drove most of the Holy Cross City and Chinaman Gulch Trails. It was fun watching him take on the challenges like a pro. Craig got a little upset when Travis picked better lines on the rocks than he did. On the other end of the spectrum, none of us realized how spooked Darwin gets on shelf roads.



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He had Colleen drive the Mount Antero trail so that he could keep his eyes shut when we got above timberline. Elaine got to wheel with her buddies from the Trail Ridge Runners on a couple of trips. She did have a problem on a little challenge on the Holy Cross Trail, not only once but twice, so we had to think up name for the challenge. Henceforth, it shall always be lovingly known by the Mountaineers as “Chatterbox Crack” in Elaine's honor. As per Mountaineers tradition, we had some Hot Sex around the campfire at night. We even donated a bottle of Hot Sex as a door prize which was a hit. At night, we had to wear our jackets as it did get downright chilly and most chose to run their heaters in the motor homes. The big winner at door prize night in our group was Ken. He won a set of wheels from Discount Tire worth about \$400.00.

The Schleppey's were kept busy in the shop repairing broken vehicles as they limped back into camp. We all hung out at the shop, helping when we could and offering our unsolicited advice. They did get to wheel one day when the work in the shop got caught up. Justin had some bad luck when a Jeep he was working on fell on his chest. After a quick trip to the hospital it was determined that he just had some bruised muscles but he was a hurting unit for the rest of the week.

# MOUNTAIN-EARS



We don't know where next years All-4-Fun event will be until about Christmas time. If you are interested in having fun with 300 or so other Jeepers, let one of us know and we will get an entry blank to you when the time comes. It is well worth the price of admission!

Garfield



## New 4x4 Shop

There is a new game in town and they are giving the Mountaineers a club discount. Ray Schleppey has opened a new shop in conjunction with the Bullhide people. The new shops official name is Bullhide Liner 4x4 & Auto Accessories. They are located just to the south of Tynan's Nissan at 5817 South College Avenue. They carry all the normal lines of 4x4 equipment and parts and also have mechanics on duty. You can call Bullhide 4x4 @ 224-2288. Check out the new shop for your self , but don't forget the other shops in town as competition is good for all of us.



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## Shop Party

Mark your Calendars!!! On Saturday, August 23, bring your 4-wheeler out to Darwin and Colleen Stengaard's shop. Everyone has a little project on your vehicle that you have been putting off for months. Now is the time to do it. We don't care if it is changing the springs or installing a new gadget or whatever. If you don't have any thing on your vehicle, come on out and be a stupidvisor on someone else's project. The shop will be open from 9:00am to 6:00pm. The club will be providing the burgers, all you have to bring is a side dish to share, liquid refreshment and lawn chairs. This promises to be great time, BE THERE!!! More on this a the Club Meeting.



## Editor's Note

I need some Member's Rides. If you need a form to fill out Please pick one up at the Club Meeting. Please bring a picture of your vehicle and return the filled out form to Dave Oden.

I also need more pictures for the Online Calendar.

Please contribute to our new segment "My Favorite Trail". Name of trail, why it is your favorite trail, where the trail is, and picture if you have one.



# Club Trip GreenRidge

8:00am Sunday Aug. 24 Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox.

Notice the time Change to 8:00am!!!



## Columbia Point Memorial

Three mountaineer members arrived in Westcliffe, Co Aug 7<sup>th</sup> to aid in 4WD support to the friends and family of the Shuttle Columbia for the Hike, Camp out and Dedication of the newly renamed Columbia Point . Dan Venrick and George Kinnison arrived at Westcliffe at 7:15 am to help coordinate passengers and cargo capabilities while Darren Finger searched for an electrical problem on the Pickle back at camp.

By 8:30, The caravan of 20+ vehicles consisting of volunteers from local Ham radio operators and Larimer County Search and Rescue and Larimer County 4 Wheel Drive Club arrived at the trailhead. Alan Silverstein the 4WD support organizer led the group followed by Dan in his new 4 door Toyota Tacoma loaded with passengers. Darren and the repaired Pickle picked up the rear to lend assistance to the mostly stock 4 wheel drives. It was only a short distance before the trail began overheating it's

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first Jeep Cherokee...

The passengers disbursed into other vehicles as it headed back down while George crept up in his Jeep Grand Wagoneer loaded with passengers. A short while later a second Cherokee was taken victim. It's owner found little coolant in the system and poured nearly two gallons of creek water into the radiator. Up and running for a short distance more, a Suzuki encountered carburetor problems and was pulled up behind a two strap.

3 hours later from the start of a should be 1.5 hour trail, the vehicles arrived at the Forest Service Gate where only the Crew Cab F350 was allowed to continue the last mile loaded with Camping gear. The NASA group followed up on foot the extra mile where the Pickup was unloaded and the group packed their gear another mile or so on single track trail to the South Colony Lakes where they set up Base Camp. Dan and Darren picked up two major life saving devices for the ascent...the oxygen bottle and the portable toilet seat!

Friday morning, many of the campers hiked up further on the Humboldt saddle to attend the memorial ceremony and watch the five F-14 fighter jets from Colorado Springs for a flyover. Meanwhile Dan and Darren took the Tacoma wheeling over Medano pass and down into the Great Sand Dunes National Monument past Mount Blanca, through Alamosa and returned



back over the Sangre De Christo Mountains by way of Hayden pass on the north end of the Sangre De Chirstos'. George tried his fishing expertise at the DeWeese Reservoir north of Westcliffe with other RV'er from his camp. Reports of his success are unknown.

Saturday morning George, Dan and Darren returned to the pickup spot to tote the group back down the mountain...We all met back down at the Westcliff Inn to sign 100 Commemorative USGS topographic maps, and get pictures and autograph's of the attending shuttle astronauts. By Saturday afternoon the Mountaineers were headed home, thankful for the opportunity to support the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**Ford 9" rearend complete**, full width, 3.50 gears, 31 spline shafts. \$100, call Ben (970)495-0801

**For Sale:** 2 Jeep roll bars, new truck tire chains, new adjustable tow bar- prices negotiable Pickup topper- came off of 1988 chevy long bed. \$300, OBO Call Mike Golly for more info, 663-3446

**Jeep Overdrive for sale.** It is for the older Jeep. I am asking \$300.00 O.B.O. It is a Husky that was built in Longmont,Co. in the early 1970's Jim Maxwell 970-482-0412

**YJ Stuff** Wrangler Hardtop w/ rear wiper (Tan) - \$900, 66-77 Bronco Parts. Call Curtis (970) 217-7226 or pager (970) 416-4238

**For Sale:** Front Axle: Dana 44 disc brakes 410 ratio with lockright side drive shaft. Rear Axle: 9" heavy housing 31 spline Currie axles, nodgular carrier 410 ratio, Detroit locker, heavy 9 3/8" ring gear, Timpken roller bearings, 11" brakes, Bolt pattern 5x5 1/2. Call Brad anytime on weekends & after 5 on weekdays at: 520-887-9104

**For Sale:** Utility Trailer 1992 6 ft bed, tilt \$750.00 Contact: Steve @970-674-0016

August 2003						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1  K&D Kinnison	2
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10 Lloyd Vicek	11 <b>BOARD MEETING</b>	12	13  D&C Stengaard	14	15	16 Jerome Maes
17	18  J&S Mueller	19	20 <b>CLUB MEETING</b>	21 Cody Kinnison	22	23 Milly Smelker
24/31 <b>24 CLUB TRIP</b> Kim Schleppey	25 Brian Graves  B&K Schleppey	26	27	28	29	30

September 2003						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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7	8 <b>BOARD MEETING</b>	9 Jim Miller	10	11 Brett Newton	12 Cameron Klein	13
14 Cory Kinnison	15	16  C&M Smelker	17 <b>CLUB MEETING</b>	18 Scott Ellinger	19	20  P&K Schnaidt
21 <b>CLUB TRIP</b>	22 Heidi Crue	23	24 Nathaniel DeWitt	25	26  R&K Kapperman	27
28	29 Bev Klein	30				

Board Meeting:        Sept. 8    7:30pm    Bret Mathers  
                                  Oct. 6    7:30pm    Craig Stumbough  
 Membership Meeting: Aug. 20    7:30pm    Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
                                  Sept. 17    7:30pm    Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Club Trip:             Aug. 24    **8:00am**    **Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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<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>            808 E. Mulberry St.            Ft. Collins, CO 970-227-1847</p>
<p><b>Front Range Off-Road Fabrication</b>            www.frii.com/~frorfab            cel (970) 481-6508 (970) 472-1846</p>	<p><b>4X4 Used Parts</b>            Bob Schleppey Bob@4x4usedparts.com            970-224-4294 www.4x4usedparts.com</p>	<p><b>RockStomper</b>            P.O. Box 724            Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
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<p><b>Jackson's All American Sports Grill</b>            925 East Harmony Road            Ft. Collins, Colorado</p>	<p><b>Bullhide Liner 4X4 &amp; Auto Accessories</b>            5817 South College Ave.            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	