



## July Trip Report

A small mass of 4x4's gathered in the Albertson's parking lot preparing for a warm day to commute to Middle St.

Vrain/Coney Flats trail. Our most experienced leader, The Meadow Muffin, was under strict doctors orders to take it easy, so “No Jeep'n”. With this dilemma , the first task was to determine who knew where we were going and how to get there. Hmm. With some head scratching we looked at Darwin and Colleen, figuring they knew their way around pretty well. So, despite Darwin having made 2 wrong turns just getting to the Albertson's that morning, we figured Colleen had better navigational skills than any combination of Mountaineers and there wouldn't be any bickering.

In traditional Meadow Muffin style, Darwin honked the horn (some things just aren't the same) and we all leapt into our rigs and followed the Stengaards out the parking lot. Despite the numerous stop lights that broke the group into many, we managed to stay pretty close together getting into Lyons. Brandon Kapperman reported a low tire but was aired up again by an air equipped Mountaineer. As luck would have it, Darwin made another wrong turn. I'm sure Colleen wouldn't

have made that mistake. (Ooops! Did I say there wouldn't be any bickering?) Getting back on track again, 20+ Mountaineers and guests wound through a crowded Camp Dick, coming to rest at the Middle St.Vrain trailhead.

When the horn blew again, we fired up the wagons and the train commenced a slow, steady pace onward. The first casualty was a guest from New Mexico. The pristine Scrambler was sputtering like a 4 year old kid blowing bubbles in his milk. As is the Mountaineer way, the owner was in no way lacking any “expert” advice. The problem was ultimately deduced to be a faulty fuel pump, of which the owner carried a spare. We spent quite some time digging through the Ace Hardware store known as Elaine's Jeep, for the proper pipe fittings and adaptors to get the mismatched fuel pumps to plumb into the Scrambler. As a last resort, we looked in the original carton from which the new pump came, only to find everything we needed. Go figure!

We trudged on to catch up with the rest of the group parked up by the creek crossing. The left hand hair pin turn on Coney Flats trail wielded a few challenges for some. As we approached the crest of the hill climb we caught up with a pair of guests that had become ensnarled in the rocks. The full size Chevy Pickup was freed by a bystander with a 4000# winch mounted an ATV Mule, anchored to a tree. Next, a 70's vintage full size Blazer, with a tie rod already slightly out of linear alignment. As the driver opted for the more complicated line, the tie rod taco'd beneath the differential.

(Point of Clarification (POC) rumors of another full size Blazer popping a tire are the result of miscommunication and CB noise...tie rod...tire, 'Tater, none of which are related. End of POC). The bystander with his winch-clad mule spooled out once more and the Mountaineers went to work again. A few pulls forward...a few pulls up, another pull forward and surgery was complete. With a little spotting, the remaining Mountaineers made easy work of the challenge.

The trailing group finally caught up with the front of the pack, which had been enjoying lunch and cooling their feet in the creek crossing. Some opted for the scientific experience to prove/disprove the “Water Proof-icity” of the internal combustion engine. Our resident “Emergency Personnel”, aka Clifton, received a page of a vehicle that had failed other tests of unknown nature, requiring river rescue operations.

Once more, Darwin tooted (his horn that is) and we gathered our soggy belongings to the final stretch of the trail. Elaine blew a BFG and spent a few minutes of “Spare” time on the purple TJ. In hindsight, she was glad Brandon declined the offer of Using her spare earlier in the day. Question Why couldn't Brandon use his own spare? Things that make you go “Hmmm”.



As the rocky, dense trail finally opened up to Beaver Reservoir, we came to the end of our wheeling day. We gathered on the spill way to air up the tires and tell our tall tales, anxiously awaiting our next great adventure.

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# Club Trip

This month's trip will take us a little farther away from home than usual. The trip plan is to go over the Red Cone Trail . This trail is rated moderately difficult. We will be above timberline for much of the trip and it will take us into some very scenic old mining areas so be sure to bring your cameras. We will leave from Grant, Colorado promptly at 10:30am. It is up to you to get to Grant by 10:30am.

To get to Grant from Fort Collins, go south on I-25 to I-76 west which meets up with I-70 west. Go on I-70 to C-470 and go south on C-470 to US Highway 285 and go west. This highway will take you through Conifer and Bailey to Grant. When you get to Grant, use CB channel 13 to contact us. The computer says that it is 117 miles and will take 2 hours and 10 minutes to make the trip. We will go in on County Road 60 to the trail head.

At the trail head there is a camping area for those that might want to camp Saturday night and meet us Sunday morning for the trip. If you have any questions, please ask Craig at the meeting.



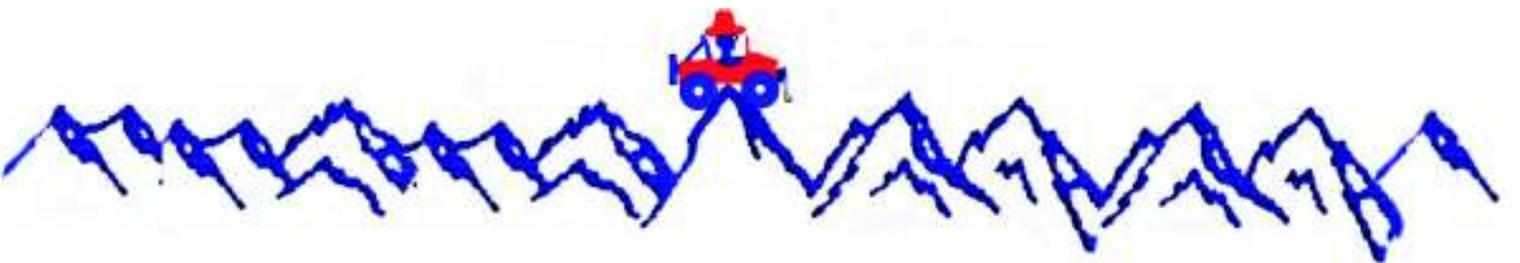
# Alternate Club Trip

With this months club trip being a longer drive, we are planing an alternate club trip. The plan is not set in stone, but the alternate trip will leave from our regular trip meeting place.

There has been some talk of going up Bald Mt.

So if you don't want to make the longer drive to Red Cone, then come meet at **Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox** at 9am Sunday

Aug. 19



# Note from Club Member

Anyone interested in doing more off road trips other than our once a month organized one? If so please contact me. I am wanting to go anytime, any day of the week. Thank you.

Kim Wheeler

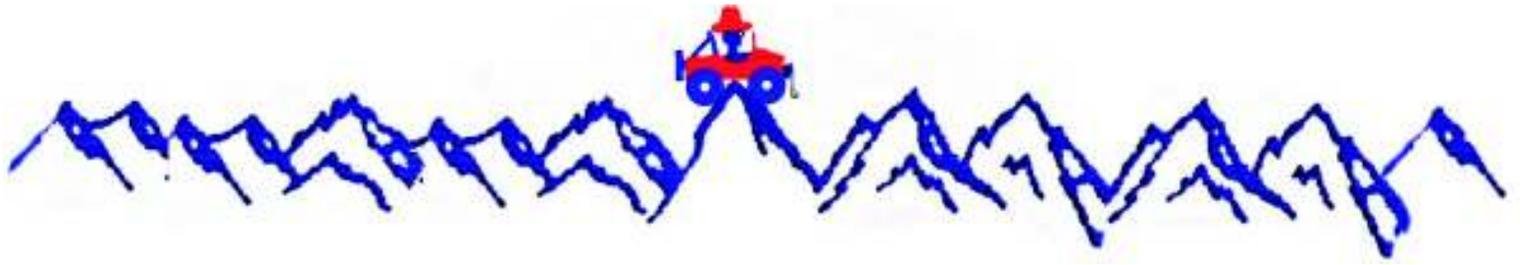
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# Previous Club Trip Pictures





## Member's Rides

Michael and Linda Castell #90  
1999 Jeep Wrangler Sport

- \* 36" x 13.5" IROKs on 15 x 8 Champion beadlocks
- \* Front Axle is a High Pinion Dana 44 that has been trussed, it has a ARB Air Locker with 4:56 gears, Chrome Moly Axle shafts using Yukon Super U-joints. 3/4 ton Warn locking hubs, custom heavy duty drag links, and tie-rods
- \* Rear Axle is a Super 44 (33 spline Chrome Moly shafts) also with a ARB Air Locker and 4:56 gears
- \* Suspension is a Teraflex LCG with a custom built four link system in the rear
- \* MORE 1" body lift and heavy duty motor mounts with 1" lift
- \* 5 speed manual transmission \* NP 231 transfer case with a TeraLow 4 to 1
- \* Terraflex Belly Up skid plate
- \* Warn 9000 winch
- \* Poison Spider Stinger, Tube fenders, Rocker Guards and Crush Corners
- \* Wilderness rear bumper and tire rack.
- \* The rear axle has been moved back to increase the wheel base 5 inches, 99 total
- \* The stock gas tank was replaced with a RCI racing fuel cell and a custom 3/8" steel skid plate built around it





# 4x4 Classifieds

**For Sale:**

86 Chevy Military 30,000 mile Diesel after market A/C \$2500 obo, Call Levi 970-420-5534

**For Sale:** '92 Dodge Dakota Extended Cab LE 4x4 A/T 318 V8 w/headers, needs a muffler. Power windows and locks. 2" body lift 33x10.5 BFG tires. No rust! Great interior. \$2000.00  
Contact Chris at [trump626@msn.com](mailto:trump626@msn.com) or 303-472-6336

**Cars, Trucks, and SUV's for sale.** Check out [www.horsepowerauto.com](http://www.horsepowerauto.com) to see what is available. If you don't see what you are looking for give Ben a call at 970-443-1875. I'll help you find it.

**Backhoe Available:** Mike Braskich has a backhoe available for snow removal services or other needs of members. Call 970-224-9134

August 2007						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 K&D Kinnison	2 B&M Kemp	3	4
5	6 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> <i>Dave Oden</i>  M&L Castell	7	8 B&J Marquardt	9	10 Lloyd Vlcek	11
12	13 D&C Stengaard	14	15 <b>CLUB MEETING</b>	16 Jerome Maes	17	18 J&S Mueller
19 <b>CLUB TRIP</b>	20	21 Cody Kinnison	22	23 Milly Smelker	24 Kim Schleppey	25 Grian Graves  B&K Schleppey A&K Fredrick
26	27 Katie Schrader	28 John Schrader	29	30	31	

September 2007						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 <b>Labor Day</b>	4	5	6	7 Cotton Riley	8
9 Jim Miller	10 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> <i>Darren Finger</i>	11 Brett Newton	12 Cameron Klein	13	14 Cory Kinnison	15
16 Chad Pautvein  C&M Smelker	17	18	19 <b>CLUB MEETING</b>	20	21	22 Heidi Crue
23 <b>CLUB TRIP</b> 30  23rd M&J McQuaid	24 Nathaniel DeWitt Troy White	25	26 R&K Kapperman	27	28	29 Bev Klein

Board Meeting:        Sept. 10    7:30pm    Darren Finger  
                                  Oct.    8    7:30pm    Ben Crue  
 Membership Meeting: Aug. 15    7:30pm    Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
                                  Sept. 19    7:30pm    Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Club Trip:             Aug. 19    **10:30am**    **Grant Colorado on HWY 285**  
                                  **Alt. Trip    9:00am**    **Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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## *August Newsletter*

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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.

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<p><b>Bullhide Liner 4X4 &amp; Auto Accessories</b>            5817 South College Ave.            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p><b>Coyote Cruisers &amp; OffRoad</b>            417 North Hwy 287            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-221-1833</p>	<p><b>Moab 4x4 Outpost</b>            1831 S Hwy 191            Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</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 / 4X4 Off Road</b>            938 West Willox Lane, Ft. Collins            970-224-1133 <a href="http://www.4x4usedparts.com">www.4x4usedparts.com</a></p>	<p><b>RockStomper</b>            P.O. Box 724            Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
<p><b>Fort Collins Floral</b>            205 N. College Ave, Ft. Collins            970-482-1481 <a href="http://www.fortcollinsfloral.com">www.fortcollinsfloral.com</a></p>	<p><b>Horsepower Auto Brokers</b>            1409 E. Olive Ct. Unit E, Ft. Collins            970-482-2579 <a href="http://www.horsepowerauto.com">www.horsepowerauto.com</a></p>	<p><b>Vanworks</b>            900 East Lincoln Avenue            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>
<p><b>Steep Bottom Construction</b>            Brian H. Graves            Wellington, Colorado 970-631-2412</p>	<p><b>Aunt T's Pet Motel</b>            3200 E. Mulberry Ft. Collins            970-484-5776 <a href="http://www.fcvet.com">www.fcvet.com</a></p>	