



# August Trip Report

## Spring Creek 2009

Eighteen mountaineers and guests gathered at the meeting place for the Spring Creek Trail. From well experienced members to rookie guests making their first extreme trail, the day would be full of challenges.

Before the leaders reached the first off camber obstacle, Ben C. had his black wrangler quit running. With some quick field diagnostics, all agreed a Jeep without spark will not run. Craig S. and Ben C. went in search of a high tension coil with hopes of still doing the trail.

The mountaineers ahead of them were working the group through the rocky approach to a obnoxious off camber challenge. Some drove through it like a simple Sunday drive while others provided some

great photo opportunities. The rocks coming off this off camber section tricked even some of the most experienced.

The tight switchbacks and rocky terrain kept everyone alert. We did have some slow down with the Toyotas of Dave S. and Coyote John having overheating and fuel



Filter problems. Too bad Coyote John did not know to buy his filters by the case.

Our next obstacle had changed from previous years with trees gone and rocks moved around. Only



those purposely taking a difficult route had troubles. Dan V. found his truck doing the turtle dance with his truck as he tried to climb the truck sized boulder.

Coyote John was trailing behind with his filter

problem as the main group headed for rock garden. Another group ahead of us left a Blazer and Land cruiser as additional obstacles to get past going through the rock garden. Only those taking the bypasses were spared in this section. Some fancy



Moves and some more turtle dancing were seen as the mountaineers moved on through. Darwin S. may lose his driving privileges as he left Colleen to catch a ride to the top while she was taking

photos in the rock garden.

Dan V. developed an antifreeze leak and he tried to slow the leak before rejoining the



mountaineers at the top of the trail. Once we had everyone on top we headed down the switchbacks to Georgetown. A call to Craig S. found he and Ben C. had repaired the wrangler and were pulling in to Fort Collins without further incidence.

Good thing they went back early since we found traffic backed up on I-70 causing all of us delays getting home.

Darwin S. stopped at the staging area to check for a front end wobble on his Jeep, which seemed tighten some bolts. Dan V. filled water jugs for his radiator



Leak and everyone headed towards home.

Lots of happy chatter filled the air as this trail had challenges to meet expectations of all on the trail.

Snoopy



And now for the rest of the story ..... One of our newest Mountaineers, Jake, and one of his best buddies and prospective club member Ryan were raring to go on the Spring Creek Trail with the club. They decided to camp out the night before the trip at 4

the base of the trail. Never before being on this trail, they decided to hop into their trusty but rusty TTV's (Taliban Transport Vehicle, aka Toyota pickup) and run up the trail just a little ways, turnaround and come back down. On the way up they came to the first challenge, conquered it, turned around and started back down. Ryan was leading and started to slowly descend the rock. All was OK until the front tire dropped into a hole and the TTV flipped over onto its top. They made a plan for Jake to come down behind him and winch him right side up. It was a great idea until Jake dropped into a hole and did a slow flop onto his side. It didn't take long to right Jake's TTV and with some creative winching they got Ryan back with the rubber side down. After getting to the trail head, they had to search out some new fluids and top off both TTV's to get ready for the club trip the next morning. At least they had a lot to laugh about around the campfire that night. On Monday morning when they went to work and related their stories to their co-workers, they started to call the guys EJ!<sup>b</sup> and <sup>Flop</sup>, how appropriate!

El Guapo





## **July Trip Plan**

Middle Saint Vrain and Coney Flats

Meet across from Diamond Shamrock in Lyons on  
HWY 66 at 10 am August 23



## **Highway Cleanup**

We wish to thank the usual suspects that come out to pick up trash along Highway 14 in the Poudre Canyon. They were Dave Piller, Mike and Lori Golly, Craig Stumbough and Jeff Paben with grandson Jake. It seems that it is a core group that always shows up every time. It takes only 8 people to work the two mile section of highway in an efficient and timely manor. As it was almost a unanimous vote to take on this project, we need just a few more people to do a proper job. The last cleanup for the year will be on October 24th. Hope to see a few more Mountaineers helping.



# State Fair Help

The State Association is going to have the raffle Jeep at the Colorado State Fair in Pueblo August 28th to Sept 7th. Hours will be 10am to midnight. They are needing help to man the booth and sell raffle tickets. You will be in the shade. The booth will be in front of the grandstand just down from the Dodge display so if there is a concert going on you can hear that too! The State association will cover your ticket in. If you are interested in working a shift send and email to [RSOclub@gmail.com](mailto:RSOclub@gmail.com)





## Mystery Raffle Prize



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John Arnold #84

August 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Judy Paul	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 BOARD MEETING <i>Darren Finger</i> Lloyd Vicek Roger MacDonald	11	12 Carlene Smith	13	14	15
16 Ann Pryzgoda	17 Ken Pryzgoda	18	19 Club Meeting Jason Cramer	20	21 Cody Kinnison	22
23/30 Club Trip(23) Ken Finley(23) Milly Smelker(23)	24/31 Kim Schleppey(24)	25 Brian Graves	26 Ian Smith	27 Katie Schrader	28 John Schrader	29

September 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 BOARD MEETING <i>Brett Newton "Park"</i> Cotton Riley	8	9 Jim Miller	10 Chris Finley Ethan Finley	11 Brett Newton	12 Cameron Klein
13 Nick Frederick	14 Cory Kinnison	15	16 Club Meeting Jack Pryzgoda	17	18	19
20 Club Trip Skylar Payton	21	22 Heidi Crue	23	24 Nathaniel DeWitt Troy White	25	26
27	28	29 Bev Klein	30			

Board Meeting:       Sept. 7   7:30pm   Brett Newton "Park"  
                               Oct. 12   7:30pm   Dave Oden  
 Membership Meeting: Aug. 19   7:30pm   Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
                               Sept. 16   7:30pm   Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Club Trip:             Aug. 23   **10:00am**   **Lyons Colorado on HWY 66**



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