

Mountain - Ears

July Trip Reports

Holy Cross Trip

As promised, I made my trek to Homestake Road on Thursday to scout out a camping area for Saturdays run of the Holy Cross trail. After locating a likely spot, the Mountaineer banner went up! I placed paper plates all over the place, however, it wasn't until I saw everyone pass the spot and back up that I figured out the mileage was wrong on my directions! Oh well, everyone found it. Most trickled in on Friday, Jake had brake problems and didn't arrive until 1:00 AM.

Nevertheless we all left the

trail head around 8:30 AM. The official count was 16 rigs,



This includes Randy and Dave Dacus who came all the way from Kansas, only to turn around at the first bypass with carburetor trouble on their FJ40. Nate, Jake Adams brother, had removed his fan shroud before the trip, which led to overheating problems on his Chevy. A quick stop to remove the hood seemed to

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remedy this problem!

We made pretty good time to French Creek. The low water level turned out to be a bit deceiving. First up was Daryl Surface, he got hung up just



Past the water requiring a pull backwards, unfortunately his front drive shaft separated. With the help of Bob Opdyke the drive shaft was removed and reinstalled in short order. Next up was I, Coyote John, I broke something in my front axle, (turned out to be the bolts and dowels on my driver side hub). I got a strap from Daryl and ran the rest of the trip in 3 wheel drive! The rest

of the group made it slowly across French Creek, Dave Piller's clutch was smoking, Shane needed a little help, and so it went, until we all made it. In sight of Holy Cross City, Nate lost the bead on a rear tire, everyone rallied, and it was soon inflated. We did find



Out that Adams great deal on his new Warn winch with compressor(\$800), may not have been such a great deal after all! It wouldn't keep running. We all came to rest at Holy Cross City for lunch. We checked out the cabins and enjoyed the view before heading up to Cleveland Rock. We had a lot of fun

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watching all the brave souls try to make it up. Some went slow, some gave it all the skinny pedal they had, but at the end of it all, only Jake's Brother Nate made it. It was a sight to behold as the carbureted Chevy spit and sputtered, blowing black smoke. But despite what we thought were insurmountable odds the Chevy turned out to be the only rig to make it! Good Job Nate! Well as we pointed our rigs back down the hill, most probably thought the tough going was over. But that was not the case, as we came across one of the Toyota Truggies on the



trip upside down! Aaron had a rock slide out from under his truck on an off camber and the next thing he and his cousin knew, they took the “wild ride”. Fortunately no one was hurt, other than some pride. After righting the Toyota, Aaron pulled the plugs and cleared the oil from the engine. It fired right up, but boy did it smoke!!! At least we didn't have to worry About Mosquitoes anymore. We'll I thought that was going to be it for the day, But no. I cut the front passenger tire on my FJ40 and darn near rolled it! Thanks to the great gang on the trip, we got my tire changed and finally made it back to camp. It was a full day of wheeling and some good camping with great



friends. Some great new memories for all, courtesy of the Mountaineer family!

Coyote John



Crystal & Moody

With 7 in our group, all aired down and ready to roll. we started up Crystal Mountain. Soon coming up to the first obstacle, the Rock Ledge, I did not think Cliff Snyder, in his little Samari behind me, would make it. But after a couple of attempts, it did. I think, with the right gears and lockers, it could go anywhere. Next guest, Randy Raymer in his '97 TJ, made it with no problem. Then, there was our first tow

strap for the day when Justin Treece in his '79 K5 Blazer could not make enough horse power to go over the ledge. Later, we found out it popped out of 4 low. As we went down the trail, we got spread out. So, as always, we waited in the meadow. When we headed to the quarry to play, I pulled in to the quarry with my passenger asking where I was planning to go. He didn't think we could make it but I knew better. Several people played in the quarry with one show off going forward was not enough. So, Dan Myers and his '87 GMC had to do it backwards; after several attempts, he made it.

After lunch, we pressed on to Moody with no issues until the last long hill climb when here comes Dan towing the Samari behind him. As we all stood at the top admiring the view, it

started to rain.

Heading back down, we took a look at the Old Ooutlaw Tail and found a little mud to play in. All spewing mud, we next went to play on the rocks at The Playground. First, was Randy and after several attempts, he made it. Then, Dan gave it a try. With too much mud in his tires, he just could not make it up and opting for a easier way, he made it. Tired and ready to end our day ,we headed home all happy nothing broke and we had a great time.

Until next time, Cotton

West White Pine

Two of the three trips left the North College Albertsons parking lot promptly at 9:00 am and headed west towards Masonville where we more than doubled the size of the

group of 4 wheelers. About half of the group wanted to go up Moody and Crystal Mountain so they dropped off at the Moody Trailhead. The rest of us (6 vehicles) continued up the Buckhorn Canyon to the West White Pine Trailhead where we stopped to air down and lock in our hubs.

Going up the trail, there were a few small challenges that everyone was able to negotiate. The trail is a steady climb all the way to the top of White Pine Mountain. One of our guests in an old pickup had overheating problems and had to stop about two thirds up the trail to cool down. Paul and Julie stopped to help while the rest of the group continued towards the top. The wild flowers were in full bloom and the meadow grass was still green and moist

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which is unusual for this time of year.

We parked near the top and walked up to where the old fire watch tower was and took in the 360 degree views. We had to break out a GPS to figure which way was north. After messing around for about a half an hour, we headed back down the mountain hoping to run into Paul and the guest. We had just left the top when Craig's Jeep quit. It didn't take long to figure out that the fuel pump was the culprit. When we pulled the fuel pump from the tank, it came out in two pieces. Not having the right parts, it was decided to try to coast the Muffin to the Buckhorn with no engine, power steering or power breaks. On the way down Paul and Julie said that the water pump was not long

for this world and that the guest pickup had turned around and went back down. Craig was able to coast all the way to the Buckhorn (with the help of the starter on a couple of small up hills). JeepnDave hooked up a strap and pulled the Muffin all the way back home.

The two vehicles left went on their way to finish the day. Even with the breakage, we had a fun day of wheeling (& coasting) with the Mountaineer family.

El Guapo



Mountaineers Pig Roast

Saturday, August 13th

3:00pm

we will eat between 3 and 5

Mike & Bianca's house

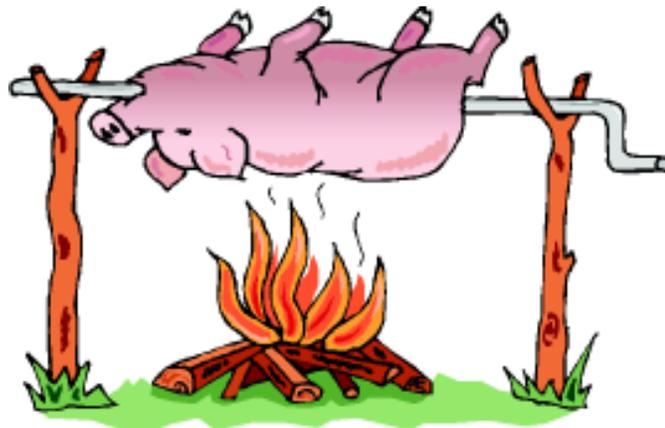
2192 N Taft Hill Road

Mike will take care of the pig, plates,
napkins and silverware

Please bring something to share
and your own beverages and lawnchairs.

Camping is ok

you can bring your bathing suit if you want to hop
in the pond. Might want to throw in the bug spray.
Please plan on supervising your kids whether they
are in the pond or playing games. There
is no lifeguard on duty and we don't trust Craig!



August Club Trip

This month we will be traveling a little further than normal. The trail that we will be doing is Spring Creek which takes off a little west of Idaho Springs. We will leave from Downieville (Exit 234 on I-70) promptly at 9:30 am Sunday, Aug. 21st. It takes about 1½ hours at normal highway speeds from Fort Collins, adjust your travel time to your vehicles comfort zone. Please meet at the vacant parking lot next to the Burger King. The trail is rated hard core difficult although the one time we were on it a club member did take his bone stock Jeep Liberty on it. He made it to the end although minus a bumper and some rock rash on the rocker panels.

Editor's Note

Just a reminder, I could use some Member's Rides,
Email the info and a picture to
newsletter@montaineers4x4.org
If you take pictures on our club trips and want to share
them, please upload them on our Facebook page.
(I can use them in the newsletter)

Highway Cleanup

Saturday, August 20th

We will be picking up trash on our two mile section of Highway 14. Meet at mile marker 119 at 9:00 AM which is a couple of miles above Ted's Place in the Poudre Canyon. The cleanup only takes about 45 minutes. Bring gloves. Donuts and orange juice will be served. Hope to see YOU there.

Mountaineers to the Rescue

Sunday morning Shane had a phone call from a man named Cody. Seems his VW powered buggy had a broken axle way up on the Ballard Logging Road. He had sent e-mails to several club members who have addresses on our web page. Dave Oden received one of his e-mails and called him. He gave Cody Shane's number. Shane and Don Maresh met Cody at JJ's at 10:00 and drove up to his buggy. They towed it down to a waiting trailer and got it loaded. Then Cody tried to pay them \$100.00 for their trouble but ended up donating the money to the club after they refused payment.

Shane and his family and Don then turned back to run the trail. This is the first time they had been on the trail without 3 feet of snow. It is still steep and vary rocky. They made it to the top and ate lunch then headed back down to home.

LC4WDC and Cody would like to thank everyone who helped.
Yours truly, Buster



August 2011						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 K&D Kinnison	2 Judy Paul B&M Kemp	3	4	5	6 M&L Castell
7	8 BOARD MEETING <i>Darren Finger</i> B&J Marquardt	9	10 Roger MacDonald	11	12	13 PIG ROAST D&C Stengaard
14	15	16	17 CLUB MEETING	18 J&S Mueller	19	20
21 CLUB TRIP Cody Kinnison	22 Liam Riley	23 Milly Smelker	24 Kim Schleppy	25 Brian Graves B&K Schleppy	26	27 Katie Schrader
28 John Schrader	29	30	31			

September 2011						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Cotton Riley	8	9 Jim Miller	10
11 Brett Newton	12 BOARD MEETING <i>Colleen Stengaard</i> Cameron Klein	13	14 Cory Kinnison	15	16 Eric Treece C&M Smelker	17
18	19 Mike Guerassio	20 Skylar Payton	21 CLUB MEETING	22 Heidi Crue	23	24 Nathaniel DeWitt Troy White
25 CLUB TRIP	26 R&K Kapperman	27	28 D&S Oden	29 Bev Klein	30	

Board Meeting: Sep. 12 7:30pm Colleen Stengaard
 Oct. 10 7:30pm Craig Stumbough
 Membership Meeting: Aug. 17 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Sep. 21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: **Aug. 21 9:30am I-70 Exit 234 @ Downieville**



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Fry's Auto Care 210 Commerce Dr. Ft. Collins 970-310-7195	Wellington Toy Storage 4000 Washington Ave. Wellington, Colorado 970-498-2111 www.wellingtontoystorage.com	