

Mountain - Ears

July Trip Report

We had about seventeen guest and Mountaineer vehicles turn out for our annual Moody Hill adopt-a-trail clean up and trip up Crystal Mountain. At the trail head we aired down, passed out trash bags and up the trail we went. We stopped at all the camping spots to clean out the fire rings and pickup bottles and cans along the way as well as moving some fallen trees further off the trail. A couple of stops along the way were made to cool down a vapor locked truck. Near the top, Jim Dixon almost ran over a rattle snake. That ol' ready

to strike rattle snake coiled up against a tree and posed for



Several pictures, forked tongue and all. The best trash picked up was a new charcoal grill complete with a set of skewers.

Lunch was taken at the quartz quarry. Everybody got to play on the rocks and play hard they did. Some of the notable

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damage was JeepnDave who



broke a u-joint and had it repaired before lunch started. Cotton broke a drive shaft and



Transfer case and had to limp it home. Kirsty, driving Jakes TTV, broke a tie rod end.

Jake made the repair and



continued on. Ben also lost a front u-joint on a trade in Cherokee. Ben seems to always find the weak points on a trade-in while on club



trips; at least he was able to drive it home.

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As we started our climb up



Crystal Mountain, we had some fun in the playground. Every time we go up Crystal, it seems that the rough spots are always a little more



challenging. Just past the upper end of the Outlaw trail,

hard luck bit two more of the



group. Club member Mike G. had a tree jump out and put a large heart shaped ding in the door of his newly built Nissan X-Terra. In the same area, guest John, had an axle u-bolt break. As luck would have it,



We had a bunch of mechanics

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right behind him to address the situation. With the trail



blocked and repairs being attempted, the five vehicles ahead of John went on up to the top to take in the views and



Go over to the mine to the south to check out the bear

cave. The five that had gone to the top came back down just when the pit crew pieced John's rig together well enough to get him off the mountain. A few that hadn't gotten to the top yet headed up.

At the end of the day, Bob O. went down the hill to get his trailer so that they could get John's truck back to Fort Collins which meant that Michelle had to drive the beast home, a slow and uncomfortable ride. Thanks Bob and Michelle for your efforts to help a Mountaineer guest. But I guess that's one of the best reasons to wheel with the Mountaineer family, we don't leave anyone behind. Even though it rained on the way down and we had some breakage, it was a fun day.

El Guapo



August 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 9:30am. It is up to you to get to Grant by 9:30am. 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.



August 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 K&D Kinnison	2 Judy Paul B&M Kemp	3	4
5	6 BOARD MEETING <i>Darren Finger</i> M&L Castell	7	8 B&J Marquardt	9	10 Roger McDonald	11
12	13 D&C Stengaard	14	15 CLUB MEETING	16	17	18 J&S Mueller
19 CLUB TRIP	20	21 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 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Cotton Riley	8
9	10 BOARD MEETING <i>Dan Venrick</i>	11 Brett Newton	12 Cameron Klein	13	14 Cory Kinnison	15
16 Eric Treece C&M Smelker	17	18	19 CLUB MEETING Mike Guerassio	20 Skylar Payton	21	22 Heidi Crue B&K Schleppy
23 CLUB TRIP 30	24 Nathaniel DeWitt Troy White	25	26 R&K Kapperman	27	28 D&S Oden	29 Bev Klein

Board Meeting: Sept. 10 7:30pm Dan Venrick
 Oct. 8 7:30pm TBA
 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 9:30am Grant, Colorado**



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