



June Trip Report

The June 19, 2005 trip to Gillespie Gulch started out with a small group leaving from the north Albertson's parking lot. As we proceeded to the trail head at Jamestown we picked up club members and guests for a total of 24 vehicles.

The first casualty of the day was a guest in a yellow Toyota Land cruiser, We were unable to find the cause of his brakes locking up and he decided to turn around and limp back home. As we proceeded through Jamestown in small packs we did have a group get lost when they made a wrong turn. The next vehicle to turn around was another guest in a GMC pickup who was having overheating problems.

While we were waiting for everyone to catch up and air down, the heat and the long drive had several vehicles with hoods raised. Darwin Stengaard found he had to

tighten clamps to stop fluid dripping from his new lower radiator hose

As the lead vehicles proceeded up the trail everyone seemed to be moving along without much trouble. But as we arrived at the mine site, we hear Craig Stumbough mention he was not getting fuel. Overheating. fuel pump. or operator error? The Toyota crew and others finally got the Meadow Muffin running again, as he did meet the rest of us for lunch at the mine site.

We loaded up and headed up the trail. UP and ROUGH significantly described the approach to the trail, we had a few vehicles that needed to be strapped through and a few others that decided it was best to turn around and head for home. Snow bashing trips on this trail have found many of us turning around here after many attempts to climb this section.

Those reaching the top of this climb made a decision to split into two groups. With one going the easy way to Ward and the other diehards taking on the challenge of Slaughter House. Both trips were not without events.

Kenneth Young leading the easy trail ended at a locked gate and had to get permission from the landowner for the key to open the gate. Our thanks to the landowner.

The Slaughter House trail provided an exhilarating adventure for one guest in his Toyota pickup. He did not realize he had joined the group who was attempting the challenging trail and provided those watching with an extreme air shot of his drivers rear tire even though he was on the right line to make the obstacle. Most passengers walked through here and took pictures. “WOW” was probably the thought of those going through for the first time. Our thanks to Dan Venrick our spotter for getting everyone through in fine style.

The off camber spot further down the trail did not hardly slow the group down as they headed for the end of the trail.

A good day of 4 wheeling for all

Snoopy





Club Trip

To be Decided at the Club Meeting

Meet @ 9:00am @ the North College Albertsons parking lot.



Guests at Last Meeting

Tyler Hess

Jeff Brooks

Kenneth Young

Steve DiGuilio

Jon Stattmann



Car Show

The Mountaineers (along with the other 4X4 and car clubs) have been invited to bring our vehicles to a car show in Loveland. It is sponsored by Sams Club and will be held in their parking lot on Sunday, July 17th between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm. Mark your calendars!!!!



Question of the Month

Is the tool used for digging and chopping that was designed by the Forest Service to help in fighting forest fires called a pirogue or a polaski? The inquiring mind of Ol' Coyote John would like to know.

The answer to the "Question of the Month" is a "Pulaski" which is a combination axe/hoe for firefighting.



Gramps & Granny Schleppy

On June 2nd Danielle and Justin Schleppy brought into this world a baby girl named Savannah Rose. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 15 ounces and is 20 inches long. The father and mother are doing fine but we don't know if Bob and Kim are ready to be called Gramps & Granny yet.



Thank You Steve Nance at Moab 4 X 4 Outpost

Thanks Steve for donating all the t-shirts, hats & decals for our club raffle, it was a big hit. It was the most popular raffle we have ever had in ticket sales.



Moab 2005

The first trip on June 4th was the best attended Moab trip of all time. We had 24 guest and Mountaineer vehicles show up for the Fins & Things trail. This has become a tradition for the first trip as it is rated difficult but is doable for almost all vehicles and is close to town. The most fun is to watch the first timers as they learn what slick rock is all about and how capable their vehicle really is. We all learned that it is impossible to wipe the smile off Coyote John and Rubicon Johns faces after completing the challenges along the way.

On Sunday, with such a large contingent of vehicles, it was decided to split into two groups. One left at 8:00 and the other at 9:00 for the Poison Spider, Golden Spike, and Gold Bar Rim Trails. Even though it was Darwin's big idea, it worked out well. As per normal for this trip, everyone on the trip got their fair share of scrapes and scratches. Mr. Venrick was the only one to go over the "Golden Crack" via the Diamond Rock route. Double Whammy was conquered by Dan, Ben, Darren, Shane and Mike B. The first group had time to take in Gemini Bridges before returning to camp.

Monday morning we left Moab for the Behind the Rocks Trail. The first obstacle gave us a clue of what we were in for. At the High Dive / Up Chuck challenges about half the group took the go around. By the time we got to Prostitute Rock and Picture Frame Arch it was time for lunch. We also stopped to play at Hummer Hill 7 and had fun on the Roller Coaster before getting to White Knuckle

We had four or five that went down and then back up White Knuckle. We passed up Hunter Canyon and took the short cut to the county road and took some time to play on the sand dunes before heading for town.

Every day we would pick a trail that was a “must do” for several in the group. Some days we would split into two groups. Tuesday most wanted to do Sevenmile Rim but the Venricks and the Millers wanted to do Coyote Canyon which is an extreme trail. The extreme group started off the morning when Michael was stopped by the local police and told that he and Ted had to have left side mirrors to be legal. A quick trip to Carquest and the problem was solved. While in Coyote Canyon, Ted in his built Comanche did an easy roll onto the driver's side. Very little damage was found and his new mirror survived without a scratch. The Sevenmile group had lunch on the flats between the Monitor and Merrimac Buttes and watched Ben change a front axle. It seems that no trip to Moab would be complete without watching Ben change an axle. When we got our first view of the tilted slickrock, the first timers gulped and wondered if we were nuts. Almost everyone had to try Wipe Out Hill. Craig couldn't see where he was going and put some rock rash on the front fender of the Muffin. Near the end of the trail, we took a side trip to Tusher Tunnel and then raced the sand washes back to the highway.

By Wednesday morning, our group was thinning out as several could only get a couple of days off. Pritchett Canyon was next on our agenda. The main group left for Pritchett while Bill and Craig went to Hey Joe Canyon. The Pritchett group reported that the trail was a lot more difficult than in previous years but they made the trip with very few problems. When Bill and Craig returned from their Hey Joe trip, their Jeeps were full of Tamarisk branches and mud.

On Thursday, we were down to 4 vehicles and this group wanted to beat the heat. It was decided to do some snow bashing on La Sal Pass. Just after the talus slope we encountered snow drifts. Shane and Dan took turns busting the drifts and they made good progress for a while. With 800 feet in elevation to the top of the pass, the snow just got too deep and they had to turn around. They decided to take a small trail over to the Dorry Canyon Road to check out a mining area. The trail was only wide enough for an ATV as it was overgrown with Scrub Oak. All 4 vehicles were totally pin striped by the time they got to Dorry Canyon. They ran into another obstacle when the road was closed by a rock slide. They made it over and around the slide and then back to town.

The last trip taken was on the Klondike Bluffs Trail to Arches National Park. It's an easy trail, but scenic and fun. The final four had to stop and check out an old movie set, several dinosaur tracks, and an old copper mine as well as some arches.

The week in Moab was a blast. There were side trips taken to several other trails such as Hells Revenge, Moab Rim and Cliff Hanger. A big thank you goes out to Bianca and Donna for being the official photographers and to former Mountaineer Steve Nance at Moab 4 X 4 Outpost for being there when needed. As an added bonus, there were no major breakdowns to contend with, it don't get much better than that.

El Guapo



| July 2005 | | | | | | |
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| | | | | | 1 Roger Stengaard | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Curtis Smelker |
| 10 | 11 BOARD MEETING | 12 | 13 Linda Schrader Ken Kinnison | 14 Andy Shively Dan Venrick | 15 Ricky Miller | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 CLUB MEETING | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24/31 CLUB TRIP Donna Kinnison Stephany Payton J&L Duteil | 25 | 26 | 27 George Kinnison | 28 | 29 B&K Mathers | 30 |

| August 2005 | | | | | | |
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| | 1 Russell Theilman K&D Kinnison G&M Graham | 2 Alicia Atkinson | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 BOARD MEETING Darren Finger | 9 | 10 Lloyd Vlcek | 11 | 12 | 13 D&C Stengaard |
| 14 | 15 Bret Mathers | 16 Jerome Maes | 17 CLUB MEETING | 18 J&S Mueller | 19 | 20 |
| 21 CLUB TRIP Cody Kinnison | 22 | 23 Milly Smelker | 24 Kim Schleppey | 25 Brian Graves B&K Schleppey | 26 | 27 Katie Schrader |
| 28 John Schrader | 29 M&M Atkinson | 30 | 31 George Kinnison | | | |

Board Meeting: Aug. 8 7:30pm Darren Finger
 Sept. 12 7:30pm Stephany Payton
 Membership Meeting: July 20 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Aug. 17 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: July 24 **9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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July Newsletter

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