



June Trip Report

A bunch of Mountaineers gathered in Fort Collins for our yearly trail cleanup on Moody Hill. We picked up some strays on our way to the trailhead. While locking in our hubs and airing down, trash bags were passed out. As we leap-frogged up the trail, we found mostly beer bottles and cans (those damn hikers). We had 34 people hunting for trash and we filled many bags to the brim. We also checked many of the side trails that led to camping spots and cleaned up the fire rings. Along the way we hid the third Mountaineers geocache. After gathering up the trash pickers in the upper meadow, we headed to our lunch spot at the rock quarry challenge.

At the quartz rock quarry we met up with the Toyota bunch, Ryan, Coyote John, Jake and Don who had spent the night at Ryan's cabin at the base of Crystal

Mountain. While some were munching their lunch, they sat at the top of the challenge cheering on those that wanted to test their manhood and machine on the rocks. We tried to get Don to show us how it's done, but he said he had already done it before we got there. Sure you did Don (winky, winky). Oh yeah, when we got there we smelled burning clutch. Sure did smell like a certain FJ-40 to us. Now, to be fair, Coyote John did say that Don did make it up under his own power, but you know how that Toyota bunch sticks together! Kind of reminds you of the age old question, if a tree falls in the forest and nobody is there to hear



it, did it make a sound? The biggest cheers were for Darwin when he wanted to test the new lockers and rock sliders on his “new” Toyota wagon. He made it look easy. Not to be outdone, Jake just had to try his Toyota wagon on the rocks. He came close, but no cigar. Hmmm, maybe he needs to put in a front locker and sliders as he got high centered on the long wheel base vehicle.

After lunch, we hit the Crystal Mountain trail. It happens on almost every trip, a person did not watch for his buddy behind him make a turn and the result was two lost four wheelers. They eventually realized their error when they came to a locked gate. They made a quick u-turn and got onto the right trail and got caught up. Poor 'ol Jake, he thought he just had to try the mud hole spaghetti trail at the start. Well, again he got his Toyota wagon high centered and spent a half an hour with a high lift jack getting it out. He swears that he is going to fix the CB so that it will transmit as well as receive. He could hear us talking about



him, wondering where he was, but he couldn't talk back and ask for a tug.

Everyone made it to the top of the quartz capped mountain except Jason whose

XJ had an overheating problem. He had to leave it to cool down but still made it to the top on foot to enjoy the spectacular views. While on top, papa and son MacDonald set about finding a few unique

rocks for Mama MacDonald's rock garden. Coyote John and a small group went looking for a very well hidden geocache. It was time to go back down the mountain. We passed a brand new Mercedes 4WD that was headed up the mountain and there was a lot of chatter on the CB



About how none of us would want to take our new Mercedes on the Crystal Mountain trail. Get real Mountaineers, none of us will ever have a new Mercedes 4WD to take anyplace.

We would be amiss if we didn't mention a couple of incidents involving the Stengaard brothers. First off, there was Roger who accidentally hit Kent's Bronco while at the quarry. We have no details but can only imagine he was practicing driving with his eyes closed just as he did at the Golden Crack in Moab. Then there was Darwin, somewhere along the trail he broke a tail light lens on his Toyota. A person behind him picked it up as a souvenir and made sure it matched his broken tail light. I thought he knew

that we up there to pick up other peoples trash, not to create some Toyota trash. Oh well, it was another fantastic day of wheeling with Mountaineer family.

El Guapo



Club Trip

North Sand Hills
Meet at Albertson's at
9:00AM Sunday July 20th



Club President Wins Top Honors At Wellington Car Show

Enough Said



Highway Cleanup

We will be picking up trash on our two mile section of Highway 14 on Saturday, July 19th. Meet at mile marker 119 at 9:00AM which is a couple of miles above Ted's Place in the Poudre Canyon. After the clean up, as has become the tradition, we will head up the canyon to the Mike Braskich abode for pancakes and bacon and to watch some extreme 4 wheeling videos on the big screen. The cleanup only takes about 45 minutes. Bring Gloves.

Punny

A frog goes into a bank and approaches the teller. He can see from her name plate that the teller's name is Patricia Black. So he says, "Ms. Black, I'd like a loan to buy a boat and go on a long vacation."

Patti looks at the frog in disbelief and asks how much he wants to borrow. The frog says \$33,000. The teller asks his name and the frog says that his name is Kermit Jagger and that it's OK, he knows the bank manager.

Patti explains that \$33,000 is a substantial amount of money and that he will need to secure some collateral against the loan. She asks if he has anything he can use as collateral.

The frog says, "Sure, I have this," and produces a tiny, pink, porcelain elephant, about half an inch tall. Bright pink and perfectly formed.

Very confused, Patti explains that she'll have to consult with the manager and disappears into a back office. She finds the manager and says, "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you and wants to borrow \$33,000. And he wants to use this as collateral." She holds up the tiny pink elephant. "I mean, what the heck is this?" So the bank manager looks back at her and says:

"It's a knick knack, Patti Black. Give the frog a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone."



Editor's Note

I need some Member's Rides. If you need a form to fill out Please pick one up at the Club Meeting or Download it at www.mountaineers4x4.org/membersrides.pdf. Please bring a picture of your vehicle and return the filled out form to Dave Oden or email it to 4x4@jeepndave.com.

Horsetooth Mountain Picnic

Thank you George and Alice Kinnison for letting the Mountaineers enjoy the 4th of July fireworks from the top of your mountain. We had a lot of fun at our picnic and then settled in to view the fireworks display in Fort Collins, Wellington, Loveland and Windsor. For the record, we all thought that Wellington and Windsor had the best shows.



4x4 Classifieds

Cars, Trucks, and SUV's for sale. Check out 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, bobcat, and dump truck available for snow removal services or other needs of members. Call 970-224-9134



July 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Roger Stengaard	2	3	4	5
		D&S Jansen				
6 Kevin Castell	7 BOARD MEETING <i>Troy White</i>	8	9 Curtis Smelker	10	11	12
13 Linda Schrader Ken Kinnison	14 Rickey Miller	15	16 CLUB MEETING Kim Finley	17 Troy Helgeson	18	19
20 CLUB TRIP	21 Aaron Fredrick	22	23	24 Donna Kinnison Sharon Jansen Stephanie Payton	25	26
B&S Hobbs						
27 George Kinnison	28	29	30	31		

August 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					K&D Kinnison	B&M Kemp
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			M&L Castell		B&J Marquardt	
10 Lloyd Vleck Roger MacDonald	11 BOARD MEETING <i>Darren Finger</i>	12	13	14	15	16 Ann Pryzogda
			D&C Stengaard			
17 Ken Pryzogda	18	19	20 CLUB MEETING	21 Cody Kinnison	22	23 Ken Finley Milly Smelker
	J&S Mueller					
24/31 CLUB TRIP Kim Schleppey	25 Brian Graves	26	27 Katie Schrader	28 John Schrader	29	30
	B&K Schleppey					

Board Meeting: Aug. 11 6:30pm Darren Finger
 Sep. 8 7:30pm Brett Newton
 Membership Meeting: Jul. 16 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Aug. 20 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: Jul. 20 **9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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July Newsletter

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