



June Trip Report

We had a smaller than normal group gather for our Moody Hill Cleanup, play time at the quartz quarry and an always fun trip up Crystal Mountain. At the Moody Hill Trailhead we stopped to air down, lock in and pass out trash bags. The seventeen Mountaineer and guest vehicles started to leapfrog up the trail, picking up the mess that other trail users had left in their wake. All the campsites along the way got our attention as well as a couple of illegal trails were closed.

We gathered together again in the meadow which was lush green due to all the rain that we've had recently. Some took time to shoot pictures of all the different varieties of wildflowers that are abundant this year. The next stop was the abandoned quartz quarry to play and have our lunch. All that tried to make the challenge had success. A few even tried

the vertical wall and a couple even made it. I didn't hear of any in our group that had breakage problems, if they did they kept their lips shut so we couldn't award them the dreaded horses patootie trophy at the next meeting. We did watch a jeep that wasn't with our group (showing off for the wife and kids) try the first bump at the bottom of the challenge. He got all crossed up and separated the splines on his front driveshaft. At least he didn't do any damage and got the driveshaft back together. After lunch about a third of the group headed back to town while the rest of us took the rocky ride up Crystal Mountain. At the last climb to the top, a few were taking bets to see if former club member, Ross, could make the trip in his Zuk, he did! After soaking up the view from the top we headed over to the quartz crystal mine to poke around. When we turned into the mine area, guests Ross and Jake didn't see us take the left. As neither had a CB, we had to send Dave P. out on a search and rescue mission to round them up. On the way down, we stopped at the United Airlines Flight 610 crash site. Craig handed out a short history of the flight which happened 58 years ago this month and killed all 50 people on board.

We all had a fun day and even got in a little work along the way. There's nothing like spending a great day wheeling with the Mountaineer family.

El Guapo



July Trip Plan

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, July 19th. 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 last 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 quarter panels.



The Ghost Town of Manhattan

Whenever the Mountaineers come off the Seven Mile Trail, most don't realize that where FS Road 171 intersects with CR 162 you are driving on the main streets (Chestnut & Manhattan) of a town that was called Manhattan. The location of the town is about halfway between Rustic and Red Feather Lakes. Manhattan was founded in 1886 by three hard rock miners that were hired by several Fort Collins businessmen to find gold in the area. As the town grew, it had a one room school house, a general store & post office which opened on March 19th 1887 (closed December 31, 1900), a large dance hall, blacksmith shop, livery stable, meat market and of course the famous Ace of Clubs Saloon which had six beds in one room on the second story and doubled as the Manhattan Hotel. At its peak, the population was said to be over 300.

There are only two landmarks left in the town. One is the “Hangman's Tree” and the second is the Manhattan Cemetery called “Graveyard Gulch” which is ½ mile east of the town site. The Forest Service recently built a new fence around the cemetery so it is easy to find. We were able to count 7 graves but I am sure that there



are more that are unmarked. Buried there are George Grill and his partner Lawrence J. Mabar who were killed in a mine explosion as well as Mat Ragan who was killed later by a runaway team of horses. In March of 1970, the Forest Service gave special permission to the family of Joseph “Rattlesnake Jack” Brinkhoff for him to be buried in the cemetery. As for the “Hangman's Tree”, we can find no reference to anyone actually being hung from that tree.

Alas, the town didn't last too long as the miners didn't find much gold down on Seven Mile Creek.

The last cabin to be built in town was constructed by Ed Reynolds in 1911. During its heyday, you could take the Zimmerman's Stage Line from Fort Collins to Manhattan. The 45 mile trip in a Stanley Steamer took all day and cost \$2.50. The US Forest Service built a ranger station about a block below Graveyard Gulch in 1909 which was inhabited until 1935. All of the town is gone now as most of the buildings were either moved to surrounding ranches or as is in the case of the Ace of Clubs Saloon moved down to the Poudre River. In 1935, the Forest Service and the CCC removed all the cabins that were left.



Highway Cleanup

We will be picking up trash on our two mile section of Highway 14 on Saturday, July 18th. 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 provided.



Recipe

Hot Italian Giardiniera

INGREDIENTS

2 green bell peppers, diced

2 red bell peppers, diced

8 fresh jalapeno peppers, sliced (add additional habaneros if more heat is desired)

1 celery stalk, diced (I prefer two celery stalks)

1 medium carrot, diced (I prefer two medium carrots)

1 small onion, chopped

1/2 cup fresh cauliflower florets

1/2 cup salt

Water to cover

2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

1 tablespoon dried oregano

1 teaspoon red pepper flakes

1/2 teaspoon black pepper

1 (5 ounce) jar pimento-stuffed green olives, chopped

1 cup white vinegar

1 cup olive oil

DIRECTIONS

Place into a bowl the green and red peppers, jalapenos, celery, carrots, onion, and cauliflower. Stir in salt, and fill with enough cold water to cover. Place plastic wrap or aluminum foil over the bowl, and refrigerate overnight.

The next day, drain salty water, and rinse vegetables thoroughly. In a bowl, mix together garlic, oregano, red pepper flakes, black pepper, and olives. Pour in vinegar and olive oil, and mix well. Combine with vegetable mixture, cover, and refrigerate for 2 days before using.

7 Makes approximately 4 pints



Wheelers for the Wounded

Colorado Event hosted by

Toyota Territory Off-Road Association - Colorado Chapter

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Front Range 4x4

Event Date, Time and Location

July 18, 2009

10:00 am to 7:00pm

Buena Vista Area

Event Schedule

10:00am Meet & Greet and staging at Chinaman Gulch/BV

Carnage trailhead

11:00am Trail teams depart for trails

4:30pm Trail teams return to staging

5:00pm BBQ for all participants

General info

[Http://www.wheelersforthewounded.com](http://www.wheelersforthewounded.com)



New Members

Lee & Christine Boening #80

Gary & Marti Helgeson #81

Charlie & Bev Scheid #82

Jake Adams #83

July 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Roger Stengaard Alex Paul D&S Jansen	2	3	4
5	6 BOARD MEETING <i>Troy White</i> Kevin Castell	7	8	9 Curtis Smelker Jamie Dilgard	10	11
12	13 Linda Schrader Ken Kinnison	14 Rickey Miller	15 Club Meeting	16 Kim Finley	17 Troy Helgeson	18
19 Club Trip	20	21 Jake Adams	22 Ben Garey	23	24 Donna Kinnison Sharon Jansen Stephanie Payton	25
26	27 George Kinnison	28	29	30	31	

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 Vlcek 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

Board Meeting: Aug. 10 7:30pm Darren Finger
 Sept. 10 7:30pm Brett Newton "Park"
 Membership Meeting: Jul. 15 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Aug. 19 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: Jul. 19 **9:30am I-70 Exit 234 @ Downieville**



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July Newsletter

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The following businesses give Mountaineer Members special discounts on parts or specific services. In other words, they save us money... and we are grateful.

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<p>Bullhide Liner 4X4 & Auto Accessories 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p>Coyote Cruisers & OffRoad 417 North Hwy 287 Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-221-1833</p>	<p>Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</p>
<p>Front Range OffRoad Fabrication 24192 W. County Rd. 74E Red Feather Lakes, CO 970-881-2418 www.frontrangeoffroadfab.com</p>	<p>4X4 Used Parts / 4X4 Off Road 938 West Willox Lane, Ft. Collins 970-224-1133 www.4x4usedparts.com</p>	<p>RockStomper P.O. Box 724 Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
<p>Aunt T's Pet Motel 3200 E. Mulberry Ft. Collins 970-484-5776 www.fcvet.com</p>	<p>Horsepower Auto Brokers 1409 E. Olive Ct. Unit E, Ft. Collins 970-482-2579 www.horsepowerauto.com</p>	<p>Vanworks 900 East Lincoln Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>
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