

May Work Detail & Camp Out



Mountaineers and guests started to arrive at the Kelly Flats Campground early Friday afternoon with their motor homes, pop-ups and tents. Travis Golly was the first one to report getting a tick on him, he was only there 10 minutes. The last one to arrive that night was Ross and he rolled in about 2:00 am. The Friday night campfire was interrupted several times by rain showers. Despite the rain, we did manage to cook our dinners and sacrifice a few marshmallows around the fire.

Saturday morning we awoke to cloudy skies and a few that were camped in the tents complained about their tents leaking water. We awaited Lenoras arrival. She was a little late as she just had to stop at Mishawaka to hand out a few tickets for camping over the white line. We organized the two work parties. The first one was led by Jim Verg, who with several others, took 30 bags of cement and 30 gallons of water up Heart Attack Hill. George put the 30 gallon barrel of water and some cement in the back of his Scrambler. All the weight was at the back of his rig and going up the hill the front end was lifting off the ground so he had to stop to rearrange his load. After putting the load amidships, he had no problem making it up the hill.

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The second group had to start work at the gate to put up new fence posts and barbed wire as during the winter the old wire was cut and the posts were ripped out. We proceeded up the road cleaning water bars and picking up the trash from the camping spots along the way. We did stop at the bottom of Heart Attack Hill to discuss ways to stop the widening of the road up the hill. Troy came up with a plan and we will organize a work party this summer to get the work done. Both groups met at the “Chutes” and several tried their luck. Mike Golly was the only one to make it through unassisted. Jim V. in his mom's Toyota pickup winched his way through and Darren had to stack rocks to make the trip, they were the only ones to make it as several others tried and failed due to their wet tires and mud on the rocks.

We spent an hour playing at the “Chutes.” During this time, Travis was out finding his usual treasures. He came to Lenora and his mom with a fist full of blasting wire. On a couple of the wires was a warning label which read “Keep out of the reach of children, specifically blond boys of Norwegian descent named Lars, Ole or Travis”. Lori and Lenora had “the talk” with Travis, telling him that if the wires had anything attached to the end of them, do not touch them and to holler. It wasn't 10 minutes later, Travis was hollering. He had found an intact blasting cap. Lenora covered it up and said she would come back the next afternoon to

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detonate it.. After that, the rest of the trip was uneventful.

We arrived back at camp and set about our camp chores. The talk around the campfire was about the budding romance between Alice Mueller and Nick “the skinhead” Hawf. Travis learned that if you put grasshoppers in boiling water, they turn red, just something we all needed to know. As has become a Mountaineer tradition, a bottle of “hot sex” was passed around. Some even got their first taste of Smores. A good time around the big campfire was had by all.

As Sunday morning rolled around, the sun shone brightly and the camp busied itself making breakfast and getting ready for Lenoras return. Travis set a new record, he had been there a day and a half and hadn't fallen into the river yet. Lenora was late due to her Mishawaka duty again. The work on Seven Mile would consist of water diversion and closing illegal trails. We left camp and headed for the trail. On the trail we cleaned up the camp sites and set about closing the illegal trails. We came across an old fire road that someone had pulled out the posts and that had been getting a lot of use over the winter. We sent Mark and Susan Turner in their newly built lavender TJ up the hill to winch a dead three foot in diameter tree to block the trail. It was almost more than Mark and the TJ could handle but he got the job done in spite of the advice from the 20 or so people standing around.

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On up the trail, we ran into water running down the road at three different crossings. Seven Mile Creek was running high and our job was to divert the water back into the creek. Mark took the plunge. He was wading around in the creek, wildly swinging his Max Ax and having a good old time getting himself wet as well as those standing close by. We even had a man riding his ATV stop to help us. When we got to the meadow, we had to close a couple of new trails that the renegade 4 wheelers and ATVs had opened. Lenora had a talk with a motorcyclist that she caught going around the stump hill closure.

With our work done for the weekend, we headed to the campground to break camp and head for home. We had just beaten the cold front, wind and snow. Our work had totaled 572 man hours on the trails and we had a great time on the first Mountaineers camping trip of the year. Thank you to all that participated, we got some good work done and helped to keep our trails open.



Garfield



Guests at last meeting

Del & Janice Rea

Joey Ciarla

Harold Oden

Mark Buhweiler

Jeff Ullum Mike Smith

Mark Stechman

Shawn Sheffer

Sharon Shaffer

Richard Marolf

David Keefe



THINGS TO PONDER

Death Valley Facts

Death Valley is 140 miles long and not very wide, only four to 20 miles in some areas. It sits between mountain ranges and consists of approximately 3.4 million acres. It is the largest park in the contiguous United States.

Death Valley became a national monument in 1933 and a national park 1994. The lowest point is 284 feet below sea level, located near Badwater, and is the lowest point in the Western Hemisphere. Within view is Telescope Peak which stretches up to 11,094 feet above sea level.

The Heat is on

Death Valley's temperature in the summer can reach up to 125 degrees. It gets less than 2 inches of rain a year. The lowest temperature rarely goes below 70 degrees.

Death Valley is known as the lowest, driest and hottest spot as well as the most forbidding place in the United States.

At Devil's Golf course, surface temperatures have been known to reach 190 degrees Fahrenheit.

In 1913, the temperature in Death Valley reached 134.6 degrees Fahrenheit, the highest temperature ever recorded in the U.S.

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Truly, Death Valley

In just a five-year period from 1965 to 1970, more than 20 people lost their lives in Death Valley. There were stranded motorists, hikers, mountain climbers and, yes , even drowning victims. Some motorists were swept away in their cars during flash floods, and one drowning accident involved two scuba divers who were trapped in water in an underground cave.

Successful Desert Dwellers

An offshoot of the Shoshone Native Americans, the Panamints, are the only group that has ever been able to successfully survive and live in the desolate, forbidding environment of Death Valley.

Panamints were able to live in Death Valley by utilizing the mesquite tree. It provided them with fuel, beans and flour.

When the intense heat of summer came, they fled to the Panamint Mountain range where the weather was not so unbearable. There they depended on the nut-like seeds from the pinion pine tree to sustain them.

The Shoshone Native Americans called the summer months “tomesha” which literally meant “ground afire.”

Unfortunately, once the white settlers arrived in Death Valley, upsetting the fragile balance so important for survival, the small tribe could not continue to live there any longer.

Racing Rocks

Rocks move along the desert floor, leaving trails denoting their voyage. More than likely, this is produced by fierce winds shoving the rocks along on the surface of the desert, made slick by moisture. Some of these moving rocks weigh in excess of 100 pounds, and have traveled more than 200 feet. They move in straight, curvy and zigzag patterns.

CLUB TRIP

Club Trip

To Be Announced at club meeting
June 24 9:00am

E-Mail Newsletter

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For sale: Fresh rebuilt 350 chev. RV Cam 9:1 compression, Performer manifold \$1200.00 Aluminum Jeep body \$250.00 obo. F&R Wagoneer axles ratio? Make offer. Whirlpool Washer & Drier \$200.00

Wanted: 16"X 35" Mud Tires Ross Early (970) 689-1949

MEMBERS RIDES

Member name: Bret & Kelly Mathers

Member number: 59

Make and Model: Jeep CJ7

Year: 1981

Engine: 258

Tranny: Stock

T-Case: Stock with lowering Kit

Front Axle: 4.10 Gears Warn Prem. Hubs

Rear Axle: 4.10 Gears ARB Moser Axles

Tires and wheels: 33-12-50

Suspension: 3" Black Diamond

Brakes: Stock

Miscellaneous: Garvin Bumper and Tire Carrier

Current & Future Projects: Front Locker, Fuel inj.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Kerri Allison	2 Jeremy Schnaidt
3	4 J&L Paben	5	6 Ross Early	7	8	9
10 Jesse Schnaidt	11 BOARD MEETING	12 G&S Kapperman	13 Scott Dalldorf	14 D&B Klein	15 Aaron Paben	16 Andy Shively Dan Venrick
17	18	19 Thomas Baker	20 CLUB MEETING	21 Christopher McCurry B&L Graves	22	23
24 CLUB TRIP	25	26 Candice Paben	27 Laurie Paben	28	29	30

☞ July 2001 ☞						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Brigette Bustos	2	3	4 Jamin Florell	5 Tonia Malin	6 Kevin Maher	7
8 Kathy Helms	9 BOARD MEETING Curtis Smelker	10	11	12	13 Ken Kinnsion	14 Ricky Miller
15	16 Tori Ashby	17	18 CLUB MEETING	19	20	21 Michael Maher
22 CLUB TRIP	23	24 Donna Kinnsion	25 Quent Stanczyk	26 Noah Allison	27 George Kinnsion	28
29 B & C Stevens	30	31				

Board Meeting: July 9 7:30pm Clifton DeWitt
 Aug. 6 7:30pm Brett Newton
 Membership Meeting: June 20 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 July 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: June 24 9:00am **Steeles Market, Parking Lot (802 w. Drake)**



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