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May Trip Report

This was our annual Kelly Flats and Seven Mile camp out and trail clean up.

Mountaineers started to show up at the Kelly Flats Campground on Friday afternoon. The Campground Host had reserved the loop on the south side of the river for us and by dusk we had pretty much filled it up. That night we sat around the roaring campfire swapping stories, roasting marshmallows and passing around a few bottles of spirits. For the life of us, we couldn't figure out how the Forest Service had designed such a beautiful fire place that wouldn't let any heat escape.

On Saturday morning, twenty three workers left the campground to start our work on Kelly Flats. The first priority was to install a new sign at the base of Heart Attack Hill denoting the trail split. The metal sign was cut out by Murphy and welded and painted by Dan. The biggest disagreement of the day was between Lenora, Brett, Troy and Jeff on the proper level of the sign. Tony solved the problem by putting a half full bottle of juice on the top of the pole. We split into two groups, half going up the hill and the other half on the bypass. We all picked up trash and cleaned out the water bars. We were amazed that the trail was fairly dry with all the spring snow and rain we have had.



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By the time we got to the “Chutes” for lunch, new club members Greg and Linda Enslow in their “new” stock TJ asked if this trail was initiation or was it just punishment for joining the club? Even with that question, they were all smiles as they had conquered every obstacle and learned a few lessons without having to ask for a tug from anyone. The “Chutes” gave trouble to the six or seven that tried them but all made it under their own power. Ted and his son along with Tony almost made it look easy even though they were last in line and by that time the rocks had snot all over them. Mike G. broke a motor mount but still made it with the fan blade clattering on the fan shroud. The rest of the trail was easy. We had to stop and fire up Steven's chain saw a couple of times to get the wood off the trail. At the gate, we found that some ATVers had torn out a section of fence to gain access. We have never seen Lenora so frustrated as she couldn't get her gate lock open. It only took locksmith Brett about 10 seconds to get it open and save the day. After some fence mending, we were done except for Kent. On our way down to the highway, he pulled out a Neon that had gotten stuck in the mud. He was the only one to get his snatching strap dirty.

Sunday, twenty of us followed Lenora to the Seven Mile trail where we split into two groups, most going in the bottom and the others going in the top. We had to use Steven's chain saw right

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off the bat as a big tree had fallen right in front of the gate. The lower group, led by slave driver Brett, proceeded up the trail picking up trash and building water diversion dams at a few of the creek crossings. The upper group just had to go up the Stump Hill Challenge before locking the gate for the summer. It was fun but muddy. The two groups met at one of the top water crossings where Troy and Kelly got into a water fight. Kelly must have made fun at how Troy was dressed. He was wearing a tie dyed T-shirt, shorts and knee high socks (you had to be there to see it). Troy won the fight as Kelly's hair was drenched and it looked as if she had been in a wet T-shirt contest.

We all turned in our tools to Lenora and headed down the road to break camp. Lenora said she would open the gates on both roads in time for Memorial Day. We all had a great fun camping and working on the trails, but what else would you expect out of the Mountaineer family? We all should be proud as we are turning in 355.5 hours for this adopt-a-trail project.

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Flash...Dateline Moab 2003

Saturday....14 Jeeps gathered at City Market for our first Moab adventure. Just to get our hearts started and to give the “newbies”

a taste of what was ahead we decided to do Fins and Things. As this trip had all Jeeps on it, everything went smoothly until “Wilbur”

Stumbough took a wrong turn. There were no breakdowns and since we got back to camp early, some of the hard-core Mountaineers and guests headed up to Moab Rim. The trip up the Rim by the select few was uneventful on the way up until Kenny spit a shim. He came back to town for repairs and the rest continued up the hill. They turned around at the top for a rapid decent back to Moab. The group only encountered one problem. New club member Ted cut a corner too short on a Z turn and dropped a wheel into a BIG hole that swallowed his left front tire and the Comanche flopped onto it's side . Recovery could not be made until Mike got his camera into position to document the event. Once righted, Ted was able to continue down the hill to camp to endure good natured ribbing by the rest of the club members.

Sunday.... We had 16 member and guest vehicles at City Market for the obligatory trip to Hell's Revenge. First timers were all smiles including Greg & Linda Enslow, whose stock TJ never even had to have a tug. After the break at the Colorado River overlook, we all gathered at The Gates of

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Hell with Craig spotting and Kenny manning the winch. The first one up the hill was Bob Schleppey who's record on the hill was 2 to 1, not in his favor. He vowed he was going to make it out of Hell under his own power on this trip. With Craig giving fine? directions...

.Bob got half way up, and stood the Maroon Monster on the back 2 wheels and while trying to correct, he stood it up again putting on a grand show for everyone. With sweat pouring off his brow, he made it to the top evening out the odds. Not to be outdone, Mike Golly was next in line. Lori stayed in the Jeep this time as she has never had the thrill of riding in and out of Hell. Mike got to the point where he had to have his right tires up 2 feet on the side slope, straddling the crack when all of a sudden the Big Red machine slipped into the crack, performing a huge wheel stand and giving the crowd a thrill. Mike asked for a winch and by the time Kenny got his winch operable, Mike had backed down and repositioned his Big Red machine and made a successful climb out of the canyon. By this time Craig had lost all of his confidence after losing his first two vehicles and returned to the Meadow Muffin to sob, turning his spotting duties over to Bob Schleppey. Bob brought up the remaining 7 vehicles without a problem. Later in the day Bob admitted to Craig that he wasn't watching his spotter. Also Mike admitted that he was only in 2 wheel drive and that was his problem, (at least that's what we told Craig to make him feel better!) The next obstacle only had 1 taker, who was Ben Crue in Big Blue

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who finessed his full sized Bronco into Mickey's Hot Tub. He left a blue ring in the tub but he hopped, skipped and jumped his way out to everyone's delight. The rest of the trip was uneventful. On the way back to camp a small group detoured to Potato Salad Hill. Ben Crue was the first up and over. Ted Miller and his son Michael also gave it a go. Ted made it but Michael took a strap after sliding a little and bringing his front tire up in the air. The late afternoon trip on Sunday was to Cliffhanger, which proved to be pretty difficult this year. The only breakage was Ted's radiator hose but they all had to work hard to get in and out.

Monday...The group at City Market split into 2 groups, with one going on an easier trip up Kane Creek Canyon. No breakdowns, Enslow's broke off a step, small rainstorm at lunch time, good water fights, biting flies, fun was had in the waterfall play area and a good time was had by all. The other group that went to the Rusty Nail Trail had rougher time. This group was led by Kenny (who by the way made all of the obstacles unassisted). Ben and Michael made the first obstacle look like a piece of cake. After some rock stacking and careful line picking everyone made it except for two rigs that had to be winched. Ben broke on the second obstacle with a loud bang and parts flying. Kenny made it up with Moab Momentum, Ted made it but ended up with 3 wheel drive and everyone else took the winch. Ben turned around to head to town, load up and return to Ft Collins. The group returned via Golden Spike/Gold Bar Rim where

Ted needed a tug here and there.
We are enjoying life in a real campground with a pool, showers (we make Craig take them) and electricity for our air conditioners! Some of us even hooked up our cable TV!
Sorry this report has to end now but due to the newsletter deadline we have to go. We will fill in the rest of the details at the meeting next week. See you soon.



Garfield



Highway Cleanup

Thanks to the 14 Mountaineer's who showed up to cleanup our section of highway 14 in the Poudre Canyon. A special thanks to Mike Braskich who provided and cooked breakfast for everyone. With this many members showing up we had cleaned 2 miles of highway in less that an hour.



Club Trip

To Be Announced

At Club Meeting

9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox

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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.



4 X 4 C L A S S I F I E D S

4x4 Classifieds

Ford 9" rearend complete, full width, 3.50 gears, 31 spline shafts. \$100, call Ben (970)495-0801

For Sale: 1987 Toyota 4 Runner \$7500.00 O.B.O. 4.3 Chevy, Howell wiring harness, Th350, Marlin crawler, Griffin alum. Radiator, B&M trans cooler. 5.29's lockers front and rear, HD Birfields Alcan 1.5" longer front springs, 5" longer rear springs, All-pro solid axle swap kit. Wheel base 4" longer than stock (107") Rancho RS 9000's Rockstomper tie rods and drag link, front and rear bumpers, rock sliders, shock hoops, custom radiator mounts, motor mounts, and other custom tube work. Much more. Call 970-586-8608 ask for Clifton.

YJ Stuff Wrangler Hardtop w/ rear wiper (Tan) - \$900, 66-77 Bronco Parts. Call Curtis (970) 217-7226 or pager (970) 416-4238

Jeep Overdrive for sale. It is for the older Jeep. I am asking \$300.00 O.B.O. It is a Husky that was built in Longmont, Co. in the early 1970's Jim Maxwell 970-482-0412

For Sale: Front Axle: Dana 44 disc brakes 410 ratio with lockright side drive shaft. Rear Axle: 9" heavy housing 31 spline Currie axles, nodgular carrier 410 ratio, Detroit locker, heavy 9 3/8" ring gear, Timpken roller bearings, 11" brakes, Bolt pattern 5x5 1/2. Call Brad anytime on weekends & after 5 on weekdays at: 520-887-9104

For Sale: Utility Trailer 1992 6 ft bed, tilt \$750.00 Contact: Steve @970-674-0016

June 2003						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Jeremy Schnaidt	3	4 J&L Paben	5	6	7
8	9 BOARD MEETING	10 Jessy Schnaidt	11	12 G&S Kapperman	13	14 D&B Klein
15 Aaron Paben	16 Andy Shively Dan Venrick	17	18 CLUB MEETING	19	20	21 Christopher McCurry B&L Graves
22 CLUB TRIP	23	24 Greg Inslow	25	26 Candice Paben	27 Laurie Paben	28
29	30					

July 2003						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Brigette Bustos	2	3	4	5
6 Kevin Maher	7 BOARD MEETING	8	9 Curtis Smelker	10	11	12
13 Ken Kinnison	14 Betty Oden Ricky Miller	15	16 CLUB MEETING	17	18	19
20 CLUB TRIP	21 Michael Maher	22	23	24 Donna Kinnison	25	26
27 George Kinnison	28	29 B&C Stevens	30	31		

Board Meeting: July 7 7:30pm Lori Golly
 Aug 11 7:30pm Dave Oden
 Membership Meeting: June 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 July 16 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: June 22 9:00am **Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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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>RockHard 4x4 Parts Lewis Barth 401 Jackie Ann St. Ault, Co 80610 970-834-0767</p>	<p>Fantasy's 4x4 4311 Service Road Evans, Colorado 303-330-3833</p>	<p>R & S Auto Body 1912 Terry Lake Rd Fort Collins, Colorado</p>
<p>Front Range Off-Road Fabrication www.frii.com/~frorfab cel (970) 481-6508 (970) 472-1846</p>	<p>4X4 Used Parts Bob Schleppey Bob@4x4usedparts.com 970-224-4294 www.4x4usedparts.com</p>	<p>RockStomper 650 Weaver Park Road, Unit G Longmont Colorado 720-652-0700</p>
<p>Loveland Powder Coating 225 SW 42nd Street Loveland, Colorado 970-679-0004</p>	<p>Mark Turner Off-Road 2649 E MulberrySt Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-416-1234</p>	<p>Vanworks 900 East Lincoln Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>
<p>Jackson's All American Sports Grill 925 East Harmony Road Ft. Collins, Colorado</p>		