



## May Trip Report

Mountaineers & guests stated to gather at the Kelly Flats Campground on Friday afternoon. Kent got there early and had his camp set up in no time. He got out his fishing gear out and went about catching his dinner. It took less than an hour to catch six trout out of the Poudre. As it grew dark, two big campfires were built (Thanks for the wood Cotton). As the night progressed the stories got better and everyone had a great time.

Early Saturday morning, not a creature was stirring, not even a Mountaineer. It was a good thing that Lenora & Steve sent word up that they would be a half an hour late. We were delayed another half hour when we couldn't get the lock to open on the gate. Dave P. saved the day with some WD-40. Lenora's water bar 101 course was given and we split into two

groups. The small contingent went up Heart Attack and found a tree across the road but some creative winching solved the problem. The bypass group leapfrogged up the road cleaning water bars and picking up trash.

It was lunch time when we got to the chutes. Everyone was cheering as one after another made their attempt at the challenge. Some made it and others were not so lucky. We also dug a hole and cemented in a new chutes/bypass metal sign. A special thanks goes to Ruben “The Animal” Arrieta for providing the design, materials and labor for the sign. Coyote John and Craig hid the first of three Mountaineers caches, one for each of our three adopt-a-trails. The rest of the trail was uneventful and we got it open for the season.

Back at camp, the Wiley Coyote John organized a small group to go up Heart Attack Hill to find a hidden geocache. Flush with success, we started down the hill when the Coyote discovered that he had broken a break line on the way up. Having no spare parts, he put the ol' Land Crusher in low-low and inched his way down the bypass and back to

camp. That night the fires burned bright and a lot more stories were told.

Bright & early the next morning (and I mean 9:00 am came early for some of our group) we headed for Seven Mile. We passed Lenora giving a \$200.00 ticket to some yahoo for doing donuts in the Kelly Flats parking lot. At the trail head we put some posts in to stop people from going off the trail.

There was a lot of trash on the trail which kept us hopping in and out of our vehicles. At one campsite, Lenora stopped to warn the campers about shooting across the road. While there she saw a pot pipe out in plain sight and wrote a \$275.00 ticket for the drug paraphernalia. Along the trail we did some water diversion projects to keep the water from running down the road. We also closed Stump Hill for the season.

It was a fun filled two days for the Mountaineer family and we did some good out on the trails. We were able to claim 624 man hours for the work done.

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# Club Trip

Moody Hill Cleanup  
Crystal Mountain  
Meet at Albertson's at  
9:00AM Sunday June 22nd



## 4th of July Picnic on Horsetooth Mountain

George and Alice Kinnison have invited us to view the fireworks from their property on the top of Horsetooth Mountain again this year. This has been a very popular event in the past as very few get to drive up the private road to the top. Bring your picnic goodies and lawn chairs. We will leave from the parking lot at JJ's (Horsetooth and Taft Hill in Fort Collins) promptly at 6:30 pm. Do not be late or you will be locked out. 4wd required and guests are welcome.

# Geocache Update

The day after the “Chutes” was published online, we had our first cacher. He had walked in from highway 14 just so he could claim that he was the first to find it. We have had several 4 wheelers also find it and sign the log. Coyote John and Craig placed a cache at the “Midget Cabin” on Seven Mile. That cache has also been found and logged.

On our next trip up Moody Hill, we will place the third Mountaineers cache just above the Whoop-ti-doods. We need your help in filling this cache. Please bring a small trinket that will fit in an ammo can. All the caches have a four wheeling theme.



## Moody Hill Trail Opening

Lenora called on the Mountaineers for help in opening Moody Hill. A group of six Mountaineers was assembled for the task on Saturday, June 6th. A large boulder had rolled off the hill and landed in the middle of the whoop-ti-doods. It took some creative winching along with a double snatch block to move the rock to the side of the trail. Also five or six trees had fallen across the trail which were axed or winched out of the way. The trail is now open!



# Moab Trip (Casualty) Report

Approximately 12 Mountaineers arrived at the Moab City Market Saturday May 31st, anxious to jump on to the Utah slick rock. Saturday's trail was the usual warm-up trail known as "Fins 'n Things". The first casualty, before leaving the City Market parking lot, was a Toyota. Corvette Dave had a screw loose – or, more appropriately, the FJ had a screw loose on the battery cable preventing the Chevota from starting. The second casualty, though quite minor - not really worth mentioning, was a worn brake line leaving a certain full size Chevy without rear brakes. 'nuff said. The third casualty was Roger Stengaard's Toyota with a broken Birfield, courtesy of brother Rich. Repairs were made that afternoon under the helpful supervision and harassment of beer drinking peers and the cool shade of the Mountaineer rental house.



Sunday's trail was casualty-free as Craig led us over Dome Plateau. The only issues to report were the GPS discrepancies as Craig and Troy H bantered back and forth about which way to go, but finally found the grand overlook above the Colorado River.



Monday's trails were Poison Spider, Golden Spike and Gold Bar Rim. These also proved somewhat problematic. Troy H spun a spider gear, Ken lost his fan into the radiator and Coyote John blew a bead and a valve stem. Not to be outdone, Roger Stengaard was pulling Troy's jeep across the Golden Crack and, looking back through the mirror, felt what he thought was the end of the tow strap and gave it the gas. As everyone began to shout, Roger realized that the "end of the tow strap" wound up being

the rear of the Darwins' Jeep in front of him - Consequently Crumpling Roger's driver side fender.



Tuesday the majority of the club opted for a simpler trail named Tusher Tunnel in attempts to get back early and finish repairs that couldn't be made the previous evening. A second party tackled Steelbender. Again, a certain pretty green Toyota (no...not you Coyote, I said a "pretty" green Toyota) banana'd the front drive shaft.

By Wednesday most of the Mountaineers (particularly Roger) had had their "fun" and headed for home leaving only a few to continue out the week.

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June 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> <i>Moab</i>	3	4  J&L Paben	5  Dave Surface	6  Mike McQuaid	7  S&S Payton
8	9  D&C Surface	10  Linda Castell	11	12  Jake Schrader Aaron Hobbs	13  G&S Kapperman	14  D&B Klein
15  Aaron Paben	16  Andy Shively Dan Venrick	17  W&J Prewett	18 <b>CLUB MEETING</b> Austin Venrick	19	20	21 Christopher McCurry Heidi Kemp Ryan Castell
22 <b>CLUB TRIP</b>	23	24	25  Amy Kemp	26  Candice Paben	27  Garrett Mercer Laurie Paben	28
29	30  Hannah Eddy					

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

Board Meeting: Jul. 7 7:30pm Troy White  
 Aug. 11 7:30pm Darren Finger  
 Membership Meeting: Jun. 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Jul. 16 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Club Trip: Jun. 22 **9:00am** **Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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