



# May Trip Report

It was about high noon on a beautiful Friday when Mountaineers and guests started to gather at the Kelly Flats campground for our annual trail cleanup and campout. Thanks to Coyote John and ol' Muff Pot Don, we had enough wood to last a week. By 3:00 pm each camp space had at least 1 camper in it and we had to double and triple up from then on. The rest of the evening was spent wandering from camp to camp, checking on what kind of goodies were out on the picnic table and greeting new and old friends.

Saturday morning we gathered at the Kelly Flats gate to air down and lock in for the day's trip. We had to wait a few extra minutes for Dan Venrick to run back to camp to pick up an extra diaper. It seems that Justin Schleppy had driven up from town (with his three babies in tow) and left the diaper bag at home. The first crises of the day had been averted thanks to the Venricks; even

better, Justin got to go on the trip with us. Mountaineer tradition holds that the last person in line has to close the gate behind them and the rest of the people in front should leave something on the gate post in appreciation. This is about the only time that it pays to be last. The Piller's filled their pockets with the coin of the realm to the tune of over four bucks and also had some crackers to eat along the way.

We sent three up Heart Attack Hill to check it out while the rest of us leap frogged up the bypass, cleaning water bars and picking up trash along the trail and in the camp spots along the way. It was a little past 11:00 when we got to the Chutes challenge, so we settled in for lunch and to watch the fun. Coyote John was the first to try the Chutes this season. He tried every line on the rocks but each time he got tippy or was about to take out his windshield frame. After a few well placed boulders were thrown on the left side, everybody that wanted to try, made the trip. (We still have the smell of burnt clutch in our nostrils, thanks to Adobe). After lunch the fun was just beginning. We had to cut down a couple of small leaning trees and drain some water from the road. Next, we ran into the big washout from last year. Even though it had a bypass, every route was a muddy mess. Only two of the 32 vehicles were able to make the trip

without the aid of a winch or snatching strap. All the rest were sliding off the road and as more vehicles went through, the worse it got. It took an hour and a half to retrieve the last 5 vehicles and they were able to get down to the gate at 6:00 pm. Needless to say, Kelly Flats trail will stay closed to prevent further damage until the road is either fixed or it dries out.

As soon as everybody got off the hill, Lori Golly and crew fired up the propane grills and started cooking cheese burgers, heating the baked beans and getting the potato salad ready to go. Along with all the goodies that several others brought, nobody went to bed hungry. We even had some leftovers for around the campfire.

Sunday morning we split into two groups, eight vehicles went in the top side with Lenora. When we got to the meadow, two went up Stump Hill to make sure nobody was up there, came back down and locked the gate. The rest of the upper group spent their time diverting water from the road and picking up a lot of trash. The lower group, led by Dan Venrick, did the same thing by leapfrogging up from the trail head. We met in the middle at about lunch time. After eating lunch, we went back to the campground, broke camp and headed home.

Thank you to everyone that came up to help with this project. It was the best attended campout that we have ever had. We did a lot of good on the trails and even had more fun along the way. The total hours for Saturday were 610 and on Sunday we put in another 287 hours. The Mountaineer family should be proud.

El Guapo



# Moody Hill Cleanup & Crystal Mt. Trip

Moody Hill & Crystal Mountain  
Meet at Albertson's at  
9:00AM Sunday June 20th



# Guests at Last Meeting

Eric Swanson      Jeremy Geary  
Doug Dumont      Scott Riley





# Funny

Fire investigators on Maui have determined the cause of a blaze that destroyed a \$127,000 home last month - a short in the homeowner's newly installed fire prevention alarm system. "This is even worse than last year," said the distraught homeowner, "when someone broke in and stole my new security system..."

AT&T fired President John Walter after nine months, saying he lacked intellectual leadership". He received a \$26 million severance package. Perhaps it's not Walter who's lacking intelligence.

Police in Oakland, California spent two hours attempting to subdue a gunman who had barricaded himself inside his home. After firing ten tear gas canisters, officers discovered that the man was standing beside them, shouting please to come out and give himself up.



# Members Rides

**Member Name** – Bob Michelle Opdyke

**Member Number** – 92

**Ride Make & Model** – 1982 Toyota Pickup

**Engine** – 22R

**Transmission** – 4 speed

**Transfer Case** – Stock

**Front End** – Stock - 4:88 gears

**Rear End** – Stock - 4:88 gears w/spool

**Wheels & Tires** -Rockcrusher rims 15.50X39.5X15

TSL Swampers

**Springs & Shocks** – Custom built springs, Gabriel shocks front, Ranchos rear, Revolver shackles in rear

**Miscellaneous** – Custom built bumpers, warn 8000lb winch, 1 ½”wheel spacers

**Current & Future Projects** – Crossover steering, Flatbed, XO cage, Front locker, Fuel injection



## 5th Annual Valve Cover Races

The 5th Annual Valve Cover Races were a success with Dan Venrick coming in First and Dave Oden coming in Second (again).



# Mystery Box Winner

Don Maresh



June 2010						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 Dave Surface
					J&L Paben	
6	7 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> <i>Dan Venrick</i>	8	9	10 Linda Castell	11	12 Jake Schrader
	S&S Payton		D&C Surface			G&S Kapperman
13	14	15 Aaron Paben	16 <b>CLUB MEETING</b> Dan Venrick	17	18	19
	D&B Klein					
20 <b>CLUP TRIP</b>	21 Chris McCurry Heidi Kemp Ryan Castell	22	23 Brianna Opdyke	24	25 Amy Kemp	26 Candice Paben
			B&J Paul			
27 Garrett Mercer Laurie Paben	28	29	30 Hannah Eddy			

July 2010						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Roger Stengaard Alex Paul D&S Jansen	2	3
4	5	6 Kevin Castell	7	8	9 Jamie Dilgard Curtis Smelker	10
11	12 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> <i>John Schrader</i>	13 Linda Schrader Ken Kinnison	14 Rickey Miller	15	16	17 Troy Helgeson B&M Opdyke
18	19	20	21 <b>CLUB MEETING</b> Jake Adams	22	23	24 Donna Kinnison Sharon Jansen Stephanie Payton
25 <b>CLUP TRIP</b>	26	27 George Kinnison	28	29	30	31

Board Meeting: July 12 7:30pm John Schrader  
 Aug. 9 7:30pm Darren Finger  
 Membership Meeting: June 16 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 July 21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Club Trip: **June 20 9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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<p><b>Bullhide Liner 4X4 &amp; Auto Accessories</b>            5817 South College Ave.            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p><b>Coyote Cruisers &amp; OffRoad</b>            417 North Hwy 287            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-221-1833  <a href="http://www.coyotecruisers.com">www.coyotecruisers.com</a></p>	<p><b>Moab 4x4 Outpost</b>            1831 S Hwy 191            Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</p>
<p><b>Horsepower Auto Brokers</b>            1409 E. Olive Ct. Unit E, Ft. Collins            970-482-2579 <a href="http://www.horsepowerauto.com">www.horsepowerauto.com</a></p>	<p><b>CDR Communications, LLC</b>  <b>Cabling Done Right</b>            Call Don Maresh @ 970-556-7276            don-cdr@live.com  <a href="http://www.cablingdoneright.com">www.cablingdoneright.com</a></p>	<p><b>RockStomper</b>            P.O. Box 724            Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
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