

April 22 2000 Club trip

Slaughterhouse Gulch - Gillispie Gulch

Our Saturday trip to Slaughterhouse started with an early twist of events. Craig Stumbough was off to assist the Forest Service retrieve the stuck vehicle illegally up Crystal mountain as we waited for the last of fellow mountaineers to arrive.

The Kappermans pulled into the King Sooper's parking lot close to our 9:00 departure time only to have Gene pull around to Ron's Jeep and get out the jumper cables. A sign of things yet to come when a Jeep must be jump started by a Toyota. When they could not get the Jeep going a quick diagnosis was made to replace the starter. A fast trip to a local Auto Parts Store was made and a new starter installed, jumper cables hooked up and still a no go. As the group decided to head toward Longmont, we could see Ron applying the theory of "get a bigger hammer" to solve part of the problem. Kappermans would finish their parking lot repair and catch up with the main group at a rest area before the Slaughterhouse trail head.

At Longmont we picked up guest, Shannon Hunter, in a stock 82 Samurai and Matt Jones with his new Jeep TJ joined us before we started the ascent up Slaughterhouse. Sixteen vehicles with family, friends and guests joined in this excursion for the day.

Dan Venrick lead us up the trail to the first obstacle where Todd McCurry having only 3 wheel drive found taking the bypass would have him high centered and needing strapped to get going again. Dominic Tatte, a friend of Austin Marshall in his late model stock Cherokee would take some good driving skills to get through this obstacle. Several other vehicles without all the extras used their horsepower and driving skills to clear this uphill and rock climb. Shannon Hunter on her first 4 wheeling trip had her confidence shaken a bit when her Samurai could not make the first turn uphill into the obstacle even with the additional horsepower of most of the men in the group but being a true 4 wheeler she backed down the hill and took another run making the corner and positioning herself to be easily pulled over the rock climb.

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Ron Kapperman was still trying to wear out those jumper cables dragging them out every time he turned off the engine. He decided to make one last off road repair. He borrowed Darwin's extra battery used for winching and installed it in his Jeep while waiting for his turn through this obstacle. Yes it worked, no more jumper cables for the day.

The next section was off-camber and had a few vehicles teetering unnaturally when they did not quite get the right line. Tim Sigly and Ron Kapperman looked like they had taken up Bronc riding while on the hood getting the stock Cherokee through this section.

The last uphill, a true spectators arena, was to be the undoing of a couple vehicles. With Dan Venrick and others doing a lot of spotting, quite a few vehicles would make it up this hill unassisted, with the rest finding their source of forward momentum being winched up the hill by Todd McCurry. Dominic Tatte's late model stock Cherokee ended up with rocker panel damage before being winched up this hill. After today's trip, does he still consider Austin Marshall his buddy and will he be joining us again in his vehicle or Austin's? Brett Newton in taking the tougher of the two ways at the top, broke the rear axle on his Scout, deja vu of last years trip up Gillispie Gulch.

The trail down Gillispie was almost uneventful with only Todd McCurry stopping to adjust his fan belt. Brett Newton did make it down the hill without replacing his rear axle but did he make it all the way home?

Thanks to our guests Eric Tacaronte, Matt Jones, Dominic Tatte, Greg Francis, Jim Gurevitch, and Shannon Hunter for joining the Mountaineers on this fun outing.

See you on the trail next month.

Dar & Colleen



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A couple of weeks ago, Mike Braskich and Bill Marquardt went down to test their vehicles on the Independence Trail south of Colorado Springs. While on the trail, Mike got on some rocks and decided to try a different approach to the obstacle. As is his custom, he stuck his head out to look at the wheel placement while he coasted slowly backward. As Mike doesn't have eyes in the back of his head, he didn't see the tree off to the side of his stretch CJ-5. You guessed it, Mike's head got squeezed between the tree and the roll cage. Mike said his head was squished so hard that his eyes popped out and he was looking at his lower lip. At least he had the presence of mind to put it in gear and pull forward to relieve the pressure. Everything turned out OK, although Mike did have a king sized headache and nobody had any Ibuprofen.

Maybe the Mountaineers should create a new award to honor Mike. Lets see, should we call it the Pinhead Award, or the Flathead Award, or the Popeye Award, or the Pus-head Award, or the Bonehead Award, or the Egghead Award, or the dickhead award, or the



The Forest Service called on the Mountaineers to help retrieve a Toyota Pickup that was stuck in a snowdrift near the top of Crystal Mountain. It seems that six people spent the night on the mountain before they could call for help on a cell phone. Search and Rescue got up to the people but were not able to pull the vehicle out of the drift. The following Saturday Mike Golly, Bill Marquardt and Craig Stumbough met the owner of the Toyota, the driver who got it stuck and John Benshoof, the Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer or LEO. On the trip up the mountain, John told Craig that he questioned weather the group had broken the lock on the gated road even though all six swore that the gate was open when they got to it and didn't realize the trail had a seasonal closure on it. John said he had checked the gate and lock only 18 hours before the group went through.



It was an easy drive to the truck as there was hardly any snow. John asked the owner for permission to search the truck to make sure that there was no alcohol involved and the owner gave his consent. While searching the truck, John came up with a header card for a set of bolt cutters from Walmart. John confronted the owner with the evidence and also informed him that the

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Forest Service had been having trouble with this particular gate and had set up a surveillance camera triggered by infra red and pulled a pack of pictures out of his pocket and dropped the packet on the hood next to the header card. John then said that he had them on cutting the lock. Thinking that the Forest Service had all the proof that they needed, the owner confessed to cutting the lock and that he had lied in his earlier statement. Seeing that it was a lost cause the driver also fessed up to his sins.

It only took Mike a couple of minutes to winch the truck from the drift. John told the Toyota boys to follow us down to his truck so that he could issue each one of them three tickets (punishable with a fine of up to five thousand dollars for each offense). On the way down, John told Craig that the driver had three outstanding warrants for his arrest in three different jurisdictions. He said that he was going to write his tickets, then arrest him and take him to jail, he did. Boy, talk about it just not being your day!!!

Moral of the story, don't be on a closed road with a header card for a set of bolt cutters and don't lie to big John!!!!

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Before Mike, Bill and Craig went up to get the Toyota, Mike told Dan Venrick what we were up to and asked Dan if he needed any spare Toyota parts. Dan's reply, "If it is stuck, it doesn't have any parts that I need".

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Lenora reports that the Johnny Park, Button Rock and Moody Hill roads are open now.

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The Schleppys have returned from England and Wales and have a lot of stories to tell about their 4 wheeling adventures. Bob has promised a story for the next newsletter. Stay Tuned.

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John Benshoof, LEO for the Canyon Lakes District, reported that a few weeks ago he had a record setting weekend. John confiscated 11 kegs of beer at different party's attended by high schoolers in the



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Pingree Park area. When asked what he does with all the seized kegs, he said that he takes them to a liquor store and has a check made out for the deposit refund payable to Alcoholics Anonymous. Now that is what is called poetic justice.

Bob Stevens recently underwent open heart surgery for as he put it "a valve job". Bob is at home now recuperating while watching Oprah and Judge Judy. Bob hopes that the doctors will release him in time to join the Mountaineers in Moab. Best wishes for a speedy recovery from all your Mountaineer buddies.

Speaking of the Mountaineers in Moab, it's just five weeks away. Make your plans to join club members and guests for a weeks worth of the best 4 wheeling in the world. We will be there between June 10th and 17th. It's OK if you can only spend a couple of days with us. This is primitive camping next to the Colorado River so bring your tent, pop-up or motor home. The campfire at night is worth the trip alone. For more details, call Craig in the evenings at 221-5524.

Guests at last meeting

Kelley Mathers David Schmillen Justin Schleppey
Matt Jones Mark Stechman

This month's trip (May 20 & 21st) will be our annual Kelly Flats clean up and camp out. This yearly event is to open the Kelly Flats trail for the season. We clean out the water bars, pick up trash, cut fallen trees from the trail, put up signage and in general do whatever needs to be done to open the trail for the year. We will also work on the Seven Mile trail. The forest Service reserves the back loop of the Kelly Flats Campground for us. Camping is free on Friday and Saturday night for the Mountaineers. If you don't want to camp, please meet the group at the campground by 8:30am Saturday and Sunday morning. Tools will be supplied by the Forest Service, all you have to bring is a lunch, gloves and maybe some firewood for the nightly campfire. Kids are welcome.



Flash, Dateline Estes Park

Local fisherman, Clifton Dewitt, was out casting at his favorite fishing hole last Sunday. He was using a $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. Spinner while trying to catch the Big one. On one of his casts, the barbed hook got caught on the back of his head. Clifton and his unnamed friend couldn't get the hook out because of the barbs. Much to his dismay, he had to make a trip to the emergency room at the hospital he works at. With the spinner dangling over his ear, the Doctor had to numb the area and pull the hook on through so that he could cut off the barbs. Clifton caught a lot of guff from his coworkers and it is only fair that he receive the same from all his Mountaineer buddies. Hey, this could qualify for the Special Mike Braskich Bonehead award!!!!

Sheep in a Jeep a book review by Garfield



This classic literary work covers the average 4 wheelers first two loves, sheep and jeepin'. Author Nancy Shaw takes us through a day with a flock of five adventuresome sheep who decide to do some wheeling in their Jeep. The story begins in typical 4 wheeler fashion, the Jeep quits and the sheep have to get out and push. They also have problems in a mud bog and have to enlist the help of a couple of (complete with tattoos) pigs. The sheep even have an encounter with a big tree. The book is wonderfully illustrated by Margot Apple. This book is a must read. It is very easy to get involved in the story as it parallels so many of our clubs trips. This book belongs in every 4 wheelers personal library, right between Chuck Wells guide books and your old copies of mad magazine. The book is available in three different forms, hard cover, soft cover and board book and can be purchased on line from <bn.com>. A new copy of this classic will be added to the club raffle at the next club meeting.

PS The sheep with the bell sure is cutest one of the flock

Attn: June Board Meeting has been changed to June 5

Top 50 Oxymorons

- 50. Act naturally
- 49. Found missing
- 48. Resident alien
- 47. Advanced BASIC
- 46. Genuine imitation
- 45. Airline food
- 44. Good grief
- 43. Same difference
- 42. Almost exactly
- 41. Government organization
- 40. Sanitary landfill
- 39. Alone together
- 38. Legally drunk
- 37. Silent scream
- 36. British fashion
- 35. Living dead
- 34. Small crowd
- 33. Business ethics
- 32. Soft rock
- 31. Butt Head
- 30. Military Intelligence
- 29. Software documentation
- 28. New York culture
- 27. New classic
- 26. Sweet Sorrow
- 25. Childproof
- 24. "Now, then..."
- 23. Synthetic natural gas
- 22. Hot water heater
- 21. Passive aggressive
- 20. Taped live
- 19. Clearly misunderstood
- 18. Peace force
- 17. Extinct life
- 16. Temporary tax
- 15. Computer Jock
- 14. Plastic glasses
- 13. Terribly pleased
- 12. Computer security
- 11. Political Science
- 10. Tight slacks
- 9. Definite maybe
- 8. Pretty ugly
- 7. Twelve-ounce pound cake
- 6. Diet ice cream
- 5. Rap music
- 4. Working vacation
- 3. Exact estimate
- 2. Terribly good
- And number ONE

1. Microsoft Works

If it's zero degrees outside today, and it's supposed to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold is it going to be?

How come you press harder on a remote-control when you know the battery is dead?

Since Americans throw rice at weddings, do Asians throw hamburgers?

Why are they called apartments when they're all stuck together?

Why do people without a watch look at their wrist when you ask them what time it is? Why do you ask someone without a watch what time it is?

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'75 **AMC 360**, Long Block (Needs Valve work), '82 **AMC 360** w/ 200K+ miles, ran when removed from vehicle. Burns oil. '82 **Chrysler 727** automatic transmission w/ part-time transfer case. Lock stock and barrel for \$150 Please call Jeff 970 663-4391

AMC 304 V-8 engine approx 80,000 miles will sell complete meaning everything ALL bolt on parts brackets etc ...with headers 250.00 or will sell engine with intake manifold and carb for 175.00 engine ran excellent before replaced (it used to go to Denver on a daily basis) for more info contact Joe 970-204-4894

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1971 CJ5 new supertop with half doors, V6 w/3 speed/overdrive 80,000 actual miles rebuilt at 45,000 always garaged, all paperwork, new tires, shocks 2 1/2" rancho lift, gas can rack, full roll cage, aux heater, ARB air lockers front and rear, warn winch, heavy bumper, power steering, rear seat, never wrecked, body in good shape, 2 gas tanks, 11' drum brakes front and rear Dana 30 in front will accept disc brakes, bikini top, white spoke wheels 4.88 ring and pinion 18 mpg serious climber. \$7000 Call Rich at 970-587-2508

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1983 Toyota 4x4 Pickup SR5 new blue paint job (1 1/2 yrs old), engine - 2.4 L 22R rebuilt, high performance TRD midrange cam, 5 1/2 inch lift, 33-12.50 Centennial Canyon Climber tires, 15" DenDel aluminum wheels, 5.29 gears, dual Rancho RS5000 shocks, spray-in Rhino linings bedliner, lock-rite locker in rear, chrome rollbar w/ 3 lights, chrome grill guard w/ 2 lights, asking \$5000 Contact Todd McCurry if interested.

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Our other new sponsor is **R&S Auto Body** Willox Court Ft. Collins

MEMBER NAME: Darwin & Colleen Stengaard
MEMBER NUMBER: 60
RIDE MAKE & MODEL: Jeep CJ7
YEAR: 1984
ENGINE: 258 Mopar Fuel injection Kit
TRANSMISSION: T5
TRANSFER CASE: 4-1 Converted Dana 300
FRONT END: Warn hub & Spindles ARB Locker
REAR END: Warn floater with locking Detroit locker
WHEELS & TIRES: 33" 12.5
SPRINGS & SHOCKS: 4" Superlift
MISCELLANEOUS: 1" Body Ramsey 8000 winch
CURRENT & FUTURE PROJECTS: Quit working on it and Drive it more.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Karlen Mueller	2 M & J Chilcott	3	4	5 Pat Schnaidt	6 Jeff Mueller
7 M & L Golly	8 BOARD MEETING Bill Marquardt	9 M & G Horner	10	11	12	13
14	15 Amber Stevens Tami Switzer	16 Amie Lenderink Beth Ashby	17 CLUB MEETING John Tillema Rich Boydston	18 D & C Smith	19	20
21 CLUB TRIP	22 B & H Crue C & A DeWitt	23	24 Kathy Schnaidt K & A Ashby	25 L & S Vlcek	26 Shane Payton	27
28 Tony Chenoweth G & A Kinnison	29 Ben Crue Karina Early	30 Jason Maes	31			

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

Board Meeting:

June 5 7:30pm

Dan Venrick

July 10 7:30pm

Ken Kinnison

Membership Meeting: May 17 7:30pm

Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins

June 21 7:30pm

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Club Trip:

May 20-21 8:30am

Kelly Flats Campground



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