



April Snow Bashing Trip Report

Our four intrepid trip planners promised that the April trip would be the last snow bashing trip of the year and they did not disappoint us. Two weeks before the trip, they must have looked into their crystal ball and saw a big and wet spring snow storm the day before our trip was scheduled.

The morning of the trip we had seventeen club members and guests gather at the appointed time and place. The streets in Fort Collins were slushy and there was little snow on the ground. As we headed through Masonville towards our destination of the Ballard Logging Road, the snow on the road was getting deeper. About half way up the Buckhorn Canyon Road we stopped to air down and lock in our hubs in 12 inch deep wet fresh snow. By the time we got to the Ballard Road, there was over 16 inches of the white stuff and the trees were all bent over from the weight of the snow. We knew we were in for a good day.

With Ben in the lead, we were making good progress. Pretty soon, Ben was making fresh tracks in the snow. The snow was so wet, as soon as you spun a tire, it packed the snow and made ice. By the time we got to the meadow, we had 18 inches of snow on the ground. It took some huffing and puffing to get a few of the vehicles up the long hill at the end of the meadow.



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Winches and snatching straps were the order of the day. Just trying to get through the meadow was hard enough as several got stuck there.

At one point Colleen was behind the wheel of "her" Jeep and was not making any progress. Darwin thought he could do better and took over the left seat and did not fare any better than Colleen did. (Darwin, It's not nice to fool with Mother Nature). Meanwhile, up on the hill, Ben found the going very slow and decided to give up as some of those behind him were having their own troubles. Greg Lenderink thought he would give the hill a shot and made good progress with his aggressive studded snow tires. Greg put the high mark on the hill for the day.

With some effort, we all got turned around and headed back to the Buckhorn Road. Some decided to go home over Pennock Pass and down the Poudre Canyon. That group had a blast in the deep snow on the pass. They only had one problem, Troy's Bronco II said it had enough for the day and refused to run. Upon investigation, it was snow in the engine compartment and the inside of the distributor was soaked. After drying it out, it took a pull start to get life into the Bronco II again.

On the way back home, everyone was commenting on the CB that this was the best snow trip of the year.

MOUNTAIN MARS



After all it was another day of fun with the Mountaineer family.
Garfield



Guests at last meeting

Del & Janice Rea
Marc Bean
Jeff Ullum
Joshua Poticha

Kevin Spratt
Mike Smith
Mark Stechman



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Dick&Deta Dyar

The Grand Dominator (pictured below) - The ultimate SUV- Adds extra high roof/cathedral ceilings, power expandable sides, full lavatory, four cell-phones, white leather interior with lambswool carpets, TV/VCR/Nintendo 64, Sony DSS satellite, beer cooler, and a permanent cellular link to the internet.



MOUNTAIN HARS



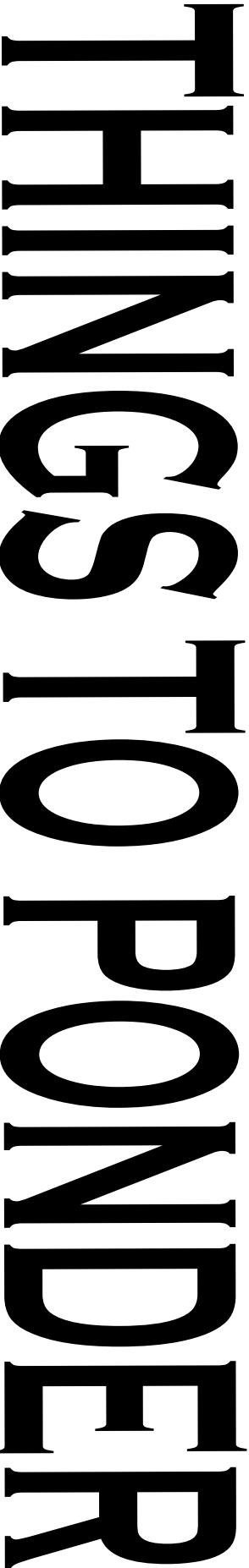
May Work Detail & Camp Out



This month we will do our annual work on two of our adopt-a-roads. The Forest Service has reserved the back loop of the Kelly Flats Campground for the Mountaineers on Friday and Saturday nights, May 18th and 19th. There will be no fees for camping for our group. All Mountaineers and guests are welcome to join us. If you can join us for only one day and don't want to camp, please be at the campground by 8:30 am to check in and be issued tools. We will leave the campground at 9:00 am on the 19th and 20th. Please bring work gloves, marshmallows and firewood.

On Kelly Flats, we will be pouring cement on Heart Attack Hill, digging out the water bars and picking up trash in preparation for opening the trail on Sunday morning. On Sunday, we will pick up trash and make sure that Seven Mile Creek is not running down the road. The big meadow also needs some attention.

The Kelly Flats Campground is located approximately 22 miles up the Poudre Canyon (Highway 14) from Ted's Place. Tents, trailers and motor homes are welcome. See you there !!!



Some of life's truisms!!!

1. If you're too open minded, your brains will fall out.
2. Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.
3. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you a mechanic.
4. Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
5. If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.
6. My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.
7. Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.
8. It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.
9. For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.
10. If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.
11. Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.
12. A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
13. Eat well, stay fit, die anyway.
14. Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it.
15. No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes.
16. A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.
17. Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.
18. Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.
19. Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.
20. There is always one more imbecile than you counted on.
21. Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.
22. By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends.
23. Thou shalt not weigh more than thy refrigerator.
24. Someone who thinks logically provides a nice contrast to the real world.



MOAB MOUNTAINEERS

Mountaineers In Mecca



The Webster's Thesaurus tells us that the synonym of Mecca is target, shrine, goal, sanctuary or destination. There is no better way to describe what Moab Utah is to 4 wheelers. Some even say it is a religious experience.

On June 9th through the 16th, the Mountaineers will be gathering in the Moab area for a week of wheeling and fun in the sun. If you can't make it for the whole week, try to be there for at least a couple of days. We will be camping along the road to Pot Ash (Highway 279) near the Poison Spider Mesa trail head. This is primitive camping with the nearest potty 2 blocks away. Bring your tent, trailer or motor home, all are welcome. For those that don't want to camp, there are plenty of motels or hostels in town. Some of the best times are had around the camp fire at night. We will schedule one or two trips per day.

For those that have never been to "Mecca", we will be taking trips over some of the best known trails such as the Moab Rim, Poison Spider, Gold Bar Rim, Golden Spike, Pritchett Canyon, Hells Revenge, Metal Masher and Fins & Things. There will also be trips to some of the newer challenge trails for those that want to really test their vehicle and don't mind risking some body damage. There will be trips for every vehicle and ability.



All Mountaineers and their guests are welcome. We even have four or five people flying over from England to join us in the fun. Be sure to bring some fire wood, sun tan lotion and your bathing suits. Maps to our camping spot will be available at our May meeting.



Club Trip

Kelly Flats & Seven Mile May. 19-20 8:30am
(See May work detail & Campout)

E-Mail Newsletter

You can get this newsletter by E-Mail and save the club postage by sending E-Mail to jeepndave@netzero.net and request that your newsletter be sent to your E-Mail address.

The E-mail you will get will be a link to the online newsletter under the Mountaineers Web Site.

You must be a member to request this newsletter.
Just a reminder our Web address is:
www.mountaineers4x4.org

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67-72 Chevy Blazer/Truck parts. YJ Stuff Wrangler Hardtop w/ rear wiper (Tan) - \$900, Rear Seat - \$100, Stock Springs - \$50. Call Curtis (970) 217-7226 or pager (970) 416-4238

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

FOUR WHEELING WITH STOCK 35C REAR AXLES?

You need spares on the trail. 1 passenger, 2 driver sides available. For YJ-TJ \$50 Each Elaine 663-3362

258 6 cylinder engine Yuell Brothers built, 4 bbl carb, cam, split headers, Mallory Ign, runs strong. Please call Rich at 970-635-0393 or 970-416-0245 Priced to sell.

Pick Axe Pulaskis Pick Axe combo (Rare Govt. Issue) \$39.99 shipping included. Call (970) 221-5895

1985 Toyota 4 Runner Chevy 305 engine, 700R4 automatic, 4 wheel disc brakes, full floater rear axle, lockers, cross-over steering, winch, lift, good body & paint. 226-0203

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

Teddy Bears Hand made jointed musical Teddy Bears, four sizes \$35 to \$55 - you choose color, type of fur, color of eyes and music box. Great for baby gifts, birthdays, Christmas or just for hugs. Please call Donna for more information 970-229-0119 or 970-222-0885.

MEMBER PROFILE

Member name: Bill & Jerre Vos

Member number: 1

Make and Model: Chevy Blazer

Year: 1988

Engine: 350

Tranny: 350TH

T-Case: 208

Front Axle: 373

Rear Axle: 373

Tires and wheels: 31-10-15

Suspension: Heavy Duty

Brakes: yes

Accessories: Loaded

Current & Future Projects:



✿ May 2001 ✿						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Karlen Mueller M&J Chilcott	3	4	5 Pat Schnaidt
6 Jeff Mueller	7 BOARD MEETING M&L Golly	8 Bill Marquardt	9 M&G Horner	10	11	12
13	14	15 Amber Stevens	16 CLUB MEETING Amie Lenderink	17	18	19
20 CLUB TRIP	21	22 C&A DeWitt B&H Cure	23	24 Kathy Schnaidt	25 L&S Vlcek	26 Shane Payton
27	28 Tony Chenoweth G&A Kinnison	29 Ben Crue Karina Early	30 Jason Maes	31		

✿ June 2001 ✿						
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

Board Meeting: June 11 7:30pm Moab
 July 9 7:30pm Clifton DeWitt

Membership Meeting: May 16 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 June 20 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins

Club Trip: May 19&20 8:30am **Kelly Flats Campground**



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MAY NEWSLETTER



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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Action Landscape 970-221-5895	Fantasy's 4x4 4311 Service Road Evans, Colorado 303-330-3833	R & S Auto Body 1912 Terry Lake Rd Fort Collins, Colorado
Mark Turner Off-Road 2649 E. Mulberry St. #2 Ft. Collins Colorado 970-416-1234	Off-Road Performance Solutions 4340 Hwy 66 Longmont Colorado 970-535-9388	RockStomper 318 Buchanan Ave. Firestone Colorado 303-833-1431
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