



April Trip Report

The usual suspects gathered at the appointed time for what was supposed to be a trip to the North Sand Hills outside of Walden. When we were all together, it was reported that our friend in Walden, Shannon Parsons and a buddy of his had gone to check the condition of the dunes. When they were about a mile from the dunes they both got stuck in the giggly weeds and it took them about an hour to get extracted and headed home. As they never got to the trees and hills leading into the dunes, it was decided that there was too much snow and it wouldn't be worth the 110 mile drive and not be able to even get onto the dunes. After some discussion, it was decided to try our hand at the upper Cherokee Park Road (80C). Our trip planners had already checked out lower Cherokee Park and the Prairie Divide Roads and reported very little snow but Craig

insisted that there had to be a bunch of snow over towards the Laramie River Road. Before leaving town, we met guests Jon and Jamie who had driven three hours from Holyoke just to wheel with the Mountaineers. They had just moved to Colorado from Mobile Alabama where Jon had founded the Mobile Jeep Club.

We drove north out of town until we hit the Cherokee Park Road. It was a beautiful sunny day but the dirt road was dry and we kicked up clouds of dust. When we got to Upper Cherokee, the road was getting wetter and the wind started to blow. After a brief stop at a potty box, we started to look for Coyote John and Ryan because they had spent the night camping in Upper Cherokee. When we found them, they said the camping was great until the wind came up in the middle of the night. Ryan and his lady looked pretty cold as all he had on his FJ-40 was a bikini top. At the old homestead there is normally a huge snow drift that has stopped us in years past but it had already melted. About a ½ a mile up the road from the homestead we encountered big drifts that had been plowed. We found that the road had been cleared across Sand

Creek Pass and down to Four Corners where we stopped for a quick lunch and to let Alabama Jamie take a bunch of pictures of the Bison herd along the side of the road.

After lunch we headed for the Laramie River Road. This whole route had just been plowed a few days before our arrival also. All the drifts were at least five feet tall. There was a lot of talk on the CB about how we probably wouldn't have made it through the first two drifts. The trip was over when we hit the Highway 14 pavement at Chambers Lake. Even though some of us never put our hubs in, this was a great trip. Most of the people on the trip had never been all the way over Sand Creek Pass. Alabama Jamie had taken over three hundred pictures on the trip. Guess their not used to the mountains and the snow that most of us take for granted. Just another enjoyable day of scenery.

El Guapo





Kelly Flats Cleanup & Camp Out

Mark your calendars on May 17th and 18th for our annual Kelly Flats camp out. The back loop (across the river) of the Kelly Flats campground (up the Poudre at mile marker 97) will again be reserved Friday and Saturday nights for those who wish to dust off their motorhomes, tents or campers. Don't worry about bringing fire wood as Cotton always supplies enough wood for the whole weekend. Tools are furnished by the Forest Service but do bring gloves. There is no camping fee if you are part of the work crew.

We will leave from the campground promptly at 9:00 am on Saturday and work on the Kelly Flats Trail. We will clean water bars and pick up trash in preparation of the trails opening. Sunday we will work on Seven Mile trying to mitigate the damage that has occurred over the winter. If you do not want to camp, be sure you meet the group at the campground before 9:00 am on both days or you will be locked out.

Punny

Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says 'Dam!'

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it, too.

Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories.

After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. 'But why?', they asked, as they moved off.

'Because,' he said, 'I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer.'



Guest at last Meeting

Andy Doughty
Shannon Parsons
Holland Hibbitt



Thanks Mike

Saturday, April 19th. The regular people showed up at mile marker 119 in the Poudre Canyon to pick up trash along our two mile section of highway 14. After our work was done, we retired to The Braskich chalet in Poudre Park where Mike cooked up a batch of yummy blueberry pancakes and bacon for us. Thanks go to the clean-up crew and to Mike.



Moab 2008

Just a reminder, the club trip to Moab will be Saturday May 31st through June 7th. Trips will start that first Saturday. The majority of members will be camped at the Canyonlands Campground, 555 Main Street in Moab. The campground also has rustic cabins for rent. If you will be camping with us, be sure to make reservations as soon as possible as they do fill up early. This is one of the nicer campgrounds in Moab as all spaces are shaded and as an added bonus they have a pool and hot tub. The reservation number is 1-800-522-6848. There are a lot of motels to choose from. Go online to check them out and make reservations. Guests are always Welcome --- see ya there !!!



Members Rides

Member Name: Brian Hobbs

Member Number: 100

Make & Model: 2006, Jeep Unlimited Rubicon

Engine: V6

Transmission: Manual 5 speed - Stock

Transfer Case: Manual - Stock NP231

Front End - Dana 30

Rear End - Dana 35

Wheels/Tires - Stock

Springs/Shocks - Stock

Brakes - Yes

Miscellaneous - Lockers

Current/Future - Lift Kit & 33" tires





4x4 Classifieds

Cars, Trucks, and SUV's for sale. Check out www.horsepowerauto.com to see what is available. If you don't see what you are looking for give Ben a call at 970-443-1875. I'll help you find it.

Backhoe Available: Mike Braskich has a backhoe, bobcat, and dump truck available for snow removal services or other needs of members. Call 970-224-9134

For Sale: Five Michelin LTX 30x9.50x15 tires More than 50% tread still remaining. All five for \$200.00 Great All Season Tire
Call Brett 970-217-9758



May 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Karlen Mueller	3
4	5	6 Jeff Mueller	7	8 Bill Marquardt	9	10
11	12 BOARD MEETING <i>Dave Piller</i>	13	14	15	16 Amie Lenderink	17 CLUB TRIP
18 CLUB TRIP Tim Sigley Austen Hobbs	19	20	21 CLUB MEETING Corinne Surface	22	23	24
25	26 Shane Payton Tonya Mercer	27	28	29 Ben Crue	30 Jason Maes	31

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

Board Meeting: Jun. 2 7:30pm Moab
Jul. 7 7:30pm Troy White
Membership Meeting: May 21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
Jun. 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
Club Trip: May 17-18 **9:00am Kelly Flats Campground**



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The Mountaineers
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May Newsletter

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<p>Bullhide Liner 4X4 & Auto Accessories 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p>Coyote Cruisers & OffRoad 417 North Hwy 287 Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-221-1833</p>	<p>Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</p>
<p>Front Range Off-Road Fabrication 24192 W. County Rd. 74E Red Feather Lakes, CO 970-881-2418 www.frontrangeoffroadfab.com</p>	<p>4X4 Used Parts / 4X4 Off Road 938 West Willox Lane, Ft. Collins 970-224-1133 www.4x4usedparts.com</p>	<p>RockStomper P.O. Box 724 Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
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