

Mountain - Ears

April Trip Report

Thirteen vehicles (10 club members & 3 Guests) showed up for a trip to the upper Cherokee Park area. Ted and Darla Miller were in their Subaru. They just wanted to go for a Sunday drive in the mountains and planned to turn around when the going got tough. It was a beautiful day to be headed North West out of town in search of snow. We made a quick stop at a potty box before making our turn onto the Pratt Creek Road (#228) in Upper Cherokee Park. Very little snow was seen, just a few patches of the white stuff off in the trees.

There was evidence off a lot of blow down, but all the trees had already been cleared out of the trail. The trail was mostly dry, all but a few mud puddles. It was a beautiful Sunday drive, just perfect for a Subaru. We did have a problem when a guest reported that his CJ-6 was overheating and we had to stop for trail repairs. We were surprised when he opened the hood on that ol' CJ-6 and saw that it was powered by a Chevy Vortec V-6. The thermostat or regulator had quit on his fan. We got some wire and an inline fuse and wired it direct to the battery and we were back on the trail again.

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Around noon we found a little clearing which was perfect for our lunch stop. As we started to settle in, Brett N. opened the back of his Scout and pulled out one of the three helicopters he had brought. Brett attached his new camera to the front and set it on video



And walked up the road to launch the flying camera platform. After a half minute of beating the air into submission, the craft left the makeshift helipad and buzzed overhead for a few minutes before returning to the helipad. Brett then set the camera to take a picture every

two seconds and lifted off for a second time. Brett is a pretty good pilot as the takeoffs and landings were smooth.



After lunch we proceeded on up the road eventually coming back to County Road 80C. It was decided that we would go home via the Laramie River Road to the Poudre Canyon. At altitude the clearings were packed with beautiful purple Basque flowers. We did take a short one mile long spur trail that Jim D. found on the map that took us over a ridge and back down to the main

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road where the Subaru was waiting for us. One last stop at a potty box just before Chambers Lake and then we were headed home.

Even though we never found any snow to play in and didn't have to use 4WD, this was a fun drive through the forest with the Mountaineer family. Many of us had never been on this trail before but the scenery was well worth the trip.



El Guapo



May Club Trip Campout & Cleanup

We will be camping at the Kelly Flats Campground on Friday and Saturday nights May 11th and 12th. The campground is at mile marker 97 in the Poudre Canyon. We have reserved all the spaces in the back loop. There will be a combination lock on the gate about noon on Friday. Combination is (5337). Please bring some wood for the good times around the nightly campfires. We will have to double or triple up in the camp spaces as per usual. Guests and kids are welcome. For those that are not going to camp and are going to drive up Saturday and or Sunday morning please be at the campground by 8:30 am to

sign in. We will leave promptly at 9:00 and lock the Kelly Flats gate behind us. If you are late, you will miss us. The Forest Service will provide shovels and polaski tools for us to use. Be sure to bring gloves and maybe some water proof boots plus a lunch for each day. Hope you can make this fun event!



Potluck

Saturday night after the Kelly Flats Cleanup, we are having a Potluck. The Club will be furnishing sloppy joes and are asking everyone to bring a side dish to share.

Guests at last Meeting

Jesse Adams
Tim Brass
Jason Derflinger

Lefthand Off Highway area closure rescinded, Fire Restrictions in place

Boulder, Colo.(April 12, 2012) – Lefthand Canyon Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) area closure has been rescinded. Recreation activities can resume in the Lefthand OHV area excluding open campfires and firearm use except for licensed hunting.

Effective April 12 are Stage 1 fire restrictions on National Forest System lands on the Boulder, Canyon Lakes and Clear Creek Ranger Districts on the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and include an area closure limiting where discharging a fire arm and campfires are allowed. For more information and a link to the restriction order and map please visit:<http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/arp/alerts-notices/?aid=11122>



Our Annual Summer Club Outing

This year we are going to substitute a new destination for our normal Moab Trip. We will be spending a week in Buena Vista and running the trails in the area. We will be spending the week of July 7th through 13th in Buena Vista because the altitude is higher and the trails should be open in July. The RV park is about 1.5 miles north of Buena Vista at 30430 North Highway 24 (800) 954-8481. Just like we do in Moab we will be meeting each morning at City Market in Buena Vista to leave for our trips. City Market is on the south end of town at 438 Highway 24.



Member's Ride

Name: Kent Schmidt **Unit Number:** 32

Ride Make & Model: 1974 Ford Bronco

Engine: Fresh 302 with Howell EFI

Transmission: Manual Stock

Transfer Case: Stock

Front End: 3.11 gears

Rear End: 3.11 gears with limited slip

Wheels & Tires: 33X10.50

Springs & Shocks: 3" Suspension lift & Shocks, 2" Body lift

Brakes: Front Disc.

Miscellaneous: Hydraulic clutch(hey, it's a big thing on a '74), Onboard air, F-250 steering, lots of small upgrades that Jeep guys wouldn't understand



Member's Ride

Name: Craig Stumbough **Unit Number:** 5

Ride Make & Model: Jeep CJ-7 Meadow Muffin

Year: 1984 (Atalantic Pearl Blue/Orange stripes)

Engine: Stock 258 with Howell Fuel Injection

Transmission: T-5

Transfer Case: Dana 300 with Twin Stick

Front End: Dana 30/TrueTrack - Moser Axles - 4.10

Rear End: AMC 20, Detroit - Moser Axles - 4.10 - Truss

Wheels & Tires: BFG KMII 33X10.50 Steel Chrome Wh

Springs & Shocks: 2 ½" Black Diamond lift & Shocks, 1" Body lift

Brakes: Stock front, rear Stainless Steel Thunderbird Disc.

Miscellaneous: Warn XD-9000, Sun Rock Sliders, Warn Bumpers, Roll Cage, Gas Tank Skid plate



May 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Karlen Mueller	3	4	5 Attie Burch
6 Jeff Mueller	7 BOARD MEETING <i>Bob Paul</i>	8 Bill Marquardt	9	10	11	12 CLUB TRIP
13 CLUB TRIP	14	15	16 CLUB MEETING	17	18	19
20	21 Corinne Surface	22	23	24	25	26 Shane Payton
27	28 Tonya Mercer	29 Ben Crue	30	31		

June 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 J&L Paben	5 Dave Surface	6 Nicole Riley	7 S&S Payton	8	9 D&C Surface
10 Linda Castell	11 BOARD MEETING <i>Lori Golly</i>	12 Jake Schrader G&S Kapperman	13	14 D&B Klein	15 Aaron Paben	16 Dan Venrick
17	18	19	20 CLUB MEETING	21 Chris McCurry Heidi Kemp Ryan Castell	22	23 Brianna Opdyke B&J Paul
24 CLUB TRIP	25 Amy Kemp	26 Candice Paben	27 Garrett Mercer Laurie Paben	28	29	30 Hannah Eddy

Board Meeting: Jun. 11 7:30pm Lori Golly
 Jul. 9 7:30pm Dave Piller
 Membership Meeting: May 16 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Jun. 20 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: **May 12,13 9:00am Kelly Flats Campground**



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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>Always A Deal Inc. Computer Services Johnstown, Colorado 970-310-7547 www.AlwaysaDeal.info</p>	<p>Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</p>
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