



North Sand Hills Trip Report

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We had nine vehicles show up for our October trip to the North Sand Hills near Walden. The group left the parking lot at 9:00am for the 100 mile drive over Cameron pass. We had a couple of guest vehicles, one was a Grand Cherokee and the other was a diesel Ford Excursion which we all wanted to see how the heavy SUV did in the big sand pile. Just before reaching the top of Cameron, we encountered Dan and Tara along side the road changing a flat tire on their trailer. After stopping in Walden to top off the gas tanks, it was on to the kitty cats delight.

We took the first timers to their first big hill to try their luck. Craig was driving his S-10 work truck (the "Wart Hog") and was anxious to see how it compared against the Meadow Muffin. He later told us that it would run circles around the Muffin on the sand. Every one did well on the hill, even the big diesel. We then went to the bowl for some round-d-rounds and several had fun catching air. We ate lunch and then went to the "creek bottom". The Sand Creek area is getting easier as almost every one went in more than once and almost made it look easy coming back out. We all had fun going pedal to the metal across the flats. There were even some disorganized sand drags.



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At the end of our stay at the dunes, Troy had the hood up on his Bronco with steam pouring out. Not to worry, it was just overheating. Troy then said he had a vibration which turned out to be a twisted drive shaft. After limping the Bronco back to the potty box area, he had to remove the drive shaft and go home in front wheel drive. It was a beautiful day at the dunes and what made it even better was that we were wheeling with the Mountaineer family.

Garfield



"Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in."

"If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there."

"If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging."

Halloween Rally

On Sunday, October 27th , members gathered at the Albertsons parking lot for the Halloween Rally. There were a lot of costumes which included a biker, lion, scarecrow, some witches and even Austin Powers (Sharon Kapperman) and many more.

The first stop sent jeepers racing towards Mark Turner Offroad where they were given another clue. The 2nd clue sent everybody, well almost everybody in a hurry to EPICs BMX track where everybody including Craig rode a bike around the track searching for their next clue. The Muellers, dressed as witches and warlocks, have the video for blackmailing! When they got the next clue it sent them on a long drive to Bruces in Severance, where they were given the next clue to the next stop. This clue seemed to confuse Ben, Heidi and Taylor who eventually called in and were sent on their way. The 4th stop was the Cloverleaf dog track with Gene and Sharon Kapperman in first place. Everybody got there clues at the dog track and people raced to the Fairgrounds in Loveland then up to the Dam Store for the 2nd to last clue. After the Dam Store, people had to go to the picnic area on the south end of Horsetooth Reservoir. The last stop being Hersh Trucking on Vine not too far from the initial start.



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At the shop we all ate lunch and reviewed the BMX tape where everybody got there laughs. First place for the Time was Gene Kapperman 2nd place for the Time went to Dave and Dawn Piller. First place for the poker hand was Dave and Dawn, and 2nd place for the hand went to Dan and Tara. Mark Turner offroad donated offroad driving lights and Ft.Collins 4x4 donated a tow strap , cash prizes were also available. A Special Thanks to Hersh Trucking and all who showed up.

"There's two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither one works."

"When I die, I want to die like my grandfather who died peacefully in his sleep. Not screaming like all the passengers in his car."



Club Trip
Ballard

Meet at Albertson's at 9:00 AM Sunday
Nov. 24th



Guests at Last Meeting

Dave Giles

Greg & Linda Enslow

Jerry Macklberg



"IT'S ALL IN THE MIND"
CHOOSE HOW YOU START YOUR DAY
TOMORROW.

Michael is the kind of guy you love to hate. He is always in a good mood and always has something positive to say.

When someone would ask him how he was doing, he would reply, "If I were any better, I would be twins!"

He was a natural motivator.

If an employee was having a bad day, Michael was there telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation.

Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up to Michael and asked him, "I don't get it! You can't be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?"

Michael replied, "Each morning I wake up and say to myself, you have two choices today.

You can choose to be in a good mood or ... you can choose to be in a bad mood. I choose to be in a good mood.

Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or...I can choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it.



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Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or... I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life.

"Yeah, right! It's not that easy..." I protested.

"Yes, it is," Michael said. "Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice.

You choose how you react to situations.

You choose how people affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood.

The bottom line: It's your choice how you live your life."

I reflected on what Michael said. Soon hereafter, I left the Tower Industry to start my own business. We lost touch, but I often thought about him when I made a choice about life instead of reacting to it.

Several years later, I heard that Michael was involved in a serious accident, falling some 60 feet from a communications tower.

After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, Michael was released from the hospital with rods placed in his back.

I saw Michael about six months after the accident. When I asked him how he was, he replied. "If I were any better, I'd be twins. Want to see my scars?"



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I declined to see his wounds, but I did ask him what had gone through his mind as the accident took place. "The first thing that went through my mind was the well-being of my soon to be born daughter, Michael replied. "Then, as I lay on the ground, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live or ...I could choose to die. I chose to live." "Weren't you scared? Did you lose consciousness?" I asked.

Michael continued, "...the paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the ER and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read "HE'S A DEAD MAN". I knew I needed to take action." "What did you do?" I asked. "Well, there was a big burly nurse shouting questions at me," said Michael. She asked if I was allergic to anything. "Yes", I replied. The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply. I took a deep breath and yelled, "Gravity."

Over their laughter, I told them, "I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead." Michael lived, thanks not only to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude. I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully. Attitude, after all, is everything. "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6:34

After all, today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.

Don't Forget!!!

Please bring pictures for the online calendar.

Pictures work best if they are horizontal.

Remember that we will need pictures each month.

We need at least 4 pictures each month to keep up.



4 X 4 C L A S S I F I E D S

4x4 Classifieds

67-72 Chevy Blazer/Truck parts.

72 front clip, blazer drs, 4 row radiator, tilt steering, blazer top, A/C components, TH350 trans. misc...Darren. 613-8298

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

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

Ford 9" rearend complete, full width, 3.50 gears, 31 spline shafts. \$100, call Ben (970)495-0801

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

Jeep Overdrive for sale. It is for the older Jeep. I am asking \$300.00 O.B.O. It is a Husky that was built in Longmont, Co. in the early 1970's Jim Maxwell 970-482-0412

For Sale: Front Axle: Dana 44 disc brakes 410 ratio with lockright side drive shaft. Rear Axle: 9" heavy housing 31 spline Currie axles, nodgular carrier 410 ratio, Detroit locker, heavy 9 3/8" ring gear, Timpken roller bearings, 11" brakes, Bolt pattern 5x5 1/2. Call Brad anytime on weekends & after 5 on weekdays at: 520-887-9104

For Sale: Detroit locker for a Dana #30 (front) 3.54-1 ratio \$250.00
E-Mail Richard Marolf at: mrmarolf@aol.com

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Rob Kapperman
3	4 BOARD MEETING Andrea Paben Tyler Schleppey	5	6 Brian Hawf	7 Anna Mueller	8 Harold Oden	9
10	11 C & M Smelker	12	13	14	15 P & K Schnaidt	16 Duane Rhoades
17	18	19	20 CLUB MEETING	21 R & K Kapperman	22 Darwin Stengaard	23 Gail Horner
24 CLUB TRIP	25 Lisa Graves Marilyn Maher	26	27	28 Darold Klein	29	30

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Andrea Ashby	3	4 D & T Frank	5	6	7 Adina DeWitt
8	9 BOARD MEETING	10	11	12 Mike Braskich	13	14 Matthew DeWitt
15	16	17 Teresa Shively	18 CLUB MEETING	19	20	21
22 CLUB TRIP	23	24 Greg Lenderink	25	26 G & M Lenderink	27	28 Alice Mueller
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Board Meeting: Dec. 9 7:30pm Ben Crue
 Jan. 6 7:30pm At the new president's house
 Membership Meeting: Nov. 20 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Dec. 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: Nov. 24 9:00am **Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



Larimer County 4WD Club, Inc.
The Mountaineers
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Fort Collins, CO 80522-1225

November Newsletter

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The following businesses give Mountaineer Members special discounts on parts or specific services. In other words, they save us money... and we are grateful.

<p>Ft. Collins 4X4 Center 1101 North College Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-482-5500</p>	<p>IKON Office Solutions 2531 South Shields Street #2A Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-482-8830</p>	<p>CarQuest Auto Parts 2716 South College Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-226-5050</p>
<p>RockHard 4x4 Parts Lewis Barth 401 Jackie Ann St. Ault, Co 80610 970-834-0767</p>	<p>Fantasy's 4x4 4311 Service Road Evans, Colorado 303-330-3833</p>	<p>R & S Auto Body 1912 Terry Lake Rd Fort Collins, Colorado</p>
<p>Mark Turner Off-Road 2649 E. Mulberry St. #2 Ft. Collins Colorado 970-416-1234</p>		<p>RockStomper 650 Weaver Park Road, Unit G Longmont Colorado 720-652-0700</p>
<p>Front Range Off-Road Fabrication www.frii.com/~frorfab cel (970) 481-6508 (970) 472-1846</p>		<p>Vanworks 900 East Lincoln Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>
<p>Loveland Powder Coating 225 SW 42nd Street Loveland, Colorado 970-679-7500</p>	<p>4X4 Used Parts Bob Schleppey Bob@4x4usedparts.com 970-224-4294 www.4x4usedparts.com</p>	<p>Colorado Iron & Metal 1400 E MulberrySt Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-482-7707</p>