



FUN DAZE '05

We had over 40 vehicles attend this year's Fun Daze event. We had a long convoy from the Albertsons parking lot to the home of Brian Graves northeast of Wellington. Brian had stacked large mounds of dirt with a lot of whoop-tee-doo's. The first one across the challenge was Dan Venrick who promptly got high centered and had to be pushed off but he made it through. The next one to try was Coyote John in one of his shops open diff Cruisers. John made a valiant try on the mounds of dirt but the dirt won. He had broken the pinion gear in the rear end and then he trashed the front end. We weren't there 15 minutes and John had managed to render a perfectly good Land Cruiser useless. Oh well, that's why God made trailers. It took a little while for the dirt to pack down. By the end of the day, even Troy in his 2WD Bronco 1½ went over the piles of dirt. Dan had brought out a truckload of large rocks to play on which was a lot of fun also.

We had borrowed a vehicle teeter totter from the Big T club in Loveland. Brett and Troy were kept busy all day running this event. The vehicle that came closest to balancing the teeter totter was a Zuk!!! We had three timed events. The best combined time for these events will receive a trophy at this months meeting. The first event, The Roundabout, was run by Darren and Carol Finger. All we can say was if you weren't careful, you would get dizzy. The second event was run by the Toyota boyz. It combined pitching pennies, throwing horseshoes, tossing bean bags, balancing an egg in a spoon while running through a course, playing pasture golf, hitting a swinging pan with a bungi cord and finally pulling a log while changing drivers along the way. Does it sound like a Chinese fire drill, it was!!!

The final event was the blind fold race, half of which was run in reverse. It's kind of funny that the worst time recorded was when Tara was giving directions to a blindfolded Dan and one of the best times recorded was Tara driving blindfolded and Dan giving directions. It just goes to show you that Dan can't (or won't) take directions but he is one of the best spotters you will ever see.

A fun time was had by all. Even Coyote John was laughing his head off all day. Thanks goes to Brian Graves for letting us play on his beautiful land and to all the others who helped to put this event together for our club and guests.

El Guapo



Club Trip

Storm Mountain

Meet @ 9:00am @ the North College Albertsons parking lot.





Halloween '05

This years Halloween party was hosted by the Great Pumpkin and a Hells Angel (Sharon & Gene Kapperman). They had decorated their shop with ghosts hanging from the ceiling, black cats and balloons. The scary scene was complete with 2 smoke machines and a coffin. With everyone bringing a side dish, there was no shortage of food.

As for costumes, there was an assortment of witches and goblins and even 2 Al Borland's from Tool Time. Some of this writers' favorites were Dan Venrick who makes a perfect Frankenstein. Then there was Darwin, whose medieval costume made him look like a casting extra from the "What's in your Wallet" TV commercial. Ron Kapperman was made up to be a French Maid or was he a sleazy bar maid. Makes no difference, he looked great in a short black dress, fish net stockings, a rather large chest (hairy) and a black wig. Rubicon John (aka - Tip Over John, but that's another story) had a white bandage wrapped around his head with blood dripping down onto his face from where his ear once had been. The dead giveaway on this costume was the French beret ---- ah-ha --- the crazy French artist who cut off his own ear --- Van Gogh!!

Thanks Gene and Sharon for making this such a fun event !!!!₄



Guests at Last Meeting

Jeff Brooks
Wess Janssen

Chris Bielinski
John Elliott



Tow Hook Party

At Stengaard's House November 19
8:30am to 4:00pm

Bring your own drinks and lunch
221 Indian Ridge Rd.

Tow Hook Party means come and do some of
Those pesky projects that you don't have the tools
for and would only take a few hours if you did.



Board of Directors Nominations

At this month's meeting, we will be taking nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and four Trip Planners. We will vote in the new board.



Last Chance to order T-Shirts

Please give your order for T-Shirts to Stephanie at the Meeting. We are cutting off the ordering at the meeting so we can finish this business before the end of the year.



Moab Trip

October 20, 2005

Shane Payton, John Arnold & Ken Kinnison loaded their Jeeps on Shane's Kenworth on a cool October night. We departed Fort Collins about 7:45pm and drove straight through to Moab. We unloaded the Jeeps at Moab 4x4 Outpost at 2:45am Friday morning and drove to Clifton house for some sleep.

The three of us met club member Gene Day at City Market a little after 9:00am and then headed for Hell's Revenge. We were followed by a Jeep Jamboree, so we hurried onto the trail so we wouldn't get stuck behind 30 or more Jeeps.

Everything was going fine, we tried several extra credit challenges with no problems. Then the Gates of Hell. Shane & Gene went down the normal way, John & Ken stayed at the top to take photos. Gene drove right up. (His first ascent since his rollover in the spring). Shane had some troubles, He was spotted a bit too far to the left and his Jeep fell into the crack. After backing all the way to the bottom, Ken spotted Shane further to the right and he drove right up.

The cameras were manned by Shane & Gene so John & Ken could give it a try. They drove around to go down and

found the entrance blocked by the Jeep Jamboree. Few people were in their Jeeps - Most were looking over the overlook. John & Ken decided to drive down the Gates of Hell, turn around and then drive back up. Ken went down first with Gene spotting. No Problem. Then John Started down, he got a bit too far left, then the right front tire dipped into a hole, Shane & Gene were yelling "go, hit the gas" but his instinct was to brake. His Jeep rolled real easy over onto its right side. Before John could get out of the Jeep, we had him pushed back over on his wheels. Ken took over spotting while Shane & Gene held the Jeep up and he drove down the hill.

With his normal smile and showing no signs of being shaken John turned around and drove right back up the Gates of Hell without a problem. Ken also drove up without any problems.

We found Mickeys hottub with a lot of water in it, so we passed it by, ate lunch and finished the trail.

Gene then traded the CJ-7 for his Jeep M-715 Army truck and we headed for Moab Rim Trail.

At the trail head we impressed 3 teens in a Suzuki, they followed us on foot just to watch for about 300 yards.

On the first obstacle "Devils Crack" Shane got into trouble. He took a bad line, lifted a rear tire way too high and had a real good view of the river 100 feet below. Another Jeeper on the trail jumped onto Shane's rear bumper and Shane drove through it OK.

The second obstacle "The Z turns" gave John some trouble. He almost rolled...almost. The result was a spectacular wheel stand (almost 4 feet). The M-715 and unlimited walked right up. We continued to the top to see the view, then headed back down.

The M-715 beat John's acrobatics going down. The Z turns. Shane & Ken thought is was all over, but Gene drove through and landed on all 4. Then Gene did it again on the Devils Crack. The rest of us got down OK.

We met at the Moab Brewery for dinner, then back to Clifton's house to fix John's door. The roll on Hells Revenge bent it enough that the window wouldn't roll up. We then headed for some much needed sleep.

The four of us met at City Market on Saturday at 9am and headed for Rusty Nail. The first rock ledge was easy, the second was trickier. We let a couple go before us so we could learn the line. The built jeep walked right up. his wife followed in her Jeep, so we just had to try it. We all drove it easy but Gene broke a front axle joint. We pulled the axle and Gene continued in 3wd. The rest of Rusty Nail was fun, but a bit technical.

Rusty Nail ends on Golden Spike Trail by the golden stairs. Shane & Ken did double whammy. We had no problems finishing the trail, even Gene in 3wd.

That night we ate at Fiesta Mexicana (it comes highly recommended). Then to Clifton's house for light repairs.

Sunday 9am @ City Market. Steve Nantz met us with his buggy. We also met the same couple we met on Rusty Nail. 7 Jeeps in all, we headed for Pritchett Canyon. We all had lots of fun watching Steve and his son Tyler in the buggy. We went up to Rocker Knocker then turned around and came back. We had no problems on this trail.

Monday morning we loaded the Jeeps onto the Kenworth and headed for home.

We all had a great time, and can't wait for our next trip to Moab.

Special thank to Steve Nantz and Moab 4x4 Outpost for letting us park the Kenworth there, also to the Dewitt Family for renting us there house, and to Hersh Trucking for the Kenworth and trailer.

November 2005						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Ron Kapperman	3	4 Andrea Paben Tyler Schleppey	5
6	7 BOARD MEETING Colleen Stengaard Anna Mueller	8 Mindy Lenderink	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 CLUB MEETING Logan Theilman	17 Steve Schroeder	18	19
20 CLUB TRIP	21	22 Darwin Stengaard	23	24	25	26
27	28 Darold Klein	29	30			

December 2005						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5	6	7 Adina DeWitt	8	9	10
11	12 BOARD MEETING Craig Stumbough Mike Braskich	13	14 Matthew DeWitt	15	16 Madison Atkinson Jason Leahy	17 Teresa Shively
18	19	20	21 CLUB MEETING	22	23	24 Greg Lenderink
25 CLUB TRIP	26	27 Kyle Eddy	28 Alice Mueller Michael Atkinson	29	30	31

Board Meeting: Dec. 12 7:30pm Craig Stumbough
 Jan. 9 7:30pm To Be Announced
 Membership Meeting: Nov. 16 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Dec. 21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: Nov. 20 9:00am **Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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The Mountaineers
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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.

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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 www.frii.com/~frorfab cel (970) 481-6508 (970) 472-1846</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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