



October Trip Report

A large group of Mountaineers and guests gathered at the Albertsons parking lot in anticipation of our annual Fun Daze event. Our long convoy headed north on Highway 1. After skirting Wellington, we turned east a couple of miles and wound up at Brian Graves house.

The Stengaard brothers busied themselves setting up the RTI ramp that they had borrowed from the guys at MTO. The RTI ramp results are a listed a little later on in this newsletter. Meanwhile, Coyote John couldn't wait to try the mogul mounds that Brian had made bigger and better than last year. John fired up his "new" Toyota "Truggy" and got about 8 or 9 feet into them before he was hopelessly high centered and Craig couldn't wait to pull the Toyota out of the predicament with his JEEP

(did anybody get a good picture?). Darren finally had to drag the dirt off the top of the moguls with Tater to make it a little more doable for the rest of us. Even after the moguls were beat down, they still were a challenge for most and several had to use a snatching strap to get out of trouble. We did have a guest in a pickup that got high centered



and another guest in a Jeep tried to snatch him off with a tow rope. The tow rope had hooks on the ends and when the Jeep gave it a good yank, the hook straightened out and wound up shattering the back glass window on the Jeep, narrowly missing the driver.

The Toyota bunch set up the course for the slow race and ran quite a few races. The big winner of the slow races by a mile was Darren in Tater. Nobody even came close to being as slow as Darren, go figure. The rock pile also gave a few drivers fits as they had to be snatched off of high center. Brian built us a pit and a hill that at first glance looked scary. You had to

drop off into the pit straight down 6 feet and then climb out a huge mound of loose dirt. Most of us looked at it, shook our heads and said under our breath, impossible, I ain't doing that!!!! It took Darren and John to show the rest of us that it was doable. Soon, we were all lined up to do the pit.

When it came time to blow up the Oldsmobile Toronado, we all wandered over to place our bets as how long the engine would take to blow up. The car was donated by Shane's mom, Judy Payton (not Markley Motors as previously reported). Shane had taken the windows and fluids out and chained it to the front end loader so it wouldn't get away from us or damage the environment. With Dave P. standing by as the kill switch, Shane fired it up and let er' rip. It died several times due to gas starvation. After five minutes, one of the Stengaard brothers commented that we should have gotten a Ford as it would have blown sky high by now. It lasted quite a while, but alas, it never blew up, it just died a natural death when we couldn't get it to fire any more. The pot was divided between the three people that came closest to the quit time.

At lunch time we went over to Teresa and Andy Shively's shop. They provided and cooked a ton of great hot dogs and brats along with all the fixins'. We also had plenty of side dish's that members brought along to share. The kids had a great time playing



With the barn kittens. The club members and guest had a fun time gabbing and relaxing after an intense morning of play. Our belly's full, we went back to the Graves place to play in the dirt and run over the



Toronado as if we were a monster truck. None of us looked like the Grave Digger or Big Foot and most got hung up on the poor ol' Toro. The Toronado claimed

some victims of its own, especially our club

President as the Scouts undercarriage was severely damaged. Good thing he trailered it up as it certainly wasn't road worthy at the end of the day. We wish to thank all those who helped put the event together, especially the Graves family for hosting us. Brian put in a lot of work with his equipment to make the day fun. The Shively's for feeding such a large group of hungry four wheelers in their shop. We can't forget the club members such as Darwin and Colleen for procuring and transporting the RTI ramp from our friends at MTO. Thanks Shane, for getting the Toronado ready for us and also your mom, Judy Payton, for donating the car. The Piller's for trailering the Toronado and also disposing of it. The Toyota bunch for the fun and games. Last and most important to thank is Stephanie Payton who was in charge of procuring the potty box, which without we would have been in deep doo-doo. All in all, it was a great Fun Daze event for the Mountaineer family and friends!

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Club Trip

Bald Mountain

Meet at Albertson's at
9:00AM Sunday Nov. 23rd



Oldsmobile Tornado

109 estimated times an uncooperative car and finally a winner. Final time of 11minutes and 48 seconds. First place at 12 minutes 10 seconds to Sheila Mueller, Second place at 12 minutes 13 seconds to Kyle Eddy, and Third place to Ben Crue at 11 minutes.



RTI Ramp

The winner of the 2008 RTI challenge was Shane Payton and his “Remote Control” Buggy with a score of 1146.

Several mountaineers found their modifications to their vehicles improved their performance from last year and others found they did not have adrenaline to match their scores of last year.

NAME	VEHICLE	DISTANCE UP RAMP	WHEELBASE	RTI SCOR
BROZIER, JEFF	1977 JEEP CJ5	34	83.5	407
CRUE, BEN	FORD F350 CREW CAB	34	173	197
EDDY, KYLE	1977 INTERNATIONAL SCOUT	80	107	748
FINGER, DARREN	1994 CHEVROLET BLAZER	64	112.5	569
HYSONG, PHIL	1995 WRANGLER	25	93	269
KING, RYAN	1969 TOYOTA FJ40	38.5	91	423
MUELLER, JEFF	1991 TOYOTA 4 RUNNER	37.25	101	369
MARSCH, DON	TOYOTA LANDCRUISER	41.25	90.5	456
MERCER, CHRIS	1981 TOYOTA PU	33.75	113	299
PAUL, BOB	1978 TOYOTA FJ40	33.25	86.5	384
PAYTON, SHANE	REMOTE CONTROL BUGGY	13.75	12.5	1146
PILLAR, DAVE	1994 JEEP YJ	44	91	484
SCHRADER, JAKE	1989 TOYOTA FJ62	46	107.5	428
SCHRADER, JOHN	1989 Truhgee	89	120	742
SMITH, IAN	1996 JEEP XJ	53	102	520
STENGAARD, DARWIN	1982 TOYOTA LANDCRUISER	46.5	107	432
STENGAARD, DARWIN	84 CJ7	70	93.5	749
STENGAARD, ROGER	1986 TOYOTA PU	50.75	115	441
STUMBOUGH, CRAIG	1984 JEEP CJ7	54	93	581
TAYLOR, ANTHONY	1989 JEEP XJ	37	102.5	361



How to figure RTI

Ramp travel index or RTI, is a way of measuring a vehicle's ability to flex its suspension, a property also known as axle articulation. The RTI rating is used mainly in the off-roading industry to test and describe chassis limits of modified vehicles.

The ramps vary between 15-30 degrees of angle for the vehicle to ride up. "Ramping" a vehicle involves putting one tire on the ramp and driving up slowly until one of the other three tires (usually the rear one on the same side as the tire driving the ramp) begins to leave the ground. The measurement is only taken when the other three tires are still on the ground. The distance traveled up the ramp is then measured and is divided by the vehicles wheelbase and finally multiplied by 1000 to give a final RTI score. Most stock SUVs have RTI values from 400 to 550; vehicles modified for off-road competition have the ability to exceed 1000



4x4 Classifieds

For Sale: 40" Ground Hogs with Steel Rims, 5 Lug, 17" Wide good tread \$350 Roger MacDonald 970-219-5353

For Sale: 3/8 by 50' winch cable, it is in good shape. Call Don at 970-556-7276 \$50.00 or best offer.

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November 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Ron Kapperman	3	4 Andrea Paben Tyler Schleppey	5	6	7 Anna Mueller	8 Mindy Lenderink
9	10 BOARD MEETING <i>Roger MacDonald</i>	11 Jo Prewett	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 CLUB MEETING	20 Jim Jansen	21 Sherry Hobbs	22 Darwin Stengaard
23/30 CLUB TRIP	24 Dick Jansen	25	26	27	28 Darold Klein Dan Myers	29

December 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Sally Oden	5	6
7 Adina DeWitt	8 BOARD MEETING <i>Kyle Eddy</i>	9	10	11	12 Mike Braskich	13
14 Matthew DeWitt	15	16 Jason Leahy	17 Club Meeting Teresa Shively	18	19	20
21 Club Trip	22 John Jansen	23 Bob Paul	24 Greg Lenderink	25 Bruce Kemp	26	27 Kyle Eddy
28 Alice Mueller	29	30	31			

Board Meeting: Dec. 8 7:30pm Kyle Eddy
 Jan. 13 7:30pm TBA
 Membership Meeting: Nov. 19 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Dec. 17 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: Nov. 23 **9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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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 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>
<p>Fort Collins Floral 205 N. College Ave, Ft. Collins 970-482-1481 www.fortcollinsfloral.com</p>	<p>Horsepower Auto Brokers 1409 E. Olive Ct. Unit E, Ft. Collins 970-482-2579 www.horsepowerauto.com</p>	<p>Vanworks 900 East Lincoln Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>
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