

Mountain - Ears

October Club Trip

As we are all aware of our traditional October Club outing is to the Graves' place for Fun Daze. This year was a little different than in the past, as we decided to also host a Poker Run the same day. This Event was in the planning process for about the past 8 months, with the hopes of fair weather for the day, in which up until the night before looked good.

Even with the less than desired weather we had 11 Members and 11 guests show up for the Poker Run at the designated start location. We started the groups of

participants at 8:45am, and separated them into groups of three departing every 7-10



Minutes. Everything was going to plan until the last group filled with the entire Eddy Clan reached the first checkpoint (manned by Craig Stumbough) along the route. They were quick to get their cards drawn, and were asked if they knew where the next checkpoint was. They quickly

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replied to Craig that they did and even said where they were going- Bald Mountain. Craig knowing that they had the right location proceeded to get into his Jeep to stay warm, as it was snowing pretty good at that time, only to look back and see the Eddy Family turning around to go in the wrong direction.

As time passed Craig thought that they may have just realized their mistake and continued to the Graves' Place for the rest of the events. Approximately 40 minutes later Jim Dixon showed up to inform Craig that there were no more participants in the event, and he informed Jim of what had happened. It was decided that Craig would drive out Boy Scouts Road in search of the Eddy's and Jim would continue along the route to inform the other Checkpoints

that they could start to head to Fun Daze.

After the second and third Checkpoints were relieved of their duties, Jim D. Dan Venrick and Darold Klein began to caravan towards Wyoming. About 3 miles into their trip they passed Craig going in the opposite direction. After some talk on the CB, Craig informed them that the Eddy's were heading to the previous checkpoints in the correct direction finally. With no one manning these places Craig was quick to head to Bald Mountain area, checkpoint 2 and Jim returned to the third checkpoint at the Pot Belly. After locating the Eddy's for a second time all five began to caravan towards the fourth checkpoint to give the three lost ones a guided trip so they would not get lost again. They all made it safely

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to Fun Daze without any further confusion.

After everyone was accounted for we had a quick Drivers meeting to inform Club Members and guest about the rules and safety in association with Fun Daze, along with a run down of the additional events for the day. We were glad to have acquired two running cars to have fun with, and some new and difficult obstacles. Everyone proceeded to walk around admiring the fine work that had been done to challenge even a skilled driver.

With in minutes we had the first takers on the bigger and harder obstacles. Mike Braskich was the first to start in at the play area with a try at the Rock Pile followed by the

Tank Trap. While his well built machine had no problems with



The Rock Pile, he was quick to find out that the Tank Trap would be difficult after several attempts he backed out of it to let someone else try. Bob Opdyke was the next to attempt the Tank Trap also without success. Bob was also



Intimidated by the sheer size of it this year and felt that he was

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going to go over backwards. Next up was Jake Thoen in the trusty Orange Bronco. After a few attempts he managed to crest the top of the obstacle and was the first to complete it.

In addition to the usual obstacles there was also a Log Crawl added in, as well as



some new deep holes along the side of the rocks. While people were playing around and having a good time, a few started to prepare the day's feast, and chat about how big the dirt piles and Tank Trap was this year.

About half way through our feast of Burgers and Dogs it was announced over the loud speaker that we would be drawing tickets for the Door Prizes. No sooner did the loud speaker get turned off and those at the Lunch tent were informed that we would have to hold off for the Door Prizes as our FEARLESS Personal Tour Guide Craig Stumbough was wheels up in the bottom of the Tank Trap.



This came as a surprise to all as Craig is usually not the one to dive into the obstacles, as he always says "I have done

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them before, no need to do them again”. Everyone was quick to assess the situation



and was able to get Craig out of his Jeep. Mike Braskich and Aaron Eddy were on their winches to upright the jeep and remove it from the tank trap. Shane Payton volunteered to cut his stay at Fun Daze short and put Craig's crippled Jeep on his trailer to transport it back to his house. We are glad to announce that the Fearless Tour Guide is all better besides maybe a bruised ego and his Jeep is on its way to being repaired.

While The Fearless Tour Guide suffered the worst of the Carnage there was also some more as Kyle Eddy Broke his rear drive shaft and



had to drive home in front wheel drive; Don Maresh broke his first Birfield in seven years and had to be trailered home; Cliff Dukes also broke a Birfield on the rock pile; and Jim Dixon suffered a bent tie-rod and some Broken



Teeth on his ring and pinion.

While this was an expensive endeavor for some, it will sure be a Fun Daze to remember for years to come. We are glad to announce that everyone has their rigs fixed or are well on the way to being fixed in hopes of making the next Club Run. We look forward to seeing what we can come up with for next year's event to make it even bigger and better than this years Poker Run/Fun Daze.

Dixon



Poker Run Results:

Best Hand goes to Guest Stefan Martenson with Three of a Kind Aces

Worst Hand goes to Guest William Boitano with a 10 High (Trail Ridge Runners)

Guess the Engine Time:

Mercury Time goes to Bob Opdyke

Ford Explorer Time goes to Guest William Boitano (Trail Ridge Runners)

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RTI Scores:

Cliff Dukes	1990 Toyota 4-runner	981
Jim Bridge	1995 Jeep YJ	1,010
Duane Rhodes	2000 Toyota Tacoma	494 forward 552 Backwards
Lauren Martin	1998 Toyota Tacoma	285 Forward 536 Backwards
Bob Paul	1978 Toyota FJ40	866
Jake Thoen	1970's Bronco	1000
Mike Braskich	2003 Jeep TJ	1,018
Justin Treece	1986 Chevy Blazer K5	830
Craig Stumbough	2006 Jeep TJ	1,170
Stefan Martensen	1995 Jeep YJ	383
Bob Opdyke	1982 Toyota P/U	825 forward 900 backwards
Don Maresh	1971 Toyota FJ40	659
Ryan Eddy	1983 Toyota Land Cruiser	920
Jim Dixon	2009 Jeep JKU	940

Donation to Glen Haven Volunteer Fire Department

With the money raised during the events and the Clubs donation we were able to take \$430 dollars in monetary donation along with \$1,000 in Shell gas cards to the Fire Department. They were very happy to accept them and put them to good use with the residents of Glen Haven. Several Club Members have been also volunteering their time to help the Community of Glen Haven. We have several new friends that are appreciative of what we are doing to help them recover from the devastating flood that wiped most of their town off the map.



October Club Trip

This month we will be running Bald Mountain.
Please meet at our regular trip meeting place.
North Albertson's Parking Lot
We will leave at 9:00 am
Sunday November 24th.

10th Annual Toys for Tots Christmas Caravan for Kids

Hosted by the Mile Hi Jeep Club

This year the event will be held on Saturday, December 1st, 2012 from 10:00am to 3:00pm at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds Event Center. There will be several local 4x4 related vendors on display, free lunch, live music, free raffle, and much more.

So bring your rock rods, trailer queens, and your daily drivers along with a new, unwrapped toy for donation to one of the meeting points listed below and caravan into the Jefferson County Fairgrounds Event Center to meet up with other 4x4 enthusiasts from around the state for the "Meet & Greet".

CHRISTMAS CARAVAN FOR KIDS

MILE-HI JEEP CLUB

November 2013						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 G&M Helgeson	2 Ron Kapperman
3 Nate Little	4 Andrea Paben Tyler Schleppy	5	6	7 Anna Mueller	8	9
10	11 BOARD MEETING <i>Jake Adams</i>	12	13 Maren Marvin	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 CLUB MEETING Jim Jansen	21	22 Bob Opdyke Darwin Stengaard	23
24 CLUB TRIP Dick Jansen	25	26	27	28 THANKSGIVING Darold Klein	29	30

December 2013						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Sally Oden	5 Kelly Ficarra	6	7 Christine Romero
8	9 BOARD MEETING <i>Jim Dixon</i>	10	11 Scott Ficarra R&J Marolf	12 Mike Brakich Cristal Opdyke	13	14 Matthew DeWitt
15	16	17 Teresa Shively CJ Wiescamp	18 CLUB MEETING	19	20	21
22 CLUB TRIP John Jansen	23 Bob Paul	24	25 CHRISTMAS Bruce Kemp	26	27 Kyle Eddy	28 Alice Mueller
29	30 Janine Bernard	31				

Board Meeting: Dec. 9 7:30pm Jim Dixon
 Jan. 6 7:30pm TBA
 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**



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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>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>
<p>Horsepower Auto Brokers, LLC 417 N US HWY 287, Ft. Collins 970-482-2579 www.horsepowerauto.com</p>	<p>CDR Communications, LLC Cabling Done Right Call Don Maresh @ 970-556-7276 don-cdr@live.com www.cablingdoneright.com</p>	<p>RockStomper P.O. Box 724 Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
<p>Fry's Auto Care 210 Commerce Dr. Ft. Collins 970-310-7195</p>	<p>Wellington Toy Storage 4000 Washington Ave. Wellington, Colorado 970-498-2111 www.wellingtontoystorage.com</p>	