



September Trip Report

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Our trip planners decided to go up Storm Mountain as this trail is only open from the Masonville side during hunting season. Richard led (?) the small group of 4 wheelers from our normal meeting place on North College to meet the much larger group that had gathered in Masonville. While we aired down, it gave us a chance to meet several guests that wanted to go on this trip.

The 20 plus vehicles proceeded to the lower gate and started up through the private property very slowly. When we hit the public property we stopped again for a couple of minutes to put in the hubs. It wasn't

too long before we were in the old Bobcat Gulch fire burn area. It looked a lot better this year as the ground cover had regenerated and the wild flowers were



still blooming. It was a perfect day for wheeling as the temperature was about 65 and there wasn't a cloud in the sky. We stopped for a lunch break in a long meadow just after the Nelson Spring Road. Richard and a guest vehicle had to stop a few times just to cool down.



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After lunch, we made our way to Galuchie Meadow and started up Storm Mountain. We only had one hurry up and wait period while Steven had to coax his Ford up a challenge area with a very heavy foot. At the top, most tried the rock challenge which is now only as hard as you want to make it. On top we all took in the view of Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park and the eastern plains.



Surprisingly, for the first time in recent memory, there was no wind on the top of Storm Mountain. On the way down the mountain, Richard reported that he was having a fuel delivery problem. Dave P. and Darwin stuck with Richard & Jan while he nursed the ol' CJ down through Cedar Park and on to Drake where he had to park the vehicle. Dave Piller went down to Loveland to get his trailer and back up to Drake so that Richard could get the crippled CJ back home for diagnoses and repair*.

So it went, another great day on an easy trail with the Mountaineer family.

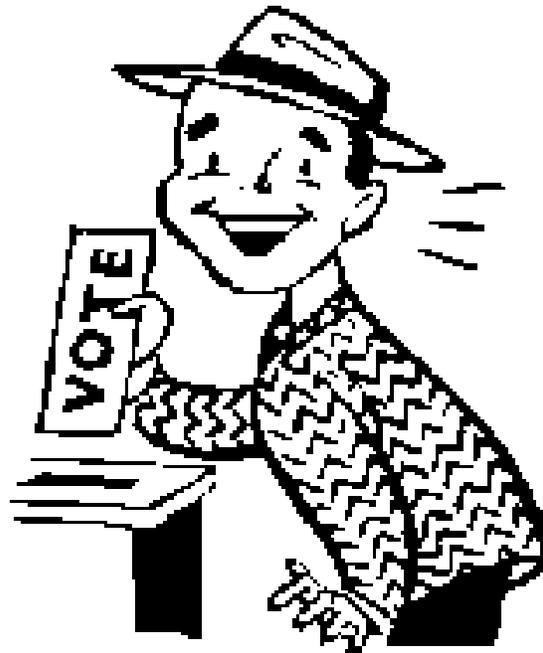
* Richard's problem turned out to be a bad coil.

Garfield



Nominations for Club Offices

It is time to nominate new Club Officers.



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Club Trip
Clean-up Moody Hill

9:00am Sunday Oct. 19 Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox.
For the Southern people
9:30am Massonville

We will continue up Crystal Mountain when finished with clean-up.



Editor's Note

I need more pictures for the Online Calendar.

Please contribute to our new segment "My Favorite Trail". Name of trail, why it is your favorite trail, where the trail is, and picture if you have one.

Please give to Dave Oden at the meeting, or send info to jeepndave@netzero.net



Guests at last Meeting

Linda Allen

Kevin Flewell

Cotton Riley

Bill & Tim Budd



Raffle Tickets

You must turn in your raffle tickets for raffle Jeep by the October Meeting so that we can turn them in to the State.



A BIG THANKS

We had a good turn out and a beautiful day to pick up other peoples trash along our section of Highway 14. Again, a big thanks to Mike Braskich for the bacon and pancake breakfast.



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My Favorite Trail

Way back before we had lockers, anything above 34 inch tires were considered tractor tires and cheap CB radios cost over a hundred bucks and only had 21 channels, I bought my first 4 wheeler, a 1972 Toyota Land Crusher. The first real trail I took it on was Crystal Mountain and it has been my favorite since. The main trail has several good challenges on it. The toughest used to be the final climb to the top as it was loaded with loose rock that rolled under your tires and not being locked up you were considered lucky to make it to the top. From the top the views are spectacular to the north and west. Just to the south of the top a 4WD road will take you to an old mine and tunnel. This area is unique as the ground is white due to all the loose quartz crystal lying around.

A few years down the road and in my 74 Bronco, I discovered a new route up the mountain. It turned out to be an old mining road that hadn't been used in many years. It takes off from the Donner Pass, Lookout Mountain hiking trailhead. After crossing Sheep Creek, the trail becomes very steep and narrow between the trees for quite a ways before flattening out at Pollywog Rock where everyone stops to climb the rock, take in the views and cool down their vehicle after the long climb. The trail eventually comes out into a beautiful meadow complete with a tumbled down miners log cabin

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plus remnants of a mining operation back in the forest. This trail empties into the main Crystal Mountain trail just below the top. I called this trail the 'Outlaw Trail' as the Forest Service will not put it on their road inventory but they do let us use it.

There is a rich mining history on the mountain. If you walk the area you will probably stumble onto some old mica mines and find several old King Koenig mining claims. There is also the United Airlines Flight 610 crash site which has become a popular stopping place. On June 30th, 1951, 52 souls lost there life in this crash. It is my dream to some day to commemorate the crash site with a plaque (as was done on the 1944 B-17 crash site on Crown Point) but the Forest Service won't let me do it.

I would rate both of these trails as moderate. Even after 20 plus years of wheeling these trails, I am still discovering the secrets of Crystal Mountain and that's why it's still my favorite area.

Craig Stumbough



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Finding your Way...

To determine direction without a compass, set a straight 3-foot stick in the ground in an open



place where it will cast a shadow. Place a stone at the tip of the shadow. Wait 15 minutes, then place a stone at the new position of the shadow's tip. A line drawn from the first stone to the second runs from west to east. The shortest line drawn from the base of the stick to the east-west line points north.

Coming Unhinged

Is that old molded plastic tool box coming apart at the seams? Over time the hinge on the molded plastic type storage cases become weak and crack from repeated use. Once they come apart and all your sockets drop on the ground it's time to chuck the box and dump all the sockets into a tool box drawer, right? Wrong. With this easy fix your box might outlast the tools. Just keep an eye out for an old rubber inner tube and cut a piece to cover the hinged area. Then apply generous amounts of a high quality rubber cement on the rubber and the case halves with them closed (take the tools out). Let it sit for 10 minutes (to allow the cement to get tacky), slap the patch on firmly, let it dry and your back in business. This also works well for the plastic latches that hold the case closed.

C L A S S I F I E D S

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

For Sale: 2 Jeep roll bars, new truck tire chains, new adjustable tow bar- prices negotiable Pickup topper- came off of 1988 chevy long bed. \$300, OBO Call Mike Golly for more info, 663-3446

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: GPS Receiver , Magellan Trailblazer XL, handheld, 12 volt cord, external antenna and vehicle mount. \$75.00 Contact Gail Horner 970-568-7032

For sale: 1974 CJ 5 Jeep, 401, torqueflight, ARB front, Rancho RS 9000s, on board air, 4.27 gears, 4 wheel disks, Warn 8000 lb with remote, custom paint, other gadgets. Contact Gail Horner 970-568-7032

YJ Stuff Wrangler Hardtop w/ rear wiper (Tan) - \$900, 66-77 Bronco Parts. Call Curtis (970) 217-7226 or pager (970) 416-4238

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: Utility Trailer 1992 6 ft bed, tilt \$750.00 Contact: Steve @970-674-0016

For sale: 4 Buckshot Mudders, P78/15 on CJ white spokes with studs, \$300.00. Contact Gail Horner 970-568-7032

For Sale: 1997 Wrangler For Sale \$12,950/bo This jeep has a dana 30 front axle with 4.56's with dana 44 rear with 4.56's, both have arb lockers. Superlift 4' suspension lift with 35 x 12.50 goodyear wrangler mtr's on 15 x 8 wheels. warn xd9000i winch, arb bullbar front bumper with piala light, currie rockcrawler ii front suspension, rear bumper with swingway tire carrier and hi-lift jack & mount, 6 point custom rollcage, tomken 2x4 rock bars, 5 point harnesses with stock seat belts, tuffy cargo box, cb, cd player, new rebuilt transmission & clutch. must sell for college!!! This is the jeep of your dreams ..can climb anything. Contact Gary at gary@pacificequity.biz or at 719.667.5313 for any questions. Will assist in shipping, but buyers responsibility for all shipping costs. Located in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

October 2003						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Mike Golly	3	4 Clifton DeWitt
5	6 BOARD MEETING Elaine Allbrandt	7	8	9	10	11
12 Patty Oden	13	14 Aaron Carlson Alice Kinnison	15 CLUB MEETING S&R Ellinger	16 Jerre Vos	17	18
19 CLUB TRIP Dustin Paben	20	21 Robin Kerns	22	23	24	25
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November 2003						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Ron Kapperman	3	4 Andrea Paben Tyler Schleppey	5	6	7 Anna Mueller	8 Harold Oden Mindy Lenderink
9	10 BOARD MEETING	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 CLUB MEETING	20	21	22 Darwin Stengaard
23/30 CLUB TRIP Gail Horner	24	25 Lisa Graves Marilyn Maher	26	27	28 Darold Klein	29

Board Meeting: Nov. 10 7:30pm Richard Marolf
 Dec. 8 7:30pm Brett Newton
 Membership Meeting: Oct. 15 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Nov. 19 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: Oct. 19 9:00am **Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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The Mountaineers
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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>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 808 E. Mulberry St. Ft. Collins, CO 970-227-1847</p>
<p>Front Range Off-Road Fabrication www.frii.com/~frorfab cel (970) 481-6508 (970) 472-1846</p>	<p>4X4 Used Parts Bob Schleppey Bob@4x4usedparts.com 970-224-4294 www.4x4usedparts.com</p>	<p>RockStomper P.O. Box 724 Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
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<p>Jackson's All American Sports Grill 925 East Harmony Road Ft. Collins, Colorado</p>	<p>Bullhide Liner 4X4 & Auto Accessories 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	