



September Trip Report

We had twelve Jeeps, one cousin of a jeep (a Dodge) and a couple of metrics (Toyotas) leave the Albertsons parking lot for a trip up the Poudre. The trip planners had us going to the Green Ridge Trail which takes off from Chambers Lake. The trees weren't changing colors until we got to higher elevations.

Way up the canyon, most of us didn't pay any attention to a couple standing next to the road shooting a video. Just as we passed them, a big black moose came running out of the brush and went right in front of Craig. I'm sure it was his superior driving skills that allowed him to miss the moose, it was that close. Good thing that his seat covers are washable! There was some talk on the CB about how we almost had barbeque moose for lunch. The couple that we had just passed turned out to be club members Paul

and Julie. They couldn't come on the trip, so they drove up to shoot some video of the fall colors and the Mountaineer convoy coming up the Poudre. They did get some shots of the moose also. At the trailhead, we met up with Darren and Coyote John who were waiting for us. We aired down, locked in our hubs and took advantage of the potty box (Craig kept busy cleaning his seats). Darren was leading and it soon became apparent that we would encounter some good mud during the day. When we got to the "long trough", the Wily Coyote couldn't withstand the temptation to launch right into the green water with his Truggy. That half-breed Toyota was slinging gooey mud 20 or 30 feet into the air. A couple of times he had to back up and get a running start to get over the submerged rocks. About two thirds the way through the Truggy came to a sudden stop. John and Jake smelled smoke and it didn't take long before they were bailing out onto the embankment. The rest of us thought that it was steam instead of smoke. Needless to say, the ol' Truggy was dead in the water. It took a 9000 pound winch powered by two red top Optima batteries to tug the Truggy and a few tons of mud out of its predicament.

It only took about twenty minutes of wiping away mud before the problem could be found. It seems that the mud had pushed the battery cable against the body and caused a dead short. The only other person to try their luck at the Long Trough was Ben Gray in his big black Dodge pickup (which is now a nice shade of gray). Ben huffed and he puffed, but the Dodge made the trip all the way under its own power. After the Truggy was fixed, John headed back out the way we came, not wanting to push his luck anymore on this day.

The rest of the trip was a walk in the park through the rock fields and several more water hazards. After a short lunch break, the group made their way to Red Feather Lakes and home. It was another great day of wheeling with the Mountaineer family.

El Guapo





Fun Daze 2009, October 25th

As has become tradition, instead of going into the forest during the heart of hunting season, our club holds a Fun Daze event. This is a fun gathering of our club members and guests where we still get to put the hubs in and play. This event will challenge your 4WD skills and mind.

This year, we will have a few driving games. You will have to come and see if Coyote John can make it over the whoop-T-doos and the rock pile without breaking, any bets? We hope to have the moguls bigger and better than ever. Again this year we will have the RTI ramp (on loan from MTO) to see how much travel your suspension has. We have also borrowed the teeter totter from the Big T 4WD Club. Shane has gotten us a Honda to blow up the engine and run over. Be sure to bring some dollar bills to bet on the time it takes for the engine to seize (no oil or water). The person that gets closest to the actual time will win it all!

Around lunch time, Teresa Shively will be cooking up a bunch of hot dogs and brats for all of us at her house which is just a couple of blocks down the road from where the event is being held. We ask that you bring a side dish to share.

We will be leaving from the North College Albertsons parking lot promptly at 9:00am. It wouldn't hurt to bring a folding chair and camera with you. Guests are welcome, the more the merrier! 4



Highway Cleanup

We will be picking up trash on our two mile section of Highway 14 on Saturday, October 24th (weather permitting). Meet at mile marker 119 at 9:00 AM which is a couple of miles above Ted's Place in the Poudre Canyon. The cleanup only takes about 45 minutes. Bring Gloves. Donuts and orange juice will be provided. This is the last cleanup of the year.



New Members

Ted Gates #86

Michael Rister #87

Susan Brooks #88



Editor's Note

I need some Member's Rides. If you need a form to fill out Please pick one up at the Club Meeting or download it at

www.mountaineers4x4.org/membersrides.pdf.

Please bring a picture of your vehicle and return the filled out form to Dave Oden or email it to 4x4@jeepndave.com.



Members Rides

Member Name – Chris & Tonya Mercer

Member Number – 26

Ride Make & Model – 2009 Formula Toyota

Engine – stock Toyota 22r

Transmission – Toyota W56 5 speed

Transfer Case – dual Toyota

Front End – Toyota 8”, 5.29’s, Detroit

Rear End – IFS Toyota 8”, 5.29’s, ARB

Wheels & Tires -40” Iroks, 17” steel / 37” Krawlers, 17” FJ
Cruiser Alloy

Springs & Shocks – 4” All-Pro, Bilstein 5100’s

Brakes - Stock

Miscellaneous – Propane, hydro assist, OBA,
STREET LEGAL AND ROLL-OVER TESTED







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October 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Mike Golly	3 Marti Helgeson
4 Clifton DeWitt	5	6 Elaine Albrandt Sarah Paul	7	8	9 Charlie Scheid	10 Nikkolette Leahy
11	12 BOARD MEETING <i>"Park" or "Woody's"</i> Gary Helgeson J&L Schrader	13	14 Alice Kinnison	15 D&N Oster	16	17
18	19 Dustin Paben	20	21 Club Meeting	22	23	24
25 Club Trip	26	27	28 Mike Castell	29	30	31

November 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 G&M Helgeson	2 Ron Kapperman	3	4 Andrea Paben Tyler Schleppey	5	6	7 Anna Mueller
8	9 BOARD MEETING <i>Perkins</i>	10	11 Jo Prewett	12	13 Maren Marvin	14
15	16	17	18 Club Meeting	19	20 Jim Jansen	21
22 Club Trip Darwin Stengaard	23	24 Dick Jansen	25	26	27	28 Darold Klein Dan Myers
29	30					

Board Meeting: Nov. 9 7:30pm Perkins
 Dec. 7 7:30pm Kyle Eddy

Membership Meeting: Oct. 21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Nov. 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins

Club Trip: Oct. 25 **9:00am** **Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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October Newsletter

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