



September Trip Report

Our trip convoy started out at the Albertsons store parking lot with 10 or 11 vehicles. After we picked up the group that was waiting in Masonville we had 23 which was quite a sight. We followed our trip leader Dan V. and turned off the Buckhorn Road onto FS-153. We snaked our way slowly through the private property and when we reached public land we stopped to air down and lock in our hubs which also gave us time to greet our guests and gab for a little bit. One guest drew a little attention as we don't get too many Hummer H-2's on our trips. It turned out that Randy and his family was relocating to Fort Collins from South Padre Island Texas. His Hummer was equipped for the beach with big racks on top and carrying enough water for two showers. He would soon learn that such a tall vehicle would snag a lot of trees on our narrow trails. Bob Paul again had to fight a vapor lock problem on his FJ-40 several times on this trip.

Just as we left the air down area, Kent got on the CB and let us know that he couldn't get his vintage Bronco's transfer case into 4WD. He thought that the better part of valor was to turn around and spend the afternoon in his shop fixing the problem. It was interesting when we got to the Bobcat Fire area to see how the area is coming back. It has been a little over ten years since the big fire and we could see little clumps of ponderosa pines sprouting in several areas. It just wasn't Bob Paul's day as someone reported that there was fresh fluid coming out from under his FJ-40. That problem at least was an easy fix as it was only a loose radiator hose but he still had to fight the vapor lock problem every time we stopped. Dan found us a good lunch spot in Galuchie Meadows. As soon as Randy got out of his Hummer to clear the tree branches off the top of the H-2, he heard an air leak and discovered he had sliced a sidewall.

With our bellies full, we started our final assault to the top of Storm Mountain. We left the Hummer in the Meadow to deal with the tire issue on the way down. Towards the top, we could see the large plume of smoke from a forest fire in Rocky Mountain National Park. At the top, Dan steered us over the final obstacle to the parking area. It was a beautiful day which allowed us to take in the spectacular 360 degree

mountain views. Everyone had their camera out to take some beautiful scenic shots and even some pictures of each other. We came off the mountain and a few helped Randy change his tire before heading down to Drake.

It was just another day of great wheeling with the Mountaineer family.

El Guapo



Kelly Flats & Seven Mile trails are open!

After being closed all summer, the Forest Service contractor has completed repairs on these two of popular trails. As soon as they opened, a few Mountaineers ran the trails to check them out and report that the contractors did a good job repairing the problem areas. There are still a few areas that we will have to address next spring during our work detail. More about this at the general meeting.



Fun Daze 2010, October 24th

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 for 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 who can make it over the whoop-T-doos and the rock pile without breaking. Any bets? The moguls bigger and better than ever. Again this year we hope to have the teeter-totter and RTI ramp. Shane and Stephanie have procured a car from Johnson Corner 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!

Guests at Last Meeting

Cody Mckenna



Highway Cleanup

We will be picking up trash on our two mile section of Highway 14 on Saturday, October 23rd. 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 and an appetite for blueberry pancakes and bacon. After the cleanup, we will retire to the Braskich plantation for breakfast made by Bianca and Mike. After breakfast you can go out to the quonset hut to play pinball, the slots, foosball or even bowl a few lines. For those that just want to relax, you can sit on the deck by the pond. There is something for everyone at the plantation. See you there!!!!

Mountaineers in South Dakota

On a warm September 10, 2010, Darwin & Colleen, Dave & Dawn, Tammy & Elaine, Shane, Steph, and the kids, and Coyote John & Truggy left from Wellington to drive to S. Dakota. Our trip there was uneventful except for a bad trailer tire in Orin Wy.



Shane and family played tourists on the way up, visiting Crazy Horse & Mt. Rushmore. The kids enjoyed the time out of the car seats and Skylar really liked the big rocks that looked like people.

Jake & Adam arrived in the Short Bus, a really cool school bus cut down into a toy-hauler, about 8:30 Friday

night. Bob and Kim arrived sometime in the very early morning.

We all met Saturday morning at a gas station called Johnsons Siding. After a few minutes a few members from the S. Dakota club pulled in. Colleen asked Darwin if the Jeep needed to be topped off with gas but Darwin said it was full. We headed off to our first trail.

We aired down at the bottom of a trail named Little Jake. The trail started off kind of mild but bared its teeth quickly. We heard Mark (the President of the Black Hills Jeepers) say that this was his Jeeps maiden voyage and it failed. He was headed back to Rapid City to get his other Jeep.

We also had two bone stock jeeps from their club. The first was a Grand Cherokee, driven by Jason and his son Tucker, the other was a TJ driven by a guest of theirs and Mike-the VP of the club-drove a mildly built TJ.



Mike was leading us and the two stock jeeps where doing well. They

hit some of the bypass road. Let me back up a bit. Little Jake is a creek bed. The bypass road crisscrosses and parallels the trail so if something looks too bad you can just jump onto the bypass. We also learned real



quick it is the ultimate insult if you have to be strapped over any obstacle. They expect every vehicle to make it on its own power no matter how well it is built or how much experience the driver has. That means we stacked a lot of rocks. And I mean A-LOT. Little Jake is $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile long and it took 4 hours. The 2nd trail of the day

is called Ice Man. This trail is just a few miles from Little Jake.

At the trail head our leader Mike saw some smoke a few ridges over. After a quick call to the fire dept. we learned it was a controlled burn so we forged on and wondered why a controlled burn would be in such a dry part of the year??? Ice man starts down a long shelf road. The overgrowth made it seem almost safe but it was hundreds of feet to the bottom. The first challenge was in a muddy creek bed with 100,000 angry wasps. Jake and John where the only two to try it---A set of tires on a 5 foot rock on the left, and the other set on a mountain on the right, and 10 feet under the jeep. It was the wasps made it difficult though.



We then played on very large rocks but each had a bypass then ended up in a creek with no bypasses so...Remember the rock stacking thing? The going was slow until Shane had had enough and got around the G. Cherokee and started strapping! John did the same thing with the stock TJ. We got to the end of the trail at sunset and broke out John's brand new chain saw to cut
7 enough wood for a warm fire when we got back to camp.

Maybe ½ a mile later Darwin's jeep quit. Since Shane was in front of him he got to play tow truck. Darwin thought it might be the fuel pump or maybe a plugged filter. But 10 miles down the road at a gas station we found the problem. Remember when Colleen asked Darwin if he wanted to top of the gas tank? Well, Darwin should have.

We got back to camp, started a nice warm fire, had a late supper and turned in for the night.

We awoke to a beautiful, lightly frosted Sunday morning. Weather man Eddie said it was 32 degrees. We met our leader for the day at a gas station just a few miles from the trail. Kirk was driving a CJ? TJ? Home-made? Chevy powered! Very nice and well built Jeep.

The trail is called Camp 5. It is a 4+ on their rating system. About a mile in Darwin started having big problems. He tore the spring hanger off of the frame. Bob had a small battery powered spool welder so he and Jake went to work. It took about an hour to weld the jeep together but Darwin broke it again 200 yards up the trail. We ribbed Jake on his welding skills but the fact was the welder just didn't have what it took to stick it all back together so we chained the axel fore and aft and headed to camp. Shane and Darwin loaded the Jeep on the trailer and headed for Kirk's house in Rapid City where Kirk welded it. They got back to camp about dark, just in time for supper and stories.

The next morning Shane, Steph and the kids headed for home via Devils Tower, Dave , Dawn, Darwin, and Colleen went sightseeing and the rest went jeeping.

This area has many trails. I heard Kirk say “if you had a month we could not show you them all.” The Black Hills are beautiful with ponderosa forests and hard wood trees everywhere. The people are friendly too. We plan on exploring this area again.

The Black Hills Jeepers are having an event called Jeep Days over the Fathers day weekend next year. If you are looking for a new place to explore we would highly suggest going.



Yours very truly, Eustace Haney



WEROCK National Champions

Well The WEROCK season has finally come to a close for Chris Mercer and Dan Venrick . The Nationals were held at Miller Motor Sports Park near Salt Lake City Utah. Its all manmade and They had laid out some nearly impossible lines for them to attempt. Chris and Dan knew they had already finished the season in second place so Bling was guaranteed no matter what happened at this event. They had a couple new F-Toys at the event that they had not competed against before. But at the end of the event all other F-Toys had been found wanting. The Yampa Auto Body F-Toy had emerged with a 60 point lead over second place and finished National Champions. Chris and Dan do not intend to compete the whole series next season but they will hit some local events for the fun of it. A big thanks goes out to their Sponsors.

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					1	2 Mike Golly
3 Marti Helgeson	4 Clifton DeWitt	5 Patrick Riley	6 Elaine Allbrandt Sarah Paul	7	8	9
10	11 BOARD MEETING <i>Jake Adams</i>	12 Gary Helgeson J&L Schrader	13	14 Alice Kinnison	15	16
17	18	19 Dustin Paben	20 CLUB MEETING	21	22	23
24/31 CLUP TRIP	25	26	27	28 Mike Castell	29	30

November 2010						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 G&M Helgeson	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 BOARD MEETING <i>Shane Payton</i>	9	10	11	12	13 Maren Marvin
14	15	16	17 CLUB MEETING	18	19	20 Jim Jansen
21 CLUB TRIP	22 Bob Opdyke Darwin Stengaard	23	24 Dick Jansen	25	26	27
28 Darlod Klein Dan Myers	29	30				

Board Meeting: Nov. 8 7:30pm Shane Payton
 Dec. 6 7:30pm Troy White
 Membership Meeting: Oct. 20 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Nov. 17 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: **Oct. 24 9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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