

Mountain - Ears

September Trip Report

Eight of us left Fort Collins at 8:00 am for a trip to the North Sand Hills on a beautiful Sunday morning. Just before the mouth of the Poudre Canyon we saw a ominous sign on the side of the road, "Caution Running Event". The runners were coming at us on our side of the road. There were cones set up every 40 or 50 feet giving the runners 1/3rd of the road all the way to Mishawaka. We were dodging the runners, support vehicles and regular traffic all the way. Bob had a hard time negotiating the obstacle course with his trailer, taking

out a dozen or so cones along the way. Shane also took out a few with his trailer. Needless to say that it was a slow trip until we got to Mishawaka. After a brief stop near the top of Cameron Pass to let everyone catch up and use the potty box, it was down hill the rest of the way to the sand dunes.

When we got to the recreation area parking lot, we started to unload the trailers and air down, everyone that is except Shane, whose rig got into some deep dry sand. After about ten minutes of lots of laughter and advice, he was

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able to get it out on its own power and unload. At the first big piles of sand we spent



time figuring out which gear combination would get us up the hill. After playing for awhile, we moved over to



“Dead man’s hill” to watch a bunch of ATVs and

motorcycles buzzing up and down the hill. It didn't take



Long before Shane, Jim, Scott and Coyote John had to give it a try. They all made several attempts at the big hill but all had to come out the way they went in. We then moved farther south to another part of “dead man’s hill” where we were able to have some fun on a doable hill climb.

We had lunch at the punch bowl and played going round and round the bowl. Jake and

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Cara's Jeep even got some air coming up and out of the



punch bowl. It was then time for some sand drags. Coyote John found some smooth sand and set up the course.



Just plain Dave lined up the contestants, dropped the flag and they were off. They lined up four times. Shane won three of the races and

Jim D. won once. Coyote John and Scott did give them a run for the money and really



made it a close race. About this time everybody was asking Bob O. about a knock in his Toyotas engine. Everyone was concerned, everyone except Bob. When we had enough fun in the sand, the group returned to the parking area to load up and air up.

We couldn't have asked for a better day as the weather was perfect and the aspen and hardwood were at their peak



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color. Even better, there were no breakdowns which is rare for the dunes. Just another great day of wheeling with the Mountaineer family.

Epilogue: A week after this trip, Bob O. took his Toyota to the Ironclads to wheel. The knocking stopped and so did the engine. To Bob's amazement, oil doesn't stay in the engine when there is a hole in the side of the block. Bob has announced an engine swap party at his house, details at the meeting.

El Guapo



Fun Daze 2012, October 21st

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.

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. At this point we hope to have a car to run over. We think it will be a Toyota sans engine so all bets are off on engine blowup time. There will be a timed winching event also.

Around lunch time, we will be cooking up a bunch of chili dogs. We ask that you bring a side dish to share, your own plates, eating utensils and drink.

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!

4X4 Off Road Moves Repair Shop

The Schleppy's have moved their 4X4 repair shop to a new and bigger location. The new and used parts store and bone yard remains at 938 West Willox Lane with Justin and Kevin running the front counter as usual. The new repair facility is at 1713 Willox Ct., Unit D. Bob, Jake and Jay will be turning the wrenches in the repair shop which is complete with a waiting room. They now have an alignment rack and can mount and balance tires also. Stop by to take a look and say howdy, we think you will be impressed with the new shop. Don't forget that both places offer an excellent discount for Mountaineer Club members.

Highway Cleanup

Saturday, October 20th

Weather permitting, will be picking up trash on our two mile section of Highway 14. We missed the last cleanup due to the High Park fire. 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. After the cleanup we will go to the Braskich Plantation for a yummy blueberry pancake and bacon breakfast.

Facebook Post about the car for Fun Daze

Good news. We have a Ford Fiesta that runs and drives to beat up on at Fun Daze. I just talked to the owner and he is letting us abuse it for free. All he wants is to watch and get the wreckage back when we are done.



New Business in Town

Spotless Hot Tubs

Hot Tub Cleaning and Maintenance

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It's time for new Officers

Yes it's that time of year again. At our next meeting we will be nominating new officers for our club. Please start thinking of who you would like to run our club for the next year. We need a new President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, and four Trip Planners. Then we will vote on the nominees in at the November Club Meeting. If you would like one of these positions, please volunteer.



Member's Ride

Member Name: Scott & Kelly Ficarra

Member Number: 72

Ride Make & Model: 2011 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon

Engine: 3.8L

Transmission: 6 Speed Manual

Transfer Case: Rock Track

Front end: Dana 44

Rear end: Dana 44

Wheels & Tires: Stock BFG Mud Terrain

Springs & Shocks: Stock

Brakes: Stock

Miscellaneous: Front & Rear Electronic Lockers, Electronic Sway-bar Disconnects

Current & Future Projects: Too many to list

October 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Mike Golly	3 Marti Helgeson	4 Clifton DeWitt	5 Patrick Riley	6 Elaine Allbrandt Sarah Paul
7	8 BOARD MEETING <i>John Schrader</i>	9	10	11	12 Gary Helgeson J&L Schrader	13
14 Alice Kinnison	15	16	17 CLUB MEETING	18	19 Dustin Paben	20
21 CLUB TRIP	22	23	24	25	26 Melony Dixon	27
28 Mike Castell	29	30	31			

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				1	2 Ron Kapperman	3
				G&M Helgeson		
4 Andrea Paben Tyler Schleppey	5	6	7 Anna Mueller	8	9 J&L Schrader	10
11	12 BOARD MEETING <i>Bob Opdyke</i>	13 Maren Marvin	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Jim Jansen	21 CLUB MEETING	22 THANKSGIVING Bob Opdyke Darwin Stengaard	23	24 Dick Jansen
25 CLUB TRIP	26	27	28 Darold Klein Dan Meyers	29	30	

Board Meeting: Nov. 12 7:30pm Bob Opdyke
 Dec. 10 7:30pm Shane Payton
 Membership Meeting: Oct. 17 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Nov. 21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: **Oct. 21 9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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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>
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<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>	