



# August Trip Report

Our intrepid trip planners wanted to take the club on a trip that very few of us had ever been on. Their plan succeeded. Fifteen vehicles met at the park and ride on highway 119 and I-25 and headed southwest through the Republic of Boulder. The Planners had warned that this was a very narrow trail through the trees and had some sharp turns along the way. They actually went as far as to ban the Ross's Suburban because of its size (no matter, he just resurrected the old \$100.00 Scout). While going through Boulder, Larry's full size Bronco let out with a big bang which must have been heard miles away. He pulled over and discovered that it was just the safety pop off on his air compressor.

We headed up the canyon and took advantage of the potty box in Nederland. We also had to wait for Darwin who was having some fuel pump problems. In Rollinsville we picked up a couple of more vehicles and headed for the Moffet Tunnel where we stopped to air down and watch an Amtrak Train disappear into the tunnel. Brett led us up the Rollins Pass road to FS trail #502 or what is called the Jenny Creek Road.

This trail is only 3.3 miles long but was very scenic. About a third of the way into the trail, we dropped into the first and most difficult Jenny Creek crossing. Several went around the washed

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out bridge which took you across some large rocks. Others chose to dive off the end of the bridge into the creek. Now that our tires were good and wet, we had to climb up out of the creek bed over some boulders. Most of us negotiated this obstacle with no problems while some others had to have some help. On up the trail, we had some S corners and the trail dropped into the creek bed for a few hundred yards. One of those up in the front had ripped out the sidewall on a tire and it was decided that this was as good a spot as any to eat our lunch. Most of us were left sitting in the creek bed while the tire was being changed.

The trail ends up back on the Rollins Pass Road at Yankee Doodle Lake. Some went up to see the Needle's Eye Tunnel while others headed for home , just hoping to avoid some afternoon showers. It was just another great day of great wheeling with our Mountaineer family.

Garfield



## Stompin' the Competition

the long awaited October 2001 issue of *Four Wheeler* Magazine, featuring the Top Truck Challenge competitors, has finally hit our mail boxes and the news stand. The *Mountaineers* own Scott Ellinger was one of the ten top vote getters and was invited to the challenge. He had to leave for California a few hours after he and Regina got married, but that's another story.

On pages 50 and 51 is a photo spread and article about the Rock Stompin' Toyota. There is also an article entitled "Drive like the Heroes" where Scott and the other competitors give their opinion on techniques to be used in mud, sand and on the rocks. All is very interesting and informative.

The editors of *Four Wheeler* are smarter than your average bear, they don't tell you who won the challenge event. Now you will have to go out and buy next months issue to find out. Scott says he doesn't know who won or his own standing in the event and will not know until it is announced in the magazine. Some of us think Scott knows but was sworn to secrecy like those guys on Survivor. We would also like to know how it was to compete against a guy with a given name of Robin Hood?



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## Labor Day Trip 2001

Labor Day weekend had several mountaineers heading for Holy Cross trail south of Vail.

Darwin & Colleen Stengaard and Darren Finger arrived Friday and started by checking out Homestake Reservoir and the extensive water tunnels (Homestake Water Collection System) along the side roads around Holy Cross trail. Ben Crue arrived late in the evening. Dave and Julie Fuller and their friend Brian were due early Saturday.

Saturday morning before the group headed south to Buena Vista and Chinaman Gulch trail, Darren found he had to replace a broken spring shackle bolt.

Broken spring shackle bolts would be a problem for the Pickle during the entire weekend.

Starting the rocky pull up the initial passage into Chinaman Gulch, Darwin's Jeep experienced extreme undercarriage noise. He found that loose U-bolts allow the axles to turn and misalign the drive shaft. This was not his only problem, as all decided he had a problem with the transfer case and would not be able to continue. Darwin decided to head back to look for repair parts with hope of doing Holy Cross Sunday. Colleen and Nikko opted to join Darren and continue up the trail.

Ben wanted to pass on trail repairs for this weekend but was soon to be assisting Dave & Julie fix the steering problem on their Scout when they were unable to make a corner. With repairs completed Ben lead the group on up the trail to the main challenge with Darren stopping to replace another shackle bolt spring along the way. Brian on his Polaris ATV was probably glad not to have a 4-wheeler at this point. The main challenge at Chinaman Gulch has terrain from moderate on the right side progressing across to extreme on the far left side. Only the best set up of vehicles even attempt to crawl the six foot plus high

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climb over this challenge. Ben Crue in his Bronco headed directly for the extreme section, driving up and over as though it was too easy. Never missing a challenge, Darren followed in the Pickle with the same ease.

Not knowing the entire trail, midpoint at a fork we choice the left trail. The balance of the trail went smoothly with everyone navigating through each of the rocky sections back to the four way and on out the main trail.

Saturday afternoon Dave Pillar and his brother arrived with his Jeep and Clifton DeWitt pulled in with his Toyota. Darwin had not found any repair parts but with input from Clifton thought it was broken mounts on the cases and the nightly repairs began and Darwin would be able to drive up Holy Cross with his temporary repairs.

Sunday morning we found Ross Early had arrived during the night with his suburban. Getting everyone lined up Ben lead the group up to Holy Cross trail. A short distance up the trail Fuller's Scout twisted a rear axle and had to be pulled off the trail. While getting the Fuller's moved to Ben's Bronco, Dave and Harold Oden showed up with their Jeeps and passengers from Buena Vista and were only one group of four wheelers behind us.

Ross found his Suburban soon missing a taillight as a Rock grabbed it going through a tight turn. As we reached the more technical sections it started looking Like rush hour on I-25 with vehicles stacked up in front and behind us waiting for their turn to get through these sections. Our group transversed through these offcamber and rough sections without much effort although the right line was definitely needed.

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The tough section appeared to be the crossing at French Creek where we waited two and a half hours to cross. Every group going through, rolled the large rocks with their vehicle constantly changing the line on the left approach. Much rock stacking occurred and a few vehicles had mechanical problems. Only a few had attempted to take the challenge on the right. Ben decided the challenge on the right was the way and went right through. Darwin as he approached French Creek decided he could work his way over and through the large rocks to make the left trail line. He soon found those rolling rocks were all under the Jeep with him high centered and a broken drive line from the rolling rock's movement. With four oversized rocks wedged under the Jeep the group had to try several ways to get him back out of the creek for repairs to be made. Darren and Clifton then continued on through the challenge on the right. Ross in his Suburban decided to give it a try making all the group work to get his vehicle up and over the right side challenge once he wedged the suburban and it could only be gotten out by going forward. After us no other drivers tried to left side although it would have been the easier trail if those large rocks had not worked into the wrong path.

At this point only the 4 vehicles across and the ATV went up to Holy Cross City. The rest turned around to return to camp. Harold Oden scraped his oil pan on a rock and lost all of his oil except ½ quart. Dave took a hammer to the bottom of the oil pan and pinged it closed and was able to put 4 ½ quarts of oil back in and drove back to Buena Vista. Darwin upon completing his repairs said “I will be back”. A challenge for another day.

Colleen

# HWY Clean-up

It's that time of year again. We will be cleaning our section of Highway 14 in the Poudre Canyon on Saturday morning, Sept. 22nd. We will meet at mile marker 119 ( which is only a couple of miles west of Ted's Place ) at 9:00 am. This duty takes approximately one hour.



## Guests at last meeting

Aaron Bruclur  
Chuck Ramsey

Chris Brown  
Harold Oden



## Club Trip

Coney Flats 9:00am

Meet at Steeles Market on W. Drake



## New Members

Harold Oden #75

Justin Schleppey #76

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**67-72 Chevy Blazer/Truck parts.** 72 front clip, blazer drs, 4 row radiator, tilt steering, blazer top, A/C components, TH350 trans. misc...Darren. 613-8298

**AMC 304 V-8** engine approx 80,000 miles will sell complete meaning everything ALL bolt on parts brackets etc ...with headers 250.00 or will sell engine with intake manifold and carb for 175.00 engine ran excellent before replaced (it used to go to Denver on a daily basis) for more info contact Joe 970-204-4894

### **FOUR WHEELING WITH STOCK 35C REAR AXLES?**

You need spares on the trail. 1 passenger, 2 driver sides available. For YJ-TJ \$50 Each Elaine 663-3362

**1985 Toyota 4 Runner** Chevy 305 engine, 700R4 automatic, 4 wheel disc brakes, full floater rear axle, lockers, cross-over steering, winch, lift, good body & paint. 226-0203

### **Winter is Near Get Prepared Now.**

For Sale Two Professional Tire Studding Machines, about ten pounds of studs go with them. Priced at \$125.00 for both Bill Vos 970-336-9821

**For Sale:** 700-R4 4x4 70,000mi \$500.00 o.b.o. Clifton 970-586-8608

**YJ Stuff** Wrangler Hardtop w/ rear wiper (Tan) - \$900, Rear Seat - \$100, Stock Springs - \$50. Call Curtis (970) 217-7226 or pager (970) 416-4238

**For sale:** Fresh rebuilt 350 chev. RV Cam 9:1 compression, Performer manifold \$1200.00 Aluminum Jeep body \$250.00 obo. F&R Wagoneer axles ratio? Make offer. Whirlpool Washer & Drier \$200.00

**Wanted:** 16"X 35" Mud Tires Ross Early (970) 689-1949

**For Sale:** Dana 44 front end for Jeep (or whatever). Hub to Hub complete. Detroit Locker, 4.88 gears, Warn premium internal hubs, knuckles modified for top mount tie rod, set up for coil/link suspension, could easily be returned to spring under/over. Most parts are less than a year old. Rod 307-635-7719

**4-Sale:** Five 33X12.50X15 Super Swamper SSR mounted on 15X8 Chrome Rims, Four are used, 50% tread, slight damage to rims. Early Ford-Jeep-Scout Bolt Pattern \$70.00 each/make offer-trade Fifth tire & rim less than 800 miles, Like new \$150.00 will trade for ??? Call Brett 970-484-1948

### **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

# MEMBERS RIDES

**Member Name:** Dave & Dawn Piller

**Member Number:** 67

**Make and Model:** Jeep YJ

**Year:** 1994

**Engine:** 2.5L, stock

**Tranny:** Stock

**Transfer Case:** NV231, Fixed Yoke Con.

**Front Axle:** Dana 30 4:10 gears, Power Trax - Warn Hubs

**Rear Axle:** Dana 35 4:10 gears, Lock Rite

**Suspension:** Black Diamond & Super Lift

**Tires and Wheels:** Steel 15X8 31X10.50 BFG Mud

**Misc:** X8000I Warn, Quick Air, Dual Optimas

**Current and Future:** V8 Conversion



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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Jim Miller	10 <b>BOARD MEETING</b>	11 Brett Newton	12 Cameron Klein  N & K Allison	13	14 Cory Kinnison Craig Mueller	15 Larry Stein
16 Irene Chamberlain  C & M Smelker	17	18 Scott Ellinger	19 <b>CLUB MEETING</b> Emily Rodriguez	20 Jonna Chilcott  P & K Kapperman	21	21 Heidi Crue
23 <b>CLUB TRIP</b> 30	24 Nathaniel DeWitt	25	26	27	28 Nicholas Hawf	29 Bev Klein

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	1	2 Mike Golly	3	4 Clifton DeWitt	5	6 Elaine Allbrandt
7	8 <b>BOARD MEETING</b>	9	10	11	12 Patty Oden  T&L Baker	13 Lori Stein
14 Aaron Carlson Alice Kinnison	15	16 Jerre Vos	17 <b>CLUB MEETING</b>	18	19 Dustin Paben Scott Evans	20
21 <b>CLUB TRIP</b> Robin Kerns	22 Jim Dalldorf Mark Chilcott	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Shannon Dalldorf			

Board Meeting:      Oct.. 8    7:30pm    Ben Crue  
                              Nov. 12    7:30pm    Jim Dalldorf  
 Membership Meeting: Sept.19    7:30pm    Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
                              Oct. 17    7:30pm    Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Club Trip:            Sept. 23    9:00am    **Steeles Market, Parking Lot (802 w. Drake)**



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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><b>Action Landscape</b>              970-221-5895</p>	<p><b>Fantasy's 4x4</b>            4311 Service Road            Evans, Colorado 303-330-3833</p>	<p><b>R &amp; S Auto Body</b>            1912 Terry Lake Rd            Fort Collins, Colorado</p>
<p><b>Mark Turner Off-Road</b>            2649 E. Mulberry St. #2            Ft. Collins Colorado 970-416-1234</p>	<p><b>Off-Road Performance Solutions</b>            4340 Hwy 66            Longmont Colorado 970-535-9388</p>	<p><b>RockStomper</b>            318 Buchanan Ave.            Firestone Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
<p><b>Front Range Off-Road Fabrication</b>            www.frii.com/~frorfab            cel (970) 481-6508 (970) 472-1846</p>	<p><b>Loveland Powder Coating</b>            225 SW 42nd Street            Loveland, Colorado 970-667-4081</p>	<p><b>Vanworks</b>            900 East Lincoln Avenue            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>
<p><b>Colorado 4x4 Specialists</b>            4469 East Eisenhower            Loveland, Colorado 970-669-2978</p>	<p><b>4X4 Used Parts</b>            Bob Schleppy Bob@4x4usedparts.com            970-224-4294 www.4x4usedparts.com</p>	<p><b>Colorado Iron &amp; Metal</b>            1400 E MulberrySt            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-482-7707</p>