



August Trip Report

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We met at the Albertsons Parking Lot an hour early as this was going to be a long trip over the Green Ridge Trail. Before heading up the Poudre Canyon, we took the time to meet the 7 guests that were going on the trip with us. It was great seeing 3 vintage Toyota FJ-40s along for the ride. Craig led us up the canyon to the Laramie River Road and then to the Green Ridge Trail Head where we took advantage of the potty box, aired down and locked in our hubs.

At the first real mud challenge we met up with Troy and Brett who had gone up a day early to do some camping. One of our guests in their Liberty got high centered in the mud hole and had to have a tug to get out, but not before leaving a chrome strip off the rocker panel behind. A few others had to be tugged also as they were running in 4-high and new to our “sport”.

Due to the recent rains, there were more mud holes than usual on the trail which translated into more fun. When we reached the long trough some were disappointed that it was permanently closed. At least now there is a short trough to maneuver before reaching the trees.



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We ate lunch at about the only stretch of dry road on the whole trail. You could tell who was having the most fun by how much mud had been flung inside their vehicle. The rock gardens along the way were made with ease by most vehicles. The only other breakage reported besides the Chrome piece on the Liberty was a loose drive shaft on one of the FJ-40s. By the time we got to Nunn Creek Basin, most everyone was ready for some smooth road. At the end of the trail we pumped up the tires. Every person on this trip was grinning from ear to ear especially the two guys who had just completed their first ever 4 wheeling adventure. On the way down to Red Feather, one man marveled at the scenery, and commented over the CB about how this was the reason he had just moved to the Fort Collins area from California. We couldn't agree more as it was a great day of wheeling with the Mountaineer family.

Garfield





Club Trip

Moody Hill Cleanup and Crystal Mt.

Meet at Albertson's at 9:00 AM
Sunday Sept. 19 th



Guest At July Meeting

Fred Polinski	Ken Fetter
Matt & Kristy Wells	Ludger Bossney
Gary Graham	Jason & Lorell Duteil
Dave Surface	Jason Nicholas
Chris Nicholas	



Highway Cleanup

We will be cleaning up our two mile section of Highway 14 on Saturday, September 18th. Meet at mile marker 119 at 9:00 AM which is a couple of miles above Ted's Place in the Poudre Canyon. After the clean up, as has become the tradition, we will head up the canyon to the Mike Braskich abode for pancakes and bacon.

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Mountaineers Picnic

On Saturday, September 18th, the Mountaineers will gather for a picnic on top of Horsetooth Mountain. This is a rare opportunity to be able to drive up the mountain. You would normally have to hike up unless the owner of the road escorts you. We are in luck as the owners are none other than Mountaineers George and Alice Kinnison (unit #2). We will be meeting at the JJ's Country Corner parking lot on the NW corner of Taft Hill Road and Harmony at 5:00 pm. We will leave JJ's promptly at 5:30 pm to follow George up the mountain (DO NOT BE LATE as WE CAN'T WAIT).

Please bring your picnic baskets loaded with goodies, whatever you want to drink, folding chairs and your flashlights. Only 4WD (or in the Gollys case, AWD) vehicles will be allowed on the trip (no ATVs or MCs). The plan is to wait until after dark before coming back down the mountain. We should have a great time!!!!



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ONTARIO WHEELIN'

Hello Mountaineers! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Kris and I'm an Associate Mountaineer member of the Mountaineers 4 wheel drive club, thanks to a person who I will mention further on. I live approx. 2 hours northeast of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. I try to read the Mountaineer's newsletter when I can, and have done so for many years, so I'm familiar with the club events and a lot of the members, at least by name anyway! I always enjoy reading the newsletter and have envied the tight bond between members and the long history of the club. After reading a recent newsletter, I decided to write a story on how I came to find the Mountaineers, and how I met one of the nicest people whom I consider a good friend, Craig Stumbough.

I've always been involved in offroading of some form, since the days of early childhood when I was pushing around toy trucks in a sandbox. I got into the ATV craze in the early 80's along with some friends of course, and we had a pile of fun running around the country. One of my friend's father had a really nice 79' CJ7 that was used to haul our ATV's around in, and I fell in love with that Jeep. It had a bright yellow paint job and oversize tires, and I can remember the excitement I felt when I heard that Jeep heading down the road. I never got to 4 wheel in it, but determined that I would own one someday.

Enter the early 90's, I had just gotten married to my wife Liana, and after buying a house and getting settled in, I finally had enough money (well, my VISA had it anyway) to build a Jeep. This was my second Jeep, as the first one



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that I'm a big CW McCall fan. So anyway, here I am, surfing the net, looking for Jeep parts and information and meanwhile, I've got CW McCall playing "Black Bear Road" in the background. Well, one thing leads to another and I get it stuck in my head that I have to drive this legendary "Black Bear Road".

During my web surfing travels, I stumble across the Mountaineers website, and decide to email the Club President, who happens to be Craig. He sent me back a really long email, giving me all the details I need to find this Black Bear Road, as well as a bunch of other cool trails in the Ouray area. So finally, in 1996, (my Jeep wasn't done yet), my wife and I take a vacation in the Silverton area of Colorado. Unfortunately in May there was still 15' of snow in the mountains, and I didn't get to see the Black Bear Pass in our rental Jeep. However, the hook was set, and I was bound and determined to return to Colorado in 1997 in my own Jeep, this time in the fall when the upper mountain passes were free from snow.

After a full blown Jeep rebuild more than a year later, time was clicking off and the Jeep wasn't done yet. It was closing down to days and I hadn't even had my Jeep running, let alone driveable! We were due to leave on a Saturday at 3AM, and on Friday at 3:00 PM, I started the Jeep for the first time. It didn't have an exhaust yet, so without a front clip or headlights, I head off to town just in time to get the exhaust plumbed, then rush back home, install the front end and other minor details. At 10:00, the 'virgin' Jeep was completed, and the next morning we headed west for the 36 hour drive to Fort Collins, Colorado. During this trip we spent one night sleeping in the front seat of the truck in Nebraska, and I learned a valuable lesson: You remember the Chevy commercials with the rancher having a snooze with his dog by his side in the front seat of his pickup? Well, it's just not so - the next morning I felt like my spine was a part of the truck! After a short walk and some

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stretching, we continued our drive to Craig's place. 18 hours later that day we finally got to meet Craig (after a proper sleep in a hotel). He was waiting with Pat Schnaidt and welcomed us into his home like we'd known each other for 50 years. After settling in, we went for a quick Jeep trip at a local trail and I was awestruck with the rugged beauty of the mountains. It's quite a sight compared to the farm country where I come from. I was pretty taken in and was thrilled to be in Colorado.

The next day (Tuesday after the Labor Day weekend) Craig hands me his house keys and tells me he'll be back at 5:00 when he returns home from work, and drives off. Liana and I were stunned; outside of several emails and a day's visit, we hardly knew Craig at all, and he'd just handed us the keys to his house! I was stunned - I couldn't believe the trust that Craig had put in us, and flattered at the same time. It was at this time I knew I would be friends with Craig for a very long time.

We stayed with Craig for several days and then headed to Silverton where we hooked up with some friends from Texas and another good friend, Bob Norton from New Mexico; I finally drove on Black Bear Pass, and then was reunited with Craig in Moab where we stayed for the remainder of our 2 week holiday. After our goodbyes, we headed back through Kansas, across the 'mighty Mississippi' river and home to Ontario.

I vowed to return to Colorado every year after that, but my Visa bill came due and put a damper on that, so far anyway. With Craig's advise and assistance, I helped form a local four wheel drive club; The North Hastings 4 Wheel Drive Club. Bob Norton drove up 2 times from New Mexico to join us in our local fourwheeling adventures, and we have had a pile of fun.

Unfortunately I haven't been out wheeling in a couple

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of years due to career changes and during the construction of my new home, but the Jeep waits patiently in the garage, and it will get used again, and It will set foot on Colorado soil before long. During the last 7 or 8 years, Craig and I have faithfully called each other once a month, to catch up on events and tell lots of stories. He's a great guy and I only wish we lived closer. During a recent phone conversation, Craig announced that he's coming up to spend a week with us! He'll be arriving during the North Hasting's "Wheelfest" week, which is a week spent in mid October four-wheeling over several trails here in Eastern Ontario. October is a beautiful time here, as the mixed hardwood forests come alive with color as the leaves turn and winter approaches, spread across the backdrop of dark evergreen stands.

Anyway, enough rambling. I just wanted to share my story and let all of you know that any Mountaineer is welcome at our home here in Ontario if you're ever out this way. As for Craig, I just wanted to thank you for the great memories and your help, and let you know that Liana and I are thrilled that you're coming up for a visit, and look forward to seeing you this October. Always remember; four wheeling isn't just about fourwheeling, it's also about friendships.

Happy trails!

Kris Schattmann

Roslin, Ontario, Canada



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Meet a Member

Name: Gene Kapperman

Spouse: Sharon Kapperman

Children: 4 Grown Boys, 6 Grandchildren

Mountaineer member since: 1987

Four Wheeling since: 1960

In Colorado since : 1960

Resident of: Ft. Collins Colorado

Originally from: Fairbury, Nebraska

Occupation: Retired Bar Owner

4WD Vehicle: 1999 Jeep Wrangler

Other hobbies: Motorhome, Traveling, Boating, Fishing, Jet Skiing, Snowmobiling, Motorcycling, Jeeping, Camping, Tubing down the river.



September 2004						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6 BOARD MEETING	7 Cotton Riley	8	9 Jim Miller	10	11 Brett Newton
12 Cameron Klein	13	14 Cory Kinnison	15 CLUB MEETING	16 C&M Smelker	17	18
19 CLUB TRIP	20 P&K Schnaidt	21	22 Heidi Crue	23	24 Nathaniel DeWitt Troy White	25
26 R&K Kapperman	27	28	29 Bev Klein	30		

October 2004						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Mike Golly
3	4 Clifton DeWitt	5	6 Elaine Allbrandt	7	8	9
10 Nikkolette Leahy	11 BOARD MEETING	12 Patty Oden	13	14 Alice Kinnison	15	16
17	18	19 Dustin Paben	20 CLUB MEETING	21 Robin Kerns	22	23
24 CLUB TRIP 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

Board Meeting: Oct. 11 7:30pm Lori Golly
 Nov. 8 7:30pm Troy White
 Membership Meeting: Sept. 15 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Oct. 20 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: Sept. 24 9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox



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