



**THE
MOUNTAINEERS**
Newsletter

August Trip Report

Under cloudy skies, 25 Mountaineers and guests gathered for a trip up Red Cone, Radical Hill and Saints John trails. We stopped at the trail head to air down and lock in before proceeding up the rocky trail. With the wet month that we had, the wild flowers were still blooming all along the trail. The day was cool so we didn't expect to have any vapor locking as we had on the last two trips.

When we broke out of the trees and onto the tundra, we stopped to gather up our group which had gotten strung out and to watch the few Jeeps ahead of us snake their way up Little Rascal Hill. We also had to wait only a few minutes for Matt to change a broken u-joint.



Up on top of Red Cone (12,804 feet), we ate lunch and



took in the spectacular views in all directions. In the distance we could see that Radical Hill had just received some fresh snow. We also saw several vehicles below us coming up Webster Pass. Before lunch was over it

had started to spit snow on us from time to time.

Coyote John was complaining about the 47 degree temperature as he and Jake had dressed the ol' Land Crusher in its best "Sunday going to meeting" bikini top.

The majority of our group had never been to Red Cone before and some of the older members were relating war stories about going down



through the whoop-tee-dos. We did have quite a few people worried about the trip on the down side of the mountain. By the time we got everyone down to the top

of Webster, they were all smiles and talking about how they were worried about nothing, and how it was a piece of cake.

On the way up to Radical Hill, we had to wait for a couple of vehicles in front of us who were high centered on the rocks. After being snatched out of their predicament, they pulled off and let us go around. The trip up Radical had some pucker factor for a few of the folks because of the



sidelings and the steep shelf road we were climbing. To add to the mix was the melting snow running down the road which was making some good mud.



After stopping at the top to take pictures and to shake out our pant legs, we headed up to the Saints John Trail. After going over the steep climb on Glacier Mountain and past the General Teller

Mine, we were finally headed down hill towards the timberline and the Wild Irishman Mine. When we

got to the Townsite of Saints John, we knew that the end of the trail was just a few minutes away in Montezuma. We stopped to air up our tires and congratulate ourselves on having no major breakdowns to slow us up. As it was, we would not get back home until after 7:00 pm that evening. On the way up Loveland Pass, Darwin lost 3rd gear in his trusty CJ-7.



Darwin doesn't need no stinkin' 3rd gear and drove the CJ to

Georgetown and his trailer for the trip home. It would be fair to say that it was another spectacular day of wheeling with the Mountaineer family.

El Guapo





Club Trip

Greenridge

**This trail is Muddy and Rocky,
Not suited for Jeep Liberty's.**

Meet at the North College Albertsons parking lot for a
9:00 am departure.



New Members

Steve DiGilio and Danielle Kanczes #74
Rich and Wyvonne Stengaard #75



Guests at Last Meeting

Matt Bacon
Steve DiGuilio



Thanks Mike & Bianca

Once again we must thank Mike and Bianca for feeding the hungry highway clean-up crew a great breakfast of pancakes and bacon.



September 24th , Mountaineer Picnic On Horsetooth Mountain

Back by popular demand is our Horsetooth Mountain picnic. We will leave from the JJ's parking lot (corner of Harmony and Taft Hill) promptly at 5:30 on Saturday, September 24th. Be there on time or you will miss this fun trip. The trip will be led by Ken Kinnison. Bring enough food and drink for your family as well as chairs and camera. Although the road is not tough, you will need to bring a 4WD vehicle so that the road does not get torn up. The plan is to come down the mountain after dark so that we may see the lights of Fort Collins, Greeley, Windsor and Loveland.





Mountaineer T Shirt prices

T-shirts \$7.00

Long sleeve T-shirts \$10.00
for XXL and larger please add \$2.00

Sweatshirts \$16.00
for XXL and larger please add \$3.00

kid's T-shirts \$6.00

You need to specify if you want a red or navy colored
shirt

Make checks payable to Larimer County Mountaineers

If you can't make the meeting and want a shirt please call
or email me and then you can mail me a check. I can't
place your order without payment.

Stephanie Payton, treasurer



4x4 Classifieds

For Sale:

1999 Dodge Durango SLT 4x4, 5.2L V8, Auto, 3rd row, Only 75K miles, #S24083, \$9100,

1994 Toyota 4Runner SR5, 4x4, V6, Auto, Loaded, Only 97K miles, #S60515, \$6100,

2002 Ford F-250 XL Work Truck, white, crew cab, long bed, 4x4, Auto, AC, V8 gas, 63K miles, #T36909, \$14900. Call Ben (970)443-1875

For Sale:

Detroit Locker for Dana 30 for up to 3:73 \$200

Set of 4 Pro Comp 6" HD Shackles \$75

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12' utility trailer. Tandem axle, new deck. will haul Jeep CJ, Wrangler or XJ Cherokee. \$1250 or trade for Car trailer to haul longer vehicles.

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Miscellaneous meanderings of Craig's confused mush mind.

Anniversaries and birthdays are normally a time of reflection for me. When I joined the Mountaineers back in June of 1984, little did I know how involved I would become, let alone that I would be elected president 8 times! The club was founded in August of 1965 and is still going strong after 40 years so we must be doing something right. Back in 1964, the Forest Service initiated RARE I and then RARE II (Roadless Area Review and Evaluation), the forerunner to what we know as wilderness areas today. The club was formed not only to promote safe 4 wheeling among like minded people, but also as a political entity to try to protect and save the forests 4WD roads that we already had access to. The founders of the club thought that RARE I & II would close some of those public roads.

When I joined, I had been wheeling on my own for about 2 years in a stock Toyota FJ-40. I soon learned how little I knew about our “sport”. At that time virtually no one had lockers, 6 inch lifts or fuel injection that we take for granted today. I remember how some of the more

experienced members would tell me how to “read the rocks” to be able to finesse my way through tough spots on the trail (some still think that I haven't learned the art of airing down). Our club was as family oriented back then as it is today. Our current longest club members, George & Alice Kinnison, joined the Mountaineers in 1966. Their kids, Bob and Ken, grew up in the back seat of a CJ-5. Ken finally grew up, married Donna and had a family of their own. Now, Cory and Cody have grown up in the back seat of a CJ-7 and the kids also have caught the 4 wheeling bug. Cory got his drivers license and is chomping at the bit to get his own jeep built and trail ready. Cody can't be that far behind. It's amazing, three generations of Mountaineers. Come to think of it, the Kappermans already have three generations of wheelers out on the trails.

Being single, the Mountaineers are my family. I have met and wheeled with the best and the most unique people on earth because of this club and contacts made through the Colorado State Association. The Schleppys introduced me to some people from England. They have wheeled with us several times and I was fortunate enough to have gone to an event in Wales three times to wheel with them. I also have gotten to go to Canada and Nicaragua because of friendships made through the club. The Gollys befriended a CSU student from Iceland and Mike jumped at the chance to wheel with the Iceland club across the glaciers for several days. The Horners befriended some people on the

trail and wound up wheeling with them in Tasmania. You never know who you will meet out on the trail and where it will take you.

Our club does a lot of good work out on the trails. This year alone, we have put in 775 hours working on our Adopt-A-Trails for the Forest Service. The roadside in Poudre Canyon between mile markers 117 and 119 sure is clean thanks to the club members that volunteer four times a year on our Adopt-A-Highway program. We donate to COHVCO to keep our trails open and participate in the “Toys for Tots” program for kids less fortunate than our own.

There is nothing more fun than sitting around the campfire, swapping stories with some of your closest friends. It could also be taking first timers to Moab and watching the grins on their faces as they negotiate the “Golden Crack” unscathed or going through the “Chutes” on Kelly Flats without a scratch. The beauty of the forest and tundra along with the history of the areas that we travel through make it all worth while to me. The best is the comradely of wheeling anywhere on this earth with the Mountaineer Family.

Happy 40th anniversary Mountaineers!!

September 2005						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Cotton Riley	8	9 Jim Miller	10
11 Brett Newton	12 BOARD MEETING Stephanie Payton Cameron Klein	13	14 Cory Kinnison	15	16 C&M Smelker	17
18	19	20 Gary Graham	21 CLUB MEETING	22 Heidi Crue B&K Schleppey	23 M&J McQuaid	24 Nathaniel DeWitt Troy White
25 CLUB TRIP	26 R&K Kapperman	27	28	29 Bev Klein	30	

October 2005						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Mike Golly	3	4 Clifton DeWitt	5	6 Elaine Allbrandt	7	8
9	10 BOARD MEETING Richard Marolf Nikkolette Leahy	11	12 Patty Oden J&L Schrader	13	14 Alice Kinnison	15
16	17	18	19 CLUB MEETING Dustin Paben	20	21	22
23/30 CLUB TRIP	24/31	25 Jason Duteil	26	27	28	29

Board Meeting: Oct. 10 7:30pm Richard Marolf
 Nov. 7 7:30pm Colleen Stengaard
 Membership Meeting: Sept. 21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Oct. 19 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: Sept. 23 9:00am **Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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