

Mountain - Ears

August Trip Report

It was a beautiful Sunday morning when the usual cast of characters started to gather in the wee village of Grant. By the time we got to the

got above timberline, we



Could see our objective off in the distance. We stopped at the last trees to let the group bunch together again. The first obstacles were dead

trailhead, the vehicle count was up to eight very capable four wheelers. We stared up the rocky trail through the forest with everyone anticipating a fun trip to the top of Red Cone. Once we



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Ahead, Little Rascal Hill, which wasn't a problem for anyone in our group. As we wound across the barren tundra the CB came alive with a report that it looked as if there were a couple of big white dogs waiting for us up on top. It did look that way, but as we got closer to the pinnacle we could see that they were mountain goats.



They waited for us to get to the top and let us drive five feet away from them. Guess they just wanted to say howdy.

While on the top we took in

the spectacular views of the surrounding rugged peaks. There was a strong wind blowing and at 12,801 feet it



chilled us to the bone. Needless to say, we didn't dally too long taking pictures or wandering around on the top. It was decided that we should get down to the trees

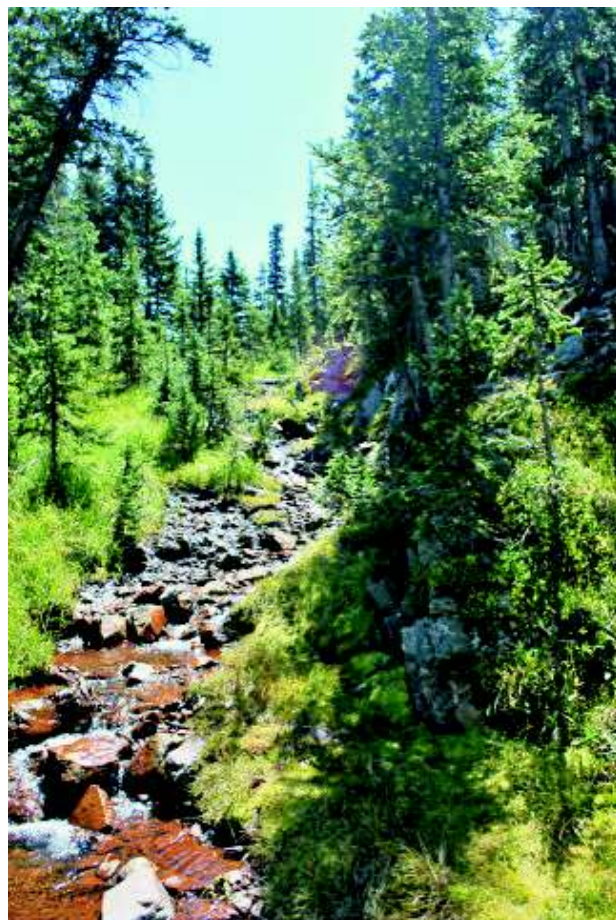
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to get out of the wind for our lunch break. Slipping and sliding down the whoop-ti-doos was fun. At the top of



Webster Pass, we turned towards Montezuma and found a mining road through the trees and stopped for a long lunch break, minus the wind and lots of sun to warm us up. After lunch, we tried

to run out the over grown mining road just to see where it



went. Eventually, we came to large tree that had fallen and blocked our path and had turn around and go back the way we came.

After a couple minutes of discussion, it was decided to go back to the top of Webster Pass and go down Handcart Gulch

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instead of going up Radical Hill. The reasoning was sound as none of us really wanted to fight the Sunday afternoon traffic jam on I-70 and a couple in our group had hauled their vehicles on trailers and would have to go home via Handcart anyway. So, it was back up the switchbacks to the



Top of Webster and down the other side. The other side of Webster goes down a one and a half mile long narrow ledge road. At one point, there was talk on the CB about Darren's

Blazer being too wide for a washout that we had to cross. Darren came back on the radio, saying that he had been down the trail in much worse conditions before and was actually sweating making it. In that mile and a half section, it would almost be impossible to pass if you met someone coming up. After a couple switchbacks, we were in Handcart Gulch and back into the trees where the road followed a creek all the way back to where the trailers were parked.

It was a spectacular day of wheeling with the Mountaineer family and one of the best parts was that we didn't have to fight that dreaded I-70 traffic.

El Guapo



September Club Trip

This month's trip will take us a little farther away from home than usual. The trip plan is to go to the North Sand Hills north of Walden. Because it is a longer trip, we will be leaving the north Albertson's Parking lot at 8:00am on Sunday Sept. 23. Make sure your vehicle has a full tank of gas and your lunch is ready.

Guests at last Meeting

Bill Meecham

September 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Cotton Riley	8
9	10 BOARD MEETING <i>Dan Venrick</i>	11 Brett Newton	12 Cameron Klein	13	14 Cory Kinnison	15
16 Eric Treece C&M Smelker	17	18	19 CLUB MEETING Mike Guerassio	20 Skylar Payton	21	22 Heidi Crue B&K Schleppey
23 CLUB TRIP 30	24 Nathaniel DeWitt Troy White	25	26 R&K Kapperman	27	28 D&S Oden	29 Bev Klein

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			

Board Meeting: Oct. 8 7:30pm John Schrader
 Nov. 12 7:30pm Bob Opdyke
 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: **Sep. 23 8:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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