



**THE
MOUNTAINEERS**
Newsletter

August Trip Report

This month's main trip was extra special as the Mountaineers ventured out beyond their home zone, traveling over 2 hours to arrive in Grant, Colorado for a scenic tour of Red Cone Pass. The initial turn-out appeared to be on the lighter side with only about 10 vehicles showing up at the prescribed 10:30 a.m. time. With Meadow Muffin sidelined, "El Guapo" aka Craig Stumbough, wasn't about to let another wheeling trip go on without him, so he sat shotgun with Shane Payton leading the pack.

Arriving at the trailhead, customary air down procedures took place and it wasn't long before another merry band of Mountaineers arrived on the scene. Turns out there was going to be a good turn-out after all with about 20 rigs anxious for some super scenery! Oops, The Department of Corrections may be required since Elaine's guest brought a Suzuki Sidekick "slightly modified" resulting in discussions as to whether a Sidekick deserved full credit for a rig or just half. The Suzi's owner lobbied for least 5/8 credit, for which majority ruled as adequate... so final count would be 19-5/8 rigs.



The first portion of trail tested our steering skills as it ascended through the woods along a rather rough, narrow, rocky route bordered by stands of aspen thinning to pine as the road climbed higher. Corvette Dave noted the “flock” of humming birds was the largest he’d seen. This too is slated for the Department of Corrections, as they were a “gaggle” of mosquitoes. We finally broke free of the trees to take in our first expansive view. Looks like a good place for lunch.



With our bellies full, we gathered the dogs and lit the fuse climbing to more majestic sights. The Summit of Red Cone pass loomed ahead us, while to the “left of us” dropped off sharply to reveal the lower canyon section of Webster Pass road... waaaaay down below.

Parked upon the perch of Red Cone Pass, we proudly posed for pictures in front of the summit sign like it was Mickey Mouse and the Magic Kingdom. We even stooped so low as to tease the timid, or in PC speak, the “Altitude Challenged” as Mrs. Finley clung tightly to Mr.

Finley with white knuckle grips on his belt in one hand, and a handful of t-shirt and chest hair in the other.

What goes up must come down, and sometimes steeply.



The wind blew fiercely and the rain sounded like ping pong balls on the windshield, and Mr Finley's chest pain now took a tight grip on his right arm.



Looking across the majestic valley we could see the distant outline of Z's and W's indicating the trail up Radical Hill. Like the year before, it was going to be a wet and muddy Ascent. Seeing this, questions come

to mind, like...WHY?! Why would anyone think to build a road on a near vertical cliff? Why is Radical Hill here? Meanwhile in other parts of the pack, Mrs Finley is asking.... WHY?! WHY IN THE "HILL" AM I HERE!?" Ultimately, everyone breathed a sigh of relief as they topped the final stretch of Radical Hill and gathered cliff-side to take in the great spectacle and play "Echo!" with the valley troll.

With the rough stuff behind us, it was an easy, top of the world, stroll along the tundra, only slowing on occasion to watch Mother Nature's creations... a mother goat and her kid, a mother bear and her cubs, and finally, a die hard Wisconsin-ite youngster snowboarding on the remains of a soft August snow patch. Momma's got a sense of humor, don't she?



Later!
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P.S. Mrs. Finley, we're sorry for teasing you so, we just can't help ourselves, we turn into mean bully's on the playground taking milk money from first graders....or like a pack of hungry wolves seeking out weakness in the herd of caribou! Ahem! We hope this in no way affects your decision to join our fine family of four wheelers.

P.S.S. Mr. Finley, we hope your wounds are healing well.



Our Alternate Trip. Four vehicles met at the North Albertsons with plans of taking a short trip to Bald Mountain. With such a small and well prepared group we opted to run Kelly Flats instead. After airing down at the trail head we were on our way. At the turn for the bypass to Heart Attack Hill we split up, two going up and two going around. A ways around the bypass Brandon Kapperman heard a few loud pops from the rear axle of the Wrangler. We made it to the Chutes where Cotton decided to try his luck and made it without any problems. We stopped at the end of the trail for lunch and Brandon started pulling parts off only to find two broken axle shafts. With half a day to waste the three remaining vehicles decided to finish off the day with an uneventful trip up Seven Mile.



Club Trip

This month's trip will take us a little farther away from home than usual. The trip plan is to go over the Kingston Peak Trail .

This trail is rated moderately difficult. We will be above timberline for much of the trip so be sure to bring your cameras. We will leave from **Lyons, Colorado** promptly at 9:30am. It is up to you to get to Lyons by 9:30am.

We will meet across the street from the Diamond Shamrock.



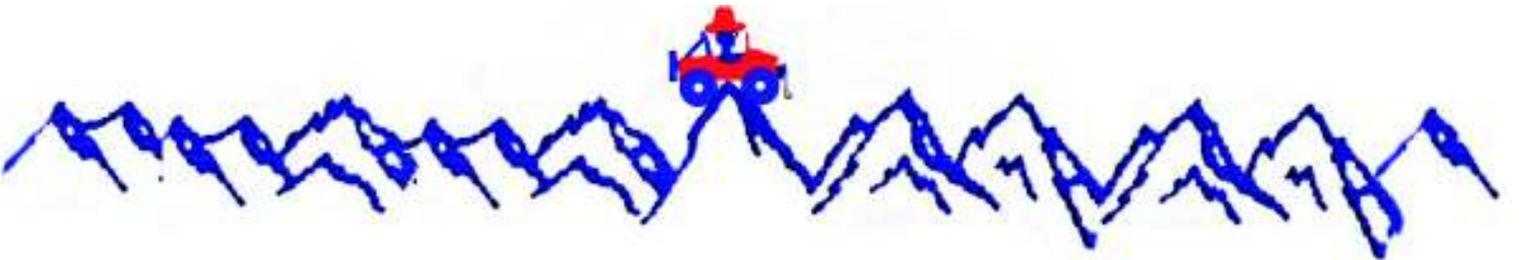
Guests at last Meeting

Julie Berks
Troy Helgeson



Highway Cleanup

We will be picking up trash on our two mile section of Highway 14 on Saturday, September 22nd. Meet at mile marker 119 at 9:00AM 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 and to watch some extreme 4 wheeling videos on the big Screen. The cleanup only takes about 45 minutes. Bring Gloves.

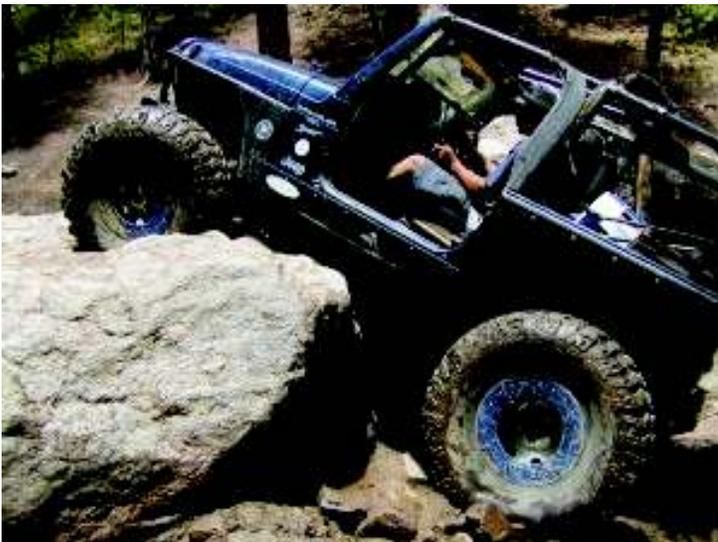


New Members

#96 Ken Pryzgoda
#97 Troy Helgeson
#98 Roger MacDonald



Previous Club Trip Pictures





Bumper stickers

Forget world peace. Visualize using your turn signal.

Where there's a will...I want to be on it

Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.

Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?

Make yourself at homeclean my kitchen

Does your train of thought have a caboose?

How do I set the laser printer to stun?

I started out with nothing & still have most of it left.

A cubicle is just a padded cell without a door

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Any small object when dropped will hide under a larger object.

Don't force it, get a larger hammer.



4x4 Classifieds

For Sale:

86 Chevy Military 30,000 mile Diesel after market A/C \$2500 obo, Call Levi 970-420-5534

For Sale: '92 Dodge Dakota Extended Cab LE 4x4 A/T 318 V8 w/headers, needs a muffler. Power windows and locks. 2" body lift 33x10.5 BFG tires. No rust! Great interior. \$2000.00
Contact Chris at trump626@msn.com or 303-472-6336

Cars, Trucks, and SUV's for sale. Check out www.horsepowerauto.com to see what is available. If you don't see what you are looking for give Ben a call at 970-443-1875. I'll help you find it.

Backhoe Available: Mike Braskich has a backhoe available for snow removal services or other needs of members. Call 970-224-9134

September 2007						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7 Cotton Riley	8
9 Jim Miller	10 BOARD MEETING <i>Darren Finger</i>	11 Brett Newton	12 Cameron Klein	13	14 Cory Kinnison	15
16 Chad Pautvein Jack Pryzgoda C&M Smelker	17	18	19 CLUB MEETING	20	21	22 Heidi Crue
23 CLUB TRIP 30 23rd M&J McQuaid	24 Nathaniel DeWitt Troy White	25	26 R&K Kapperman	27	28	29 Bev Klein

October 2007						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Mike Golly	3	4 Clifton DeWitt	5	6 Elaine Allbrandt
7	8 BOARD MEETING <i>Ben Crue</i>	9	10 Mikkolette Leahy	11	12 J&L Schrader	13
14 Alice Kinnison	15 D&N Oster	16	17 CLUB MEETING	18	19 Dustin Paben	20
21 CLUB TRIP	22	23 Charlie Pautvein	24	25	26	27
28 Mike Castell	29	30	31			

Board Meeting: Oct. 8 7:30pm Ben Crue
 Nov. 12 7:30pm Don Maresh
 Membership Meeting: Sept. 19 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Oct. 21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: Aug. 23 **9:30am Lyons Colorado on HWY 66**



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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>Bullhide Liner 4X4 & Auto Accessories 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p>Coyote Cruisers & OffRoad 417 North Hwy 287 Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-221-1833</p>	<p>Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</p>
<p>Front Range Off-Road Fabrication www.frii.com/~frorfab cel (970) 481-6508 (970) 472-1846</p>	<p>4X4 Used Parts / 4X4 Off Road 938 West Willox Lane, Ft. Collins 970-224-1133 www.4x4usedparts.com</p>	<p>RockStomper P.O. Box 724 Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
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