



**THE
MOUNTAINEERS**
Newsletter

July Trip Report

Our July trip was to the Spring Creek Trail which starts just outside of Downieville. We had eighteen vehicles show up for this tough trail. Guests included Darrel (son of Corvette Dave) and Shelly Surface (Colo. Assoc. President) and their family. We also had a couple of ride along guests who were there to write and photograph our trip for Nextnc, a weekly life styles periodical distributed in northern Colorado.

After airing down, we followed associate club member from Idaho Springs, Gene Day, who was anointed our trip leader. It didn't take long to come to the first challenge of the day.

We watched a couple of Jeeps in front of our group struggle to get over the rocks. It took a while for us to get all eighteen vehicles over this 25 foot long obstacle as some had to winch while others took a strap. A few had the right combination of



tires, lockers and line to make it look easy, but all that counted was we all made it to the other side unscathed. Along the way we encountered a few minor obstacles and spectacular views of the valley below. At the next nasty obstacle, we again watched the Jeeps in front of us struggle and it was decided to let them get way ahead of us and we settled in for lunch.



Our bellies full, it was our turn on the rocks. The first couple in line made it over and then it was a string of vehicles that had to be tugged through. One in particular that sticks in mind was NAPA Steve. For 15 minutes he huffed and puffed and kept attacking the rocks as if he wouldn't let the rocks beat him. He finally admitted defeat and took a strap. The rock stackers were kept real busy as each vehicle kept spitting out all the rocks that had been so carefully placed. When it was Kurt's turn, a lot of people had side bets whether the KJ could make the challenge.

When he fell into a hole that swallowed the Liberty, we hooked a strap to Darwin. Darwin got a good run at it and pulled the KJ into a big rock that crumpled the front bumper. Finally, when he was out of the hole, a damage assessment was made. Kurt just looked at the damage and said with his sly smile “Well, it's only plastic and some



metal”. A dozen or so cable ties were used to get the bumper back into place so that it wouldn't drag on the ground. It didn't look bad from a distance, like a hundred feet! This day just didn't turn out to be Kurt's day. At one point, when the line of 4 wheelers was stopped, Kurt reached in the window of the battered KJ to turn off the ignition and save some diesel fuel. He didn't realize that his KJ was in “D” instead of “P”. When

He turned off the key, it rolled two feet back into Darwin's Jeep (while Darwin was under it fixing clutch linkage) which in turn rolled two feet back into Cotton's Jeep breaking a light lens. Yes sir, some days just aren't your day!!

On up the trail, we got to the “Rock Garden” which is one of the main features of the Spring Creek Trail. A good time was had by all working their way through the

boulder field. Here again, a few straps or winches were occasionally used. At the top, Gene gave us a choice of going down to pavement via either the Saxon Mountain Road or the Spring Creek Gulch Road. It was getting late in the day and when we reached I-70, it was the normal I-70 Sunday afternoon gridlock. During the day we sometimes were going faster on the trail than we were going on I-70 on the way home. We didn't get back home until 9:00 pm, but I'll bet that most of us were thinking about how it was another great day of wheeling with the Mountaineer family.

El Guapo



Hold the presses, there must not have been any Toyotas on the trip as they always do something to get mentioned in our stories. Hmmm--





August Club Trip

There will be two trips to choose from this month.
The First trip will be to Carnage Canyon (difficult)
The Second is Old Flowers, Monument Gulch, White Pine
Meet at Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox at
9:00 AM
Sunday August 20th



Guests at last Meeting

Erin Frustaci
Jeff Tatum





The Newspaper Article

A week and a half after our trip, the newspaper with a full front page picture of Cotton's Jeep on the cover hit the racks. The Nextnc reporter, Erin Frustaci, did a fantastic job as did photographer Brad Wakoff. I don't think I have ever heard 4 wheeling called an "eco sport" before. Erin interviewed people along the trail as well as our favorite 4wd shops and the Forest Service to get a accurate picture of what our sport is all about. The pictures in the paper were great and they included a 2 and a half minute video on line at www.nextnc.com . We will have some extra papers for you at the meeting.





Travel with a horse

An out-of-towner drove his car into a ditch in a desolated area. Luckily, a local farmer came to help with his big strong horse named Buddy.

He hitched Buddy up to the car and yelled, "Pull, Nellie, pull!" Buddy didn't move.

Then the farmer hollered, "Pull, Buster, pull!" Buddy didn't respond.

Once more the farmer commanded, "Pull, Coco, pull!" Nothing.

Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Pull, Buddy, pull!" And the horse easily dragged the car out of the ditch.

The motorist was most appreciative and very curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong name three times.

"Well... Buddy is blind and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try!"



New driver's license

Martin had just received his brand new drivers license. The family troops out to the driveway, and climbs in the car, where he is going to take them for a ride for the first time. Dad immediately heads for the back seat, directly behind the newly minted driver.

"I'll bet you're back there to get a change of scenery after all those months of sitting in the front passenger seat teaching me how to drive," says the beaming boy to his father.

"Nope," comes dad's reply, "I'm gonna sit here and kick the back of your seat as you drive, just like you've been doing to me all these years."





4x4 Classifieds

Tires for sale: Set of 4 P255/70R16 Kelly Safari AWR 50% tread or better \$175 Set of 4 P235/70R16 Goodyear Wrangler SR-A 50% tread \$150. Call Ben 970-443-1875

1994 Jeep Wrangler, 6 Cyl., Auto, Hard Top, AC, New engine and transmission, CD Player, 116K miles, #S39302, \$6500,

1998 Ford Explorer, V8, Auto, 4x4, Power Everything, Sunroof, Leather, 95K Miles, #S75781, \$5950,

1989 Jeep Cherokee Laredo, 6cyl., Auto, Power Everything, Cloth Interior, One Owner, Only 126K miles, #S51309, \$2950,

2000 Ford Ranger XLT Off Road Ex. Cab, 4 Door, 4.0L 6cyl., 5 Speed, 3-4" Lift, 32" Tires, Tool Box, 95K miles, #T18218, \$7995, **Call Ben 970-443-1875.**

For Sale:

Black SoftTop for YJ with soft upperHalf Doors \$100

Call or Email Dave at 970-310-7547 or 4x4@jeepndave.com



August 2006						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Russ Theilman K&D Kinnison G&M Graham	2	3	4	5
6	7 BOARD MEETING <i>John Arnold</i>	8	9	10 Lloyd Vlcek	11	12
13 D&C Stengaard	14	15 Bret Mathers	16 CLUB MEETING Jerome Maes	17	18 J&S Mueller	19
20 CLUB TRIP	21 Cody Kinnison	22	23 Milly Smelker	24 Kim Schleppey	25 Brian Graves A&K Fredrick B&K Schleppey	26
27 Katie Schrader	28 John Schrader	29	30	31		

September 2006						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Cotton Riley	8	9 Jim Miller
10	11 BOARD MEETING <i>Rich Marolf</i> Brett Newton	12 Cameron Klein	13	14 Cory Kinnison	15	16 Chad Pautvein C&M Smelker
17	18	19	20 CLUB MEETING Candae Harris Gary Graham	21	22 Heidi Crue	23 Danielle Kanczes M&J McQuaid
24 CLUB TRIP Nathaniel DeWitt Troy White	25	26 R&K Kapperman	27	28 Justine DiGuilio	29 Bev Klein	30

Board Meeting: Sept. 11 7:30pm Rich Marolf
 Oct. 9 7:30pm Don Maresh
 Membership Meeting: Aug. 16 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Sept. 20 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: Aug. 20 **9:00am** **Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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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>
<p>MTO Suspension 2649 E MulberrySt Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-416-1234</p>	<p>Horsepower Auto Brokers 1409 E. Olive Ct. Unit E, Ft. Collins 970-482-2579 www.horsepowerauto.com</p>	<p>Vanworks 900 East Lincoln Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>
<p>Steep Bottom Construction Brian H. Graves Wellington, Colorado 970-631-2412</p>		