

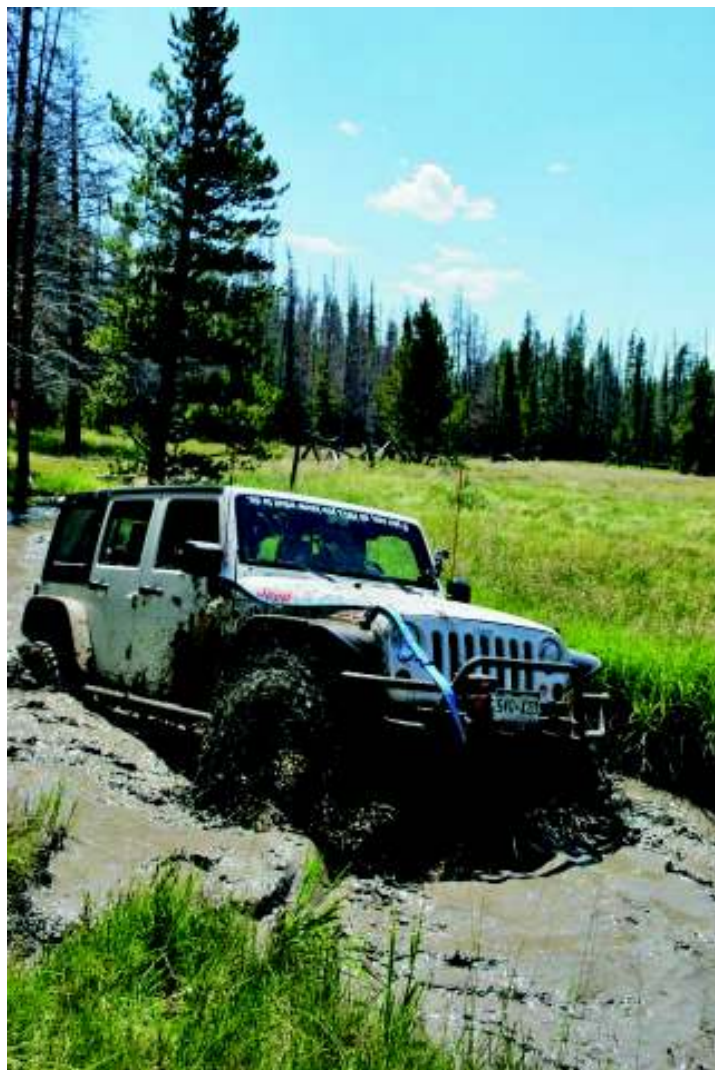
Mountain - Ears

July Club Trip

Ten Mountaineers and guests met at our normal jumping off place in north Fort Collins for a wheeling trip to the Green Ridge Trail. It was a beautiful day for a drive up the Poudre Canyon to Chambers Lake and the Green Ridge trailhead. We stopped in the parking lot to take advantage of the potty box, air down the tires, lock in the hubs and get the evil eye from DOW game warden who was wandering around the lot. Two more vehicles joined us there.

Right off the bat, there were a few small mud holes. As we

rounded the end of Lost Lake the muddy water holes got more frequent and we could tell that it would be a fun day



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On the trail. Around Laramie Lake there were a couple of mud holes with some surprise rocks hidden under the water which proved to be difficult for some but we got everybody through unscathed. Just before we got to Twin Lakes, we came to the biggest challenge on this trail, “The Long Trough”. Two thirds of our group took the easy go around and stopped to watch and take pictures. After positioning Darwin as the “help, get me out of trouble” vehicle, “not scared of anything” Jim B. was the first one to take the plunge into the Deep Murky waters of the Long Trough. Jim



Pushed His way through and found every big rock buried in the very muddy bottom. He almost made it to the end but was pushing so much mud and muck that we had to give him a little assist with a strap to get him out of his predicament. When Jim reached the end, he discovered that his white Jeep had changed color to black as it was covered with stinky, thick black mud.

The next person to take the challenge was guest Nate Little in his Rubicon. Nate never let up on the skinny peddle. He pushed mud that came half way up his radiator. His electric fan blade helped him push the Jeep like a propeller on a race boat and made the trip all the way without a strap assist. Next in line was guest Ryan Eddy in his Toyota FJ-60. Showing no fear, Ryan jumped in and

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on his Jeep or he would have had a cab full of mud at the end of this day. Like those that had gone before him, he was slinging mud twenty feet in the air, that is until he got stopped by one of those unseen pesky rocks and couldn't go forwards or back. Again, Darwin had to come to the rescue. Jim emerged from goop with a bent up fender flare.

All four who tried the Long Trough came out the end looking as if they had been in a fight with the swamp monster. They were covered with sticky, smelly and gooey mud complete with swamp grass hanging off their axles. After a good laugh, we got back to the business of moving down the trail. It wasn't too long before we had to stop as Nate's Rubicon started to overheat and we discovered that he had killed the electric fan due to all the water and mud.

pushed his FJ-60 as fast as it would go. He was bouncing back and forth off the walls of the trough but one of those pesky rocks finally stopped him and he had to take a strap from Darwin. Feeling lucky, our illustrious club president was the last one to jump into the murky depths of the Long Trough. It was lucky for Jim that he had put the doors back

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We tried to clean his radiator as best we could and decided



It was just another great day of fun wheeling with the Mountaineer family.

El Guapo



Try and limp it on through the rest of the trail. It was also reported that Ryan's FJ-60 had broken a brake line but it wasn't anything that a pair of vice grips and the addition of some brake fluid couldn't take care of.

The rest of the trail wasn't as eventful, just a bunch more mud puddles and lots of rocky road to traverse. When we hit the Deadman Road, it felt like a superhighway all the way back to Red Feather Lakes.

August Club Trip

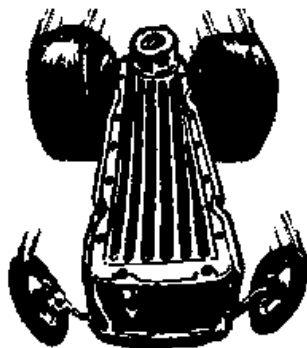
With this months Club Trip being to Middle St. Vrain and Coney Flats some club members are going Saturday to run Iron Clads and T-33 plane crash and camping Saturday night and meeting Sunday morning at Camp Dick to run Middle St. Vrain and Coney Flats with the club. Anyone that wants to camp is welcome to join.

For those only going on Sunday, meet in Lyons across from the Diamond Shamrock station on HWY 66 at 10:00 am
Sunday Aug. 25th



Mountaineers Valve Cover Race Results.

At the last meeting, we held the annual Valve Cover Race. We had about 10 entries, some very creative and others just a cover on wheels. One had rock lights underneath it that glowed as it scooted along the race course; another had spark plugs and a distributor complete with wires across the top. There was a three wheel Toyota cover; some covers had great paint jobs and the kids in attendance favorite was the black one shaped like the Bat Mobil. After a series of elimination races, it came down to Kyle Eddy with his beat up ol' International Scout cover and Dan Venrick's modernistic three wheel Toyota cover. After several runoffs, Kyle's Scout cover was declared the winner. Kyle's only comment after winning was that he had to get home so he could put the cover back on the Scout!



Members Rides

Member Name: Jim & Melony Dixon

Member Number: #70

Ride Make & Model: 1994 Jeep Wrangler YJ

Engine: 4.0L

Transmission: Stock

Transfer Case: Stock

Front End: Stock Dana 30

Rear End: Stock Dana 35

Wheels & Tires: Pro Comp W/ Rock Ring,
33x13.5-15 Nitto Mud Grapplers

Springs and Shocks: Rough Country 4" Lift
Springs with 1/2 inch Lift Shackles; Rough
Country 2.2 shocks

Brakes: Stock

Miscellaneous: Custom Front bumper with
Smitty Built 8000# winch, Pia Off-road Lights,
Custom Rear Bumper with Tire and Jerry Can
Carrier

Current & Future Projects: include Dana 44
Front and Rear axles with Lockers and Rhino Line
the interior

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				1 K&D Kinnison	2 Judy Paul B&M Kemp	3
4	5	6 M&L Castell	7	8 B&J Marquardt	9	10 Roger MacDonald
11	12 BOARD MEETING <i>Jim Dixon</i>	13 D&C Stengaard	14	15	16	17
18 J&S Mueller	19	20	21 CLUB MEETING Cody Kinnison	22 Liam Riley	23 Milly Smelker	24 Kim Schleppey
25 CLUB TRIP Brian Graves B&K Schleppey	26	27 Katie Schrader	28 John Schrader	29	30	31

September 2013						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Cotton Riley
8	9 BOARD MEETING <i>Don Maresh</i>	10	11 Brett Newton	12 Cameron Klein	13	14 Cory Kinnison
15	16 Eric Treece C&M Smelker	17	18 CLUB MEETING	19 Mike Guerassio	20 Skylar Payton	21
22 CLUB TRIP Heidi Crue J&S Mueller	23	24 Nathaniel DeWitt Troy White	25	26 R&K Kapperman	27	28 D&S Oden
29 Bev Klein	30					

Board Meeting: Sep. 9 7:30pm Don Maresh
 Oct. 7 7:30pm Craig Stumbough
 Membership Meeting: Jul. 17 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Aug. 21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: **Aug. 25 10:00am Lyons Colorado on HWY 66**



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