Mountain - Ears

June Trip Report

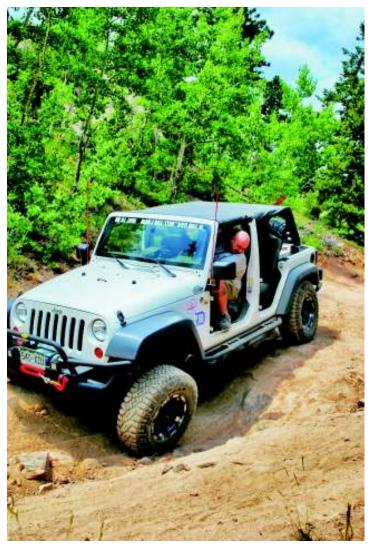
Our regular June trip was scheduled to be the adopt-atrail Moody Hill maintenance and clean up and then on up Crystal Mountain. The devastating High Park fire changed all that as the Buckhorn Canyon Road was closed. The trip planners changed the trip to the Middle Saint Vrain and Coney Creek trails. Plans changed again at the meeting when State Association President, Kerry Beech, said that those trails were still closed and that the Trail Ridge Runners Club would be up there cutting out all the blow down. We were invited

to join them and help open their trail. We jumped at the chance to help another club and make some new friends. We now had a plan.

On this hot Sunday morning, 15 club vehicles met in Lyons ready to head to the trail and do some good work. Before we left Lyons, word came that the trail work was finished and the trail was open. Five minutes later we got a call telling us that the Forest Service had found a widow maker and had closed the trail until they could get a crew up there to remove it (deja vu, sounds just like Kelly Flats).

Our trip planners huddled and decided to do the Pole Hill trail. Most of our group had never been on Pole Hill as it is a fairly easy trail.

Jim and Melony Dixon were



appointed trip leaders as they were familiar with the trail.

Most wanted to do the trail in

2WD. Every once in a while there was a little challenge



Section next to the main trail that none in our group could resist. All along the trail we kept running into a group of 13 Land Rovers from a dealership in Boulder. Guess they were out to test the white knuckle capability of their Rovers. We could hear the air hissing from a cut sidewall as one lady passed us. Latter on as we passed them again she was getting a lesson on how to change a Land Rover tire.

Not that we didn't have

problems of our own. Ben C. had taken a Jeep in trade the day before the trip and wanted to check out its drivability. Of course he would find the weak link. The Jeep was overheating and while checking it out, it blew a pressure cap fifty feet into the air. After letting the



Steam subside and finding

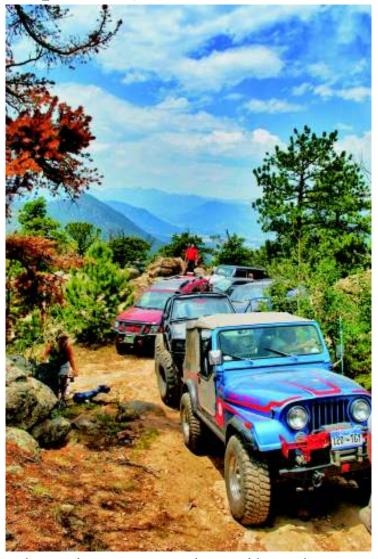
the cap, he let it cool down, added



Some water and we were on our way again. We did run across a couple of tours during the trip, I've never seen a nine passenger (with theater seating) Toyota FJ-40 before. The other tour was in a Hummer with theater seating also.

We ate lunch at a place that Jim called the "notch". It did have a beautiful view of Estes Park in the valley below. At the end of the trail most went home. A few diehards (namely the Opdykes, Dixons and

JeepnDave) continued on to

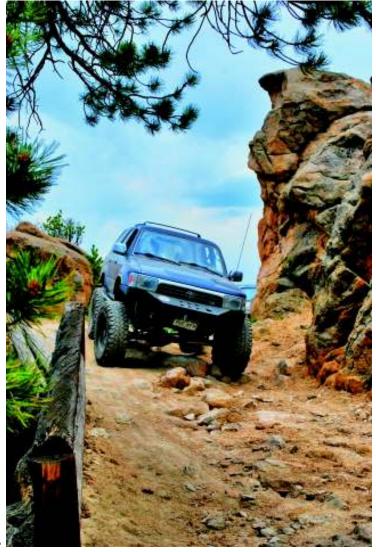


The Pierson Park trail. The only excitement they had on this trail was spotting a moose..

Even though the trails taken weren't technical in nature, the Mountaineer family had a lot of fun and enjoyed the day of wheeling.

El Guapo





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Buena Vista Happenings

Breakage

Saturday Mt. Antero — None

Sunday Chinaman — Craig Front Axel U-Joint

— JeepnDave Left Rear Corner Crush

Sunday Carnage — Coyote John Drive Shaft

— Dan Venrick Front Pinon

— Chris Mercer Cross Member & Drain

Plugs on Transfer case

— Bob Opdyke Fuel return line

— Nate Broke bead & Spare didn't fit

Monday Iron Chest — Corvette Dave Birfield

— JeepnDave Valve stem

— Craig a Little rock rash

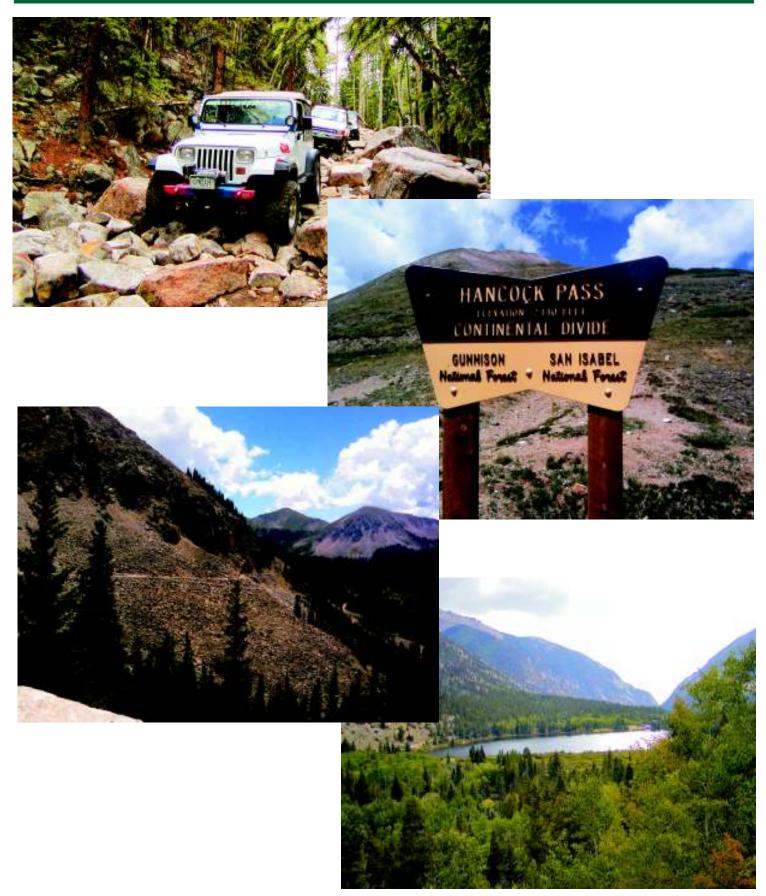
Grizzly Lake — Troy Transfer case mt. broke

— Don M. Fan pulley

Tuesday Mt. Prince — None

Wednesday Hancock Pass

— Craig In-tank fuel pump ground



July Club Trip

This month's Club Trip is our annual cleanup for Moody Hill. Please meet at our regular trip meeting place at the North Albertsons College and Willox at 9:00am on Sunday July 22nd

For Sale

RAMSEY R.E.P. 8000 with mounting plate and rollers \$400.00 Contact Roger Stengaard 970-420-3242



Thanks Firefighters

We would like to thank the Firefighters of the High Park and Waldo Canyon fires for their efforts in controlling and putting out these fires. Even though homes were lost, we know that you saved many more.



Member's Ride

Member Name: Dave & Sally Oden

Member Number: 26

Ride Make & Model: 93 Jeep Wrangler YJ

Engine: 4.0L High Output 6cyl

Transmission: 5 Speed

Transfer Case: NP231 4:1 kit and slip-yoke eliminator

Front end: Dana 30 3.55 open Dif

Rear end: Dana 44 3.55 with ARB Locker

Wheels & Tires: Allum. Mod's w/ 32X11.50 R15 BFG Mud Springs & Shocks: Rear Rancho Front Skyjacker 2 1/2" lift,

Rancho 5000 Shocks, 3/4" shackle lift

Body Lift: 2" Proformance Accesories

Brakes: Stock

Miscellaneous: Custom front & rear bumpers, Custom

rocksliders & side steps, Ramsey 8000lb winch



July 2012							
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 Roger Stengaard Alex Paul	Jake Thoen	3	4	5	6 Kevin Castell	7	
D&S Jansen							
8	9 BOARD MEETING Dave Piller Curtis Smelker Jamie Dilgard	10	11	12	Linda Schrader Ken Kinnison	14	
15	16	17 Troy Helgeson	18 CLUB MEETING	19 Dustie Treece	20	Jake Adams Allen Burch	
22 CLUB TRIP	23	B&M Opdyke 24 Donna Kinnison Sharon Jansen Stephanie Payton		26 Macy Thoen	27	28	
29	30	31					

August 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
				Judy Paul		
			K&D Kinnison	B&M Kemp		
i	6 BOARD MEETING	7	8	9	10	11
	Darren Finger				Roger McDonald	
	M&L Castell		B&J Marquardt			
12	13	14	15 CLUB MEETING	16	17	18
	D&C Stengaard					J&S Mueller
9 CLUB TRIP	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Cody Kinnison	Liam Riley	Milly Smelker	Kim Schleppy	Brian Graves
						B&K Schleppy
26	27 Katie Schrader	John Schrader	29	30	31	

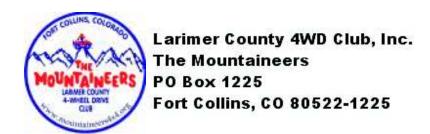
Board Meeting: 7:30pm Darren Finger Aug. 9

Sept. 10 7:30pm Dan Venrick

Membership Meeting: Jul. 18 7:30pm

Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox Aug. 15 7:30pm

Club Trip: Jul. 22 9:00am



July Newsletter



The following businesses give Mountaineer Members special discounts on parts or specific services. In other words, they save us money... and we are grateful.

4X4 Used Parts / 4X4 Off Road 938 West Willox Lane, Ft. Collins 970-224-1133 <u>www.4x4usedparts.com</u>	NAPA Auto Parts Ft. Collins 316 S. Link Ln. Ft. Collins, Colorado	CarQuest Auto Parts 2716 South College Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-226-5050		
Bullhide Liner 4X4 & Auto Accessories 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288	Always A Deal Inc. Computer Services Johnstown, Colorado 970-310-7547 www.AlwaysaDeal.info	Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911		
Horsepower Auto Brokers, LLC 417 N US HWY 287, Ft. Collins 970-482-2579 www.horsepowerauto.com	CDR Communications, LLC Cabling Done Right Call Don Maresh @ 970-556-7276 don-cdr@live.com www.cablingdoneright.com	RockStomper P.O. Box 724 Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431		
Fry's Auto Care 210 Commerce Dr. Ft. Collins 970-310-7195	Wellington Toy Storage 4000 Washington Ave. Wellington, Colorado 970-498-2111 www.wellingtontoystorage.com			