MOUNTAINEERS Newsletter May Trip & Work Detail Report

Mountaineers and guests started to arrive at the Kelly Flats Campground shortly before noon on Friday. By 7:00 pm the reserved camp spaces had been filled to capacity and overflowing. Some busied themselves fishing for their dinner while others hopped from camp spot to camp spot checking out what was for dinner and sampling the bottles of hooch being passed around the campfires and listening to all the stories being told. Saturday morning saw frost on the tents, but the sun started heating things up. A dozen or so more 4 wheelers drove up from town to join in on the fun. By the time we got to the lower gate on Seven Mile we had 60 people in 30 vehicles. We left the Stengaard brothers (Larry, Curley and Moe) at the lower gate to weld the post that someone had cut off during the spring. They were aided by supervisor

Lenora and Dave P. who was left holding the gallon jug of water as the designated fire watch guy. After Lenora passed out shovels and polaski tools, the rest of us played leap frog along the trail picking up lots of trash along the trail. Coyote John found the biggest piece of trash, an old hide-a-bed couch. Good thing that Steven brought a Ford F150 so that we had a place to throw the bigger pieces of trash. Along the way, we closed off illegal trails and diverted water off the road and back into Seven Mile Creek.

A lunch break was taken at one of the water crossings. We ran all the side trails and cleaned up the camping spots and old fire rings. We all gathered at the big meadow. A few checked out the 20 Naked Hippies and a Goat Trail as well as Stump Hill which was already closed for the summer. We all had a lot of fun and even got in some productive work. Back at camp, we broke out some snacks and sat around for a lazy late afternoon. That evening, the stories around the campfires were even better than the night before.

On Sunday morning, we again had 30 vehicles loaded with 50 club members and guests. We left at 9:00 and locked the Kelly Flats gate behind us.

Lenora gave her obligatory yearly water bar 101 lesson. We had a small group go up Heart Attack Hill to check the cement lip and pick up trash. The rest of us checked out the camp sites and cleaned water bars until the two groups met at the top. We did have to wait for a guest who had some vapor locking problems. We hustled towards our favorite lunch spot, "The Chutes". When we arrived, we discovered that a large tree had fallen across the entrance to the Chutes. Even though the tree was 20 inches in diameter, the two chain saws made short work of it. We had about ten vehicles successfully negotiate the obstacle. Craig made it look fun when he stood the Muffin up on its back bumper. Coyote John in his new Truggy and Dan M. in his reworked full size Chevy pickup had to finesse their way through the squeeze due to their size.

On up the trail we found the road blocked by a rather large tree. Have you tried to cut a 26 inch tree with a 24 inch chain saw? It took some doing, but the job got done. Along the way we had to cut out several other low hanging trees. When we reached the gate, Lenora opened it for the season.

3 We returned to the lower gate and opened it and

within 10 minutes a couple of motorcycles were already on the trail.

It was just another fantastic weekend of wheeling with the Mountaineer family.

El Guapo



P.S. If you would like to see some of Don Ms videos of the Mountaineers in the chutes, do a search on YouTube (Broadcast Yourself category) for BigDees.





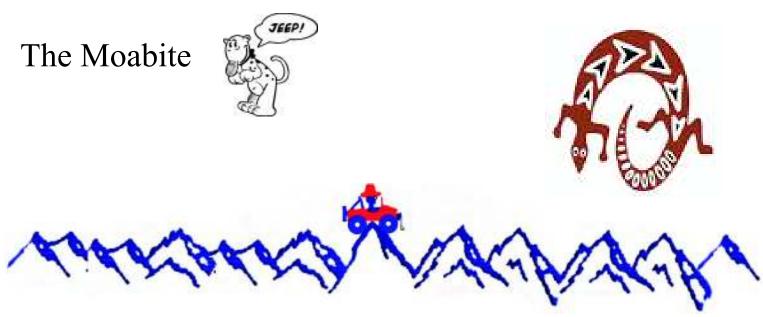
Moab Trips

Day 1: First Trail was Long Canyon. We had 11 vehicles on the trip until Darwin heard a noise in the drive line. So Darwin and Roger and Dave & Dawn Piller went back to town to have Moab 4x4 Outpost take a look at it. They found that the Spider gears in the rear were torn up. Darwin and Colleen were not able to wheel the rest of their stay, and left on Tuesday. When we finished Long Canyon we went and found Dellenbaugh Tunnel. Troy Helgeson found that he could not turn off his Jeep because the header that is too close to the starter heated the starter to much and would not start again, so he just left it running all day. Then we went and found Secret Spire. At Tombstone rock we turned on Rainbow Terrace and Mike Golly went over a bump and his CJ-7 stopped running, after some diagnostics he found that a wire to the fuel pump was broken. He patched it with a butt connector and we were off and running again. While Mike was fixing his Jeep Troy and his parents left the group and went back to town to see if he could put a shield over the starter. The 5 remaining vehicles made it back to town a little after 5pm.

Day 2: 11 vehicles showed up at City Market to do Hell's Revenge. There were a few people on the trip that had not wheeled on slick rock before. They found out what it meant to Drive up a Wall. We went all the way out to the Colorado River Overlook, on our way back only 2 decided to try the Gates of Hell. Mike Golly went first and lifted a tire and made it look a little exciting then JeepnDave did it and made it look even easier. 2 other wheelers from Oklahoma tried it and made it look very exciting; the second one opted for the winch cable to make sure he did not roll over. No one wanted to try the Hot Tubs when they say a rental Jeep on it's side in the small one. Then Craig turned the wrong way when we got down the hill, so we all turned around and made our way over to Tip Over Challenge. Only 4 of the 11 went up Tip Over Challenge the rest of the group chickened out and took the bypass. Hell's Revenge did not get any revenge on us, we had no break downs or problems all day.

Day 3: 11 vehicles showed up again at City Market to do Fins 'N Things. We did the first half with no problems or break downs. Then in the second half Craig cut a sidewall and had a flat tire. Then just when we were ready to start moving again after lunch another one of Craig's tires was low, they aired it back up and Craig finished the trail with no other problems. Almost

everyone did Kenny's Climb. We finished the trail about 1:30pm. Then JeepnDave and Ian went out to Onion Creek and Fisher Towers Trail. They had fun splashing through the 20 creek crossings. It was a very scenic trail. They still made it back to town in time to have supper with the rest of the group at Fiesta Mexicana at 6:22pm.



Club Trip & Trail Clean-up

Moody Hill & Crystal Mountain Meet at Albertson's at 9:00AM Sunday June 21st



Wheelers for the Wounded

Colorado Event hosted by
Toyota Territory Off-Road Association - Colorado Chapter
Colorado4Wheelers
Colorado4x4.org
Front Range 4x4

Event Date, Time and Location July 18, 2009 10:00 am to 7:00pm Buena Vista Area

Event Schedule

10:00am Meet & Greet and staging at Chinaman Gulch/BV Carnage trailhead

11:00am Trail teams depart for trails

4:30pm Trail teams return to staging

5:00pm BBQ for all participants

General info

Http://www.wheelersforthewounded.com

Member's Ride

Member Name: Dan Myers

Member Number: 49

Make, Model, Year: 1987 ½ ton GMC PU

Engine: 5.7/350 TBI

Transmission: 4 speed (SM 465)

Transfer Case(s): NP 208

Axles: Front Dana 60 with 5.13 gears, ARB. Rear GM 14

bolt with 5.13 gears, ARB & Disc brake conversion

Tires/Wheels: Atlas II 17x10 with 40x13.5 Goodyear MTR's

Suspension: Skyjacker 6" springs and Rancho 9000

Misc: MileMarker SE12000 with rope up front, K&N air filter, Flexalite 15"x2 elec. fans, dual batteries, Crossover Highsteer with heim joints

Current & Future Projects: Alum heads, multipoint fuel injection, a cam and headers



			June 2009			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 Dave Surface	6 Mike McQuaid
				J&L Paben		
7	8 BOARD MEETING Woody's Pizza	9	10 Linda Castell	11	Jake Schrader Aaron Hobbs	13
S&S Payton	15	D&C Surface	17 Club Meeting	18	G&S Kapperman	20
14	Aaron Paben	Andy Shively Dan Venrick	17 Club Meeting	Austin Venrick	19	20
D&B Klein			W&J Prewett			
21 Club Trip	22	23	24	25	26	27
Christopher McCurry Heidi Kemp Ryan Castell				Amy Kemp	Candice Paben	Garrett Mercer Laurie Paben
J&H Cramer		B&J Paul				
28	29	30 Hannah Eddy				

July 2009							
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
			1 Roger Stengaard Alex Paul	2	3	4	
;	6 BOARD MEETING	7	D&S Jansen	9	10	11	
	Troy White Kevin Castell			Curtis Smelker Jamie Dilgard			
12	13 Linda Schrader Ken Kinnison	14 Rickey Miller	15 Club Meeting	16 Kim Finley	17 Troy Helgeson	18	
19 Club Trip	20	21	22 Ben Garey	23	24 Donna Kinnison Sharon Jansen Stephanie Payton	25	
26	27 George Kinnison	28	29	30	31		

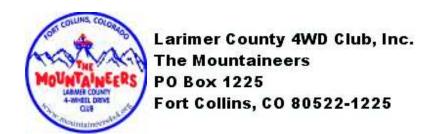
Board Meeting: Jul. 6 7:30pm Troy White

Aug. 10 7:30pm Darren Finger

Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox 7:30pm Membership Meeting: Jun. 17

15 7:30pm Jul.

Club Trip: 9:00am 21 Jun.



June 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.

Ft. Collins 4X4 Center 1101 North College Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-482-5500	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	Coyote Cruisers & OffRoad 417 North Hwy 287 Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-221-1833	Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911
Front Range Off-Road Fabrication 24192 W. County Rd. 74E Red Feather Lakes, CO 970-881-2418 www.frontrangeoffroadfab.com	4X4 Used Parts / 4X4 Off Road 938 West Willox Lane, Ft. Collins 970-224-1133 <u>www.4x4usedparts.com</u>	RockStomper P.O. Box 724 Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431
Aunt T's Pet Motel 3200 E. Mulberry Ft. Collins 970-484-5776 www.fcvet.com	Horsepower Auto Brokers 1409 E. Olive Ct. Unit E, Ft. Collins 970-482-2579 www.horsepowerauto.com	Vanworks 900 East Lincoln Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344
Wellington Toy Storage 4000 Washington Ave. Wellington, Colorado 970-498-2111 www.wellingtontoystorage.com		