

# Mountain - Ears

## May Club Trip

On Friday afternoon, Mountaineers and guests started to gather at the Kelly Flats Campground for our annual weekend work detail on the Seven Mile and Kelly Flats trails. Coyote John brought enough firewood for the whole camp. Soon fires were lit and the evening meal was being cooked over the

around the campfire. By bed time, the whole back loop was packed with tents, trailers and motor homes.

Early Saturday morning the group of Mountaineers who didn't camp started to arrive from town. We broke into two groups, with some going in from the top of the trail and the larger group going in at the



campfires. After dinner, a lot of stories were being told

Bottom. Both groups started to clean up trash along the trail

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and in the camp sites. As usual, we found Seven Mile Creek overflowing its banks at several of the creek crossings.



We dug the rocks out of the stream bed and built dams out of the rock and dirt to keep the



Water flow in the stream and not on the road. Of course several of us had to check out the Stump Hill Challenge for

the final time before it was



Closed for the season. For the record, with all the bodies that came to help, we were able to turn in 322 hours towards our



Adopt-a-road total with the State Association. Saturday night in camp was party time. The club provided hot dogs with fixins while the club members provided the rest of the goodies.

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Sunday morning came early for some of our group. Lenora split us into two groups and gave us our marching orders for the Kelly Flats road. It was the second day in a row that we didn't have any adult supervision from the Forest Service as Lenora had to take care of some rowdy Rainbow people up at Creedmore Lakes. Around the corner from the lower gate, the 1st group encountered a tree across the



Road and had to do some creative winching to clear the area. As they proceeded up the road, camp sites were cleaned and the trash along

the road was picked up as well as cleaning out the water bars.



The upper group had to GPS a couple of places for Lenora that has to be repaired. This work



Will be done this summer by the military as a training exercise and as part of the grant money the Forest Service received from the Colorado Parks Department.

3 The group moved along the road

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draining mud holes, cleaning water bars and had their own tree to get out of the road. The two groups merged into one at the Chutes Challenge. Most



Who tried their luck at the Chutes made it through but found that it was tougher than it looked. The disaster for the



day was Darren who reported that he had no brakes on “Tater”. Two volunteered to

escort him out to the upper gate while the rest went back down to the lower gate. It was a fun day and we got a lot of good work in on our trails. With the good turnout on Kelly Flats, we were able to add another 420 hours to our adopt-a-road total.

Thanks to all of the Mountaineer family that turned out for the work weekend. The Kelly Flats road remains closed at this time because the Forest Service wants to give it time to dry out. Although this was a work weekend, we had some fun scooting between the trees in our 4 wheeling machine!

El Guapo



## June 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 June 23rd or in Masonville at 9:30am.

We are also allowing people that want to, to join the Big Horn Jeep Club in doing a clean up on Holy Cross on Saturday the 22nd. Coyote John is attending the Holy Cross Clean up and those that want to help there can get the details at the club meeting next Wednesday.



## Jeep For Sale

2004 Jeep Rubicon TJ \$22,000

80,640 miles 6 cyl. 5 spd. 35" BF Goodrich tires with Walker Evans E-lock wheels. 488 gears, Banks headers, new alloy rear axles, 6" full traction long arm lift suspension, Curry sway bar, Rancho remote reservoir shocks, Edge throttle body and chip, cold air intake, on board air pump, undercarriage protection for oil pan, differential and gas tank, upgraded CD/stereo, high lift jack, Cobra CB, factory hardtop, factory soft top and bikini top. Trail rated by Jeep, WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE TRAIL RATED? The recognized standard for proven off-road capability. Jeep Trail Rated vehicles pass a series of grueling tests designed to prove off-road performance on the world's most demanding terrain. Traction, water fording, maneuverability, articulation, and ground clearance. Very good condition, serious inquiries only.

Mike 970-980-4131

# South Dakota 2013

South Dakota is one of my favorite trips, nice flat toe, beautiful country, and wicked wheeling. We stayed at the Fish and Fry Camp ground and they very accommodating and pleasant.

on. We did not leave unsatisfied. Although Captain Crunch was on the docket but the one day of repair put us off schedule.

Sunday was the first day of fun, we did however spend half the day



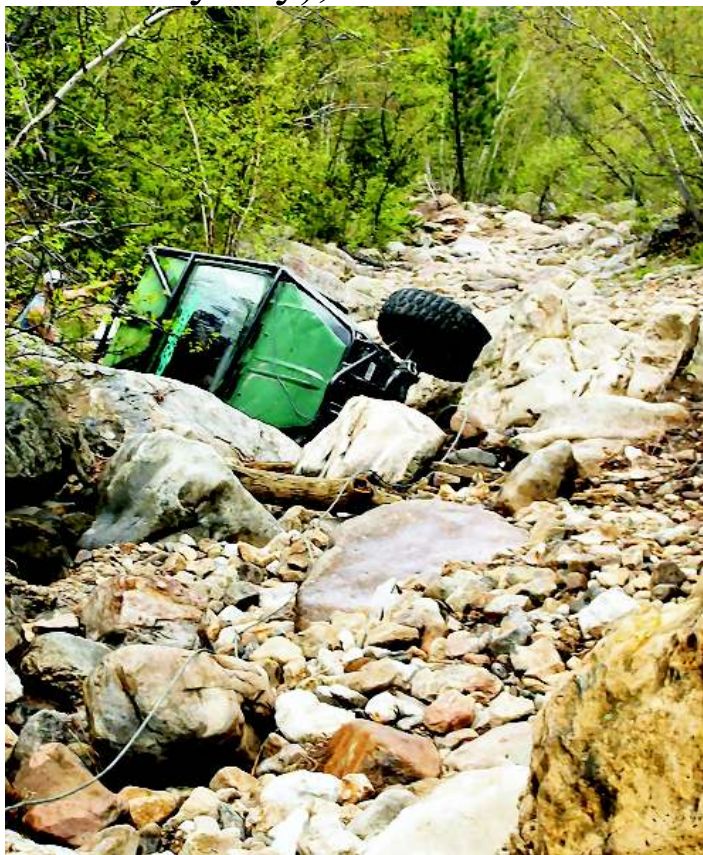
We had a group of six this year, five Toyotas and one Chevy. We call ourselves The Rist Canyon Krawlers. Nate and I are the only Mountaineers in this group. We are a dedicated group in that we all do all of our own wrenching, and have minimum vehicle/safety requirements that must be met. This enables us to try harder than, Ohhhhhh do I say it? The average Jeep. From the beginning we were all planning on running the hardest trails we could put rubber

driving circles trying to find the trail Ice man. This proved to be more difficult without the help of our recently departed friend Kirk Gisi. He was our guide the first two years. (R.I.P.) With some frustration our group split, half went back to camp and Nate, Caide and I continued. We decided to try to locate a different trail. We found Fruity Pebbles easily and at least got to run the top down to the boulder field and had some fun.

The next day we set out for

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camp 5. We jumped on Hal Johns with big grins and low tires. The rain was off and on all day, (as it was every day), but we all had full



rain gear and were not going to be denied. We were about 3 corners from the water fall when we noticed Nate's 14 bolt was sliding back and forth on his leaf springs about six inches, he had broken both center pins in the rear leaf packs. We came to the conclusion that a variable wheelbase wasn't ideal to finish the trail. Luckily it was still ok to drive back to the trailer once we got him off the trail. The rest of us were going to

continue but.... Just as Nate got off the trail, Caide's 4runners front leaf spring mounts almost ripped completely off. His bull bar and winch control box very close to puncturing the radiator, and was arching winch power cables. So we unhooked his winch, used Aaron's winch to pull the bar and winch out of his radiator. Then the cables were not being pinched so the winch was operable again. Caide used it to wrap the cross member, hooked to his slider and sucked it in so that it was good to get to the trailer. After all that we were still back at camp by dark.

The next day was spent fixing Nate's center pins. The other part





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of the group found a short cut for the trucks and trailers to get to camp 5 from our site.

After the repairs we were ready again, back to finish Hal



Johns. We opted to go to the water fall first thing to try our luck, then we would finish the trail proper. Out of six, five of us drove up the fall with only rednecks on a pull strap, no winches. Lots of pics and vid fun. We were all able to finish the rest of the trail without issue.

The Last day we set out for a big bowl of Fruity Pebbles because half of the group hadn't seen it at all. We ran the trail from the bottom. It was easy to see that the constant moisture and the level of ground saturation was going to affect our travels. I was using

Craig's method of going first, so it wasn't too bad for me. Everyone else was having to really carry momentum use lots of throttle. Nate even broke a U-joint on the front shaft. With a quick slip yoke swap and a freshy u joint he was rolling again. It wasn't long before we arrived at the rock pile. We ate lunch and then we all picked our own lines and carried on. I tried for a little bit harder option and was rewarded with 3in slash in my sidewall. After swapping a spare, we finished the trail and retreated back to camp for the last evening.

Jake the Snake



June 2013						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5 Dave Surface	6 Nicole Riley	7	8
		J&L Paben			S&S Payton	
9	10 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> <i>Dan Venrick</i>  Linda Castell	11	12  Jake Schrader  G&S Kapperman	13	14	15  Aaron Paben
D&C Surface					D&B Klein	
16  Dan Venrick	17	18	19 <b>CLUB MEETING</b>	20	21  Christopher McCurry Heidi Kemp Ryan Castell	22
23 <b>CLUB TRIP</b> 30 Brianna Opdyke Hannah Eddy  B&J Paul	24	25  Amy Kemp	26  Candice Paben	27  Garrett Mercer Laurie Paben	28	29

July 2013						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  Roger Stengaard Alex Paul  D&S Jansen	2  Jake Thoen	3	4	5	6  Kevin Castell
7	8 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> <i>Jim Dixon</i>	9  Curtis Smelker	10	11	12	13  Linda Schrader Ken Kinnison
14  D&C Surface	15	16	17 <b>CLUB MEETING</b>  Troy Helgeson  B&M Opdyke	18	19  Dustie Treece	20
21 <b>CLUB TRIP</b>  Jake Adams Allen Burch	22	23	24  Donna Kinnison Sharon Jansen Stephanie Payton	25	26  Macy Thoen	27
28	29	30	31			

Board Meeting: Jul. 8 7:30pm Jim Dixon  
 Aug. 12 7:30pm John Schrader  
 Membership Meeting: Jun. 19 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
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 Club Trip: **Jun. 23 9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**  
**Or Masonville at 9:30am**



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<p><b>Bullhide Liner 4X4 &amp; Auto Accessories</b>            5817 South College Ave.            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p><b>Always A Deal Inc.</b>            Computer Services            Johnstown, Colorado 970-310-7547  <a href="http://www.AlwaysaDeal.info">www.AlwaysaDeal.info</a></p>	<p><b>Moab 4x4 Outpost</b>            1831 S Hwy 191            Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</p>
<p><b>Horsepower Auto Brokers, LLC</b>            417 N US HWY 287, Ft. Collins            970-482-2579 <a href="http://www.horsepowerauto.com">www.horsepowerauto.com</a></p>	<p><b>CDR Communications, LLC</b>  <b>Cabling Done Right</b>            Call Don Maresh @ 970-556-7276            don-cdr@live.com  <a href="http://www.cablingdoneright.com">www.cablingdoneright.com</a></p>	<p><b>RockStomper</b>            P.O. Box 724            Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
<p><b>Fry's Auto Care</b>            210 Commerce Dr.            Ft. Collins 970-310-7195</p>	<p><b>Wellington Toy Storage</b>            4000 Washington Ave. Wellington,            Colorado 970-498-2111  <a href="http://www.wellingtontoystorage.com">www.wellingtontoystorage.com</a></p>	