

# Mountain - Ears

## May Campout and Cleanup



Mountaineers started gathering at the Mountain Park Campground a little past noon on a cloudy Friday afternoon. The weather prognosticators were predicting rain most of the weekend. When most came up on Friday, it was raining and hailing in town but was sunny up the canyon. Fires were built and camp was set up by dinner time.

A good time was had around the campfires that night.

Saturday morning came too early for some. Those that did not camp started to arrive from town. We drove up to the Kelly Flats Trailhead where we met Forest Ranger Steve who was our adult supervision for the day.

### Special Note

Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> --- This will be our make up work detail that we missed last month. The Seven Mile trail is closed because of water issues which is what we will be working on to get the trail opened. Bring gloves and boots if you can. We will leave from the trail head (above Rustic) promptly at 10:00 am.



Shovels, polaskis and trash bags were passed out and we were on our way. The first stop was for Ranger Steve to give a water bar 101 training class to the first timers. Jake and his hand picked crew broke off to check out Heart Attack Hill while the rest of us played leap frog up the bypass picking up trash and cleaning the silted water bars.

Not too far into the trail, Darwin had to pull off the road to fix a broken u-joint. By the time Darwin had gotten the tools out, three Mountaineers were already under the Jeep removing the drive shaft. It didn't take long to replace the shaft and Darwin was back on the trail. On up the trail we met up with Jakes crew and continued through the private land just in time to have lunch at the "chutes".

With a large cheering section, Mike C. (with Ranger Steve riding shotgun) was the first one to christen the chutes this year.

Hmmm, Lenora has never ridden through the chutes, maybe because she always rode with Craig. Mikes tires were to slick to make the conventional route so he tried the tall rocks on his right. With much finesse he made it only to be high centered on a big rock. Jake tried the same (more difficult) route with the same results but still got hung up on the same rock that Mike did. About four others came up the more conventional route and the big rock gave them trouble also. We saved the best for last. Newer club member, Scott Riley, got to bouncing around on the rocks and took out the big side glass and a tail light on his Blazer. When Scott got to the Squeeze section he broke the other tail light.

On up the trail we got to last falls repair. For the most part it held up well except for the last uphill section. It was slick and after a few vehicles went over it, you could see water coming down our tracks. Just a little

further and we came across a downed tree that would have shredded the top of any vehicle. Jeff M. made short work of the tree with his chain saw. We also saw a big widow maker hanging over the trail which we couldn't get to and thought the better part of valor was to let the Forest Service take care of it. At the end of the trail, Steve told us that he couldn't open it because of the widow maker and the muddy hill. It will probably be opened when things dry out.

Back at camp preparations were being made for the evenings "end of the world party" around the campfire. Darwin was looking for his lost hearing aid which he thought he lost while changing the drive shaft. We had a hard day on the trail and it was time to mix a toddy and burn some meat.

Sunday morning we awoke to a sunny day but had high winds. When Lenora showed up, she told us that they had to cancel the Seven Mile trail work

because of Forest Service rules. The winds were over 20 mph, gusting to 40 mph (Remember our beetle kill training at the last meeting). Lenora let 10 of us go back up Kelly to look for Darwin's lost hearing aid. After about 20 minutes of crawling through the high grass and going cross-eyed, guest Daniel N. found it. We had to break camp early and head to town, the fun was over, but the Mountaineer family made many good memories of this weekend.

El Guapo



## June Trip

Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> --- We will be cleaning up the trash on our adopt-a-trail, Moody Hill. Normally we have lunch and play at the quartz quarry and then go up Crystal Mountain. This may be the last chance to go up Crystal unless a compromise can be reached with the State Land Trust Board. We will leave from the North College Albertsons parking lot promptly at 9:00 am and pick up the Masonville contingent at approximately 9:30 am.

Please See the Special Note on the first page about our make-up clean-up trip on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.



# Hot Wheels or Match Box Racing

It is time to dust off and service your Match Box or Hot Wheels 4 X 4 racers. Dan and Tara Venrick built a true 4WD course that includes snow, water crossings, rocks and trees. Some of the racers will not complete the course because of a roll over or crashing into a tree. You will get to choose your own starting point at the top of the course and gravity will do the rest. There will be two racers at a time down the course and which ever one makes it to the bottom or the farthest on the course will be declared the winner and move on to the next bracket.

## Rules

**Stock Class:** Racers must be 1/64<sup>th</sup> scale or smaller  
Racers must be a recognizable replica of a 4WD vehicle.

Racers may not be altered except for axle lubricant

**Modified Class:** Weight is no object.  
Racers must originally have been 1/64<sup>th</sup> scale.  
Racers must be a recognizable 4WD vehicle.  
The only means of propulsion is gravity.  
The top of the tire cannot be higher than the vehicles roof.

Dan Venrick is the official Judge and his word is final



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

- Board Meeting: Jul. 11 7:30pm Lory Golly
- Aug. 8 7:30pm Darren Finger
- Membership Meeting: Jun. 15 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
- Jul. 20 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
- Club Trip: **Make-up Jun. 18 10:00am Seven Mile Trail Head**
- Jun. 19 9:00am North Albertson's & Willox



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