



April Trip Report

Nine vehicles lined up in Albertson's parking lot April 19th for the trip to Bald Mountain. Bret N, Troy W, Dave P, Rich M, Darwin & Colleen, Tony H & Steven S and three guests; Brian, Kevin & Brad.

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The group made quick time of it going through Red Feather to get to the trail head. Troy W led the group and was making fair progress even after he had to break the trail once we got further in. We questioned if he had some how managed to put snow shoes on his Bronco for as well as his vehicle was doing.

The snow finally drifted deep enough that Troy gave the lead over to Tony H. We also had Brian our guest in a Chevy S10 pickup find he would have to park his vehicle when he could not climb uphill and make the 90 degree turn. When Tony had enough fun, Bret N broke trail until the drifts were continuous and he was only getting a short distance with his Scout. All agreed to turn around. Darwin could not resist a try at busting through this last section before turning around. Brad our guest also had to see how far his LandCruiser would get before getting stuck.



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Upon getting back to the trail head, seven of the vehicles headed for Seven Mile and the Swamp Lady entrance. We were just off the main road when Rich M found he had fuel pump/electrical problems with his recent engine swap. Supervisors and advise was at an abundance. Unable to get the electrical problem fixed, Darwin & Colleen hooked a strap on Rich's Jeep and towed the Jeep back down the Red Feather Road until they met up with the tow truck Rich had called.

The remaining five continued on the Seven Mile run and we are certain they found snow drifts to get stuck in.

Colleen



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Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition Appeals Decision on Routt National Forest

December 3, 2002

DENVER, CO. - Yesterday the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO) filed a notice of appeal of a federal district court decision which allowed the U.S. Forest Service to restrict motorized travel on 217,000 acres of the Routt National Forest to designated roads and trails without first taking an inventory and designating open trails. COHVCO's case, originally filed in the district court in June of 1999, will now go up to the Tenth Circuit Federal Court of Appeals in Denver.

At the district court, COHVCO argued that the Forest Service failed to comply with the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) and the National Forest Management Act (NFMA) in its decisions to restrict motorized travel to designated routes on the Parks and Yampa Ranger Districts in the Routt National Forest. The Forest Service originally stated that the restrictions were intended to close "illegally constructed or maintained" user-created routes which had been created by riders following the beaten paths of riders before them. After COHVCO pointed out that no one had ever actually "constructed" or "maintained" these routes, the Forest Service then stated that the restrictions were necessary to

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mitigate "adverse impacts to soil, water, and wildlife." However, the Forest Service never pointed out just where on the ground these "adverse impacts" were occurring.

"One of COHVCO's primary goals is to educate its members to obey the law," says John Martin, President and Chairman of COHVCO, "and that's why this decision drew our attention. When we pointed out to the Forest Service that no one had actually done anything illegal, they changed their tune and said that they were really just trying to protect the soil, water, and wildlife. They never showed us where any off-highway vehicle user had caused any unacceptable impacts, though."

The Routt National Forest, located in northwestern Colorado just east of Steamboat Springs, straddles the continental divide and covers over 1.1 million acres. The Routt is immensely popular among all types of recreational visitors due to its varied terrain, incredible beauty, and ease of access from Denver, Ft. Collins, and other cities on the Front Range. Motorized recreation has always been one of the Routt's biggest draws.

This notice of appeal follows closely upon the filing of COHVCO's most recent lawsuit over the closure of the Arapaho Ridge Trail, also in the Routt National Forest, which was filed on October 22. "For some reason we seem to have a lot of problems on the Routt, which is a very popular place for people to ride," says Martin. "I don't know why the Routt is managed differently than

the other forests in Colorado. One would almost think it's under a different set of laws or regulations even though we know that isn't true."

COHVCO will ask the Tenth Circuit to review the September 30, 2002 decision of Judge John L. Kane, which said that the Forest Service was not required to do a route inventory, and that use of off-highway vehicles could be restricted whether or not the Forest Service could prove past or current conflicts or resource impacts caused by such use.

COHVCO is a non-profit corporation formed in 1987 by a group of leaders from the four-wheel drive, motorcycle, snowmobile, and all-terrain vehicle (ATV) communities to work toward the common goals of off highway vehicle (OHV) recreationists in Colorado. COHVCO works closely with federal, state and local governments to promote regulation and legislation favorable to OHV recreation. COHVCO developed, promoted, and assisted in the creation of the Colorado OHV Act registration program, which collects fees and provides grants for local OHV groups and individuals to maintain trails, erect positive signage, and educate motorized users about responsible OHV use on public lands in the state. Since its inception, this program has allocated over \$5 million to such local projects.



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Editor's Note

I need some Member's Rides. If you need a form to fill out Please pick one up at the Club Meeting. Please bring a picture of your vehicle and return the filled out form to Dave Oden.



NOTICE: MAY TRIP DATES CHANGED

May 17th & 18th Trip: This will be our annual Kelly Flats/ Seven Mile clean-up and camp out. We will be running both trails, getting them ready for the season. If you want to camp, come to the Kelly Flats Campground (approximately 22 miles up the Poudre River from Ted's Place) Friday and Saturday nights. For those that don't want to camp, be at the campground Saturday or Sunday morning (or both) at 8:30 am. Camping will be free for the Mountaineers and guests in the back loop as per usual, just bring some firewood and your normal camping gear. The Forest service will be providing all the tools we will need. You will have to provide your own food and gloves. This is always a good time!!!





MOAB 2003

Just a reminder, the club trip to Moab will be Saturday June 7th through June 14th. Trips will start that first Saturday. The majority of members will be camped at the Canyonlands Campground, 555 Main Street in Moab. If you will be camping with us, be sure to make reservations and tell them that you want to camp with the Mountaineers. The reservation number is 1-800-522-6848. Guests are welcome --- see ya there !!!



Club Trip

Kelly Flats

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Seven Mile

Meet at Kelly Flats Campground. Members can stay at the campground for free both Friday and Saturday Nights.

If you don't want to camp, meet us at the campground at 8:30am Saturday &

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Member Name: Darwin & Colleen Stengard
Member Number: 39
Make and Model: 1983 Jeep CJ7 Tangiers Orange
Engine: 258 Engine
Tranny: T5 see Transmission
Transfer Case: Dana 300 Transfer Case
Front Axle: 456 Gears ARB Front Locker
Rear Axle: Detroit Rear Locker Warn 1 piece Axles
Suspension: 4" Super Lift Springs
Tires and Wheels: 12x33 TSL Swampers
Misc: On Board Air
Air Tank in Front Bumper
8000# Winch - Tow Hooks Front & Rear
Steel Horse Nerf Bars
Current and Future: Sell before Darwin decides to start making changes



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4x4 Classifieds

AMC 304 V-8 engine approx 80,000 miles will sell complete meaning everything ALL bolt on parts brackets etc ...with headers 250.00 or will sell engine with intake manifold and carb for 175.00 engine ran excellent before replaced (it used to go to Denver on a daily basis) for more info contact Joe 970-204-4894

Ford 9" rearend complete, full width, 3.50 gears, 31 spline shafts. \$100, call Ben (970)495-0801

For Sale: 1987 Toyota 4 Runner \$7500.00 O.B.O. 4.3 Chevy, Howell wiring harness, Th350, Marlin crawler, Griffin alum. Radiator, B&M trans cooler. 5.29's lockers front and rear, HD Birfields Alcan 1.5" longer front springs, 5" longer rear springs, All-pro solid axle swap kit. Wheel base 4" longer than stock (107") Rancho RS 9000's Rockstomper tie rods and drag link, front and rear bumpers, rock sliders, shock hoops, custom radiator mounts, motor mounts, and other custom tube work. Much more. Call 970-586-8608 ask for Clifton.

YJ Stuff Wrangler Hardtop w/ rear wiper (Tan) - \$900, 66-77 Bronco Parts. Call Curtis (970) 217-7226 or pager (970) 416-4238

Jeep Overdrive for sale. It is for the older Jeep. I am asking \$300.00 O.B.O. It is a Husky that was built in Longmont, Co. in the early 1970's Jim Maxwell 970-482-0412

For Sale: Front Axle: Dana 44 disc brakes 410 ratio with lockright side drive shaft. Rear Axle: 9" heavy housing 31 spline Currie axles, nodgular carrier 410 ratio, Detroit locker, heavy 9 3/8" ring gear, Timpken roller bearings, 11" brakes, Bolt pattern 5x5 1/2. Call Brad anytime on weekends & after 5 on weekdays at: 520-887-9104

May 2003						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 D&P Oden	2 Karlen Mueller	3
4	5 Pat Schnaidt	6 Jeff Mueller	7 M&L Golly	8 Bill Marquardt	9 M&G Horner	10
11	12 BOARD MEETING	13	14	15	16 Amie Lenderink	17 CLUB TRIP
18 CLUB TRIP Tim Sigley	19	20	21 CLUB MEETING	22 C&A DeWitt B&H Cure	23	24 Kathy Schnaidt
25 L&S Vlcek	26 Shane Payton	27	28 G&A Kinnison	29 Ben Crue Karina Early	30 Jason Maes	31

June 2003						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Jeremy Schnaidt	3	4 J&L Paben	5	6	7
8	9 BOARD MEETING	10 Jessy Schnaidt	11	12 G&S Kapperman	13 Scott Dalldorf	14 D&B Klein
15 Aaron Paben	16 Andy Shively Dan Venrick	17	18 CLUB MEETING	19	20	21 Christopher McCurry B&L Graves
22 CLUB TRIP	23	24 Greg Inslow	25	26 Candice Paben	27 Laurie Paben	28
29	30					

Board Meeting: June 9 7:30pm Bret Mathers
 July 7 7:30pm Lori Golly
 Membership Meeting: May 21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 June 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: May 17&18 8:30am **Kelly Flats Campground Trail Clean-Up**



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The Mountaineers
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May Newsletter

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

<p>Ft. Collins 4X4 Center 1101 North College Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-482-5500</p>	<p>IKON Office Solutions 2531 South Shields Street #2A Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-482-8830</p>	<p>CarQuest Auto Parts 2716 South College Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-226-5050</p>
<p>RockHard 4x4 Parts Lewis Barth 401 Jackie Ann St. Ault, Co 80610 970-834-0767</p>	<p>Fantasy's 4x4 4311 Service Road Evans, Colorado 303-330-3833</p>	<p>R & S Auto Body 1912 Terry Lake Rd Fort Collins, Colorado</p>
<p>Front Range Off-Road Fabrication www.frii.com/~frorfab cel (970) 481-6508 (970) 472-1846</p>	<p>4X4 Used Parts Bob Schleppey Bob@4x4usedparts.com 970-224-4294 www.4x4usedparts.com</p>	<p>RockStomper 650 Weaver Park Road, Unit G Longmont Colorado 720-652-0700</p>
<p>Loveland Powder Coating 225 SW 42nd Street Loveland, Colorado 970-679-0004</p>	<p>Mark Turner Off-Road 2649 E MulberrySt Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-416-1234</p>	<p>Vanworks 900 East Lincoln Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>
<p>Jackson's All American Sports Grill 925 East Harmony Road Ft. Collins, Colorado</p>		