Mountaineers Newsletter April Trip Report

A small group of 4 wheelers met at the Albertsons parking lot for this month's trip to the North Sand Hills. Eleven of us left promptly at 9:00 for the 125 mile trip to the dunes outside of Walden. It was a cool but beautiful day for a drive up the Poudre Canyon. As we neared the top of Cameron Pass, we stopped for a potty break. Condolences were passed along to Ryan, not only was he driving his ol' FJ-40, but it was outfitted with only a bikini top and it was downright cold at that high of an elevation. Four or five foot snow banks were all along the road.

Upon arrival at the dunes, we stopped in the camping area to

air down. The folks that had never driven on the sand had questions about air pressure. It's always fun to watch the first timers as they learn their vehicles capabilities on the sand. The sand was damp, so we had relatively good



traction. We moved around to different spots on the dunes to try new challenges. We ran into several places where snow banks had been covered by the blowing sand and several had to be snatched out when they got high centered.

During the lunch break at the big bowl, we had a good time snow bashing the drifts. While there, Dan (and his passenger Goldie) got a big run and cleared the rim with about five feet of air under his CJ. He came back to the group



with a big grin on his face, ready for the next obstacle. We moved on to the big hill that goes down into the trees where



Corvette Dave made the challenge look easy. Guess unlimited power and an automatic transmission make all the difference. Dan went into the forest to get a run for his attempt at the hill but soon discovered that he had broken a front axel on the big jump out of the bowl and had to be winched out. Next we went to a straight and level area for some drag racing.



We finally called it a day. Back at the camping area we aired up the tires and told stories about the fun time we had. Even the smallest Mountaineer, Skyler Payton, seemed to enjoy her first four wheeling trip although she did sleep most of the way through it. The long trip home was made easier by all the good memories of a fun day of wheeling with the Mountaineer family.

El Guapo







Kelly Flats Cleanup & Camp Out

Mark your calendars on May 19th and 20th for our annual Kelly Flats camp out. The back loop (across the river) of the Kelly Flats campground will again be reserved Friday and Saturday nights for those who wish to dust off their motorhomes, tents or campers. Don't worry about bringing fire wood as Cotton always supplies enough wood for the whole weekend. Tools are furnished by the Forest Service but do bring gloves. There is no camping fee if you are part of the work crew.

We will leave from the campground promptly at 9:00 am on Saturday and work on the Kelly Flats Trail. We will clean water bars and pick up trash in preparation of the trails opening. Sunday we will work on Seven Mile trying to mitigate the damage that has occurred over the winter. If you do not want to camp, be sure you meet the group at the campground before 9:00 am on both days or you will be locked out.



Guests at last Meeting

Dan Oster
John Skogman
Jim Butler
Mindy Cooper
Troy Helgeson



New Member

Dan Oster #92

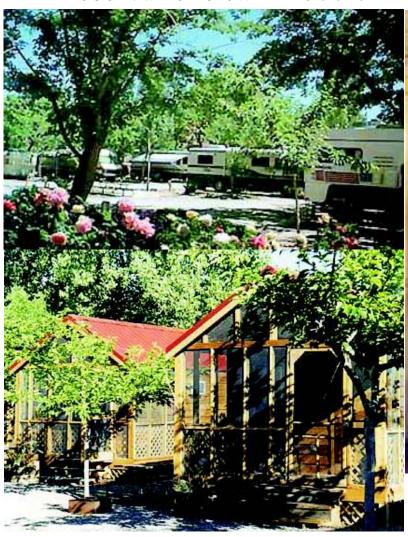




Moab this Year



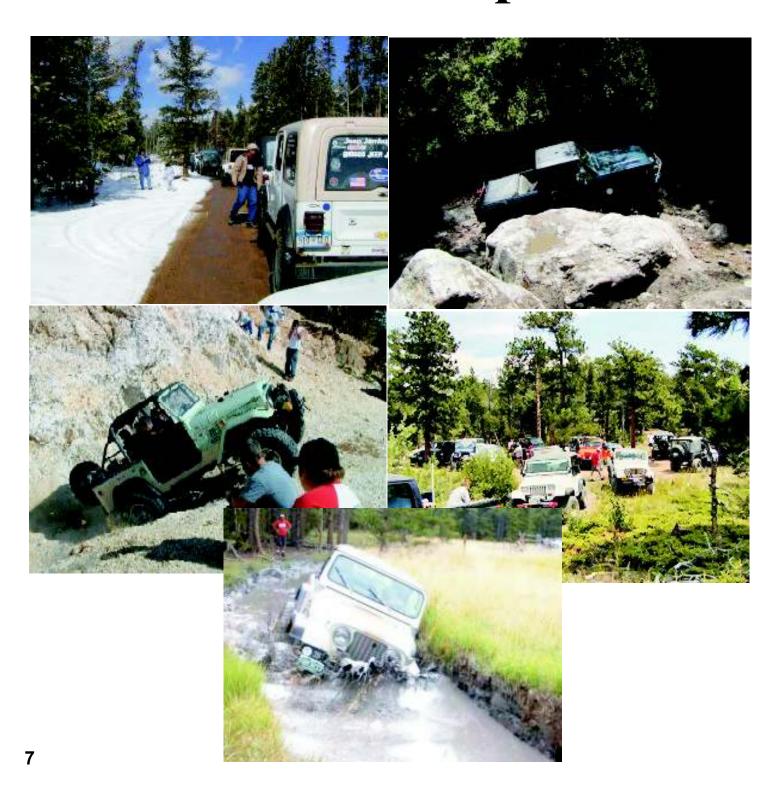
The Mountaineers will be in Moab June 2nd through the 8th. We will be leaving from the City Market at 9:00am every morning. We will be running some of the favorite trails of Moab. Most Mountaineers will be camped at the Canyonlands Campground, 555 South Main. To make reservations call 1-800-522-6848. See you there!!







Previous Club Trip Pictures





Member's Rides

Name: Darold & Beverly Klein

Unit #: 4

Ride Make & Model: Dodge Ram 2500 Quad Cab Short Bed

Year: 2004

Engine: 5.9L Cummins HO Turbo Diesel

Transmission: 4 speed automatic

Transfer Case: electric shift - on - the - fly 4x4

Front End: Stock

Rear End: Stock 11.50

Wheels & Tires: 70R17 offroads / 17x8 chrome clad steel wheels

Springs: Stock

Brakes: 4 wheel Disc antilocks

Other: Kintec TCS 5th wheel hitch, Truxedo Bedcover, Aero-Tec

one-peice running boards





For Sale: (5) Pro-Comp tires, 285/75R16 (33's) with 8K miles on them on 5-Moab rim wheels (16") the original wheels on 2004 Rubicon. Best offer. Call 970-225-0982. Can be seen at 4x4 Off Road and Used Parts. Ask for Justin.

For Sale:

Dana 60s \$1500 obo both locked and 5:13, 86 Chevy Milatary 30,000 mile Diesel after market A/C \$2500 obo, Call Levi 970-420-5534

For Sale: '92 Dodge Dakota Exteded Cab LE 4x4 A/T 318 V8 w/headers, needs a muffler. Power windows and locks. 2" body lift 33x10.5 BFG tires. No rust! Great interior. \$2000.00 Contact Chris at trump626@msn.com or 303-472-6336

Cars, Trucks, and SUV's for sale. Check out www.horsepowerauto.com to see what is available. If you don't see what you are looking for give Ben a call at 970-443-1875. I'll help you find it.

Backhoe Available: Mike Braskich has a backhoe available for snow removal services or other needs of members. Call 970-224-9134

May 2007						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	Karlen Mueller	3	4	5
6 Jeff Mueller	7 BOARD MEETING Darren Finger M&L Golly	8 Bill Marquardt	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 CLUB MEETING Amie Lenderink	17	Tim Sigley	19 CLUB TRIP
20 CLUB TRIP	21 Corinne Surface	22 C&A DeWitt B&H Crue	23	24	25 L&S Vlcek	26 Shane Payton
27	28 G&A Kinnison	29 Ben Crue	Jason Maes	31		

June 2007						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 BOARD MEETING Moab	5 Dave Surface	6 Mike McQuaid	7	8	9
	J&L Paben			S&S Payton		D&C Sruface
10 Linda Castell	11	12 Jake Schrader	13	14	Aaron Paben	Andy Shively Dan Venrick
		G&S Kapperman		D&B Klein		
17	18 Austin Venrick	19	20 CLUB MEETING	21 Chris McCurry Heidi Kemp Ryan Castell	22	23
24 CLUB TRIP	25 Amy Kemp	26 Candice Paben	27 Garrett Mercer Laurie Paben	28	29	30 Hannah Eddy

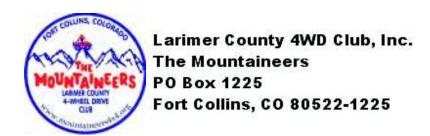
Board Meeting: 7:30pm Moab Jun. 4

Jul. 11 7:30pm Steve Schroder

Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins **Kelly Flats Campground** Membership Meeting: May 16 7:30pm

Jun. 20 7:30pm

Club Trip: May19,20 **9:00am**



May 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 www.frii.com/~frorfab cel (970) 481-6508 (970) 472-1846	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		
Fort Collins Floral 205 N. College Ave, Ft. Collins 970-482-1481 www.fortcollinsfloral.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		
Steep Bottom Construction Brian H. Graves Wellington, Colorado 970-631-2412	Aunt T's Pet Motel 3200 E. Mulberry Ft. Collins 970-484-5776 www.fcvet.com			