



April Trip Report

Although it was the end of April, it was snowing all the way down to our alternate meeting place in Longmont. Don M. must have thought it was a beautiful spring day as he had already taken the hardtop off Adobe and installed the bikini top. We formed a caravan of 10 vehicles and followed Mr. Venrick west towards Lefthand Canyon. We stopped just before the trailhead at a potty box to air down and lock in our hubs.

As we went up the canyon, we could see that with the previous day's rain, combined with the snow that morning, it would be a muddy trip. As we started up Big Mother Trucker Hill, it was fun sliding around the muddy switch backs so that we could keep our momentum up. Dan came to a spot where we would have to climb a small rock face which had several wet tree roots growing across it. It also had some deep holes right in front of it from previous wheelers trying to get across this obstacle.

Dan attacked it several times with no luck. Finally someone on the CB asked if Dan had lockers as only one tire on each end was spinning. He stopped, opened the hood and fixed the problem. Even with the lockers working, he had to still hit it hard several more times before topping the obstacle. We all made valiant attempts and then had to accept a strap from Dan to make the climb. Of the ten in our group, only two made it without assistance, both vehicles were built by Mr. Venrick (the second one was driven by Dan's brother, Josh). There was a lot of hoot'n & hollern'g as each one of us took our turn. None was more exciting than Bob & Michelle Opdyke in their Toy truck.

Bob got it bouncing so hard that it jumped sideways into a tree which shattered Michelle's passenger window. After he was strapped up, Bob hit the skinny peddle and nailed a big tree, the only problem was that he kept the peddle to the metal and climbed that tree six or seven feet before he let off the gas. He got so far up the tree vertically that most of us thought he would go over backwards. Luckily, the only damage to his truck besides the window was dirty seat covers. It just wasn't your day if your name was Bob and you drove a Toyota on this trip. Bob Paul was doing his best on the obstacle when his FJ-40 (Pull Toy) lurched sideways and wound up in a precarious

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position in the middle of the challenge. Dan had to strap him to safety.

We encountered a few more rock shelves on up the trail, but they were all doable, A few had to back up and take another line to get through in a couple of spots. On Fireman's Hill we got into the clouds and at the top we stopped for lunch. This spot normally has a great view but we had to take Dan's word for it because of the cloud cover. The trip down the hill was slow because of three vehicles in front of us had to stop and look everything over before proceeding. We did encounter two or three steep sidlings that had a definite pucker factor along the way. Our trip planners had gotten us on a

fun trail that the Mountaineer family really enjoyed.

El Guapo



Don has a few videos on his YouTube channel:

<http://youtu.be/Q0Hh5uMrCNY>

<http://youtu.be/8OIaTY5BASU>

Pictures from Moab 2011





May Campout & Work Party

We will be camping at the Kelly Flats Campground on Friday and Saturday nights May 20th and 21st. The campground is at mile marker 97 in the Poudre Canyon. We have reserved all the spaces in the back loop except the two walk-in tent sites which are on the left just when you cross the bridge. Please bring some wood for the good times around the nightly campfires. We will have to double or triple up in the camp spaces as per usual. Guests and kids are welcome.

For those that are not going to camp and are going to drive up Saturday and or Sunday morning please be at the campground by 8:30 am to sign in. We will leave promptly at 9:00 and lock the Kelly Flats gate behind us. If you are late, you will miss us. The Forest Service will provide shovels and polaski tools for us to

use. Be sure to bring gloves and maybe some water proof boots plus a lunch for each day. Hope you can make this fun event!

NOTE: The above is plan A. The Forest Service is in the process of bidding a contract to get rid of all the pine beetle kill in all of the campgrounds and there is a slight possibility that we would not be able to use the Kelly Flats campground if they are working there. Plan B is if that happens, the Forest Service will move our group to the Mountain Park campground which is a couple of miles below Kelly Flats. We will know for sure by the May membership meeting plus we will send out an e-mail letting you know of any change. This year, the club does not have to pay for the camping.



Mountaineers New Unit Numbers

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| 1. Bill Vos | 27. Elaine Allbrandt | 53. Deron Steenberg |
| 2. Alice Kinnison | 28. Troy White | 54. Gary Helgeson |
| 3. Darold Klein | 29. Evan Schaibly | 55. Jake Adams |
| 4. Curtis Smelker | 30. Dave Piller | 56. Mike Foreman |
| 5. Craig Stumbough | 31. Ted Miller | 57. Michael Rister |
| 6. Gene Kapperman | 32. Kent Schmidt | 58. Bob Opdyke |
| 7. Jeff Paben | 33. Cotton Riley | 59. Scott Riley |
| 8. Jim Miller | 34. Roger Stengaard | 60. Allen Burch |
| 9. Shane Payton | 35. John Schrader | 61. Cody Kinnison |
| 10. Bob Schleppey | 36. Kyle Eddy | 62. Justin Treece |
| 11. Mike Golly | 37. Don Maresh | |
| 12. Ron Kapperman | 38. Dave Surface | |
| 13. Dan Venrick | 39. Richard Stengaard | |
| 14. Jeff Mueller | 40. Paul Dangler | |
| 15. Ben Crue | 41. Don MacDonald | |
| 16. Darren Finger | 42. Brandon Kapperman | |
| 17. Bill Marquardt | 43. Daniel Myers | |
| 18. Teresa Shively | 44. Bruce Kemp | |
| 19. Ken Kinnison | 45. Michael Castell | |
| 20. Mike Braskich | 46. Dick Jansen | |
| 21. Todd McCurry | 47. Troy Helgeson | |
| 22. Darwin Stengaard | 48. Ken Finley | |
| 23. Chris Mercer | 49. Cory Kinnison | |
| 24. Brett Newton | 50. Bob Paul | |
| 25. Clifton DeWitt | 51. William Marvin | |
| 26. Dave Oden | 52. Steven Giessler | |

May 2011						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Karlen Mueller	3	4	5 Attie Burch	6 Jeff Mueller	7 M&L Golly
8 Bill Marquardt	9 BOARD MEETING <i>Dave Piller Moab</i>	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 CLUB MEETING	19	20	21 CLUB TRIP Corinne Surface
22 CLUB TRIP C&A DeWitt B&H Crue	23	24	25 L&S Vlcek	26 Shane Payton	27	28 Tonya Mercer G&A Kinnison
29 Ben Crue	30	31				

June 2011						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 J&L Paben
5 Dave Surface	6 BOARD MEETING <i>Dan Venrick</i> Nicole Riley	7 S&S Payton	8	9 D&C Surface	10 Linda Castell	11
12 Jake Schrader G&S Kapperman	13	14 D&B Klein	15 CLUB MEETING Aaron Paben	16 Dan Venrick	17	18
19 CLUB TRIP	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: Jun. 6 7:30pm Dan Venrick
 Jul. 11 7:30pm Lory Golly
 Membership Meeting: May 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Jun. 15 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: **May 21&22 9:00am Kelly Flats Campground**



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May Newsletter

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<p>Bullhide Liner 4X4 & Auto Accessories 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p>Always A Deal Inc. Computer Services Johnstown, Colorado 970-310-7547 www.AlwaysADeal.info</p>	<p>Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</p>
<p>Horsepower Auto Brokers 1409 E. Olive Ct. Unit E, Ft. Collins 970-482-2579 www.horsepowerauto.com</p>	<p>CDR Communications, LLC Cabling Done Right Call Don Maresh @ 970-556-7276 don-cdr@live.com www.cablingdoneight.com</p>	<p>RockStomper P.O. Box 724 Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
<p>Fry's Auto Care 210 Commerce Dr. Ft. Collins 970-310-7195</p>	<p>Wellington Toy Storage 4000 Washington Ave. Wellington, Colorado 970-498-2111 www.wellingtontoystorage.com</p>	