



October Trip Report

'Twas the time of year that hunters flock to the hills with their bows, rifles and camouflage, or in today's society, anti-camouflage in the form of "Don't shoot me!" orange.

October is the prescribed time for The Mountaineers' Annual Fun Daze Event, thus avoiding any stray gunfire. Like last year, we again gathered at Brian Graves' place. Oops! Pardon moi' Brian and Mrs. Graves. (Congratulations, you ol'dog!) Did y'all notice how spiffy the house was looking with a new coat of designer color paint? Pretty fam dancy! Landscaping was also improved as Brian had dug deeper holes and built bigger whoop-de-doo's!.

New this year was the RTI (Ramp Travel Index) on loan from MTO Suspension and Fabrication, with transportation courtesy of Mac Tools, or more commonly known as Darwin and Colleen. This 30 degree ramp provides a method by which a vehicle's suspension flex (articulation) can be measured on a scale that can then be compared with other vehicles of varying make and models, and of course, different levels of modification from mild to wild. Let's face it folks...some of

you need a little help in the flexibility department. To the contrary, some of you cheat the system just a little! You know who I'm talking about Mr. Coyote John. So the story goes like this: Darwin and I are on measuring tape duty, measuring the distance the left front wheel travels up the ramp. Coyote confidently idles right up the ramp to an admirable flex, but, when I peer through the rear fender well I see that the top of the coil is just boing'n around in free space with no means of mechanical attachment to the frame. Now if that's legal I think we need to all go out and remove a couple of bolts from our suspensions and do a retest - or just DQ the Coyote for insufficient hardware! Trial will convene on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm

At around 11 a.m. we began to gather around the 1987 Cadillac Deville where we all gave Stephanie our hard earned money in hopes of winning the "Wide Open Throttle Lottery" (Ack! Say that ten times fast!) We placed our bets ranging from mere minutes to hours. With Craig and his stopwatch standing at the ready, Shane fired up the Caddy and bungeed the throttle wide open. (Hey Coyote, at the very least, that bungee might work for you as a light duty, yet flexible mechanical attachment) The Caddy roared for nearly two minutes before it began to sputter and smoke, and without anticipated calamity, the motor just quit. Warily, Shane poked his head under the hood, pulled a few string and wires (aka. mechanical attachments) and much to the dismay of the would-be lottery winner, the Caddy sputtered back to life and ran for several more torturous minutes. Then, the motor

began to knock and the excitement grew within the crowd. Many of the bystanders waned as the Caddy rattled past their predicted time, robbing them of the big winning. The motor struggled, slowing at times but only to gather enough strength to speed up again - finally meeting it's demise at 6 minutes 45 seconds. A very happy Don McDonald wins the fist full of dollars.

We broke for lunch with a quick jaunt over to Andy and Theresa Shively's place for dogs on the barbie. Oh..mmm... another point of clarification. At last known admission, Theresa was a fancier of the ill-named Wiener dog, more appropriately known as Dachshund (In German, literally means "badger dog," from (der) Dachs, badger, and (der) Hund, dog.) With this little tidbit in mind we all hoped that she still fancied the “badger hund dog as pets, preferring the beef/pork combination of dog for consumption purposes.

Many of the men awed at the vastness of Andy's shop, and Andy was happy to provide the grand tour of the subterranean “pit”, completely sided and floored with concrete and wired with lights, electric, telephone and plumbed with air. The only thing that would make it any better would be if it were plumbed with a commode. Give it some thought, Andy.

With one last task at hand, we returned to scene for the Cadillac Crush. Unlike the year before, the Cadillac yielded to our torments more easily than did Dave Pillar's late model

Saturn. They just don't make 'em like they used to. Shane was the first to put a dent in the roof while Troy un-mercilessly attempted to ascend via the trunk - ultimately becoming affixed (are you paying attention, Coyote...affixed) - requiring a little help from a Scout to free him again. With the roof mostly mashed, Shane felt it time for some real Monster Truck'n and drove up one side and down the other with a grand applause. Now how can any respectable Tater not get in on some of that action? Carefully he climbed the crinkled Caddy door, and finally working the front wheels on the top of the roof to mash down the last of the deadly high points. Now poised and ready, one slight turn of the wheel and the tires slipped down the opposite side of the Caddy and the Tater dangled all fours off the ground. Kinda felt like a turtle high centered on an ant a hill. Defeated, a tow strap and Scout were called in for the recovery. Shane would be the only one to claim Monster Truck victory on this day.

A big “Thank You!” to Mr. and Mrs. Brian for the use of their property, and Andy and Theresa for providing the dogs and warm shelter, and everyone else who brought extra food and drink.

Later!
-Tater



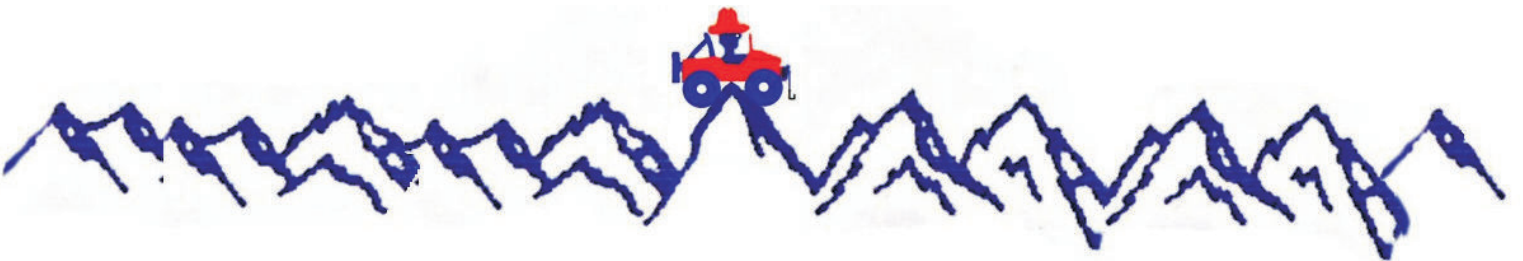


Club Trip

Storm Mountain
via Masonville

Meet at Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox at
9:00 AM

Sunday November 25th





RTI Scores

NAME	VEHICLE	DISTANCE UP RAMP	DIVIDED BY	WHEELBASE x 1000	RTI SCOR
CRUE, BEN	1977 DODGE RAMCHARGER	40.5		105.5	384
DANGLER, PAUL	1972 TOYOTA LANDCRUISER	48		107	449
EDDY, KYLE	1977 INTERNATIONAL SCOUT	83.5		107.5	776
FINGER, DARREN	1994 CHEVROLET BLAZER	70		112	625
HIBBITT, HOLLAND	1983 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN	27		105	257
HOBBS, AARON	1984 TOYOTA 4 RUNNER	38		104	365
HOBBS, BRIAN	2006 JEEP RUBICON	39.5		102.5	385
JAMES, CHRIS	1984 JEEP CJ7	38		93	409
KEENE, SHERRY	1990 JEEP YJ	26		92.5	281
LACKEY, BRIAN	1968 FORD BRONCO	46		92.5	497
MACDONALD, DON	1995 JEEP YJ	37		93	398
MACDONALD, RODGER	1990 TOYOTA PU	31		103	301
MARSCH, DON	TOYOTA LANDCRUISER	35		89	393
MERCER, CHRIS	1981 TOYOTA PU	34.5		113	305
NEWTON, BRETT	INTERNATIONAL SCOUT	57		102	559
PAYTON, SHANE	2006 JEEP UNLIMITED	63		103	612
PILLAR, DAVE	1994 JEEP YJ	48.5		93.5	519
SCHRADER, JOHN	1968 TOYOTA LANDCRUISER	66.5		100	665
STENGAARD, DARWIN	1982 TOYOTA LANDCRUISER	24		106	226
STENGAARD, RICHARD	1989 JEEP YJ	33		94.5	349
STENGAARD, ROGER	1986 TOYOTA PU	55		115	478
STUMBOUGH, CRAIG	1984 JEEP CJ7	56		93	608
SURFACE, DAVE	1975 TOYOTA LANDCRUISER	42		90.5	464
TAYLOR, ANTHONY	1989 JEEP XJ	39.5		101.5	389
WHITE, TROY	1984 FORD BRONCO	56.5		97.5	519





Board of Directors Nominations

At this months meeting , we will be taking nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and four Trip Planners. We will vote in the new board.



Guests at last Meeting

Sherry Hobbs Jared Tetzlaff
Greg & June Menefee

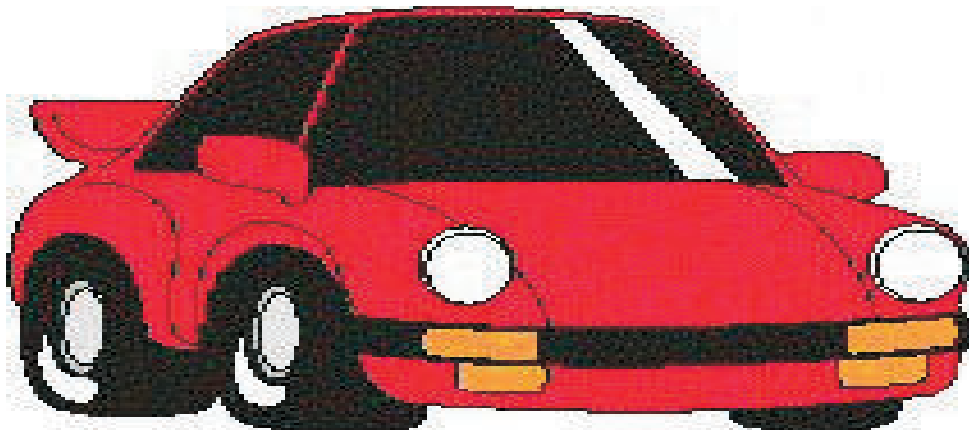


4x4 Classifieds

For Sale: NV241 Transfer case from 94 GM full size blazer. \$350 Warn Trans4mer Grill guard with winch tray for 88-99 GM pickup. \$250 Darren 493-4997

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, bobcat, and dump truck available for snow removal services or other needs of members. Call 970-224-9134



November 2007						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Ron Kapperman	3
4 Andrea Paben Tyler Schleppy	5	6	7 Anna Mueller	8 Mindy Lenderink	9	10
11 Jo Prewett	12 BOARD MEETING <i>Don Maresh</i>	13	14	15	16	17 Steve Schroeder
18	19	20 Jim Janesn	21 CLUB MEETING	22 Darwin Stengaard	23	24 Dick Jansen
25 CLUB TRIP Mike Castell	26	27	28 Darold Klein Dan Myers	29	30	

December 2007						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Adina DeWitt	8
9	10 BOARD MEETING <i>Don MacDonald</i>	11 R&J Marolf	12 Mike Braskich	13	14 Matthew DeWitt	15
16 Jason Leahy	17 Teresa Shively	18	19 CLUB MEETING	20	21	22 John Jansen
23/30 CLUB TRIP Grant Pautvein	24/31 Greg Lenderink	25 Bruce Kemp	26 G&M Lenderink	27 Kyle Eddy	28 Alice Mueller	29

Board Meeting: Dec. 10 7:30pm Don MacDonald
 Jan. 7 7:30pm To Be Announced
 Membership Meeting: Nov. 21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Dec. 19 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: Nov. 25 **9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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November 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>NAPA Auto Parts Ft. Collins 316 S. Link Ln. Ft. Collins, Colorado</p>	<p>CarQuest Auto Parts 2716 South College Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-226-5050</p>
<p>Bullhide Liner 4X4 & Auto Accessories 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p>Coyote Cruisers & OffRoad 417 North Hwy 287 Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-221-1833</p>	<p>Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</p>
<p>Front Range Off-Road Fabrication 24192 W. County Rd. 74E Red Feather Lakes, CO 970-881-2418 www.frontrangeoffroadfab.com</p>	<p>4X4 Used Parts / 4X4 Off Road 938 West Willox Lane, Ft. Collins 970-224-1133 www.4x4usedparts.com</p>	<p>RockStomper P.O. Box 724 Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
<p>Fort Collins Floral 205 N. College Ave, Ft. Collins 970-482-1481 www.fortcollinsfloral.com</p>	<p>Horsepower Auto Brokers 1409 E. Olive Ct. Unit E, Ft. Collins 970-482-2579 www.horsepowerauto.com</p>	<p>Vanworks 900 East Lincoln Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>
<p>Steep Bottom Construction Brian H. Graves Wellington, Colorado 970-631-2412</p>	<p>Aunt T's Pet Motel 3200 E. Mulberry Ft. Collins 970-484-5776 www.fcvet.com</p>	