

# Mountain - Ears

## September Trip Report

### Middle Saint Vrain and Coney Flats

It was a beautiful morning for a group of Mountaineers and guests to gather in Lyons for a trip up the Middle Saint



Vrain and Coney Flats Trails. After topping off the gas and getting some snacks we headed towards Peaceful Valley. We made the turn into the Camp Dick

Campground and proceeded to the Middle Saint Vrain trailhead.

While we were stopped to lock in and air down, three other clubs went up the trail in front of us. This trail follows the Middle Saint Vrain River and is noted for the rocks encountered along the way and a couple of water crossings.

As most Mountaineers vehicles are well equipped enough that it didn't take us long to catch up with the group in front of us as they stopped at almost every little obstacle so that they could be spotted. They were very courteous and let us go around them.

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After three and a half miles of rocky terrain we caught up with the second group just as they were turning onto the Coney Flats Trail. This trail is steep and has several little



challenges which were negotiated with ease by most of our group. Just before our lunch destination at Coney Flats stream crossing the second group let us go by them.

At the top we found shade trees to sit under and enjoyed



Our late lunch break. During lunch one of our guests, Tayler in his Dodge pick up, discovered that he had broken a rear shock and set about



removing it. The rest of us had fun playing in the water. Our bellies full, we headed down the mountain. At the

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reservoir, we stopped to air up and say our goodbyes in



Preparation for the hour plus drive home.

On the way to the highway, Coyote John was flagged down by a couple on the



road. It seems that their car battery had gone dead overnight and they were in desperate need of jumper

cables. John headed back up the road to find a Mountaineer



That had some jumpers. Guest Tayler had some and he came to the rescue. Guests Jim and Melanie loaded the couple in their Jeep and they all headed up a side road for a mile to the camp and the crippled vehicle. It only took a minute to start the car and everybody was headed home again.

It was a great day of wheeling for the Mountaineers and we even got in a good deed to boot.

El Guapo



# October Club Trip

## Fun Daze 2011

As has become tradition, instead of going into the forest during the heart of hunting season, our club holds a Fun Daze event. This is a fun gathering for our club members and guests where we still get to put the hubs in and play. This event will challenge your 4WD skills and mind. This year, we will have a few driving games. You will have to come and see who can make it over the whoop-T-dooos and the rock pile without breaking. Any bets? The moguls bigger and better than ever. Again this year we hope to have the teeter-totter and RTI ramp. Shane has procured a car to blow up the engine and run over. Be sure to bring some dollar bills to bet on the time it takes for the engine to seize

(no oil or water). The person that gets closest to the actual time will win it all!

This year we no longer have our lunch spot at Theresa's house because she no longer lives there. Hope for good weather! We will be setting up tables at the Fun Daze site. Does anyone have an Easy-up tent they can bring? We are shredding up the pork from the pig roast for pulled pork sandwiches.

Please bring:  
A dish to share  
plates and silverware for your family  
your own drinks  
lawn chairs  
Meet at North College  
Albertsons parking lot  
promptly at 9:00am Oct 23rd.

# Highway Cleanup

**Saturday, October 22nd**

Weather permitting, will be picking up trash on our two mile section of Highway 14. Meet at mile marker 119 at 9:00 AM which is a couple of miles above Ted's Place in the Poudre Canyon. The cleanup only takes about 45 minutes. Bring gloves. After the cleanup we will retire to the Braskich Plantation for a blueberry pancake and bacon breakfast



# **Time to Nominate Club Officers for 2012**

Please take some time this week and think of some club members that you would like to see as our 2012 Officers.

The Offices that we nominate and vote for are:

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasure  
Trip Planners (4)



# Mark Your Calendar

The Club Trip in December has been moved from the regularly scheduled date, to one week earlier because it was scheduled for Christmas Day. So the new date is December 18th.



# Guests at last Meeting

Ryan Kortus

Jim Dixon

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## Editor's Note

Just a reminder, I could use some Member's Rides,  
Email the info and a picture to  
[newsletter@montaineers4x4.org](mailto:newsletter@montaineers4x4.org)

If you take pictures on our club trips and want to share  
them, please upload them on our Facebook page.  
(I can use them in the newsletter)



# Member's Ride

**Name:** Darrell Miller

**Unit Number:** 64

**Model:** 95 XJ Cherokee

**Engine:** 4.0 HO New Motor

**Transmission:** Stock Auto

**Transfer Case:** Stock

**Front End:** ?

**Rear End:** Dana 35

**Wheels/Tires:** 06 Wrangler 5 Spoke

**Stock Springs:** 3" Rough country and Shackle Kit

**Brakes:** Stock

**Miscellaneous:** Roof Rack, Hella Lights, Smittybilt 8k Winch/Rough country Winch Bumper



October 2011						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Mike Golly	3 Marti Helgeson	4 Clifton DeWitt	5 Patrick Riley	6 Elaine Allbrandt Sarah Paul	7	8
9	10 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> <i>Colleen Stengaard</i>	11	12 Gary Helgeson  J&L Schrader	13	14 Alice Kinnison	15
16	17	18	19 <b>CLUB MEETING</b> Dustin Paben	20	21	22
23 <b>CLUB TRIP</b> 30	24 31 Halloween	25	26	27	28 Mike Castell	29

November 2011						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Ron Kappeman	3	4 Andrea Paben Tyler Schleppey	5
6	7 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> <i>Jake Adams</i>  Anna Mueller	8 G&M Helgeson	9	10	11	12
13 Maren Marvin	14	15	16 <b>CLUB MEETING</b>	17	18	19
20 <b>CLUB TRIP</b> Jim Jansen	21	22 Bob Opdyke Darwin Stengaard	23	24 Dick Jansen	25	26
27	28 Darold Klein Dan Myers	29	30			

Board Meeting:            Nov. 7 7:30pm Jake Adams  
                                  Dec. 12 7:30pm Shane Payton  
 Membership Meeting: Oct. 19 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
                                  Nov. 16 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Club Trip:                **Oct. 23 9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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## *October Newsletter*

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<b>Bullhide Liner 4X4 &amp; Auto Accessories</b> 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288	<b>Always A Deal Inc.</b> Computer Services Johnstown, Colorado 970-310-7547 <a href="http://www.AlwaysaDeal.info">www.AlwaysaDeal.info</a>	<b>Moab 4x4 Outpost</b> 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911
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