



July Club Trip

The trip will be to Pole Hill near Estes Park and we will be leaving the K-Mart in Loveland, 2665 W Eisenhower Loveland promptly at 9 am.

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We started our adventures with the usual meet up at City Market. There was a lot of excitement in the air as we got ready to head to "Fins N Things". We wound our way to the trail head with both a nice group of Moab newbies and veterans. It was fun watching as everyone felt out there vehicles on this sometimes challenging trail. All was going well until Brian's Jeep snapped a rear axle. At first we thought all was lost, that is until Brian proclaimed, "I have a spare". About an hour later we were back on our way. On the way back we ran the little "Lions Back" and stopped at "Potato Salad", (where there were no takers).

Sunday's adventure was a trip to "Top of the World". We followed Colleen north out of town, then east along the river to the Dewey Bridge. We aired down there while looking over the burnt remains of the bridge. To our surprise we saw some deer grazing in the tall grass below the bridge. We followed the trail up towards the top, slowly negotiating some challenging ledges. Once at the top we found what we had been looking forward to, a fabulous view. It was a little scary getting close to the edge, that high up with the wind blowing. Damage for the day was limited to some slider damage and a few scratches.

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Monday began again at City Market. Chris Mercer was our guide as we headed out of town to the north. It was a pretty long run before we turned off the hiway to start our adventure on “Seven Mile Trail”. We stopped for lunch near the “Monitor and the Merrimac”, huge rock formations resembling the two civil war iron clads. The trip had been fairly easy so far, but now we encountered some spooky off cambers, followed by “Wipe Out Hill”. There were a few takers for this obstacle, which is optional. We all watched as Chris took all the hard lines in the 4 Runner. We had a blast on the way back to the main road as there are some high speed creek beds on the way out.

Tuesday found our group size down due to some members going site seeing and shopping. It may have also been due to the fact we decided to up our game to “Kane Creek”. This trail proved to be a real challenge, putting everyone’s vehicle to the test. There are some optional challenges towards the beginning, followed by miles of winding creek bed river crossings. We found a great place for lunch amongst the shading trees and cool creek. After lunch Don did a good job of leading us through all the off chute trails along the creek. Then we saw it...”Hamburger Hill”. Some walked up looking at the large boulders and ledges, some looked for a way to bypass, which was to no avail! To make a long story short, there was a lot of winching, pulling, and heart pounding as we got all the vehicles up along the ledge. However we weren’t done with the heart pounding yet. We slowly negotiated the narrow cliff edge as we climbed out of the canyon. All the while looking down at the remains of an unlucky wheeler. A lot of “remember when’s” were created!

By Wednesday many members were heading home, but a trip to “Hells Revenge” left the City Market for a day of adventure.

The trip became a rescue mission when Evans’ fan went through his radiator. In true Mountaineer fashion, the group banded together, getting Evan and Ben back to town. Evan got his 4 Runner fixed and was able to make the drive back home.

All during the week we had



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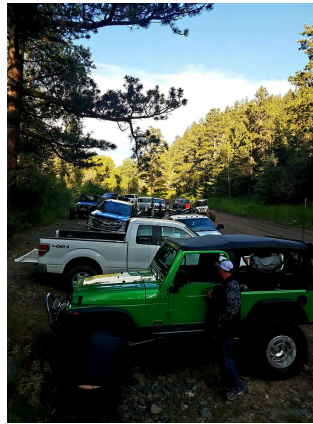
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great camaraderie, meeting evenings at Slick Rock Campground. Dons' camp was a great place to barbecue and relive our Moab adventures. As always, the Mountaineer Family had a great time.

-Coyote John



Moody Hill

On a warm Sunday morning we stated to gather at the King Soopers parking lot shortly after 8:00 am. It was nice and calm in town, but when we looked to the west where we were going on this day, there were storm clouds gathering and they looked angry. We left the parking lot and

convoyed up and around Horsetooth Reservoir, through Masonville and turned onto the Buckhorn Canyon road to the Moody Hill trailhead. There were several people in the parking area including a couple of our club members who were unloading their trailers. We stopped to air down and to pass out trash bags for the trail cleanup.

The 18 vehicles in our group started up Moody Hill, stopping to checkout and pick up trash around several of the camp sites along the way. Not too far into the trail we came to the only real challenge spot on the trail. It is a steep rock out crop that normally would not stop anyone in our group. But on this day we had muddy tires which after two or three tries several had to have a strap assist to get over the jagged rocks. The road for the most part was in great shape and surprisingly not too trashy. With all the rain we have had this spring, the wild flowers were in full bloom. We stopped at the meadow at the top of Moody Hill to gather the whole group together again before proceeding on to the quartz quarry for lunch and to take advantage of all the challenges that the area has to offer.

Only one club member made the trip up the rock climb challenge unassisted. Several others gave it their best shot but eventually had to have winch assist the final few feet over the top. A large

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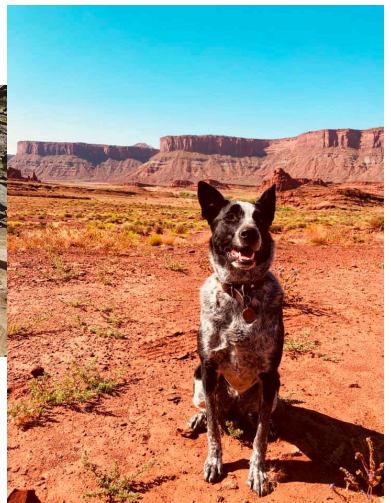
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group sat at the top, dodging sporadic rain drops, to take pictures and shout encouragement. Just before this trip, Connor B. had just finished some upgrades on his bright yellow and white Toyota FJ Cruiser. He wanted to see how the FJ would do with bigger tires on the lower shelf climb. His plan was to do just this one climb, turn around and go back down. Connor made short work of the obstacle and stopped as soon as popped up on top. He then put it in 1st gear (or so he thought) to move ahead to turn around. He didn't realize that he had accidentally put it in reverse and when he let out the clutch and backed off the shelf and did a slow roll onto the passenger side of the FJ. Trip Planner Coyote John sprang into action. He hatched a recovery plan and picked a crew to right Connors FJ. John attached a strap from Darren's vehicle to his FJ-40 so that he could be let down the steep rock in a controlled decent. They then attached two winch lines to Connor and with some finesse they were able to upright the FJ. Once in the upright position, Connor was able fire it up and drive it out under his own power. He did say that on the FJ's manual transmission, 1st and reverse are very close together and it was not the first time that he had gotten it in the wrong gear. I guess you could call this accident was due to an engineering flaw!

We came back down the mountain via the Crystal Mountain Estates to the Buckhorn and back down to the Moody Hill trailhead to air up. Connor made it home OK. Only his ego and FJ Cruiser were a little bruised. Mike N. offered up a new name for Connors FJ. He thought, as the FJ is bright yellow and white, that it should be now named "Over Easy".

El Guapo





July 2019

SUN 30	MON Jul 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4	FRI 5	SAT 6
Eric Jackson Hannah Eddy	Alex Paul	Jake Thoen	Wyatt Warner	Independence Day	James Valente	Kevin Castell
7	8	9 Curtis Smelker	10	11	12 Ella Valente	13 Ken Kinnison Linda Schrader
14	15 Julie Stone	16	17 Troy Helgeson	18	19 Aaron Eddy Dustie Treece	20 Lisa Loeb
21 Allen Burch	22	23	24 Donna Kinnison Sharon Jansen Stephanie Payton	25	26 Macy Thoen	27 Judy Claus Kayla Manno
28 Kinley LeDeaux Roylee Robinson	29	30 Kevin Lewis	31 Talynn Kaderka	Aug 1	2	3

August 2019

SUN 28	MON 29	TUE 30	WED 31	THU Aug 1	FRI 2	SAT 3
Kinley LeDeaux Roylee Robinson		Kevin Lewis	Talynn Kaderka		Judy Paul	Vihaney Graves
4	5 Rich Leitz	6	7	8 Scott Knapp	9 Kristi Graves	10
11	12	13	14 Kiya Gerber	15	16	17
18	19 Greg Meyers	20	21 Cody Kinnison	22 Liam Riley	23 Milly Smelker Oakley Peterson	24 Kim Schleppy
25 Brian Graves	26	27 Katie Schrader	28 John Schrader	29	30	31

Picnic on Mount Ethel

Back by popular demand, the Mountaineers will be having a picnic on Mount Ethel on Sunday July 28th. You will need to bring whatever you and the family wants to eat and drink as well as something to sit on. We will have a cooking fire if you need to burn a few burgers or hot dogs. You will have a free reign to find a challenge rock to climb or a crevasse to crawl in anywhere on the property. If you find a challenge that no one has done before, you will receive the claiming and naming rights. Mike could be talked into dusting off the ol' canon so you might want to bring an old golf ball or two as ammunition.

We will leave the North College Avenue King Soopers Parking lot promptly at 10:00 am and convoy up Rist Canyon to Mount Ethel. Just as a reminder, the trail up Mount Ethel is primitive and can be challenging.

Board Meeting: 7:30pm	Aug 12th	Colleen Stengaard
Membership Meeting: 7:30pm	July 17th Aug 21st	Knights of Columbus, 121 N Meldrum, Ft Collins Knights of Columbus, 121 N Meldrum, Ft Collins
Club Trip:	July 21st	Pole Hill
Picnic:	July 28th	Mount Ethel

