



May Club Trip

This month's trip is depending on the opening of some trails. Kelly Flats has been discussed as a possible trip destination.

**Club Dues are due
by our next in
person meeting.
\$45**

PayPal on the club website
is set up and ready. Visit

www.mountaineers4x4.org

Click on the Members tab.

**Check Out Trails on:
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Cherokee Park History

After ceding land to the US government, a part of Cherokee Indians struck out to the Pacific coast to look for new land to settle. The route they took became known as the Cherokee Trail.

In Colorado, the original 1849 trail followed the east side of the South Platte River to present-day Greeley then west via a wagon road to Laporte in Larimer County.

From Laporte, the wagon road was built north past present-day Livermore Stage Station to the Laramie Plains by way of a broad "park", now called Cherokee Park, in honor of their passing. The route emerged in southeastern Wyoming near

Last Meeting

This was presented by Mike on FaceBook live due to the Covid-19 orders not allowing groups to meet face to face.

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Tie Siding and on across the Laramie Basin.

There is a tradition to the effect that they were surprised at Cherokee Park by a war party of Utes that had come through Sand creek pass, over Boulder Ridge and down Sheep creek. The Cherokees are said to have fled to the top of Cherokee hill where it is said a battle was fought in which the Cherokees were victorious. The Utes were driven from the field after a loss of many warriors. A number of the Cherokees were killed.

Mystery of Cherokee Hill Mounds Explained:

The following story concerning himself and his experiences in Larimer county in 1862-3, in which is also explained the origin and purpose of the Indian mounds on the summit of Cherokee hill, was told by Thomas Quillan, an aged pioneer and at present an inmate of the County hospital, to Judge Jefferson McAnelly who had it printed in the Fort Collins Democrat on June 5th, 1907. The story fully explains the mystery of the Cherokee hill mounds which have attracted the attention and excited the curiosity of passers-by for many years. The common acceptation of the origin of these mounds has been that they contained the remains of Cherokee Indian warriors who were killed in a battle with the Utes in 1848. The only foundation for this supposition is the fact that a band of Utes did raid a camp of Cherokees near the place that year, and run off a lot of horses belonging to the strangers.

Tiring of mining, Quillan, in company with Thomas Bavington, Joseph Bog, George Perkins and George Hall, started out in January 1862 on a hunting, trapping and prospecting expedition to

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the northward of Gregory gulch. They struck the old Cherokee trail and followed it to Laporte.

They pitched their tents in Cherokee park, adjacent to Cherokee hill, and hunted and trapped until spring. It was during that time that they discovered the mounds on Cherokee hill, which, to them, had the appearance of new made graves. Quillan's curiosity to learn what the mounds contained overcame his discretion and he bantered Perkins to help him open the graves for the purpose of seeing what was in them, but Perkins was superstitious and made a dozen excuses, finally declaring that he would not assist in opening the graves under any conditions.

Not to be bluffed by superstitious notions, Quillan started out one day to make an investigation and after removing the stones and what little there was remaining, he came to solid ground. There were no graves there. In fact, the grass underneath the piles of stones was not yet dead, indicating the recent origin of the mounds.

On their way back to Gregory gulch, the party stopped at Provost's place in Laporte. While there, Quillan asked Provost if he knew why the mounds were built on Cherokee hill and he said he did. Provost then told him that during the previous fall a large band of Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians had camped in that vicinity while on a hunting trip. The squaws and children remained in camp while the bucks were out hunting, and as is customary with them, built the mounds as a signal to show the absent bucks what they had done in case anything happened to them. Provost's story solved the mystery of the mounds.

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Instead of being the graves of Cherokee warriors slain in battle with the Utes in 1848, they were simply the work of squaws and papposes of that band of Indians that was camped near Cherokee hill in the fall of 1861.

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El Guapo

May 2020

| SUN 26 | MON 27 | TUE 28 | WED 29 | THU 30 | FRI May 1 | SAT 2 |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | Dave Oden | | | Scott Stultz | | Karlen Mueller |
| 3 | 4 Nathan Haywood | 5 Brie Zamora Cinco de Mayo | 6 Isaac Taylor Jeff Mueller 2 more | 7 | 8 Bill Marquardt | 9 |
| 10 Mother's Day | 11 | 12 Vincent Dyrenforth | 13 Ryan Eddy | 14 Jennifer Hansen Misty Warner | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 Bradley Peterson | 20 Club Meeting | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Club Trip | 25 Memorial Day | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
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Craig came across five old Mountaineers License plates that were made by Jack Forney of Forney Industries. These plates are thick metal with a nice painted logo. They are estimated to be at least 40 years old, maybe 50.

We will be auctioning these plates, one per month, starting in January at the membership meetings. So come to a meeting and bring your cash!

The Print I Do



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C



A



D



E



F

Here are a few examples of what I have been working on. I have always wanted to get into printing, making my designs on clothing and never had the time or support to do so. Well now I have both. I hope you like what I have been coming up with. My goal is to have them at meetings for you to purchase year round. This is all just an experiment for me. I am learning as I go. I am also making glitter mugs, key chains, plastic license plates and whatever else I can think of. I can also customize them too. I am also trying out some hat ideas too.

Pricing: A: Black hoodie \$25, add \$2 for 2XL and up. Blue coming. B, E and F: Tanks \$12.50, add \$2 for 2XL and up. Those are the colors I currently have. (Teal, Blue and Navy) C and D: T-Shirts \$12.50, add \$2 for 2XL and up. More colors coming. As well as different styles, ie: V neck, sport dry/cool, and others. Youth T-shirts are also on the list. I have them now just not printed on yet. Please let me know if you are interested in any of these.

I hope to have more done soon. Keep a look out on FaceBook.

Thanks Cindy



NOTHING LEFT BUT THE END!!

