



July Club Trip

This month's trip is TBD.

Ouray Trip is July 17-19. If you didn't get an update email from me and you are going, please contact me asap.

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Moody Hill Trip & Cleanup

There was excitement in the air when we gathered for the first real Mountaineer sanctioned trip since this whole Covid19 pandemic mess started. We all seemed to have pent up frustration of not getting in our monthly dose of wheeling and were looking forward to this day's trip up Moody Hill. Promptly at 9:00am, trip planner Cotton led the King Soopers group out of town, up Rist Canyon to the Moody Hill trail head. At 9:30 the Masonville group left their meeting place and headed towards the trail head also. With the two groups together, attendance was completed and we had 28 member vehicles and 3 guest vehicles.

Last Meeting

A special Thank You to the Finger family for letting us use their arena for the meeting.

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The parking area was jammed as there were 2 or 3 other small groups of wheelers getting their rigs ready to go up the trail also.

The Forest Service had just opened the Moody Hill gates. The board thought that this would be a perfect time to do our adopt-a-trail maintenance. Just before heading up the mountain, shovels, polaskis, hard hats and trash bags were handed out. As we went up everyone was on the lookout for trash to pick up and water bars that needed cleaning. The tree crew was kept the busiest as they found eight trees that had to be relocated off the trail. A little way up the trail, Doug and Hayden's Grand Cherokee overheated and blew the radiator cap off. They found enough fluids to cool it down and head back home. Tim P. escorted him all the way home to make sure that he didn't have any more problems. Ben C. also had overheating problems and to turn around after only completing $\frac{3}{4}$ of the trip. Ben got part way home when he lost one of the fan belts he had just replaced before the trip. Evidently he had not gotten it tight enough but luckily he still had the old belt in the jeep. Problem solved! Doug's problem was a stuck t-stat so that was easy to fix also.

When everyone had gathered at the meadow, the group made the final push to one of the clubs favorite playgrounds, the quartz quarry. This was our lunch spot. Everyone got a chance to play on the rock climb. Mike B. made it look like a walk in the park in his purpose built rock buggy. Others made a valiant try but to no avail as they were not locked up. Most of the vehicles with lockers made it to the top of the obstacle. Nick P., driving

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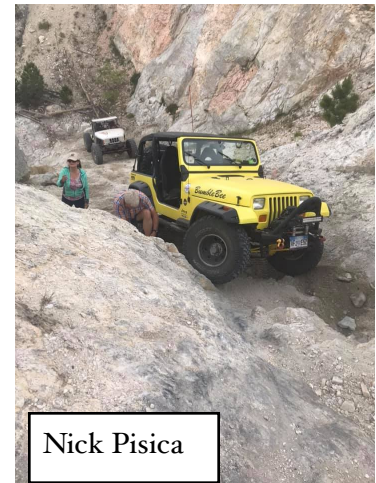
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the bright yellow "Bumble Bee" got part way up when he heard that dreadful sound of metal breakage. Cotton winched Nick over the ledge and upon inspection found that the yoke had broken.

When the party final wound down, several went back down Moody Hill while the rest went out via the Chrystal Mountain Estates road. It was great to get the band back together again. The Mountaineer family had a fun day and even better, everyone was able to make the trip home under their own power. Hope to see you all on the July trip!



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July 2020

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



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!

Thanks to Four Wheel Parts in Loveland we have four \$100 and one \$120 gift cards to raffle off. This is from their partnership program where we get a discount at the store and the club gets a percentage back from every sale. The board decided to raffle these off a little differently this year. Members can buy virtual tickets, \$1 per entry, until the end of July. At the end of the sale, all the entries will be given a random number and then five winners will be drawn using random numbers. You can purchase entries at the next two meetings or via Paypal at paypal@mountaineers4x4.org

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