

THE LOW RANGER

Club Newsletter

August 2002

Mark Your Calendar...

August 17 & 18—Work trip & picnic



Camping, trail cleanup, and fun
Star Trek Saturday night
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August 17 —

- WY Mighty Mopars 12th Annual All Mopar Auto Classic Car Show
- @ Cowboy Dodge 9:00—2:00

August 23—board meeting

- 6:30 PM @ Steve Wykoff's home

September 3 — Club Meeting

- 7:45 PM Uncle Charlie's, upstairs meeting room, 6001 Yellowstone Rd., Cheyenne

September 7th -

- 25th Anniversary Show & Shine to recruit new members
- 12:00 - 4:00
- Walmart parking lot
- Inviting Ft. Collins Club

September 14 & 15 -

- Big Thompson 4-wheelers 2002 Fall Pulls

September 21 - Club Run

September 28 -

- Community Day at LCCC
- 7:30AM - 4:00PM
- Booth and a rig to advertise club

October 1 — Club Meeting

- 7:45 PM Uncle Charlie's, upstairs meeting room, 6001 Yellowstone Rd., Cheyenne

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Top Dog Runs:



Ted Atwell	3
Jim Carter	3
Richard Cisco	1
Scott Grimm	4
Dave Hardin	4
Mike Hixson	4
Brian Kubal	2
Chris Ladd	1
Bob Levenhagen	1
Dave Meisner	3
Rod Pepper	4
Matt Romero	1
Howard Segal	1
John Stone	3
Bill Virden	4
Dewey Williams	4
Steve Wykoff	4



August 17th & 18th

The annual club work trip with the Forest Service is this weekend, the 17th and 18th of August. This is very important for not only the club but for all outdoor enthusiasts.

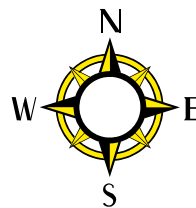
Most people are camping Saturday night. The club picnic will be Saturday night after the work trip. The club is furnishing a keg of beer and the grills, bring your own meat and whatever else you want. Also, if there is enough interest, we will go on a night run, call it "Star Trek"!

Come on folks, we need your help! This is the way it works, the Forest Service is credited with man/hours worked which directly affects their budget, the more man/hours they turn in, the more money they're budgeted from Uncle Sam. The more money they have, the better our chances are of keeping trails open. It takes money for them to manage trails, without it, it's cheaper for them to just close trails. They get credit for every BODY we have show up, man, woman and child, so please help us out!

The Work Trip & Club Picnic

If you don't support the club any other time of the year, you need to be at this work trip; besides, it is going to be a real good time.

This is the year the Forest Service implements its new plan for forest access for at least the next 10 years. We've worked hard for a lot of years to maintain a favorable status with the Forest Service and now more than ever we HAVE to make a good showing!



We are meeting at Bobbie Thompson campground Saturday at 9:00 a.m. From the Fox Park turnoff on highway 230, it is about 8 miles. Just follow the signs to "Keystone" and watch for the Bobbie Thompson campground sign; it's well-marked, cross the bridge and head in!

Please make an effort folks; this is really important! We'll see you there and we'll have a good 'ole time!

ROADTRIP!

The July Club run was a roadtrip to run the Patriot Trail near Penrose, Colorado. What a great time! It actually started Friday night when John Stone, Steve Wykoff and family, and I went to the Mile High Nationals in Denver for a healthy dose of burnin' rubber, nitromethane and DRAG RACIN'! What a way to kick start the weekend!

We met trip leader Dave Meisner at 6:00 a.m. Saturday at Del Camino in Longmont and headed south to Castle Rock where we picked up my old buddy Tom Williams. Tom is an original charter member of the club (1977-1986). We met up at the Village Inn where the rest of the club members joined us for breakfast before heading out for the Independence Trail system. 12 members in 11 rigs made for quite a sight going down the highway on a bright, sunny mid summer morning.

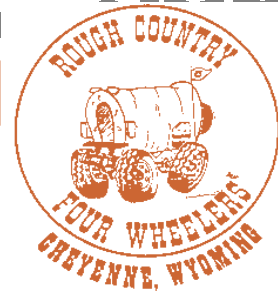
The "Dirty Dozen" on this day were John Stone and passenger Chris Ladd (you had to know THAT would be worth keeping an eye on!) Steve Wykoff, Ted Atwell, Howard Segal, Mike Hixon, Rod Pepper, Matt Romero, trip leader Dave Meisner, Dave Hardin, Scott Grimm and Jim Carter.

The Patriot Trail lived up to its "short but good" billing. It didn't let us pass unscathed. 8 of the 11 made it to the end of the trail. The "Scathed" went something like this: Mike Hixon rolled his Blazer on the EN-TRANCE! shortly after which he broke a Dana 60 stub axle. Now, to Mike's credit, the EN-TRANCE to this trail is a nasty two ledge drop in, that wants to pitch you at about 11 o'clock into a rock wall! Really makes you feel like crap if you've rolled recently! John Stone, a precision machine 11 months out of the year, had a "THAT Muddy Creek run" kind of day. First, about mid trail, the steering rag joint took a dump. Long down time, but that was okay because Steve was right in front of him fixing a broken axle u-joint! At the same time all this

was going on, Ted's Bronco had fallen on a rock, shoving the tie rod northward towards the motor! All of this pales in comparison to the OUT! Steep, off-camber, huge rocks, big holes, loose dirt and a 4-foot vertical ledge at the top. Nasty bad! John's day went way south here, loose steering causes lack of maneuverability which results in general FUBARment requiring winch extraction which kills the batteries due to the "temporary" alternator's inability to keep up (the good one is on the bench ready to go, back at the shop). Trail leader Dave to the rescue with his VERY long jumper cables. Green Jeep fires Red Bronco! Change game plan, winch in different direction up and over 4-foot ledge, falls off 4-foot ledge onto tranny cooler skid plate shoving fan into the crank pulley! TIME @%#4*^!% OUT! Regroup, did I mention it was about 900 degrees in that canyon? 7 of the 8 had to winch the OUT, 1 climbed it, but we'll leave that for around the campfire sometime! By the time we got back into Penrose, it was dark. A few left for home while the rest of us went on to Canon City and the Super 8 motel. This also was not without its challenges as our attempts at getting dinner that night will also be good campfire fodder!

The plan for Sunday was Holy Cross but the carnage from Saturday had narrowed the playing field down to two, myself and Tom and Dave Hardin and his passengers, Craig and Alaina. We were goin'! The drive from Canon City to Leadville was beautiful. We stopped for breakfast in Buena Vista at Jan's Café, great food! We got gas and supplies in Leadville before heading up to the Holy Cross City trailhead. We started up the trail at 1:30 p.m. and were at the city by 2:30 p.m., NO traffic! We did the Cleveland Lake trail and then hiked up to the lake for it's breathtaking scenery. The weather was incredibly nice – a welcome contrast to the heat the day before. After a lazy trip back down the trail, we were loaded up and back on the highway by 6:30 p.m. for the 4-hour ride home and the end of an awesome roadtrip weekend with RC4W!

Rod



MARSHALL & Kelley BROWN

CHILDREN: TAYLOR

Cheyenne, WY

Rig # 17
Joined 8/00

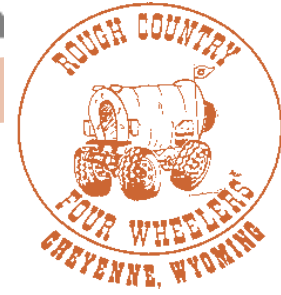


Vehicle: '95 Jeep Wrangler
Color: Red
Engine: 5.0 HO
Aspiration: Ford SEFI
Transmission: AOD
Transfer Case: Dana 20



Front End: Dana 30
Rear End: Dana 35
Ring & Pinion: 4.11
Suspension: 4" Procomp leaves
Tires & Wheels: 35x12.50x15 SSRs,
8" Centerline HT 2's





JJM CARTER

Burns, WY



Rig # 22
Joined 11/01

Vehicle: '73 Jimmy
 Color: multi/soon to be ice blue & white
 Engine: 4 Bolt Main GM 350
 Aspiration: 850 CFM
 Rotchester 13"x14" air filter
 Transmission: GMC granny low 4 speed
 Transfer Case: NP205

Front End: '92 Dodge Dana 60,
 Detroit locker
 Rear End: Corp 14 bolt 6 lb
 welded Diff

Ring & Pinion: 4.56:1

Suspension: homebrew stock ,
 approx 5" lift

Tires & Wheels: OME 16.5x7.5 bead
 sealed in & out, 16.5x9.5 TSL SXs



Home brew half door & half top
 dual roll bars

Mazda AC air system

raised shock mounts 6"



Planned upgrades:

- Turbo 400/203/205 doubler
- rework 350 engine
- build up roll cage
- sliders and skid plates



**Rough Country
4-Wheelers**

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If you have anything you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact Dave Hardin.

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Classifieds.....

1967 M715, complete, 142,000 miles — \$5,000
Bruce Parish 307-635-1273 or 307-640-3216 (cell)

1978 CJ-7, \$14,000
Steve Wykoff 970-215-4346



August 50/50 Raffle winner
Dave Hardin



August Anniversaries
Dave & Christy Allen 8/95
Marshall & Kelly Brown 8/00
Chuck & Amy Scottini 8/96
Larry Vincent 8/87

(4) Champion Beadlocks, Outlaw II's, 15x10,
5 on 5 1/2, \$600 OBO
Rod Pepper 307-635-7719

Shift tunnel cover for '66—'77 Bronco, Wild
Horses, fiberglass, not drilled, retail over \$30
sell for \$20.

Bill Knighton 307-638-1319