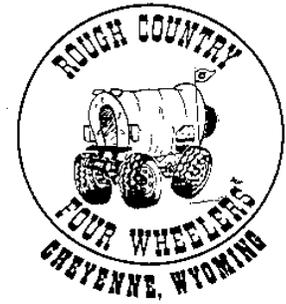


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EVENTS CALENDAR

Mark these dates on your calendar or hang this on the 'fridge

Sept 1	Club meeting: 7:45 pm at Uncle Charlie's, upstairs meeting room. 6001 Yellowstone Rd, Cheyenne
Sept 19-20	Club Trip: Montrose, CO Trip Leader: Rod Pepper; This will be a hard-core rock crawling trip.
Oct 6	Club meeting: 7:45 pm at Uncle Charlie's, upstairs meeting room. 6001 Yellowstone Rd, Cheyenne
Oct 17	Club Picnic: Location TBA Contact: Joe Huston.
Nov 3	Club meeting: 7:45 pm at Uncle Charlie's, upstairs meeting room. 6001 Yellowstone Rd, Cheyenne: Nominations for 2010 officers. Attendance from all members is encouraged.
Nov 21	Club Trip: Arlington, WY Trip Leader: Rod Pepper; Snowbashing Trip!! Meet 8:30am @ Fosters, I-80 and Snowy Range Rd exit in Laramie. Leave @ 9:00am



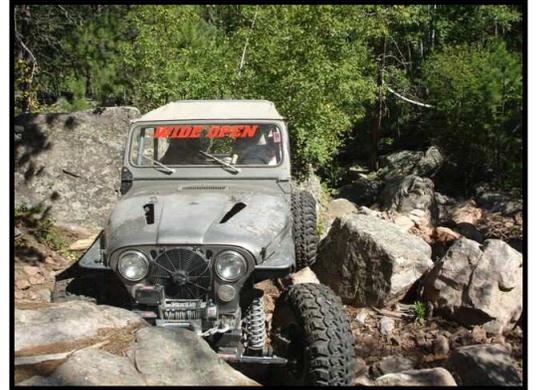
Snow season is almost upon us!!! Git yer junk ready to go and make sure you have the mandatory equipment listed in the article from El Presidente. 🤖

RC4W NEWS

Anniversaries

George Brook - 08/2004

Labor Day weekend many of the club will be attending the Dakota Territory Challenge in South Dakota. This event runs from Sept 3rd through Sept 7th. The web site says they are still accepting applications so contact Dewey if you'd like to go and get more information at www.bh4wheelers.com.



September 19-20 will be a trip to Montrose Colorado led by Dewey or Rod. This will be a hard-core rock crawling trip through some of the best trails in Colorado. If you love the rocks and/or have never been to Montrose you need to make this trip. There will be a minimum requirement of 37" tires, 2 lockers, and a winch for this trip. After all, these are some of the toughest trails around.

A club picnic is being planned for October 17; contact Joe Huston for more information. No set location yet but Joe is working on it.

Please plan to be at the club meeting November 3rd as we will be taking nominations for club officers and we can use participation from as many people as possible. Thanks.



Crawl magazine is alive again!! The magazine has been brought back by some new owners, John Herrick, Larry Nickell, and Ian Johnson (of Spike TV's Xtreme 4x4) and will now be called Crawl2. They plan to honor all subscriptions from Crawl but if yours gets missed contact John Herrick. Info at <http://www.myspace.com/crawlmag>

I hear the mag should be out in the next 2-3 weeks. There is a good chance that in a future issue we will see the snowbashing article with RC4W. 🍷

Topics for discussion at August 4th meeting

Per our constitution, All vehicles participating in club functions must be;

1. Street legal, licensed and insured. This includes operation on any federal land, i.e. Forest Service, BLM and/or state lands. Or any public roadway in America, for that matter. IT'S THE LAW! An uninsured vehicle puts every club member at risk for a lawsuit whether or not they were even there! IT'S THE LAW! REALLY! Yes, it sucks, but it's still THE LAW and we live in a sue-happy society!

2. All motorized vehicles operated on U.S. Forest Service lands must stay on EXISTING (i.e. POSTED OPEN) roads and trails. Again, IT'S THE LAW!

3. Article II- Objectives

Section I- Rough Country Four Wheelers is organized as a non-profit organization for the purpose of:

- * Providing social, recreational and educational activities for the membership.
- * Providing a useful service to the community.
- * PROVIDE AND PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION.

4. Article III-Membership

Section VI- All members will conduct themselves in a respectable and orderly fashion whether in or out of Club activities. Any member disgracing themselves in the public eye will be immediately subject to expulsion from the Club, subject to the decision of the Board of Directors.

4. Article X- Rules and Regulations

Section IV- Channel 4 will be the official Club channel

Section VI- Group will stay on and follow existing trails ONLY !

Section IX- NO HOT-DOGGING, NO CARELESS OR RECKLESS DRIVING. Please be courteous!

Section XI- MANDATORY EQUIPMENT for all vehicles Participating on a Club trip shall be:

- * Proper front and rear hook-ups. Absolutely no trailer balls! If you're unsure, just ask!
- * Proper snatch strap with NO hooks on the ends.
- * At least one shovel
- * Seat belts for all occupants
- * A properly working CB radio
- * An operational fire extinguisher

A FEW WORDS ABOUT TRAIL ETIQUETTE:

- A little common sense goes a long way! If you break and you are holding up traffic, get it off the trail for repairs. It's really not that hard to do. Straps, winches and buddy rigs work well. Just do it safely.
- Use good judgment on any obstacle that slows you down. If you are holding up traffic, please, make no more than 3 or 4 attempts and then take a strap or winch. There's no shame in it and you keep the people behind you happy. Or, get off of it until everyone goes by you and then try again when you're not holding up traffic. Then you can bang away to your hearts content!
- The uphill-downhill right of way thing is too simplistic. Just use common sense and do whatever it takes to make it easier and safer for everyone involved to get around each other. Communication is key! Trail conditions and the number of rigs involved usually dictate what is the easiest and safest for everyone.
- A few words about group communication: Our #1 asset on a group run is the CB radio. A connected group is a smooth running group and therefore more fun! It's why we have the mandatory CB rule. Experience has taught us the value of having a good working CB! Without one you are flying blind and a detriment to the group.
- With the snowbashing season right around the corner, this would be a good time to make sure our ducks are all in a row because snowbashing can get pretty crazy at times. Bad weather is our biggest enemy and it can easily become a survival deal. Have a nut-and-bolt tightening session with your rig NOW and check all fluids, hoses, belts, linkages and u-joints. Fix anything that could be a "Gotcha"! Laying under a broken rig in a cold, dark snow drift in the mountains with a storm coming is NOT a lot of fun! Extra clothes, food and water are mandatory items to have. It can become a safety and survival issue. Good boots are also a no-brainer. Every year we have people show up in tennis shoes! We're not medically trained people, give us a break!
- A word about snowbashing runs: They get crazy at times! Typically, the group gets split up into several smaller groups that are spread out over sometimes a mile or two. This is completely normal and everyone is still helping each other and we all make it back out. It may look and feel like total chaos and sound like an NHRA or NASCAR race but it's still just the nature of a snowbashing run with RC4W! Again, the key is communication, both visually and through the CB. Always keep the guy behind you in sight or within CB range. If you have trouble, get on the CB asap before everyone gets out of range.
- Really, the best advice for practicing good trail etiquette is to just practice the "Golden Rule"! Treat others as you would like to be treated. It works well !

El Presidente

Tales From the Trails



Holy Cross July 2009

For the club's July run a trip to The Holy Cross City Trail was planned. As most probably know the trail is located close to Leadville, CO. A total of ten club members and their families—



Scott Grimm, Aaron Lenz, John/Stephanie & Hayden Stone, Paul/Brenda & Pierce Bickerton, Leonard/Jane & Jordan Golding, Mike/Krissy Jacob, Eric/BJ Brown, George/Jennifer Brook, Marlon/Christine Seals and myself all made the drive up I-70 for a couple nights of

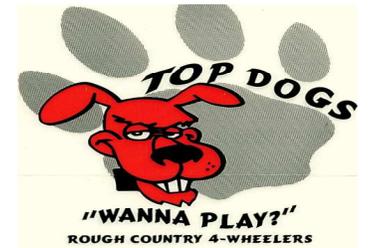
camping and a fun day on the trail. We had three visitors Ryan Starck from Bullhide 4X4, Jared Bruinsma from Wellington and Tommy Kate from Loveland join us for the day on the trail ride.

Leaving camp early Saturday morning I knew it was to be a great day with this awesome group of wheelers. The drive to the trail head was surprisingly very dusty. A quick stop at the trailhead

was made so all could make tire psi adjustments and lock in the hubs. At this time one of the few problems we had popped up. My jeep would not restart. A few minutes later with the help of 4x4 expert John we found the fuel pump was not running. A quick



replacement of a blown fuse and I was on my way. The first part of the trail is a slow uphill crawl. This gives you time to enjoy the second to none views out over the valley and surrounding mountain peaks. Once the group got to where the trail was flattening out some Eric starting to have some overheating issues. He was prepared out of the back of the jeep a gallon of the green stuff came topped off the radiator and we were on the move again. At the next stop Eric found out he could not shift his transmission into park. The cause was a



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Dewey Williams	7
Marlon Seals	6
Steve Wykoff	4
Paul Bickerton	4
Lenny Golding	4
John Stone	4
Aaron Lenz	4
Mike Jacob	3
Howard Segal	3
George Brook	3
Rod Pepper	2
Eric Brown	2
Zach Martin	1
Travis Kolbo	1
Taylor Olson	1
Scott Grimm	1
Joe Huston	1
Brian Kubal	1
Sean Murphy	0
Richard Cisco	0
Matt Romero	0
Jim Carter	0
David Tedder	0
Craig Goble	0
Chris Ladd	0

* Superday

** Work trip

burnt up shifter cable. George happened to have a spare in his tool box so quick trail side repair was performed. Eric and Leonard swapped in the new cable with only a few minor burns from the hot exhaust. Just before the gang made it to French Creek George's jeep decided it was time for one more trail fix. With a loud popping noise from the engine we all thought George and Jennifer's day of wheeling was over. After a little diagnosis a broken rocker arm on a exhaust valve was found. So he swapped over the intake rocker arm and ran on 7 cylinders the rest of the day. With 13 rigs in total it could have been a long day crossing French Creek but about one and a half hours later we all were headed to Holy Cross City for lunch.



After eating lunch a few of the group headed up to try our luck on Cleveland Rock. Marlon scaled the wall in his buggy using a way far right line next to the tree. Scott with his new suspension modes and new tires made very short work of the climb followed by George and his seven cylinders not missing a beat. Aaron tried his luck with his Suzuki but the rear bumper just would not let go of the loose rocks when he pointed the Suzuki skyward. Paul piloted his TJ up and over with hardly a tire spin. A few tries later I was able to coax my CJ-5 over the top. At the trail end the group made the short hike up to check out Cleveland Lake. For the hike we all were rewarded with this beautiful high mountain lake surrounded with tons of wild flowers and even a few pockets of left over snow.



(Check out the pictures on the clubs website WWW.RC4W.COM).

One the way back down the trail we came across several groups of 4-wheelers. One of these was I believe a group from Mountain Off-Road. Mike and Krissy I bet are sure glad to meet these guys. Anyone familiar with the Holy Cross City Trail knows about the tree root step on the trail above the French Creek Crossing. Mike's JK decided it looked more fun to dive over the edge and down into the trees on this eye opening off camber section of the trail. The group from Mountain Off-Road was able to do some creative winching and get Mike, Krissy and the TJ back onto the trail. (That's what makes this sport so fun wheelers are always willing to give a helping hand). The TJ made it through unfazed but there might have been a pair of shorts that we not so lucky.



I would say we now have a front runner for this year's Hook Award. Back at the French Creek crossing we watched as another group of wheelers made there assault on the crossing. From there it was a nice ride back down to camp where a few cold ones some chow and a camp fire awaited. Around the campfire the little and all us big kids enjoyed roasting marshmallows, make and eating some smores and swapping tales from the days great trail ride.

Thanks you to all who made it out for the trip. I believe all had a great time. I sure did. I know this will be a trip that will be talked about for some time.

See Ya on the trail

Dewey



If you have any trip reports, events, announcements, or if you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please let me know. As always, submit your pics to the web site to help keep it up to date and let the world know what we do.
Editor: Chris Ladd

A special thanks to those that have helped me with trip reports this year since my Bronc is still down and I have not been able make the runs.

Classifieds

1972 CJ-5, 4.2L 258, 3spd manual, 32"x15" tires, blue, \$3600 with paint as-is; \$4500 with new paint. Rich Kiddie 307-635-2127

Dana 60 front axle, pass. drop, 35 spline, Superior chromo shafts, CTM U-joints, Poison Spider Customs high steer, Warn premium hubs, Detroit locker, disk brakes, new ring and pinion in your gear ratio choice, \$4500; \$5000 w/ Howe hydraulic steering. Marlon Seals 970-290-7412