

April 2015

Inside: Springtime at Rainbow Falls, Snow Busting, Pickle Gulch





Patrol 14 headed out to try our luck at busting through some trials on the heels of members of Patrol 16 that had been up in the Central City area earlier in the week. 10 jeeps met at Bull Whackers on March 28th for a 9:30 A.M. Trail Departure. There were 5 members from Patrol 14, Bill & Cheryl in the old trusty red YJ, Sam & Elaine with their 2003 TJ with his new Super Duper Rubicon Axles and his 4:1 Transfer Case, Gary & Trudy in their Trusty YJ with his recently upgraded gears, Harold in his Shiny Blue 2-Door Rubi, David & Kim in their 2010 Orange Crush Unlimited, Tyler in his 2008 JK with recent Axle upgrade, Chad Boudreau in a nicely built CJ-5 and the following Guests, Rich Bersch in a TJ on 33's, John Gratz in a 2008 JK Unlimited Rubicon, and Bill & Jan in their bright red TJ Unlimited. We rolled towards Pickle Gulch right on time and aired down along the road, thank god we had Trudy along cause she set the Trip leader Straight on where we needed to go (since he tends to get lost easily).

We started up the trail without any issues, at the first obstacle John Gratz got a chance to test out his lockers, after some help from Gary Boudreau locating the appropriate switches we got John locked up and up the obstacle he came with a big smile on his face. At the next obstacle we encountered some moguls with some ice pack that put the hammer down on Gary & Trudy's newly geared open diffs. But nothing a strap couldn't cure. Next we had Bill Finkel (better known as Red Dog) make an attempt. Sadly his sway bar was not disconnected and that gave him some grief on the approach, after several attempts Harold backed down the trail and gave Red Dog a small tug and up he came. Next up John in his 2008 Unlimited Rubicon, with a little coaching and a lot of cheering John was up and ready for the next Challenge. Then Rich Bersch in his TJ took a stab at the obstacle and obviously you could see that his TJ was ready for Challenge. As we moved towards the top Red Dog noticed a noise coming from the TJ he hadn't heard before. We decided to stop and evaluate the situation; while several of us were trying to find the cause of the noise several of the larger jeeps headed further up the trail and encountered the wall of snow that Patrol 16 had tried to conquer. Well our big boys got no further and returned down the hill to join us for lunch and provide input as to the elusive noise coming from Red Dog's Jeep. Chad Boudreau and Tyler gave their evaluation and we all concurred that the noise was probably a bad tie rod end.

We decided to break for lunch and Gary brought out his grill; hot dogs were enjoyed by most everyone followed by Cookies and Candy for dessert. After lunch Red Dog was concerned about the noise coming from his TJ and decided to call it a day and head back to town. Harold Plude volunteered to follow Red Dog back to town just to make sure he arrived back in Denver safely (thanks Harold). The remaining group decided we weren't ready to head home and headed over to Rollins Pass (once again to follow in Patrol 16 tire tracks).



When we arrived at the trail head, there was an older ford pickup on the trail maybe 200 yards in that was stuck and had been so for over an hour. The owners had been trying to get themselves unstuck but to no avail. They had shovels but no winch, no lift and marginal tires. Being the kind of group we are we pulled them out and recommended that they stay off the trail in that truck and then we headed up the trail. Tyler and Chad headed up first since Tyler's JK is on 37's and Chad was in the High Powered CJ-5





We followed along easily until we had gone about a mile and then the snow started to get really deep. Gary Boudreau was in the lead, at each deep section Gary would walk the trail doing his best to make an assessment as to our abilities to make the next section, Trudy was driving and gave the new gears a real workout. It proved to be a very good investment. Sam was showing off his recent upgrades as well and traversing the heavy sections with ease and with a big smile on his face. Our guest Rich in the TJ on 33's also danced thru the snow like he owned the trail and had been snow wheeling for years. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Guest John Gratz charged the snow like a mad bull and at times would blast thru the snow and at other times had difficulties and required a gentle tug from the strap. By about 4:30 we decided to turn around and call it a day, on the way down again we found a TJ stuck in the snow. He said he had only been there about 15 mins but still he was solo i.e. no other jeep. He did have a lift and descent tires and a winch. We pulled him free and advised him that he should turn around. He did heed our advice, joined our group and headed back down the trail. Once down the mountain a few of us headed to Golden to enjoy some margarita's and

Mexican food.



All in all it was a fun day but could have been better had we gotten further.

### **Commander's Corner**

Spring is almost here, the snow is pretty much done and it is time to start 4-wheeling!!! Most of the Patrols in Mile-Hi Jeep Club have already done at least one trip this year and the calendar on our web site, <a href="www.mhjc.org">www.mhjc.org</a> is starting to fill up with at least two trips every weekend!! This is going to be an awesome year of four wheeling and I can't wait to be part of it. My goal is to go on at least one trip with every Patrol this year. My son, Caleb just turned 3 in January and almost every day he keeps telling me "lets work on your Jeep so we can go 4-wheeling" so I have a little bit of motivation to get my butt on the trail this year. Please keep emailing all of the info about your up coming trips to the MHJC Trip Planner at <a href="tripplanner@mhjc.org">tripplanner@mhjc.org</a> so that I and all of the other MHJC members will be able to join in all of the fun! I look forward to getting out on the trail with everyone!!

Sincerely,

Cory Moul, Mile-Hi Jeep Club Commander



Thank you
Maria Glide
for the
awesome
St.
Patrick's
Day Parade
Photos!



### MILE-HI JEEP CLUB FUNDRAISER NIGHT WITH THE COLORADO MAMMOTH



vs.



Colorado Mammoth

Rochester Knighthawks

Friday, April 17 @ 7:00 P.M. Pepsi Center

Order tickets online at: mammothtix.com/mhjc

No Additional Fees.

Click on the Colorado Mammoth link and select your seats!!!

Seating is located in Section 118 in the lower level.

#### \$25 TICKETS

\$10 from every ticket purchased through this link will go back to Stay the Trail !!!!





Contact Kai Jordeth at 303.575.1929 or Kjordeth@pepsicenter.com with questions.



### April Anniversaries

Gary & Trudy Boudreau

Peter & Faye Fosel

Peter & Sandy Gerulat







Alex Schoutz
Amelia Pine
Ann MacDonald
Aspen Carlson
Becky Disner
Bert Hendricks
Betty Jacobs
Brandy Hallinan
Brenda DiClemente
Bruce Barrett
Carol Pardikes

Christopher Baumert
Christy Watanabe
Darin Doyle
Darren Crocker
Don Dunlap
Eileen Sullivan
Esther Davenport
George Gallie
Irene Morales
Joey Proppe
John Bongiovanni
Jordan Lasater
Kate Hussey
Kristen Keteles
Lacy Crocker

Leeanne Gray
Linda Wolfe
Lisa Dean
Lou Morales
Lou Zinanti
Meghan Stubbs
Peter Fogel
Robert Stubbs
Sara Jones
Scott Carnahan
Scott Warren
Traci Doyle
Travis Stubbs
Wyatt Semko



### Hobos host the Greenhorn Run - March 28 Rainbow Falls



Thanks to everyone who joined the Hobos run Rainbow Falls for the March Greenhorn Run! We had 20 jeeps join 4 Hobo Jeeps, meeting at the Deckers Store at 9am. We left our air down spot off Colorado 67 and followed Forrest Road 347 (Sprice Road to Missouri Gulch Trail. We stopped for lunch at what could also be a nice campsite and then took a side trip on Forrest Road 348C. We then followed 348B around and met up with forrest Road 344 to Moab Hill. Here many of the jeepers climbs their first big obstacle! We had so much fun helping people up the many routes of Moab Hill. The day ended with sharing air compressors at the Rainbow Falls Trailhead to air up.





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"In with the ried of Patrol 3 has been busy, busy, and busy! March has been full of all sorts of FUN!! We hit Eagle Rock and brought along some friends, played a little in the snow and had a ball! Early in the month we tried out Moab Hill! We even brought along one of our

cutest "Jeepers in Training"! We were not just playing in the great Colorado Landscape, but we were getting serious with some Texas Hold'Em and good ol Black Jack! Had an awesome night making big plans for our spring and summer run activities, the

highlight of the evening .... Patrol 3 Celebrated a Birthday, one of our young ladies jeepers in training turned the big 14!! Happy Birthday Alyssa!!

> Patrol 3 is always up for fun friendly family adventures! We hope to see you all out on the trails. Come join us, we would love to have you along!





# Gilpen County Snow Busting with Patrol 16 Sasquatchers - March 25, 2015



With a few fresh inches of snow in the area, Morgan and Ryan took a mid week trip up to Gilpen County to try there luck on a few trails. The first destination was Pickle Gulch. Morgan took lead and had no problems reaching and bypassing the rocky hill climb. Ryan quickly hit ice about half way up and could never find traction, so he took the bypass. Not too far from here Morgan buried it to the frame and had to winch out of some super fine sugar snow. Ryan's fate was no different in the same spot.

Once the winches were spooled back up, we continued with no problems through the pasture with the fire pit and Aspen log couch, and all the way to the top of the ridge. Once we reached the top, we were confronted with multiple off camber drifts that had to easily be 10 feet deep. We decided to turn around and try somewhere else.

On our way out, we found a trail off of the main road that seemed quite interesting. We came upon a downed tree that previous drivers had created a bypass around, so we got out the chainsaw and performed some trail maintenance by removing the tree, and blocking the bypass. This trail was not very long and headed right back to highway 119, but right when we had 119 in out sights, there was a locked gate on the other end. So we turned around once again.

Our final attempt of the day would be Rollins Pass. Ryan took lead here and progressed through the deep snow fairly easily. The snow on this trail was perfect as it was super thick and packed very hard once driven over. We made it to the first switchback without having to winch, and only having to be pulled out once. We played around in the water pit for awhile before continuing on. Ryan's progress stopped at a long uphill climb about 2.5 miles in, where he let Morgan take a shot. Morgan made it a little farther, but then buried it once again. In an attempt to help, Ryan also buried his rig. After a ton of digging, both made it out and decided to call it a day.



#### **Informational Links**

MHJC Website http://mhjc.org/

MHJC Facebook Page http://www.facebook.com/

Road Conditions http://www.cotrip.org/home.htm

MVUM Maps http://staythetrail.org/mvum/index.php

Off Road Trail Maps for iphone users http://us1.campaign-archive.com/? u=ea7720c0e8a73b2bdee7242b7&id=fb07b3a4e1&e=6df3c4d473

#### WELDING CLASSES

So you are in the back country with a broken part. Jeep does not move. You could possibly fix it.

Come over to Weld it or stick it class before this happens.

Our next class will drag a few batteries together to see if we can make metal flow. Hey. Staying in the high country all night, is so cool.

Way to cool. Pack survival gear always! Hope you come to the class!

We have several heaters to keep you warm

at 825 Lee Street, Lakewood CO PHONE 303-913-7467

Limited to 2 people per class. No charge if you put the Jeep CJ 5 1/2 back together, or tell a funny story. Ok funny face works too. Sparks are fun!

Thank you, David Patrol 5, The Low Rangers! Mile-Hi Jeep Club

### Mile Hi Jeep Club Officers & Committee Chairs

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Please do not hesitate to contact us!

2015 MHJC Parent Club	
Meeting Schedule	
(3rd Thursday)	
<del>1/15</del>	7/16
<del>2/19</del>	8/20
<del>3/19</del>	9/17
4/16	10/15
5/21	11/19
6/18	12/17

2015 MHJC Board	
Meeting Schedule	
(1st Monday, some exceptions)	
4.15	7.16
<del>1/5</del>	7/6
<del>2/2</del>	8/10
<del>3/2</del>	9/9
4/6	10/5
5/4	11/2
6/1	12/7

#### AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM PATROL 5

The project CJ  $5 \frac{1}{2}$  is going pretty good.

Jeff did the first weld. Taking names of anyone who does weld on my jeep... Lawsuit pending. In case of accident. I WILL BE RICK!!!!!! RICH.

Rick if you are out there collecting my money. Give it back!

Winched the jeep tub onto the 12 ft trailer, moved it to solid ground.

Now it gets cut into two pieces!

This is going to be fun!

Not looking for help on the jeep, since all the welding to put it back together is done by fellow jeepers. This is done by concealing the welding class as put the jeep back together class.

Kind of a "Tom Sawyer" welding class. Read the book. It is good.

The old 1973 Jeep CJ 5 tub has holes to be filled. The last owner was going to make a rock crawler out of this Jeep. Me. Saved it. Actually the owner bought a rock crawler. Gosh those machines look tough!

So watch for more info on this epic journey to CJ5 1/2.

David

Patrol 5. Mile-Hi Jeep Club

The Low Rangers



#### May Newsletter Submissions due Wednesday May 12

## Submit articles, pictures, or updates to newsletter@mhjc.org

Patrol 2 - Rat Patrol

Patrol Leader - Joe McDonough patrol2@mhjc.org

Our patrol is dedicated to having a blast doing the Jeep thing. We welcome all those that come along on our trail rides. We like to do all types of trails, from very difficult to moderate. We hold monthly patrol

meetings on the 2nd Sunday of each month at patrol members' homes to plan next month's trail rides. We do, at a minimum, one trail a month. We make it a point that every vehicle that goes out, comes back. Our patrol is not just limited to Jeeps, if it's ready, let's GO.



Patrol 3 - Rock Jox
Patrol Leader - Joe Zipp pa

Patrol 1 - HoboJeepers

Patrol Leader - Joe Zipp patrol3@mhjc.org

Patrol Leader - Bill Hallinan patrol1@mhjc.org

The spirit of a "Hobo" and the fun of Jeeping are the

ideals of our name. As Hobos ride the rails, we instead drive the trails in that same traveling spirit. We like to run from the scenic Jeeping routes to the rugged

Rock Jocks is Patrol 3 of the Mile High Jeep Club (MHJC). The Patrol is a fun loving adventurous group that enjoys easy to hard core trails. Members have to have a minimum of 33" tires, and lockers or

limited slip. Expect to have fun, no bull, no politics. We enjoy the trails, help keep them open, and teach others how to do the same.

adventure trips. The Hobos of Patrol 1 have mainly modified Jeeps, as lifts and lockers are recommended for most trips. The Hobos also enjoy all the

MHJC has to offer, hold our Annual Hobo Run, and "Tread Lightly". We get together every month at various members houses around Denver.

Patrol 4 - Lost Patrol

Patrol Leader - Kathie Chichester patrol4@mhjc.org

Our focus is to attend MHJC parent meetings and to participate and support all club activities as much as possible. We have members of all ages and live all over the Metro area. Patrol requirements are minimal - no meetings or dues, just have fun.



Patrol 5 - 5 x 5's

Patrol Leader - Ken Moul patrol5@mhjc.org

Members include singles, couples, and families. We live west of Denver and in the foothills. We are active in All-4-Fun and support all MHJC

functions. We enjoy camping and moderate to serious Jeeping. Trips include some day trips, weekends, and week-long excursions. Our vehicles are equipped to handle most any kind of Jeeping.

Mile-Hi Jeep Club

Patrol 6 - F Troop Patrol Leader - Mark
Woodworth patrol@mhjc.org We are a rather
busy patrol, with events often every other week
summer & winter. Snow busting & opening trail in
the spring are a passion! YOU are invited to come
along, but please visit our website to see what



Patrol 7 - Rainbow Chasers
Patrol Leader - Jerry Cronk patrol7@mhjc.org

toexpect. We go prepared, far beyond the Boy Scout level. We understand we can require medical attention far from aid, that things break, that we get "temporarily slowed" but we never go without thenecessary tools, food, water, parts and medical equipment as well as communication gear, to assure our safety and comfort and expect you to do the same.

We continually participate in and actively support the leadership of MHJC and the annual All-4-Fun. We are a fun group of couples who enjoy each other and a variety of social activities, 4-wheeling, and camping. Vehicles vary in make, model, and year, as do our members! Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at different members' homes. Guests are always welcome at our meetings and outings.

Patrol 8 - Rock Pirates

Patrol Leader - Kelsey Carter patrol8@mhjc.org

Founded in 1999, our patrol enjoys all 4x4s, short and long wheelbase. We welcome families and singles who are ready to help us

achieve our simple goals: have fun, attend our functions and those planned by other patrols and clubs, and work hard to see that our sport of 4-wheeling, and the land we enjoy, is available for generations to come.

Patrol 9 - Trail Dawgs Patrol Leader - Jeff Anderson patrol9@mhjc.org We are or have been members of the US Uniformed Services and First Responder organizations. We drive lightly to heavily modified vehicles and enjoy easy to difficult runs. Most runs are day trips on the weekends with kids and dogs. We enjoy night runs, weekend trips, and camping. Safety is primary in everything we do. We practice courtesy toward other trail users, and we guide and assist each other so no one is left behind. We participate in trail maintenance, reforestation, and the Four Wheel Emergency Assistance



Team.

Patrol 10 - Black Diamond 4 Wheelers

Patrol Leader - Mary Hilligoss patrol10@mhjc.org

We like to do all kinds of trails, mostly moderate to scenic. We have highly modified to near stock rigs. We consist of family with kids, couples, and singles. We enjoy weekend and day trips and all club-related activities. We are BIG supporters of All-4-Fun. We are very informal and friendly - meet as often as possible - no pressure to participate - with no limit to patrol members.

Patrol 11 - Cliffhangers
Patrol Leader - Jerry Ross patrol11@mhjc.org

Our patrol is active in the pursuit of adventurous 4-wheeling fun. Our members live all over the Metro area and are of all ages. We participate in All-4 Fun and other

MHJC activities. We meet for our patrol meetings, when needed, on the 2nd Sunday of each month and like to have a trip at least once a month. We enjoy moderate to sometimes serious 4-wheeling. We are firm believers in "Stay The Trail" and we practice safe and responsible 4-wheeling. We are accepting new members.

Patrol 12 - Fugowies

Patrol Leader - Richard Loeffler patrol12@mhjc.org Patrol 12 is dedicated to enjoying the scenic beauty of Colorado from its backroads. We have younger and older members with vehicles from moderate to major modifications. We run 25 trips each year including two trips to Moab and All-4-Fun. Most trips are moderate in difficulty and located in the front range of Colorado. A few are more challenging. In order to maintain a closely knit membership we have participation requirements and we limit ourselves to

15 active members at any one time. Visitors and new members are welcome

Patrol 13 - Trail Runners
Patrol Leader - John Davenport patrol13@mhjc.org

We always welcome new members and visitors. We meet the second Saturday after the first Wednesday of every month, alternating at members' homes. We enjoy light Jeeping, support all Mile-Hi Jeep Club activities, have social activities, and actively help each other. Our members are mainly couples with grown children. Come visit with us any time.

Patrol 14 - Alpine 14ers

Patrol Leader - Bill David patrol14@mjhc.org

to come along with us on our adventures.

We are a large, active patrol that has members of all ages and vehicle ability. We enjoy a variety of moderate degrees, and run both local trails and overnight trips. Our priorities are 4-wheeling, trail maintenance, and helping each other.



Patrol 15 - High Altitude 4-Wheelers
Patrol Leader - Jeff Fish patrol15@mhjc.org

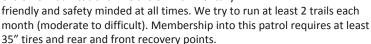
Patrol 15 members range from Lifetime Members to Associate Members, to first timers. Our wheeling experience ranges from moderate to experienced with



the majority of rigs set up moderate to extreme. Members are spread out across Colorado with our 'adopted Coloradoans' that live out of state. We enjoy trails that range from scenic/ historic to challenging/ extreme. We welcome singles, families and old farts of all kinds, as long as you have a good sense of humor and like to have a good time.

Patrol 16 - Sasquatch Jeepers
Patrol Leader - Mandy Black patrol16@mhjc.org

Established in 2014 Sasquatch Jeepers is comprised of various aged people who drive various makes and models of vehicles which have moderate to extreme modifications. We are environmentally





Patrol 17 - The Colorado Pack
Patrol Leader - Micah McCabe patrol17@mhjc.org

Patrol 17 was formed in 2015, seeking to bring families, couples and singles who enjoy all aspects of the outdoors together. We live all over the metro area and Front Range and rotate between members homes each

month to plan future events. We are environmentally friendly and safety minded at all times. We try to hold at least one event each month (scenic to difficult). We are active in various MHJC events and inter-patrol activities. There is a limit of 20 vehicles to the Patrol. All types of vehicles are allowed in our patrol but we do have entry and participation requirements.

Say Hello to Our Newest Patrol!!

Patrol 21 - The Outlaws
Patrol Leader - Jordan White patrol21@mhjc.org

In true Outlaw spirit, we are composed of all ages, vehicles and walks of life, 4 legs included you can't forget a Jeepers best friend. The Outlaws is welcome to first time Jeepers and veteran offroaders. We like to tackle the most difficult terrain and also enjoy a Sunday drive or a friendly get together. Runs can be led by any patrol member and we encourage to branch out and go wheeling with anyone!

Say Hello to Our Newest Patrol!!

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The purposes of the Mile-Hi Jeep Club are: to unite adventure loving people in worthwhile four-wheel drive activities; to educate its members in the proper manner of all road driving; to protect and preserve the natural beauty and terrain; to participate, on a voluntary basis, in search and rescue and other humanitarian missions as the community needs; to share good fellowship while operating our vehicles in a manner so as to preserve and protect our land for all generations; and to extend the courtesy of the open road to all. We are a non-profit organization that was chartered and incorporated in the State of Colorado on July 2, 1957. Membership is open to those individuals owning any four-wheel drive vehicle. It is the duty of each member to abide by all the laws, rules, and regulations of the constitution of the Mile-Hi Jeep Club of Colorado. Each member is asked to participate in, cooperate with, and support the club and a patrol to the best of his or her ability. www.mhjc.org





The Blue Ribbon Coalition champions responsible use of public lands for the benefit of all recreationists by educating and imploring its members to: secure, protect, and expand shared outdoor recreations, access, and use; work collaboratively with land managers and other recreationists; educate the general public, media, elected officials, and other decision-makers on recreation and access issues; promote equitable and responsible land management; affect the political and administrative process; support recreation on, and promote respect for, private property; and encourage appropriate enforcement of the law. The Blue Ribbon Coalition is a well-organized, financially sound, and steadily growing national coalition of organizations, businesses, and individuals. www.sharetrails.org

The mission of the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO) is to represent, educate, assist, and empower OHV recreationists via the protection and promotion of off-highway motorized recreation throughout Colorado. COHVCO is an environmental organization that advocates and promotes the responsible use and conservation of our public lands and natural resources to preserve their aesthetic and recreational qualities for future generations. www.cohvco.org facebook.com/COHVCO













Our mission is to reinforce and highlight responsible off-highway vehicle (OHV) use, and to modify and mitigate irresponsible use in an effort to minimize resource damage on public lands. Our goal is to create a statewide culture of responsible OHV use which will continue beyond the life of the project, effectively creating a stewardship ethic among all Colorado OHV recreationists. www.staythetrail.org

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