

Cruisin' Colorado

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Colorado Land Cruisers is a four-wheel drive club based out of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and sanctioned by [Toyota Land Cruisers Association](#).

We are organized to bring together Toyota owning families and individuals interested in exploring Colorado four-wheel drive trails.

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President's Corner ~ August 2009

The sun was high in the sky and shining warmly through the windshield. I was humming away with the engine running strong at 2800 RPM. I glanced ahead and saw the twisting road lay out ahead as I was accelerating through the exit of the present corner. As I finished the corner I glanced to the right and saw a friend's car pulled to the right shoulder with a flat tire. Quick check of the mirror showed no traffic. Stomp the brakes and kill off the speed. Right turn signal on and pull onto the shoulder. Find reverse and start backing up to the wide spot on the road. Kill the engine, find first, set the brake and hop out. I walked around to the back of the car and saw that the trunk had its contents divulged onto the ground in search of the skinny tire. The jack and lug wrench were quickly found and put to work. Ten minutes later the trunk was packed up and we were back on the road. It felt good to help out, I didn't really do much, just a couple of lug nuts to loosen and replace. But offering the help was probably worth more to my friend than what I actually did. It added that extra safety net of a second person and vehicle that might be needed if the jack didn't work or the spare was flat.

OK, massive segue alert. Riddle me this Batman? How does the stupid little skinny spare tire stay at 80 Psi. for 20 years with out loosing a bit of air? My family car, my work car, my "Cruiser, even my wheel barrow looses air from the tires. Don't tell me it is because the skinny tire is not used on the road because I have my bicycle that I put new tires and tubes on ten years ago and then hung from the garage ceiling and haven't ridden since (my waist line is proof enough, thank you) and the tires are as flat as when they came from the store. Just curious

thoughts that seem to pop up and bother you. End of segue alert.

Having a personal safety net is what we as 4 wheelers practice daily. I know that prepping my truck or having to fix things that stopped working on their own or having to fix the things that had a little help to stop working has made me more in tune with all of my vehicles. At times I wish that I wasn't so in tune with the various things that the cars are telling me. My wife is sure the tire is going to fall off at any minute. I take the van for a spin around the block and come back and tell her that the struts are loose, the ball joints are about ready to fall out and the CV joints are ready to seize up. But Honey, there is no way the tire is going to fall off. Darn, eating dog food again. I need to stay focused and only tell her what she wants to hear. That is when I wish that I would learn to say. Gee, I don't know. Maybe the tire is going to fall off. You better take the van in to the shop and let them fix it for us. I just have this problem with paying someone to change my oil, rotate my tires, do all of the small items that will make the difference between having money for the next trip or having spent it on the kid next door mowing the grass.

The other part of helping out our buddies and friends is the notion that if we ever get in trouble that they will willingly help us out of a predicament that we get into without giving us grief for the next 6 months. But most of that is in good fun and to be expected. That is when the club membership has its privileges of putting you in contact with others that have been there before and had the same issues as you do. They may not want to lay in the mud under your truck with you, but they will sure tell you that

you are using the wrong tool to do that job and they would be more than happy to let you use the proper tool of theirs if you were closer to their garage. Then before you know it, they are right there next to your elbow handing you tools and rags.

Keep Wheelin'

David Molter, President, CLC

Next CLC Meeting ~ September 15, 2009 7:00PM

Mark your calendar for CLC's next meeting, at the new Liberty Toyota, at 5115 New Car Dr. See map: <http://www.libertytoyotascion.com/dealership/about.htm> Get excited about participating in your club!

Life in Western Colorado...

I managed to be in Colorado Springs for the August CLC meeting, which was in the new Liberty Toyota building. Pretty neat place and we met in a fine meeting room up on the 2nd floor. I'll bet the room would easily hold 30 or more people. The 5 of us managed to settle in and have a good meeting. It was good to see those that were able to make it and to see old friends again.

Sounds like the Blanca run was good and as I looked at the pictures, I kept looking for good pictures of "Jaws II", as it is the most formidable of the Jaws obstacles. I wanted to see how it has been changed to make it a little safer. I hope Chuck is able to find a new spring for his FJ60 too – bummer to have a mechanical failure on a run – but really good when it fails before you have gotten to the destination.

I too have wondered about the magic of the skinny tire never losing air. I guess if it is skinny enough, the air molecules can't find their way out, right? I found a skinny tire in my dad's garage when I was looking for the fat tire that is used for the boat trailer spare and decided that it was perfect, since it had air in it. If I found the fat spare it would have been flat anyway...

Wheel side down

Darryl

Next Run: Holy Cross, Sept 12/13

Check on ih8mud for any possible changes in this. Add your name to the list on 'Mud – at last check many more RS members than CLCers. Good run, if you and your rig are prepared. If you plan to go, keep updated.

Items for Sale:

On occasion we come across folks that have some 'cruiser items they need to pass on to new owners. Here is a list of many items. Gary would like to sell this as an entire lot to a new lucky owner. Please give him a call on his cell for the lot price.

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FJ-60

Body

1. Upper tail gate
2. Left and right rear doors
3. Left front door

Mechanical

1. Front Differential (original vehicle has 86k miles)
2. Front and rear axles

Electrical

1. Complete instrument cluster
2. Rear seat heater

FJ-55 (April 1971)

Mechanical

1. Transmission 3 speed 71K miles
2. Transfer Case 71K miles
3. Transfer Case linkage parts ie Vac assembly to pull handle
4. U joints to yoke shafts (3)
5. Drag Linkage
6. Steering Gear Box 71K miles
7. Fuel Pump

Cooling System

1. New 1F water pump
2. Engine Fan

Misc.

1. Stock Steering Wheel
2. Rear Bumper
3. 4 speed transmission tunnel cover

FJ-40

Body

1. 77-83 Left Front Fender New
2. 82 Used left front fender

3. (2) Rear tire racks 79-83
4. Left front fender apron
5. (2) Windshield Wiper Motor Covers (79-83)
6. Rear cab corner glass & gasket

Mechanical

1. (2) 4 speed transmissions
2. (2) Differential 1=67K miles 1=74K miles
3. Steering gear box (1983 with 81K miles)
4. (2) Sets of Warn lock hubs

Electrical

1. FJ-40 starter (2F)
2. 2F Alternator
3. Heater Blower Motor
4. Rear Seat Heater
5. (2) 2F Engine Cool Down Fans
6. Speedo Cluster
7. Windshield Wiper Motor 1983

Engine

1. (2) 2F intake manifolds
2. (2) 2F exhaust manifolds
3. (2) 2F Carbs
4. Carb Heat Shields (2F)
5. (2) Late model Carb base plates w/insulators 2F
6. Complete Emission control system i.e. pumps, hoses etc.
7. Emission control rails (3) 2F
8. 2F Charcoal Emission Canister Like New

Misc.

1. FJ-40 Front Floor Mat
2. (2) FJ-40 rear mats
3. Used wheels and 1 original M&S tire appear unused
4. Glove Box Door
5. Gas Port Door Cover
6. (2) FJ-40 Emergency Brake Handle Assemblies
7. Misc. seat belts
8. Lots of radios

NOTE: All Parts ie transmissions,transfer cases, steering gear boxes, diff's have been cleaned and painted.

PZ - 70 Engine

5 cylinder diesel- complete from pressure plate to fan and top to bottom!

Only 80,918 kilometer miles.

Broken Crankshaft

Photographs Available For PZ engine