

CRUISING COLORADO

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Colorado Land Cruisers is a four wheel drive club based in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and sanctioned by [Toyota Land Cruiser Association](#). We are organized to bring together Toyota owning families and individuals interested in exploring Colorado's four wheel drive trails.

From the President

President's thoughts.

Well, spring is quickly coming upon us, and I'm sure getting "Spring Fever". We have a couple of great upcoming events to kick off this Spring/Summer season. In April, the trail run is Independence. I know most of us won't make this trail ride, but it is a great trail to go and watch the action. Then in May we have our club picnic/campout up on Reynolds wrap. Let's have a great turnout for these events and make the spring/summer wheeling season great.

I would like to thank Paul Beaudan for working with Rick Ellsworth of Pike National Forest on setting up the Volunteer agreement to maintain FR379D. The weekend of the club picnic/campout would be a good time to begin our effort. Anyone that goes up there before then, please make note of things that need to be done and report on it at the next meeting.



At the last meeting I asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to be the club's Land Use Coordinator. We did not get any volunteers. I think that we need to keep up on Land Issues in our area and I know that we are all very busy, so I would like to ask that everyone keep an eye out for Land Use issues and if you hear of anything, please mention it at the club meetings.

Don't forget that next month we will be back at the North location (Liberty Toyota North).

Happy trails,
Kendall Carlton
President



Looks Like Fun!!



CLC at Metberry Gulch

Notes from the Editor

Thanks Everyone!

Howdy Everyone!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of this humble newsletter. Since I started this thing, your support has been ever increasing. The Items For Sale section may very well end up two pages thanks to you guys, and the trip reports submitted to me have been excellent. I am particularly pleased to see that Michelle Ramsey took the time to write up this month's report. Good Job!! I hope to see more trip reports from you!! Again, thanks for helping make this newsletter great!!! Happy Wheelin' :-)

This month's rig belongs to Mike Taylor. Mike has been a member of CLC for about 3 years, and drives a highly modified 1977 FJ40. This beast puts power to the 35/13.5/15 Baja Claws via a TPI stroked 383, NV4500 5spd tranny, and stock t-case. The front axle sports a Birfield Eliminator kit, 4:56 gears, an ARB, a set of 4" Skyjacker Softride springs, and a 1&1/2" shackle reversal. The rear is an ARB loaded, fully custom 3 link coil spring job, lifted to match the front. Other goodies include custom front and rear bumpers complete with a Warn XD9000i up front and custom swing away tire carrier/equipment rack out back. A Saginaw power gear box with custom crossover steering, 6 point roll cage, 27 gallon fuel tank, and Currie Brothers on board air make this Cruiser one of the toughest and funnest ones around!!!!!!



Mike's 1977 FJ40



Upcoming Events

Our next meeting is Apr 16th at Liberty Toyota North. The address is 5597 N Academy. Meeting times are 7:30-9pm. See ya there!!

Next trail run is Independence on Apr 27th!! Meet at the Loaf and Jug on Hwy 115 and Star Ranch Road at 6:00 leave at 6:30. Come watch the big boys play!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Are you planning to run the Black Hills Cruiser Classic? If so, contact Charlie Steven before you send off your registration. If we all send the reg in at the same time, we will be able to camp, and run trails together. Charlie S. has volunteered to collect money and mail all the reg's at the same time for this event. Call him at 522-1267.

Metberry Gulch

Metberry Gulch is the most recent trail to be conquered by Colorado Land Cruisers during this winter's season.

Six rigs made the trip. Toyotas were driven by Vic, Charlie, and Chuck. Guests included David and Connie Priest with their Isuzu Rodeo and Mike and Sherry Gentile with their Jeep. Guest Paul Henry brought his Toyota pickup. After turning off of Hwy. 67 at Westcreek, we cut fresh tracks in 6-8 inches of new powder until we reached the river.

We all enjoyed cruising the slab rock. Charlie demonstrated his phenomenal clearance as he took a side trip down the cliffy side of the slab rock. Charlie was worshipped by his adoring dogs as he demonstrated his four wheeling prowess to them.

Mike and Sherry reported that their dog named Ashley, who is a four wheeling rookie graced the inside of their Jeep three times with her previously eaten breakfast by the time we reached the river. Sausage biscuits may not be compatible with the rigors of pitching and rolling through moguls and switchbacks.

We ate lunch at the river while sitting around a roaring fire. Several parents were "real" excited about their kids walking out on the river ice, falling through, and getting their feet thoroughly soaked. Snowball fights rounded out the stay.

We all had a great time playing on the mogully hill, which was mostly covered by snow. David's tires were spinning without making uphill progress, but he was sufficiently motivated to move on up the hill by the threat of Vic taking blackmail pictures of his Rodeo.

As always, Metberry is an enjoyable annual winter trip for our club. Additional challenge is always added as the snow gets deeper.

Written by Michelle Ramsey, age 15



Items For Sale

The CLC hats are in. If you have prepaid, come to the next meeting and pick up your hat. We still have some for sale. Only \$13 a piece. Pick one up and show your support for the club!!!

FREE FIREWOOD- Cut your own. Located 3 miles up Old Stage Road. No permit required. Mostly dead standing, and down pine. Small amounts of aspen. Contact Pete at 719-492-1400

FJ80 Front Bumper, complete with hardware- make offer
FJ62 Hi/Lo Headlamp and Marker light assemblies. Left side only. New in box. \$100
One Great Spare- BF goodrich 33x9.50x15 All terrain tire mounted on a stock alloy Toyota LC/truck Wheel. All the tread is here.\$75
Trailer? 6-inch drop receiver hitch. \$12
Axle spindle and hub assembly. This is a 2000lb trailer spindle with a square shank purchased to build a bumper with a swing away spare tire carrier. The assembly is new and complete with all seals and bearings. \$30. Call Charlie at 522-1267

For Sale: NV4500 5 speed transmission w/ 6.34 first gear and .73 overdrive. \$1000 OBO Contact John Van Vuren at 964-5350 or at veedublu@prod.net

For Sale: FJ40 full length roll cage with 6 point attachment \$295 OBO. Contact Bob Mishmash at 564-7071



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Don't forget to shop at Liberty Toyota North and ask for Charlie