

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 Report ~ May 2007

Hello, friends. I wrote last month about performing needed maintenance on my FJ-40, and I started by making some adjustments to the front axle setup. I had installed caster shims several years ago after building a rear coil suspension and I have wanted to remove them to help with the front driveshaft angle. I also wanted to remove an additional front leaf to smooth the ride and balance the front to rear ride quality. My setup has lots of flex in the rear and relies on the front to provide the required stability. Removal of the caster shims and leafs seems to be a success, as the front driveshaft runs smoother at speed and the ride quality is perfect. Intuitively, I believe I should re-install the shortest leaves, which I originally removed, because I'm down to three leaves now and it seems like it should have a little more support near the spring perches. It's amazing how small things like the short leaves can disappear in the garage over time. While I was at it, I purchased new u-bolts and a set of u-bolt skid plates.

The whole project has come to a screeching halt due to a torn calf muscle I suffered while rock scrambling in Arches National Park near Moab two weeks ago. Anyway, after doing enough maintenance on the Cruiser to prepare it for the trails, I'm grounded due to the injury. There are a number of fairly new club members that I have not even wheeled with yet! I hope to be recovered by early-to-mid June.

Coming home from Estes Park on Saturday, we stopped at the Diamond Shamrock station in Lyons for a short break. There was a group of Toyotas parked, obviously preparing for a trail run, so I introduced myself. They were going to Plane Crash

via a road somewhere near Lyons that has a seasonal gate recently opened. They also handed me their contact card that lists their Cottora (sp?) web address and other pertinent information. I found it interesting and informative, especially since we are in the process of printing new invitation cards for CLC members to pass out.

To those going on (last) Saturday's trip, I wish you a fun and safe trail run.....Victor

Next CLC Meeting ~ May 15, 2007 7:00PM

Mark your calendar for CLC's next meeting, Liberty Toyota, North. See you there!

Next Run ~ May 27, 2007

We're going to Left Hand canyon, north, off I70. Meet at the North location, McDonald's at N Academy and 83. Meet at 7am and leave at 7:30am. Should be a good run, as an old aircraft crash site is up there.

And a Want Item ~ from Rod Timby:

I'm looking for a 2F Crankshaft Pulley W/O A.C. I'm also looking for a late model FJ55 hood. I have a Brake Booster that I am interested in selling also. I can be reached at cell: 719-216-2633. Thank you!

TLCA Membership – Got yours?



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