

# CRUISING COLORADO

Monthly publication for Colorado Land Cruisers

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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*

**Hello Fellow Four Wheel Drive Enthusiasts!** This month's news letter will outline several points of conversation that were addressed at our last meeting.

As a group, we discussed the possibility of organizing an event that would include several days of trail rides as well as a rally/swap meet. This would be a large undertaking and if we chose to hold an event of this size, planning would need to take place in the near future. Colorado Land Cruisers will be helping the Rising Sun Club at Moab this spring. If we attended this event, it would give us a good idea as to how to go about sponsoring a large event. There may be the opportunity for Cruise Moab to become a joint Colorado sponsored event with Rising Sun.

Another item of interest: There will be a rock crawling competition sponsored by the Colorado Off Highway Vehicle Coalition. If you would like more information see [www.cohvco.org](http://www.cohvco.org).



**Charlie Steven will be coordinating the Black Hills Cruiser Classic this year. Several of our members will be attending this event. If you have an interest or need more information, contact Charlie.**

**In closing, it looks like Colorado Land Cruisers members will be participating in many activities this year. Let's do our best to represent our club by being considerate of our fellow drivers, helping those that may need a hand and developing good friendships while we enjoy the great outdoors!**

**Have fun and let's make 2002 a great year for CLC.**

**Kendall Carlton  
President**



## *Notes from the Editor*

### *A Partnership?*

Howdy Everyone!!

At our last meeting, an idea was presented that I think is worth following through. At least looking in to. The idea was to form a partnership with Rising Sun for the purpose of helping out with "Cruise Moab". I believe that this would greatly benefit both clubs, as long as we can get them to commit to our Rally/Swapmeet. As Andy pointed out, they have all the contacts for door prizes, and people who will set up for sale booths. We have the luxury of a large number of members to help out with their run on Moab, plus we get our name associated with "Cruise Moab". All in all, it sounds like a great opportunity for both clubs, and I think we should

This month's rig belongs to Charlie Steven. Charlie has been a member of CLC since 1999, and does his wheelin with his 1991 FZJ 80. This cruiser owes its considerable ability to a stock engine and tranny/t-case that puts the power through a set of ARB loaded 4:88 front and rear axles sporting a set of 35/12.50/16 Goodyear MTR's. Clearing the rocks is done with a 4 1/2 inch OME lift and a boatload of homegrown suspension mods. The front and sides are protected by a custom front bumper, complete with a Warn 9500i winch, and custom rocksliders. The spare is carried by a Rockware swing away tire carrier. Future mods include a 5.7L V8 and 4L60E tranny. I think everyone loves to watch this one



*Charlie's 1991 FZJ80*



## *Upcoming Events*

Our next meeting is Mar 19th at the Western Sizzlin on the corner of 8th Street and Hwy 24, Meeting times are 7:30-9pm. See ya there!!

Next trail run is Metberry/Hackett on Mar 16th. Meet at the Western on Hwy 24 at 8:00 leave at 8:30 Expect Snow!!

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.

## *China Wall*

This year's attack on the China Wall was a blast. Personally, I love this trail. It's not all that difficult of a trail, until you add some snow. The morning of Feb 16th was cold, but the sun was shining, and there was about 3 inches of untouched powder on the trail. Ron, Joel, Vic Charlie S., David, Kendall, and I, Supercharlie, all turned out for the run. Everyone aired down, nobody decided to chain up this time, so off we went.

The initial climb in was handled well by everyone. Luckily, nobody had any trouble navigating "Jeff's Ditch". In no time at all I found myself staring at the bottom of the China Wall, and it had changed some. The rock at the bottom of the wall seems to have moved in about a foot, placing it in a perfect door crunching spot, as Ron soon found out. The ruts are deeper, and the rocks are bigger on the climb up, and the 90 degree left turn at the top has gotten tighter it seems. Everyone got hung up on the rock at the bottom, and some paint was left on the rock at the top! Almost all of us had made it to the top of the wall when Pete decided to join us. He managed to get crossed up about half way up and was trying to get over a log when he rediscovered an ancient fire starting technique. If you spin you tires fast enough, eventually the log will burn!! Luckily, he melted enough snow and got traction before the log went up in flames.

There are all kinds of rocks littering this trail, and we all made good use of them to test our suspension as we headed to the rock pile. David and Charlie S. were the heroes of the rock pile. The monster 80s had no trouble navigating the harder lines. I chose a moderate line and was very pleased with the amount of articulation that it gave me. Joel, Vic, and Ron all took an excellent line over the rocks and got twisted up rather nicely. I put Kendall on what I thought would be a great line. As it turned out, it was a great opportunity for David to show off his 80's pulling power!! Sorry Kendall!! We were just finishing up with the rock pile when Chuck showed up and decided to demonstrate just how strong Mini rear ends are. He was half way through a really good line when he launched his mini about two feet into the air and landed with his rear diff directly on a rock, and his tires hanging!!

After lunch at the river, we attacked the rock pile again. David got severely hung up, and had to winch himself off the rocks. Joel took a little wilder line this time, and managed to three wheel it over the last rock. It looked really cool!!! Everyone had a

## *Items For Sale*

Jason has a Chevy SM465 4sp tranny, an Advanced Adapters SM465 to Toy t-case adapter, and a set of chrome Toyota SR5 Truck rims for sale. He also is planning to sell his 1980 FJ40 as soon as the body damage from Reynolds Wrap is taken care of. Contact Jason at 719-566-7824

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.

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

Trailing? 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



*Looks Like Fun!!*



*CLC at The China Wall*

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