

## Torrey, UT “Loop Ride” June 5 & 6, 2010!

We had 6 motorcycles for the much-anticipated ride through the beautiful Utah country. The highlight was the amazing cliffs of the Capital Reef creating an impenetrable barrier.

Altogether we put on nearly 800 miles, enjoying every single mile (except the 109 F in Mesquite on the way home)!



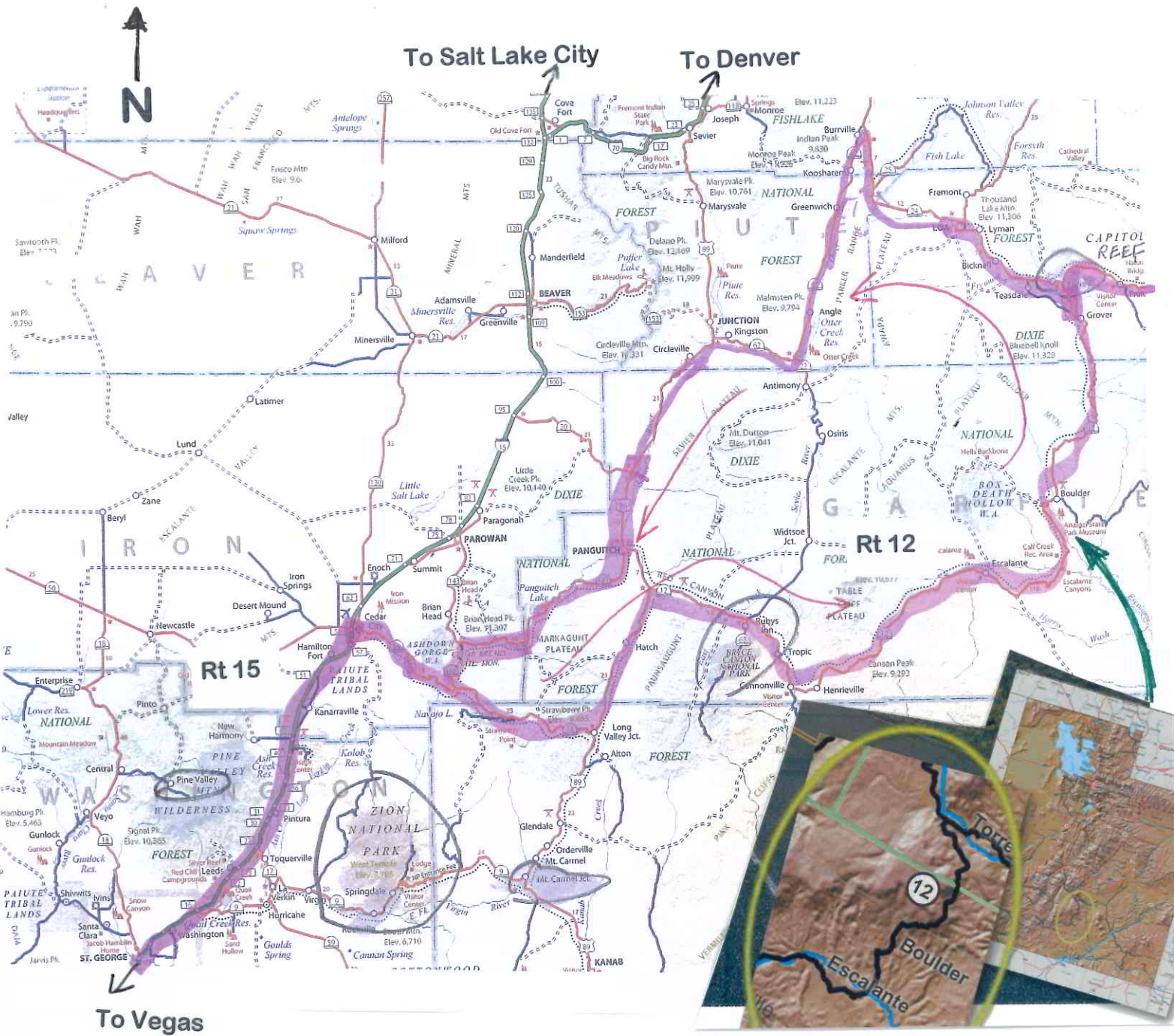
Super windy roads through orange boulder formations





On Rt 12





**Our Utah Loop June 5 -6, 2010**  
**Cedar City – Bryce Canyon – Torrey –**  
**Panguitch – Cedar Breaks – Cedar City**



### CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK

Following the Notom-Bullfrog Road north from Bullfrog Marina one cannot miss a convoluted wrinkle rising high on the western horizon. This monocline, named the Waterpocket Fold, continues northward forming a nearly impenetrable 100-mile north-south barrier. This massive buckle in the earth's crust was created by the same incredible forces that built the Colorado Plateau some 65 million years ago. Capitol Reef National Park preserves the fold and its surrounding eroded jumble of cliffs, domes, spires, arches, monoliths, and twisting canyons. The elongated southern section of the park displays the fold in all its remote glory.

Capitol Reef is a land of paradoxes. It is a dry land of uplifted rock and spectacular views while the sections that lie along Sulphur Creek and the Fremont River, parallel to Utah Highway 24, are lush riparian habitats which support a diverse ecological community. The first human occupation dates back to 700 AD (the Fremont culture) and continues to the present time. Mormon settlers began farming the valley in the late 1800s, establishing productive fruit orchards. The National Park Service continues to cultivate the orchards and preserve some of the buildings from this period. Annually, hundreds of thousands stop at the Visitor Center, while just a few miles to the north (as the raven flies) Cathedral Valley is one of the most remote and solitary places in America. Golden eagles soar and stone monoliths tower over desert plains. There are few places on earth that can offer comparable peace and solitude.



**John, Nevin, Rick, Rhonda, Craig & Bob  
at Cedar Breaks, 10,400 ft in the snow!**

