



# March Trip Report

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We met on Sunday morning at the appointed time. There were only ten vehicles. We attributed the light turn out to the largest snow fall since 1913 a few days before and guessed most were still pulling out their neighbors or shoveling out their driveways. While we were swapping stories about the previous days events, Brett told us that "Plan A" had just been changed to "Plan B". Our original plan was to go up to Darren's new house in Glacier View and bash snow into the house. The "Pickle" was broken and he couldn't get out and only had a few days food left. Darren called Brett that morning and said that the long road to the house had been plowed that night and that everything was OK now. "Plan B" was now in effect. Bill & Judy Marquardt's cabin in the Red Feather area has a mile long road back to it and they had donned snow shoes and walked back in to shovel the 4 foot snow pack off the roof and spend the night, they offered their place to snow bash into. That sounded like a good plan to us and we jumped into our vehicles and headed northwest towards Red Feather.

When we got there, we were airing down our tires and Bills neighbor and his family at the bottom of the road came out to watch the fun. He said that he didn't think that we could even make it in 10 feet. Well, the gauntlet had been thrown and that made us even more determined



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in our mission. We decided that we would put Dan and Tara in front with his new 40”

Super Swampers, the theory being that they would have less of a chance of getting high centered. About the time Dan was going to attack the hill, Bill & Judy came down the hill on their snowshoes so that they could have some fun too. Dan's Toyota huffed and puffed and worked its way up the hill, packing the snow for the rest of us. Darwin was right behind the Toyota to strap it backwards when he got stuck. The progress was slow and the lesser equipped vehicles at the end of the pack got to have fun also. The flatlander”

(Richard) had to chain up the Nebraska CJ-7 so that it could go in the snow. All along the line of vehicles, straps were being used to tug each other out of the snow banks when they got sucked in.

In two hours we had only progressed 1/2 mile and Dan was having to winch down hill. Dan knew that there was a locked gate in front of him somewhere that we would have to dig out to open. We didn't have big shovels with us and it would take a long time to dig out the 4 feet of snow surrounding the gate with the tools we had on hand. We ate lunch when we were in our hurry up and wait mode. It was decided that we had all had enough fun. Everyone set about turning around and heading back to the paved and plowed road for the trip home. Amazingly, there was no

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breakage on this trip.

A big thank you goes to Bill & Judy for allowing the Mountaineer family to have so much fun on their road!!!!

Garfield



## The Perfect Storm

The weathermen were right for a change. They had warned us about a severe snowstorm was headed our way. The day before it hit us, Poudre Valley Hospital called and put the club on alert just in case a few of the doctors and nurses couldn't drive in the snow. Craig called a few club members and asked if they could help. The first call came the next morning at about 5:00 am. Craig went out and started picking up a few nurses and delivered them to PVH. By 7.00 am it had turned into a bunch of calls and Craig started to dispatch with his cell phone while he was driving. It just snowballed from there on.

The hospital set up a phone bank in their telecommunications center for us. The calls were nonstop on that first day and we were hard pressed to keep up. We thought that it would slow down after the 11:00 PM shift got in. It didn't. The phone rang all night long. The next morning on one of the shift lists, we had almost 90 names to he picked up, let alone the ones we had to take

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home. When it was all over, we figure that the volunteer drivers made over 300 trips and had put in well in excess of 460 hours.

Even our people got stuck on the side streets and at one time we had three vehicles stuck. We also had a couple of breakdowns along the way. Darwin broke a drive shaft yoke and still made deliveries on the main streets in 2WD. At one time or another Darwin and Colleen made use of all four of their 4 wheel drive vehicles. Dave Oden also broke a drive shaft and had to limp the YJ home. Jeff Mueller's heater gave up the ghost and he said he couldn't keep the windows defrosted, Bob Schleppey was able to take one trip and then he was called by the Red Cross to set up and run a shelter in Wellington when I- 25 was closed. That kept Bob & Kim busy for the rest of the storm. Darwin was sent out on a pickup and when he got to the area he found two men that didn't speak English, He motioned them to get in and got about five blocks before he realized that they didn't want to go to the hospital, He got them out of the Jeep and returned to pick up an English speaking nurse.

We want to thank all the club members who donated their time, gas and cell phones during the storm. They were: Craig Stumbough, Darwin & Colleen Stengaard, Darold & Bev Klein. Dan Venrick, Brett Newton, Troy White, Sharon Kapperman, Mike Golly, Richard Marolf, Dave Oden. Shane Payton. Ken Kinnison, Jeff Mueller.

Bob Schleppy. Tim Sigley. Elaine Allbrandt and Todd McCurry. We also used some volunteers that stopped by and wanted to help. A big thank you goes to Jim Steinborn, Gary Bohlender, Dean & Sandy Schilling and Larry & Jessica Thayer for their help. Several others including Rob from Fort Collins 4X4 called or stopped by to offer their assistance but at the time everything was handled.

The PVH staff was wonderful and gave us a lot of organizational help along the way, We needed that skill when the calls were flooding in. They also provided us free food and drink along the way.



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# Club Trip

*To Be Announced*

*at Club Meeting*

Meet at Albertson's at 9:00 AM Saturday  
April. 19th



# Dues are Due

Due to the cancellation of the March meeting,  
Dues are due THIS MONTH. (April)  
Dues are \$40.00 for members & \$15.00 for assoc.



## **Editor's Note**

I need some Member's Rides. If you need a form to fill out Please pick one up at the Club Meeting. Please bring a picture of your vehicle and return the filled out form to Dave Oden.



## **NOTICE: APRIL & MAY TRIP DATES CHANGED**

April 19<sup>th</sup> Trip: Due to our normal trip date falling on Easter Sunday, we have changed the trip date to Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Trip: This will be our annual Kelly Flats/ Seven Mile clean-up and camp out. We will be running both trails, getting them ready for the season. If you want to camp, come to the Kelly Flats Campground (approximately 22 miles up the Poudre River from Ted's Place) Friday and Saturday nights. For those that don't want to camp, be at the campground Saturday or Sunday morning (or both) at 8:30 am. Camping will be free for the Mountaineers and guests in the back loop as per usual, just bring some firewood and your normal camping gear. The Forest service will be providing all the tools we will need. You will have to provide your own food and gloves. This is always a good time!!!



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## MOAB 2003

Just a reminder, the club trip to Moab will be Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> through June 14<sup>th</sup>. Trips will start that first Saturday. The majority of members will be camped at the Canyonlands Campground, 555 Main Street in Moab. If you will be camping with us, be sure to make reservations and tell them that you want to camp with the Mountaineers. The reservation number is 1-800-522-6848. Guests are welcome --- see ya there !!!



## Club Meetings

What day?

Third Wednesday of each month

What Time?

7:30 P.M. The doors open at 7:00 P.M.

Finding parking can be tough close to the meeting start time. Please do not park in the apartment complex parking or in the B&B parking next door.

Where?

Knights of Columbus Building  
121 North Meldrum  
Fort Collins, Colorado



# Don't Forget!!!

Please bring pictures for the online calendar.

Pictures work best if they are horizontal.

Remember that we will need pictures each month.

We need at least 4 pictures each month to keep up.



**4x4 Classifieds**

**AMC 304 V-8** engine approx 80,000 miles will sell complete meaning everything ALL bolt on parts brackets etc ...with headers 250.00 or will sell engine with intake manifold and carb for 175.00 engine ran excellent before replaced (it used to go to Denver on a daily basis) for more info contact Joe 970-204-4894

**Ford 9" rearend complete**, full width, 3.50 gears, 31 spline shafts. \$100, call Ben (970)495-0801

**For Sale:** Jamboree Rack for CJ7. \$50.00 Warn 8000lbs winch, old style. \$300.00 Call evenings, Ken 970-229-0119

**YJ Stuff** Wrangler Hardtop w/ rear wiper (Tan) - \$900, 66-77 Bronco Parts. Call Curtis (970) 217-7226 or pager (970) 416-4238

**Jeep Overdrive for sale.** It is for the older Jeep. I am asking \$300.00 O.B.O. It is a Husky that was built in Longmont, Co. in the early 1970's Jim Maxwell 970-482-0412

**For Sale:** Front Axle: Dana 44 disc brakes 410 ratio with lockright side drive shaft. Rear Axle: 9" heavy housing 31 spline Currie axles, nodgular carrier 410 ratio, Detroit locker, heavy 9 3/8" ring gear, Timpken roller bearings, 11" brakes, Bolt pattern 5x5 1/2. Call Brad anytime on weekends & after 5 on weekdays at: 520-887-9104

April 2003						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Sharon Kapperman  D&P Oden	4 Valorie Miller	5
6	7 <b>BOARD MEETING</b>	8 Ricky Dalldorf	9	10 Candy Hawf	11	12
13 Bob Schleppey	14	15 Cassandra McCurry Jeff Baan	16 <b>CLUB MEETING</b>  L&L Stein	17 Pat Maes	18	19 <b>CLUB TRIP</b>
20 Micheal Carlson	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Dave Oden	28	29	30			

May 2003						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1  D&P Oden	2 Karlen Mueller	3
4	5 Pat Schnaidt	6 Jeff Mueller	7  M&L Golly	8 Bill Marquardt	9  M&G Horner	10
11	12 <b>BOARD MEETING</b>	13	14	15	16 Amie Lenderink	17 <b>CLUB TRIP</b>
18 <b>CLUB TRIP</b> Tim Sigley	19	20	21 <b>CLUB MEETING</b>	22  C&A DeWitt B&H Cure	23	24 Kathy Schnaidt
25  L&S Vleck	26 Shane Payton	27	28  G&A Kinnison	29 Ben Crue Karina Early	30 Jason Maes	31

Board Meeting:      May 12    7:30pm    Dave Piller  
                               June 9    7:30pm    Bret Mathers  
 Membership Meeting: April 16    7:30pm    Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
                               May 21    7:30pm    Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Club Trip:            April 19    9:00am    **Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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**The Mountaineers**  
**PO Box 1225**  
**Fort Collins, CO 80522-1225**

## **April Newsletter**

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The following businesses give Mountaineer Members special discounts on parts or specific services. In other words, they save us money... and we are grateful.

<p><b>Ft. Collins 4X4 Center</b>            1101 North College            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-482-5500</p>	<p><b>IKON Office Solutions</b>            2531 South Shields Street #2A            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-482-8830</p>	<p><b>CarQuest Auto Parts</b>            2716 South College Avenue            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-226-5050</p>
<p><b>RockHard 4x4 Parts</b>            Lewis Barth 401 Jackie Ann St.            Ault, Co 80610 970-834-0767</p>	<p><b>Fantasy's 4x4</b>            4311 Service Road            Evans, Colorado 303-330-3833</p>	<p><b>R &amp; S Auto Body</b>            1912 Terry Lake Rd            Fort Collins, Colorado</p>
<p><b>Front Range Off-Road Fabrication</b>            www.frii.com/~frorfab            cel (970) 481-6508 (970) 472-1846</p>	<p><b>4X4 Used Parts</b>            Bob Schleppey Bob@4x4usedparts.com            970-224-4294 www.4x4usedparts.com</p>	<p><b>RockStomper</b>            650 Weaver Park Road, Unit G            Longmont Colorado 720-652-0700</p>
<p><b>Loveland Powder Coating</b>            225 SW 42nd Street            Loveland, Colorado 970-679-0004</p>	<p><b>Mark Turner Off-Road</b>            2649 E MulberrySt            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-416-1234</p>	<p><b>Vanworks</b>            900 East Lincoln Avenue            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>
<p><b>Jackson's All American Sports Grill</b>            925 East Harmony Road            Ft. Collins, Colorado</p>		