



March Trip Report

Mountaineers, totaling twelve, traveled West, traversing treacherous trails. How many “T”s in that last sentence?? No worries, I'm not going to even try to make this entire report contain a tattle of “T”s in nary every sentence, Too tiring to try this late tonight.

After turning South at the Potbelly Restaurant, the previous evening's wet snow made the Manhattan road into slop only a Potbelly Pig would wallow in. (Names that make you go “Hmmm”) However, these were the Mountaineers doing the wallowing - some liked it, others didn't. I'll refrain from any further inferences.

We arrived at the upper trailhead of Seven Mile to air down and take stock of the attendance. Strangely, we were missing a Toyota or two. Truthfully, Toyotas were absent altogether (ug! not the “T”s again!). We speculated that since the fearless leader of the Coyote pack could not attend the others pups would stay in the safe haven of the den.

After making introductions with our guest, Scott, and evaluating English ingenuity within Scott's Defender 90, Brett volunteered to be the first sacrifice and lead the masses into virgin snow. Within a few miles Brett found heavy snow, and while a second party veered off to explore other challenges, the green machine patiently worked the drift until it was just the right time to relinquish the chores to Tater. Promptly Tater became stuck. Freed, another attempt was made leaving Tater sideways, in the barrow pit and against a tree. Soon Tater realized who had been sacrificed. The winch line was strung and Tater was realigned in proper formation. Admitting defeat, the first group turned around and sought to regroup with the second.

The second had again split into two at Five Points, with some making their way through the open gate down toward Seven Mile creek, while Kurt took the initiative with the Liberty on the adjacent fork. He too became victim to the drift, but not without leaving his mark planted in soft snow. O || peeJ || O (Get it? Jeep spelled backwards with the grill and round headlights!) As this scenario sounded oddly familiar, Brett made a U-turn in search of the “go around”, and Tater was peer pressured into duty where Kurt had left off. Again after several bashes Tater was stuck again. A guest and his XJ were called in for retrieval duty. Upon the first pull from the XJ, nothing happened. The second pull nothing happened...finally with pull 3, the ol' trapped Tater moved. Tater finally realized the method of attack was slow, patient, pack and bash, with minimal tire spin. With enough packed snow and Tater mass,

snow could be pushed 4-5 feet at a time and keep from becoming stuck. Patience Tater, patience! Ah! Success! Mountaineer Meadow Muffin followed, finding equal difficulty trying to narrow the path, and also became stuck, requesting a Tater tug.

We trudged onward, working each drift with the same back and forth bashing until Tater, sitting precariously on top of a long deep drift, became fearful of being stuck for weeks in such a predicament that no Jeep nor winch could free him. Yes, let's do lunch!

Arriving back at Five Points, Jeep'n Dave, being a keen observer of the Mountaineers psyche, initiated a parking procedure by backing into position with tail to the trees. Quite pleased was he, as his remaining subjects played "Monkey See, Monkey Do" in like fashion. Pretty as a picture were we, which was exactly what Dave was shooting for - so he did. CHEESE!!



The other herd of lost sheep, attempting to make their way to the Seven Mile Meadow, had also given up hope and with assumed substantial difficulty (geez, it took them forever!) turned around to join the flock for lunch.

After stimulating discussions of snowball fetching Oreos, tires size/gear ratio's and whether virtual particles travel faster than light, thus contradicting relativity or causality, we opted to press onward toward civilization. However, not via the easy way...of course not! With the last fork of Five Forks un-traveled, we took it. Again, challenged with drifts, it was a slow and steady progress, lest ye get impatient. The last drift was a doozy, and Tater thought one last charge would do it....silly boy! A single line winch pull proved insufficient, so as shovel-clad members cleared a path, others rigged the snatch block and double line. The winch whined under the load until the Tater lurched forward inch by inch. Patience, again, was the name of the game.

“Patience” not being Darwin's middle name, nor strong suit (you know I'm gonna have fun with ya now, Toolman!) opted to escort Scott and his Defender 90 to a hastier exit. No sooner had the main group arrived at the main road when a voice came over the radio....”Where the hell are we?!” The Defender and his “escort” were lost. The Meadow Muffin made the left turn onto the main road returning from whence we started in hope of meeting up. Descriptions of their return route (“Well, we made a left at that tree with the rock beside it”) gave only vague clues as to their whereabouts. “We're turning around, this drift don't look like one we bashed earlier.” It wasn't too long before Colleen recognized a road number sign and got Darwin steering in the right direction, so ending a fabulous day of Mountaineer fun

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Club Trip

Possibly North Sand Hills near Walden

Meet at Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox at
9:00 AM Sunday April 22nd



Highway Cleanup

As discussed at our last meeting, we will be picking up trash on our two mile section of Highway 14 on Saturday, April 21st. Meet at mile marker 119 at 9:00 AM which is a couple of miles above Ted's Place in the Poudre Canyon. After the clean up, as has become the tradition, we will head up the canyon to the Mike Braskich abode for pancakes and bacon and to watch some extreme 4 wheeling videos on the big screen. The cleanup only takes about 45 minutes. Bring
Gloves.



Guests at last Meeting

Dan Oster
John Urban
Greg White



Moab this Year

The Mountaineers will be in Moab June 2nd through the 8th. We will be leaving from the City Market at 9:00am every morning. We will be running some of the favorite trails of Moab. Most Mountaineers will be camped at the Canyonlands Campground, 555 South Main. To make reservations call 1-800-522-6848. See you there!!





Club Trip Pictures





Member's Rides

Name: Don MacDonald

Unit #: 80

Ride Make & Model: 95 Jeep YJ

Engine: 2.5L 4cyl

Transmission: AX5

Transfer Case: NP231

Front End: Dana 30

Rear End: Dana 35 w/Locker

Wheels & Tires: 33x12.50x15

Springs: Pro Comp 4" Lift

Brakes: Stock

Other:

Future: Dana 44's front and rear





4x4 Classifieds

Goodyear MTR-LT 245/75R16 (31's) off stock '04 Jeep- 5 tires 50% tread life. Best offer. 970-225-0982 can be seen at 4x4 off road and used parts.

For Sale:

Dana 60s \$1500 obo both locked and 5:13, 86 Chevy Military 30,000 mile Diesel after market A/C \$2500 obo, Call Levi 970-420-5534

For Sale: '92 Dodge Dakota Extended Cab LE 4x4 A/T 318 V8 w/headers, needs a muffler. Power windows and locks. 2" body lift 33x10.5 BFG tires. No rust! Great interior. \$2000.00
Contact Chris at trump626@msn.com or 303-472-6336

Cars, Trucks, and SUV's for sale. Check out www.horsepowerauto.com to see what is available. If you don't see what you are looking for give Ben a call at 970-443-1875. I'll help you find it.

Backhoe Available: Mike Braskich has a backhoe available for snow removal services or other needs of members. Call 970-224-9134

April 2007						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Sharon Kapperman	4 Valorie Miller	5 Christina Eddy	6 Kelley Mathers	7
8	9 BOARD MEETING <i>Don MacDonald</i>	10 Kelly Pautvein	11	12	13 Bob Schleppey	14
15 Cassandra McCurry Jeff Baan	16	17 Pat Maes	18 CLUB MEETING S&D DiGilio	19	20	21
22 CLUB TRIP Krista Fredrick	23 Curt Burrige	24	25 Lorell Duteil Rich Stengaard	26	27 Dave Oden	28
29	30					

May 2007						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Karlen Mueller	3	4	5
6 Jeff Mueller	7 BOARD MEETING <i>Darren Finger</i> M&L Golly	8 Bill Marquardt	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 CLUB MEETING Amie Lenderink	17	18 Tim Sigley	19 CLUB TRIP
20 CLUB TRIP	21 Corinne Surface	22 C&A DeWitt B&H Crue	23	24	25 L&S Vlcek	26 Shane Payton
27	28 G&A Kinnison	29 Ben Crue	30 Jason Maes	31		

Board Meeting: May 7 7:30pm Darren Finger
 Jun. 4 7:30pm Moab
 Membership Meeting: Apr. 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 May 16 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: Apr. 22 **9:00am** **Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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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.

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<p>Bullhide Liner 4X4 & Auto Accessories 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p>Coyote Cruisers & OffRoad 417 North Hwy 287 Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-221-1833</p>	<p>Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</p>
<p>Front Range Off-Road Fabrication www.frii.com/~frorfab cel (970) 481-6508 (970) 472-1846</p>	<p>4X4 Used Parts / 4X4 Off Road 938 West Willox Lane, Ft. Collins 970-224-1133 www.4x4usedparts.com</p>	<p>RockStomper P.O. Box 724 Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
	<p>Horsepower Auto Brokers 1409 E. Olive Ct. Unit E, Ft. Collins 970-482-2579 www.horsepowerauto.com</p>	<p>Vanworks 900 East Lincoln Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>
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