



March Trip Report

It was still a little chilly when we started gathering at the Albertsons parking lot, but the day was young and the sky was blue. After awhile that quiet and pristine Sunday morning was shattered by an awful grinding noise coming from the gas station. It turned out to be Craig's guest (Russell & family) in a newly acquired Jeep YJ that was going on its first shakedown cruise. Russell hustled and got a new starter from a nearby parts store and got it installed just as the group was leaving for the trip to the Ballard Logging Road.

We followed Darwin around Horsetooth and picked up the Masonville contingent of Mountaineers and headed up the Buckhorn Canyon in a convoy of 25 vehicles. We chose to air down on the main road before heading up the Ballard as we didn't want to disturb the gun totein' crazy that lives at the

beginning of the road. On up the road, Darwin turned left onto a trail that went on up the hill instead of to the meadow. We told him that the rest of us went straight when he turned. but he wanted to check out the trail. The trail he was on splits and one fork goes to a locked gate. He followed the other one until it got to a wood pile and a big drift. As there were only two of them, Darwin turned around and eventually caught up with the rest of the group.

Once we got over the first big hill, we started seeing more snow and ice flows in the middle of the trail. Then the real fun began. Russell's "new" Jeep lost 4WD and the starter acted up again. A new bolt supplied by Darren fixed the starter and Dan M. found the plastic vacuum line that pulls in the automatic hubs broken (it couldn't be fixed on the trail). Craig pulled him up the hill and got him turned around and they headed back to the Fort. The final climb on this trail is one long, steep ice hill. Don M was the first one to try it. He huffed and puffed but could only make it halfway before losing traction and sliding out of control backwards down the hill. Don thought that there was more than one way to skin a skunk, so he chained up. Smart

move ... until one of the chains came loose and took out a brake line. The only ones to make it to the top of the ice hill were Dan M., Dan V., Steve G., Shane P., Cotton R. and Darren F.

Mr. Finger must have been having too much fun. It has been reported that somewhere along the way he hit two trees at the same time and the "Tater" came out the loser. He had put a crease across the top of the hood when he slid under a log, a ding on the left fender and another dent on the right fender. Now wait, Darren's day wasn't done yet. He was driving through the forest minding his own business, not a care in the world, when all of a sudden he sees a blast from the past walking towards him. Oh no, could it be, yes it was, Ross E., a former club member who was up to his old tricks. Ross had gone off on his own, on a side trail, in a vehicle that was not equipped and didn't even have a CB. He got that little Zuk or whatever it was, buried in the snow. It took a lot of creative winching to get him out. He had to be winched a second time before they got back to the main road.

Whew, what a great day of wheeling we had, even
3 the weather was perfect. Most all of the

Mountaineer family had all the fun they could stand. That night Shane P. went to bed with a smile on his face just thinking about the fun day that he and Skyler had. The next morning he woke up to a flat 37 inch MTR. He had punctured the sidewall on the trip and it took awhile for it to go flat.

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Club Trip

Upper Cherokee
Meet at Albertson's at
9:00AM Sunday April 19th



Mountaineers in Moab, 2009

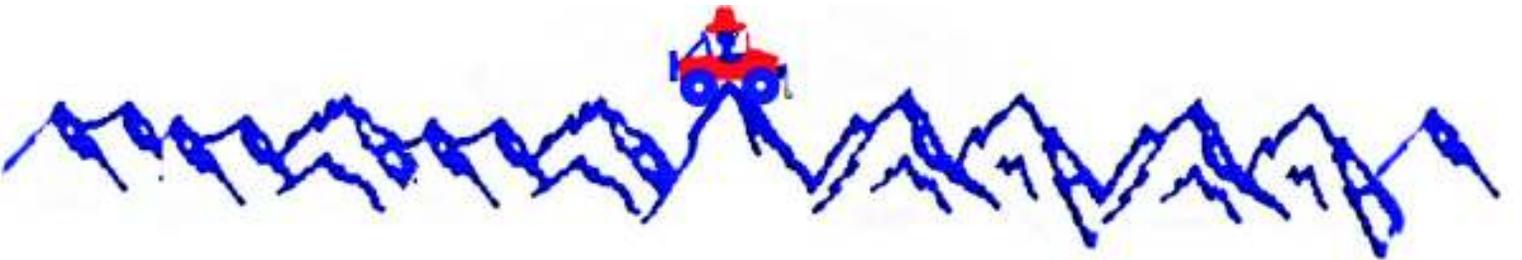
We have set a date for this years Mountaineers Moab trip. The first day of wheeling will be May 30th. There will be trips through Friday June 5th. Make your plans now for a fun week of great wheeling. If you have any questions, we will be glad to answer them at our membership meeting.





Highway Clean-Up

On Saturday, April 18th we will be cleaning up our 2 mile stretch of Highway in the Poudre Canyon, weather permitting. Please meet at mile marker 119 (it is only a mile and a half west of Ted's place) at about 8:45am. We will have some La Mars Doughnuts and orange juice as refreshments. If we have at least 8 people, it will only take about 45 minutes to complete the task. Please bring gloves, bags and safety vests are provided.



New Members

Jeff Brozier #75
William Marvin #76
Jason Cramer #77



Mountain Ears

Thanks goes to Kent, Shane, Craig and Dan V. for hauling nurses to and from the Columbine Health Care Center during the recent snow storm. The six nurses we gave rides to were very grateful.

Thank you to all the Mountaineers who went to the Forest Service open house to look over the new Canyon Lakes Ranger District road map and offer suggestions for improvement. We think they will take to heart our comments on the map. It looks as if we will only lose a few spurs that don't go anywhere. You will still be able to camp within 300 feet of most of the roads in the district. They will release the official version of the map in about six weeks and we will get a few to show at our membership meeting.



Special Calendar Note For May

Please mark these dates on your calendar in May. The board meeting is May 4th. The membership meeting is May 13th and the club camp-out and work weekend to open our trails is May 16th and 17th. Everything has been moved up 1 week due to the Memorial Day weekend falling on the 23rd, 24th & 25th this year. More about the camp-out at our May meeting and in the next newsletter.





4x4 Classifieds

For Sale: 2005 Rubicon. 15,600 miles. 6 speed. This is a fully trail ready Rubicon. Over \$8,000 in additional equipment including: Teraflex 4 inch long arm lift kit, 33x12.50 Goodyear MTR tires, JKS front sway bar disconnect, Skid Row engine and trans skid plate, Fabtech rear bumper with tire carrier, Jeep rock sliders, Warn 9.5ti winch, Poison Spyder trail corner armor and differential rock rings, Xenon 6 inch poly fender flares, heavy duty tie rod, Bilstein 5100 shocks, Jeep seat covers and a Best top safari bikini top. Factory soft top with tinted windows and half doors. Well maintained with Mobil One synthetic oil. Have all records and receipts. No body damage from offroading. paint is in great shape! The interior has had seat covers since day one. This Jeep can do the toughest trails and goes down the highway at 75 mph perfectly. Asking \$23,500 It can be seen on www.cars.com as well as www.hcp4x4.com.



April 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Sharon Kapperman	4 Dan Oster Valorie Miller
5 Christina Eddy	6 BOARD MEETING <i>Brandon Glesson</i>	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Bob Schleppey	14	15 Club Meeting Cassandra McCurry	16	17	18
19 Club Trip	20	21	22	23	24	25 Rich Stengaard
26	27 Dave Oden	28	29	30		

May 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Karlen Mueller
3	4 BOARD MEETING <i>John Schrader</i>	5	6 Jeff Mueller	7 M&L Golly	8 Bill Marquardt	9
10	11	12	13 Club Meeting	14	15	16 Club Trip Amie Lenderink
17 Club Trip	18 Tim Sigley Austen Hobbs	19	20	21 Corinne Surface	22 B&H Crue C&A DeWitt	23 Heidi Cramer
24/31 Jesse Keller	25 L&S Vlcek	26 Shane Payton	27	28 Tonya Mercer G&A Kinnison	29 Ben Crue	30

Board Meeting: May 4 7:30pm John Schrader
 Jun. 8 7:30pm Woody's Pizza
 Membership Meeting: Apr. 15 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 May 13 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: Apr. 19 **9:00am** **Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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