



**THE
MOUNTAINEERS**
Newsletter

March Trip Report

Only nine vehicles met at the Albertson's parking lot for our annual kids sledding trip to the Happy Jack Recreation area up in Wyoming. It was a great day to go sledding, the sun was shining bright and the temperature was in the mid 50s. At the appointed time we followed Craig north towards Laramie. We turned off onto the Pumpkin Vine Road and drove around the high prairie roads until we eventually came to the Ames Monument which is

a rather large pyramid sitting out in the middle of nowhere.

After a brief pit stop at the rest area, we drove the last mile to Happy Jack. During that



Last mile, Craig noticed a high pitched noise coming from the rear axle. Upon arrival, Don told Craig "you stink". What we smelled was hot 90 weight oil and Don noticed oil dribbling onto the tire and the axle was hot to the touch. We

surmised that a bearing had seized and seal had gone bad.

When we walked over to the sledding hill, we were greeted by Mike and Lori Golly. They had already built a cooking fire, set up the table for cookies, crackers and other chili fixings. When we first saw them, they were sitting in their lawn chairs, basking in the bright sun. It seems that they had already taken a run down the fast hill and Lori had a bruised hand to show for it. When we

looked under the ice pack, Lori's hand was half again its normal



size and you couldn't even see any knuckles it was so

swollen. The Kappermans set about getting the chili pot hung on the tripod over the fire. Can after can of



chili was poured into the oversize pot and left to cook over the open flame. Several more Mountaineers showed up to partake in the fun.

All that was left to do was schlep our sleds and tubes up the hill for the fast trip down. Mona gave Don M. permission to go sledding even though he broke his collar bone on the hill last year. Don had a blast with his helmet cam, even

though he ran into the bushes at the end of a couple of times. A shovel was produced and was ridden down several runs. Everyone was having a great time and soon the chili was hot and ready to



eat. In between runs, Ron would dish out a hot bowl of chili to the hungry sledders. As the afternoon wore on, it was time to clean the cooking pot, put out the fire and haul all the gear back to the parking lot. Thank you Ron for bringing your chili pot and cooking for the umpteenth

year. The same goes out to the Gollys and everyone who brought wood and some extra goodies to share. The Mountaineer family had a great time.

Aftermath: Craig called Jeff Paben and he came up to fetch the Muffin on his tow dolly. The swelling went down on Lori's hand thanks to the ice pack. She was able to go to work the next morning, knuckles and all.

El Guapo





April Club Trip

Our Club Trip is being moved from the normal Sunday Trip to the day before, Saturday April 23rd because Sunday is Easter.

The actual Trip Destination will be announced at the Club Meeting. So meet at our normal Trip Meeting place (North Albertson's) at 9:00am on Sat. April 23rd.



Highway Cleanup

Saturday, April 30th

We will be picking up trash on our two mile section of Highway 14. Meet at mile marker 119 at 9:00 AM which is a couple of miles above Ted's Place in the Poudre Canyon. The cleanup only takes about 45 minutes. Bring gloves and an appetite for blueberry pancakes and bacon. After the cleanup, we will retire to the Braskich plantation for breakfast made by Bianca and Mike. After breakfast you can go out to the Quonset hut to play pinball, the slots, foosball or even bowl a few lines. For those that just want to relax, you can sit on the deck by the pond and watch the ducks or gaze upon a 15 foot Easter Island Moai which is by the water falls. There is something for everyone at the plantation. See you there!!!!



Mountaineers in Moab

The date has been set for our week in Moab. The first trip will leave from the Moab City Market at 9:00 am on May 7th, 2011. We will have an organized trip every day through Friday, May 13th. More about this at the meeting. Be sure to put in for your vacation time at work for this fun time in Moab.



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ESSENTIALS

Below are requirements for vehicles on trail rides. This list is by no means complete, but they are the **MINIMUM** items that should be carried on a trail.

1. Valid Driver's License and Proof of Insurance.
2. Fire Extinguisher (1A10BC Dry Chemical).
3. Roll Bar or Steel Unitized Factory Roll Protection Structure. (If you have a Jeep, you're set.)
4. Basic First Aid Kit.
5. Tow rope, strap, or chain
6. Safety belts (one for each occupant).
7. Jack, lug wrench and full size spare tire (no donuts).
8. Front and Rear, frame mounted tow points.
9. A **FUNCTIONING** 4×4 system.
10. H²O and extra gas- at least 2 gallons of each.



RECOMMENDED

Below are recommended items for vehicles on trail rides. Again, this list is by no means complete, but is recommended items that will make your trail ride more safe and enjoyable.

Vehicle

- Armor – Skid plates, rock rails, etc.
- Lift
- Lockers
- Winch – Rated 8000lb or higher

Radios

- CB or Digital (i.e. Motorola Talkabouts or other FRS)

Trash bags (Everyone should be “packing it out” as well as picking up any garbage they see on the trail.)

Camera – Digital cameras and disposals are encouraged. Bring extra film/disks/batteries with you.

Navigation & Communication

- GPS

7- Maps – Road & TOPO

- Compass
- CB & Digital Radios
- Cell Phone

Electrical

- Power Inverter
- Fuses & Relays
- Wire – various gauges
- Wire Stripper
- Electrical Connectors
- Electrical Tape

Clothing

- Change of clothes, including spare boots and socks Very Important !
- Foul Weather Gear – Gore-Tex and Fleece with gloves. Pack for the worst weather you can imagine.
- Mechanics Gloves

Tools

- Maglite
- Various tools – full socket/wrench sets in standard and metric, screwdrivers, etc.
- Hydraulic floor jack (Hi-Lift)
- Bottle Jack
- Bailing Wire
- Duct Tape
- Zip ties
- Hatchet or Axe
- Shovel
- PB Blaster
- GOJO
- Safety Glasses
- Various Bungee cords
- Saw
- Rope – Small gauge (550 parachute cord) and Heavy (For massive Jeep repair)

Recovery Gear

- Snatch Block
- Straps – tow & snatch
- Extra Clevis style shackles
- HD Work Gloves
- Spotter Line
- Pull-Pal

Spare Parts

- Belts, hoses, spark plugs, wires, etc.
- Spare Tie rod assembly
- U-joints
- Spare light bulbs
- Fluids – Oil, Tranny, Diff, Coolant, Starting
- Filters – Air, Oil, etc.
- RTV

Emergency

- First Aid kit (kits from Mobil Medic are a good option)
- Spare Fire Extinguisher
- Waterproof matches
- Fire starter
- Emergency Flares
- Sun block

Cooler or Portable Fridge

- Bottled water, Gatorade, food with high protein/calorie content


Assorted

- Tire Deflators
- On-Board Air (Compressor or CO2)
- Toilet Paper (you should be burying your waste or packing it out)
- Paper towels
- Rags



Classifieds

Since the great addition of emissions testing in Larimer County, many of us have tires on our rigs that simply do not conform to the test stations limitations (i.e. less than 34" tires). Anyway, for those with a Toyota 6 lug 5.5" pattern, I will let anyone in the club borrow them so that they may get their rig tested. Please call Jeff (970) 663-4391 if you have the need.



Our deepest sympathy goes out to Lori, Mike and Travis Golly. Lori's father passed away on April 8th in Minnesota. Our hearts and prayers are with the Golly family during this time of grief.



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