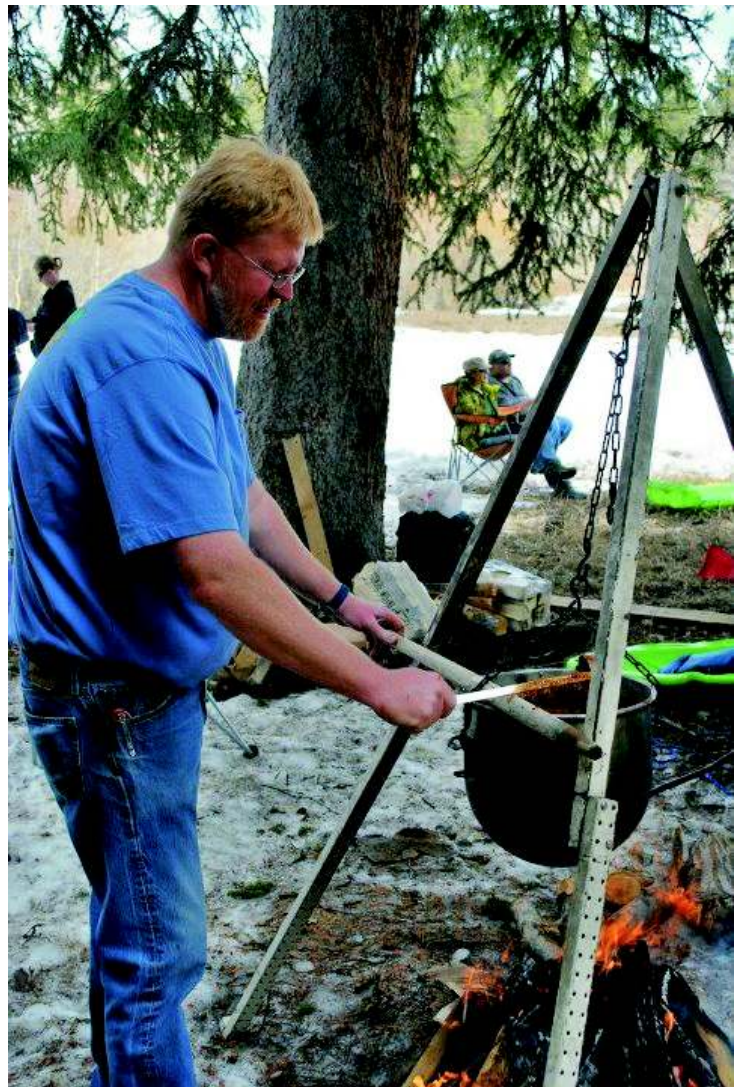


Mountain - Ears

March Trip Report

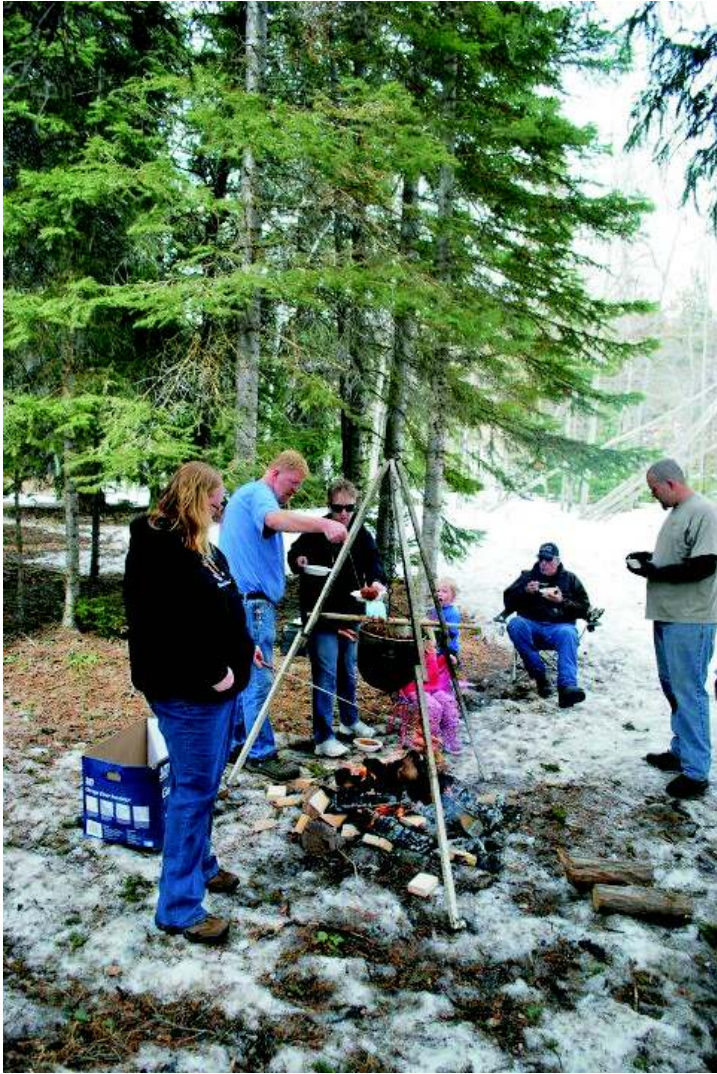
About ten Mountaineer and guest vehicles gathered at our jumping off point for the annual kids sledding trip to the Happy Jack Recreation Area outside of Laramie Wyoming. It was a beautiful morning when we followed Craig north on Highway 287. A couple of miles past State Line, we turned off on the Pumpkin Vine road which winds across the Wyoming prairie. As the year has been very dry, there were only a few patches of snow off the road and it was dusty. Soon after crossing the Union Pacific main line tracks, we stopped at the Ames

Monument granite pyramid to take in a little bit of area history.



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After a brief potty stop at the Lincoln rest area, the group made it to Happy Jack where we met up the Crue and



Payton families. They had gone ahead of us to reserve our spot in the trees and to set up the cooking fire. Shane was the chief cook and pot washer on this day. All the

cans of chili were emptied into the gigantic cook pot and hung on the tripod over the fire. Our attention then turned to the sledding hill. The hill



was a little icy, but still good enough although we had to watch out at the Bottom because of

the bare Ground. The kids



(Young and old) had a great time going lickety-split, or as fast as gravity would allow, bouncing over the moguls. Every once in a while, one of the little ones would bounce off the tube creating a few tears but soon were back up the hill for another trip down.

LARIMER COUNTY FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

Meanwhile, back at the campfire, the chili was warming up. At one point, Shane used a garden shovel to pull the pot closer so that he could stir it and the spade came off the handle and plopped right into the pot



which probably only added to the flavor. After about an hour of stirring, the master chef deemed the chili fit for human consumption. Shane started to ladle it out to all comers, getting as much chili



on himself as he did in the bowls. Our bellies full, it was



Back to more fun on the sledding hill.

At the end of the day, there were no reports of any broken



Bones, well maybe a few bruised tailbones. In our book,



LARIMER COUNTY FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

That means that the day was successful and the Mountaineer family had a bunch of fun. Our compliments go to Shane for his excellent efforts in fixing such a delicious gastronomical delight.

El Guapo



April Club Trip

Sunday, April 22nd

At this time of year not much is open, so we are going to go on a scenic tour of Upper Cherokee Park. We will leave from our trip meeting place at the North Albertsons at the regular time of 9:00am on Sunday morning April 22nd.

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New Member

Scott & Kelly Ficarra #72

May Camp-out & Trail Clean-up

Our Camp-out and Trail Clean-up is being moved up one weekend this year to May 11-13. We will be staying in our normal campground (Kelly Flats Campground) this year. The gate will be open some time on Friday May 11th for us to pull into the back loop as always. There will be no camp host this year because we are a week early. We will clean-up Kelly Flats on Saturday the 12th and Seven Mile on Sunday the 13th.



Our Annual Summer Club Outing

This year we are going to substitute a new destination for our normal Moab Trip. We will be spending a week in Buena Vista and running the trails in the area. We will be spending the week of July 7th through 13th in Buena Vista because the altitude is higher and the trails should be open in July. The RV park is about 1.5 miles north of Buena Vista at 30430 North Highway 24 (800) 954-8481. Just like we do in Moab we will be meeting each morning at City Market in Buena Vista to leave for our trips. City Market is on the south end of town at 438 Highway 24.



Member's Ride

Name: Jim & Melony Dixon **Unit Number:** 70

Ride Make & Model: Jeep JK Unlimited 4-dr

Year: 2009

Engine: 3.8 litter

Transmission: Stock

Transfer Case: Stock

Front End: Dana 30 w/ 4:56 Gears

Rear End: Dana 44 w/ 4:56 Gears, Eaton E-Locker

Wheels & Tires: 16" MB Chaos wheels, 33" Good Year Duratrac Tires

Springs & Shocks: Rough Country 2.5" Springs, 2" Spacers, Rough Country 2.2 Shocks

Brakes: Stock

Miscellaneous: Smitty built SRC Series Bumpers, Rocker Guards, Warn VR 10,000 series winch, High Lift Jack, JKS Quicker Disconnects



Member's Ride

Name: Jim & Melony Dixon **Unit Number:** 70

Ride Make & Model: Jeep Wrangler YJ

Year: 1994

Engine: 4.0 HO

Transmission: Stock

Transfer Case: Stock

Front End: Dana 30 w/ 3:73 gears

Rear End: Dana 35 w/ 3:73 Gears

Wheels & Tires: Steel Wheels, 31" BFG AT

Springs & Shocks: 2" Rancho springs and Shocks

Brakes: Stock

Miscellaneous: Custom front and rear Bumpers, Tire Carrier, High Lift Jack, Smitty Built XRC 10,000 Winch, Piaa Off-road Lights



April 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Sharon Kapperman	4 Valorie Miller	5 Christina Eddy Seth Burch	6	7
8 Aure Marvin Scott Riley	9 BOARD MEETING <i>Craig Stumbough</i>	10	11	12	13 Bob Schleppy	14
15 Cassandra McCurry	16	17	18 CLUB MEETING Jim Dixon	19	20	21
22 CLUB TRIP Justin Treece	23	24	25 Rich Stengaard	26	27 Dave Oden	28
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May 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Karlen Mueller	3	4	5 Attie Burch
6 Jeff Mueller	7 BOARD MEETING <i>Bob Paul</i>	8 Bill Marquardt	9	10	11	12 CLUB TRIP
13 CLUB TRIP	14	15	16 CLUB MEETING	17	18	19
20	21 Corinne Surface	22	23	24	25	26 Shane Payton
27	28 Tonya Mercer	29 Ben Crue	30	31		

Board Meeting: May 7 7:30pm Bob Paul
 Jun. 11 7:30pm Dave Piller
 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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<p>Bullhide Liner 4X4 & Auto Accessories 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p>Always A Deal Inc. Computer Services Johnstown, Colorado 970-310-7547 www.AlwaysaDeal.info</p>	<p>Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</p>
<p>Horsepower Auto Brokers, LLC 417 N US HWY 287, Ft. Collins 970-482-2579 www.horsepowerauto.com</p>	<p>CDR Communications, LLC Cabling Done Right Call Don Maresh @ 970-556-7276 don-cdr@live.com www.cablingdoneright.com</p>	<p>RockStomper P.O. Box 724 Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
<p>Fry's Auto Care 210 Commerce Dr. Ft. Collins 970-310-7195</p>	<p>Wellington Toy Storage 4000 Washington Ave. Wellington, Colorado 970-498-2111 www.wellingtontoystorage.com</p>	