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November Club trip

Storm Mountain

It's a good thing that the club has decided to change the meeting place for the trips. We had so many show up that we had a regular traffic jam when we tried to leave the parking lot. As Brett had been on the trail just a few weeks before, he was asked to lead the trip. There were a few comments about a \$200.00 in the lead and a \$100.00 Scout as tail gunner. We stopped about a ¼ mile before the trailhead to air down and lock in our hubs as we didn't want to stop on the portion of the trail that goes across private property.

As the vehicles turned onto the trail, the Deion family was out on their back porch giving us the evil eye and watching the parade of 29 four wheelers snake their way up the mountain. We all gave a collective sigh of relief when we got to the gate designating public property. The trail was covered with about two inches of snow and at most of the hills we had to get a good head of speed to get up. After a while, we entered the area that was burned during the Bob Cat fire last June. It was the first time for many of us to see the area since the fire. In places, it reminded us of scenes from the movie Dr. Zhivago with the trees and ground burned bare, the starkness and contrast of it all. At a lot of places along the road, it was green on one side and burnt black on the other.

At one rest stop we had to make temporary repairs on the tie rod on a guests white Cherokee. Then it was on to Galuche Meadow where we bunched up for lunch. The first few in line tried there luck at the first challenging hill which they said was pure ice. There was difficulty on a second ice hill as well. It was very slow going at first. Our newly elected trip planner Kelly, decided to let her other half Brett drive their CJ-7 up the ice and she would watch. Well Brett got it up the hill and Kelly had to pay the price and walk up as he wasn't about to turn around to go back down and get her. Betcha the next time she will ride! It took a long time to get the first few vehicles up the hills. Several thought that we would never get 29 through by dark, let alone find a place for them to all park on the top. Twelve turned around in the meadow and headed for home. The hearty seventeen that stayed all made it to the top. They played at the challenge rock for a while. Todd broke an axle on his CJ-8. A guest in his Cherokee also broke on the challenge.

The trip down the mountain was exciting also. With so many vehicles spinning their tires to get up the hills, it was an ice skating rink on the way down. Once you were on the ice, you were committed and said a

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prayer that nobody had stopped in front of you or you would rear end them for sure. Everyone made the trip down to Cedar Park OK. In fact, most everyone made it home in time to see the fourth quarter of the Broncos game. It was just another glorious day of wheeling with the Mountaineer family.



Garfield

Crash on Crown Point

A B-17 Flying Fortress bomber crashed on the night of June 13, 1944 near the Flowers Trails approximately 40 miles west of Fort Collins. Parts of wings, engines, and other small pieces of the plane are accessible to the moderately-fit hikers who don't mind walking almost two and one-half hours to get to the site which is about 10,500 feet in elevation.

According to news accounts in the Fort Collins Express-Courier and the Greeley Tribune, the plane and its 10 member crew were on a training flight from a base in Rapid City, SD, to Colorado Springs. On the way they were supposed to make a circle over Wyoming, Akron and Scottsbluff, NE. But the crew apparently had navigation problems and ended up in the mountains west of Fort Collins. News accounts differed about details of the crash, but they agree that shortly before the crash, the plane passed over a lighted town. The crew was uncertain whether the town was Laramie, Cheyenne or Greeley. About 15 minutes later, a crew member apparently looked out of the plane and saw trees below. He warned the navigator that more altitude was needed, and the navigator checked his maps and noted that they showed 10,000 foot peaks in the area. He ordered an increase in altitude from the 10,200 feet which then showed on the altimeter, and just after the pilot nosed the craft upward, it crashed into trees on the mountainside.

An explosion and fire followed the impact, and the pilot, co-pilot and navigator were killed immediately. The tailgunner was critically injured, and he died a day later before rescuers could arrive. Fire

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consumed much of the plane and all of the crew's supplies, leaving survivors with no food or medical equipment to treat injuries, news accounts said.

As the day dawned following the crash, two survivors - Sgt. Don Jacobs, engineer, and Cpl. LeRoy Faigin, waist gunner - trudged down the mountain in waist deep snow to Little Beaver Creek, which they followed for 14 hours until they ran into two fishermen from Weld County.

The anglers - Fred Walker, a mail carrier in Pierce, and Arthur J. Copes of Ault - took the airmen to Ted's Place at the mouth of the Poudre Canyon, where military officials and the Larimer County sheriff were notified of the crash.

Copes and Walker had been fishing the Poudre River and the South Fork of the Poudre with little luck. "We had no particular reason to go up the Little Beaver, but something must have told us to do it," Copes said in the Tribune.

As rescuers from Lowry Air Base, the Larimer County Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Forest Service and area ranchers headed to the crash site on the ground, the wreckage was spotted from the air by a fighter plane pilot on June 15th. Another Army plane dropped a surgeon and food supplies by parachute to assist injured soldiers who remained at the crashed aircraft.

To get to the plane crash site, drive up the crown point road to the Brown's Lake trailhead. Hike three miles on the Brown's Lake Trail until it intersects with the Flowers Trail, then turn east (left) on the Flowers Trail and walk another four miles to the crash site. Debris from the plane is not visible from the trail, but a foot tall metal stake has been driven into the ground on the north side of the trail at a point where sightseers should wander into the trees to look for the wreckage. Pieces of the aircraft are located about 100 yards off the main trail and are said to be hard to find because of the tree growth.

For the second month in a row, we wish to thank John Benshoof (now retired from the Forest Service) for providing our club with his research. The facts contained in this story were gathered from an article published in the Greeley Tribune on July 29th, 1993 and was written by Tribune staff writer, Bob Kretschman.

CLUB TRIP

Club Trip

To be announced at Club Trip Meeting Place
Club Trip has been moved to **Dec. 17** regular meeting place.

Moab Trip

Will be June 9-16



VOTE EARLY & VOTE OFTEN

No pregnant chads or dimples allowed !

As is Mountaineer tradition has it, at the December meeting we will vote for the clubs most active man, most active woman, most active couple and the dreaded boner award. Start thinking about who would be most deserving of these awards. We will also ask why you voted for the person you think should get the boner award. There will be a ballot available for each unit number at the meeting.

Christmas Party

At Darwin & Colleen Stengaard's House
221 Indian Ridge Rd Fort Collins
Dec. 9, 1:00 pm Potluck Meal about 3:00 pm

Open Grill

Refreshments For Club Meeting

Please bring Homemade Goodies for the refreshments to the December Club Meeting.
Soda will be supplied.

What Can Be Learned From TV

- 1) Good guys always shoot better than bad guys.
- 2) Good guys are always outnumbered.
- 3) Good guys always win and get the girl.
- 4) Good guys are always good looking.
- 5) Good guys are the only ones with a sense of humor.
- 6) Good guys will only get shot in the arm or leg.
- 7) Nothing cures the blues like killing 30 or 40 bad guys.
- 8) Good guys don't take drugs.
- 9) Heroes wear clothes that dirt can't stick to.
- 10) Ugly people are always bad guys.
- 11) Bad guys will make elaborate inventions to kill the good guys, but they will never stick around to see if it works.
- 12) The bad guy chickens out first.
- 13) The police are smart.
- 14) Police never wait for back-up.
- 15) Undercover cops are too good to be spotted, especially when wearing dark sunglasses.
- 16) All police killings are in self-defense.
- 17) Police chases must include a car going through a plate glass window.
- 18) Car wheels screech on any corner, even on dirt.
- 19) After being shot, there is always enough time to escape.
- 20) The chances of getting into an accident increases proportionally as the car goes slower.
- 21) Burglar alarm system's connection box is on the outside wall.
- 22) Private detective work is glamorous.
- 23) Cars will explode in all accidents.
- 24) Court cases are all solved with a surprise witness.
- 25) Teenagers who have sex are destined to die in grotesque ways.
- 26) Teenagers are always smarter than their parents.

THINGS TO PONDER

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'75 AMC 360, Long Block (Needs Valve work), '82 AMC 360 w/ 200K+ miles, ran when removed from vehicle. Burns oil. '82 Chrysler 727 automatic transmission w/ part-time transfer case. Lock stock and barrel for \$150 Please call Jeff 970 663-4391

67-72 Chevy Blazer/Truck parts.

72 front clip, blazer drs, 4 row radiator, tilt steering, blazer top, A/C components, TH350 trans. misc. Darren. 613-8298

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1971 CJ5 new supertop with half doors, V6 w/3 speed/overdrive 80,000 actual miles rebuilt at 45,000 always garaged, all paperwork, new tires, shocks 2 1/2" rancho lift, gas can rack, full roll cage, aux heater, ARB air lockers front and rear, warn winch, heavy bumper, power steering, rear seat, never wrecked, body in good shape, 2 gas tanks, 11' drum brakes front and rear Dana 30 in front will accept disc brakes, bikini top, white spoke wheels 4.88 ring and pinion 18 mpg serious climber. \$7000 Call Rich at 970-587-2508

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258 6 cylinder engine Yuell Brothers built, 4 bbl carb, cam, split headers, Mallory Ign, runs strong. Please call Rich at 970-635-0393 or 970-416-0245 Priced to sell.

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YJ Stuff Wrangler Hardtop w/ rear wiper (Tan) - \$900, Rear Seat - \$100, Stock Springs - \$50. Call Curtis (970) 217-7226 or pager (970) 416-4238

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Member name: Mike Golly

Member number: 19

Make and Model: 1976 CJ7

Engine: 401 AMC Howell Fuel Injection

Tranny: 904 Torque Flite

T-Case: Dana 300 Currie Twin Stick

Front Axle: Dana 44, 4.55 gears Detroit Locker

Rear Axle: Dana 44, 4.55 gears Detroit Locker

MEMBERS RIDES

Tires and wheels: 33 X 12.50 X 15 BFG Mud Ter.
Suspension: Ranch Springs - Black Diamond XT Shocks
Brakes: Stock Jeep - Bearly Stops
Accessories: Warn Xd9000i, 1" Body Lift
Future upgrades: Just Drive it.

