



November Trip Report

Three Trails For The Price Of One

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Nine Mountaineers and guests met under cloudy skies at the Albertsons parking lot for what was billed as a snow bashing trip. The topic of discussion was how we all knew that the TV weathermen were all liars. They had promised that the day would be cold and snowy. They got it half right, it was cold. We followed Brett out of the parking lot towards Pingre Park, just hoping that we had mountain snows as promised. We made one quick stop on the way up to check out a pickup that slid off the highway and 40 feet down an embankment. When the driver was not to be found, we headed out again encountering more snow as we gained altitude. At the Crown Point trailhead we met up with Darren. Everyone aired down and checked out Darren's "new" ride, a full sized Blazer he named "TATER".

There was 2 to 3 inches of snow when we started up the trail and by the time we got to the Black Hollow turnoff there was at least 10 inches. We split into two groups with Brett leading up the main trail. Darren headed down into Black Hollow with Elaine and Craig following behind. The CB was buzzing with



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comments about how narrow the trail was and how it was a good thing that both groups had a sacrificial big rig leading the way to get all the fresh wet snow off the branches. Darren had to stop several times to get the packed snow off the hood and away from the wipers. Brett's group had to stop to fix a flat tire on Shane's Jeep. We think that Shane just wanted to show off his new on board air. When the two groups met at the top, there was at least a foot of fresh snow that we were running through. This was the first big snow of the year and the wind hadn't had a chance to make any drifts yet. We all headed back through Black Hollow and when we got back to the Crown Point road it was time for lunch.

As the day was still young, it was decided to go over Pennock Pass and try our luck on the White Pine Trail. We followed Shane from our lunch spot down the road. Shane got to goofing around too much and got sucked into the ditch. He had to ride that ditch at least 50 yards before he could pop back up onto the road again. We relegated him to the middle of the pack and Brett took over the lead again. When we got to the Monument Gulch Road and saw that the Forest Service hadn't closed it yet and it didn't take long to make the decision to go that way instead of over the pass. The road was easy with only a couple of inches of snow on it. Most of the group had never been on this trail before. Even though it was a drive through, everyone

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enjoyed the trail as it is pretty with the snow on it.

We knew that White Pine would be a challenge with all the new snow on the ground, but the eight that were left are all gamers. We headed up the trail, surprising some hikers on the way who were wondering what idiots would try this trail in the snow. The way up was challenging but everyone made their way slipping and sliding around the switchbacks. Guest, Rubicon John, in his three week old Jeep learned the value of his air lockers along the way. Craig just got to the top of one hill and couldn't get over the crest as the road was all slicked up. He stopped and started sliding back where he had come from. He started hollering at Elaine on the CB to get out of the way as he was out of control (what's new). The Muffin stopped just before getting to Elaine saving Craig a lot of embarrassment. At the top, we all had big smiles, but none as big as Coyote Johns'. We all got turned around for the trip back down. The first four made the trip OK but not without some serious pucker factor on the icy toboggan run, That group of 4 waited, and waited, and waited at the bottom of the hill for the rest to come down. The bottom group only took a half an hour to realize that something had gone awry up above. Not being able to reach them on the radio, Craig went back up the hill. When radio contact was finally made, Shane said that a couple of them had slid off the road into some trees and that they would be down soon, after some creative winching. When they got to the bottom, we finally heard the whole sordid tale.

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Corvette Dave said that he didn't see the accident directly but seeing as he was above he did see the top of a tree shake violently and drop all its accumulated snow. That was his first clue that not all was going well. He got out and saw that Shane had slid off the road and smacked into a tree. After some winching, Shane got the TJ back onto the road but had to winch backwards down the switchbacks, all the while Stephanie was letting him know in unprintable terms about his lousy driving techniques. Little or no damage was reported to the TJ but Shane's ears were hurting by the end of the ordeal. Coyote John was the next one to try the icy patch. As luck would have it, Stephanie wasn't riding with him and the Cruiser stopped an inch away from the tree. John chained up the rear tires to extricate himself.

After about an hour, the eight vehicles were back together again at the trail head and it was time to go home, It was just another fantastic day of wheeling with the Mountaineer family.

Garfield





Club Trip Old Flowers & Ballard

Provided there's Snow

Meet at Albertson's at **9:00 AM**
Sunday Dec. 19 th



Guest At Oct. Meeting

John Aronold	Ken Fetter
Brian Klopp	Matt & Kristy Wells
Chance Parker	Jason & Lorell Duteil
Dave Surface	Don Maresh



New Member

Don Maresh #65





Toys For Tots Run

Our club trip was moved to Saturday to accommodate club members that wanted to partake in both events. About 10 club vehicles met up with 29 other northern district members on a cold Sunday morning. We formed a caravan to Buckingham Square in Aurora. Upon arrival, we were met by hundreds of other 4 wheelers and a group of Marines who were there to receive our toy donations. After parking, we wandered around to the different 4WD vender booths to see what was new in the industry. A free lunch was offered as was a drawing for goodies donated by the venders. Later in the afternoon, the Colorado State Associations raffle Jeep drawing was held. We all had a good time talking with old and new 4 wheeling friends from all over the state.



Time To Cast Your Ballot

During the December club meeting we will be voting for those club members that do their part in supporting club functions. We are asking you to vote for the most active male, female and couple in the club. Also, think about who would be most deserving of the dreaded year end boner award!! The votes will be tallied and the awards will be presented to the winners (and loser) at the January meeting.



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Mountaineers Christmas Tradition

For the December meeting, we ask all the members to bring in some Christmas goodies to share with all your Mountaineer friends. Besides being able to sample all these delectable consumable baked goods, it also gives Dawn a well deserved break



Mountaineer T shirts & sweatshirts

We are taking orders for Mountaineer T shirts & sweatshirts

You can choose either red or navy. There will be a sample of both at the meeting.

Prices are:

T shirts \$7.00

Long sleeve T's \$10.00

Sweatshirts \$16.00

Kid's T's \$6.00

for XXL sizes add \$2.00 more

for XXXL sizes add \$3.00 more

Make checks to Larimer County Mountaineers.

Orders must be paid before they will be placed.

If you can't make the meeting and want to order please call me at 663-3446. I'm hoping to turn in the order as soon as possible.



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Club Jackets

We have a couple options for jackets. In Ft Collins...DJ's Sports at 700 S College (college & Laurel 970-493-2575) has our logo for embroidery. You need to take in a jacket. In Estes Park III Image Enhancement is at 154 S St Vrain across from the Holiday Inn. 586-5355 She has some jackets to choose from or you can take yours in. I think prices for both range from \$30 to \$40 to get the logo on the back of the jacket. Call or stop in for prices to be sure.

Lori Golly, soon to be "former" treasurer!



New Club Officers

President: Craig Stumbough
Vice President: Darren Finger
Secretary: Colleen Stengaard
Treasure: Stephanie Payton
Trip Planners: Brett Newton
Cotton Riley
Richard Marolf
Steve Giessler

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For Sale: 1987 Elite Motorhome
33 Foot, 454 Chevy
2 AC Units
2 Heat Units
Central Vacuum

Shane Payton 266-8982

For Sale:

1985 Titan 34' Motor Home
454 / Auto
Under 50K miles

Sleeps 6

AC / Heat

Loaded!

Blue Book is \$13,317

\$9500 OBO Call Brian Graves

970-897-2525 Home

303-944-2426 Cell/Work

For Sale:

Front Axle: Dana 44 disc brakes 410
ratio with lockright side drive shaft.

Rear Axle: 9" heavy housing 31
spline Currie axles, nodgular carrier
410 ratio, Detroit locker, heavy 9
3/8" ring gear, Timpken roller
bearings, 11" brakes, Bolt pattern
5x5 1/2. Call Brad anytime on
weekends & after 5 on weekdays at:
520-887-9104

For Sale: Utility Trailer

1992 6 ft bed, tilt \$750.00

Contact: Steve @970-674-0016

For Sale:

Detroit Locker for Dana 30 (f) up to
3:73 \$200

Set of 4 Pro Comp 6" HD Shackles
\$75

Rock Deflector For AMC 20 \$25

York Compressor w/all brackets to fit
AMC 258 I6 \$150

MSD Ignition, Box, Distributor Wires
\$125

Call Richard Marolf (970)416-5972

For Sale:

Warn Trans4mer Grille Guard with
winch plate

For 88-99 GM Trucks. Black, good
condition,

Includes all mounting bracketry.

\$225. Darren 407-6470wk/493-
4997hm

December 2004						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Stephen Strack	4 E&C Strack
5	6 BOARD MEETING	7 Adina DeWitt	8	9	10	11 Tiffany Strack R&J Marolf
12 Mike Braskich	13	14 Matthew DeWitt	15 CLUB MEETING	16 Jason Leahy Madison Atkinson	17 Teresa Shively	18
19 CLUB TRIP	20	21	22	23	24 Greg Lenderink	25 Christmas
26 G&M Linderink	27 Kyle Eddy	28 Alice Mueller Michael Atkinson	29	30	31	

January 2005						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 New Years
2	3	4 Ted Miller	5	6 Margaret Atkinson Darla Miller	7	8 Michael Miller
9	10 BOARD MEETING	11	12	13 Jessica Stengaard	14	15
16	17	18	19 CLUB MEETING	20	21	22
23/30 CLUB TRIP	24/31 Taylor Crue	25	26	27 Richard Marolf Karen Riley	28	29

Board Meeting: Jan. 10 7:30pm Craig Stumbough
Feb. 7 7:30pm To Be Announced
Membership Meeting: Dec. 15 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
Jan. 19 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
Club Trip: Dec. 19 **9:00am** Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox



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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.

<p>Ft. Collins 4X4 Center 1101 North College Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-482-5500</p>	<p>Jackson's All American Sports Grill 925 East Harmony Road Ft. Collins, Colorado</p>	<p>CarQuest Auto Parts 2716 South College Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-226-5050</p>
<p>RockHard 4x4 Parts Lewis Barth 401 Jackie Ann St. Ault, Co 80610 970-834-0767</p>	<p>Fantasy's 4x4 4311 Service Road Evans, Colorado 303-330-3833</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>Bullhide Liner 4X4 & Auto Accessories 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p>MTO Suspension 2649 E MulberrySt Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-416-1234</p>	<p>Vanworks 900 East Lincoln Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>
<p>Coyote Cruisers & OffRoad 417 North Hwy 287 Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-221-1833</p>		