



# November Trip Report

We all met at the Albertsons parking lot for what we hoped would be a trip up Storm Mountain via Masonville. We had heard conflicting reports about locked gates. Craig checked with the DOW and they said that it would be open until the hunting season was over, the last day being our trip date. We had also heard from another club that Forest Ranger Lenora had told them that the road would be closed. We decided to give it a go. We followed Craig out of the parking lot. At Masonville we added another 10 or so vehicles to our convoy. We had 28 vehicles when we went through the open lower gate and onto the mile and a half of private road. When we hit the parking area, we stopped to air down, lock in our hubs and catch up on the latest gossip.

In no time at all, we were driving through the Bob Cat burn area. With a little snow on the ground, the blackened dead trees stood out in stark contrast. A lot of

the trees had blown down since the last trip the club had taken over this road. As we gained elevation, we had a little more snow on the ground. Some in our group had some problems going up the icy hills and had to get some momentum before attempting them. I didn't hear of anybody needing a snatching strap or winch. For the most part, the hunters we came across pulled off to let our large group go by. Only one hunter had a fit because he had to wait a couple of minutes. When we got to the big meadow, we settled in for lunch.

Before we left the meadow, it was noted that the climb ahead was steep and the road ahead was pretty icy. The lesser equipped vehicles took the warning to heart and stayed behind. The road was as advertised and all the club members that made the attempt had some sort of lockers and good tires. We all made it to the top with little trouble. No one in this group bypassed the challenge on the top. We spent only about 20 minutes on the top of the mountain taking in the views of Estes Park, Loveland and Fort Collins before heading home. It was a beautiful day of wheeling for the Mountaineer family. The day went quick as we didn't have to wait for anyone to make trail repairs.



El Guapo



# NOTICE OF TRIP DATE CHANGE

It was pointed out after the last the last meeting that our December trip date was advertised as December 25th, Christmas day. As this is a family day, it was decided to change the trip to Sunday, December 18th. We will leave from the North College Ave. Albertsons parking lot promptly at 9:00 am. Where we will be going has not been determined yet but you can bet that it will be a snow bashing trip!!! The club meeting date will not change, December 21st, at the Knights of Columbus Hall.





# **Tow Hook Party**

Thanks goes to the Stenggaard Clan (Darwin, Colleen, Roger, Rich and Mom) for hosting the annual tow hook party again this year. It sure was nice to work in a warm and very well equipped shop. We put tow hooks on five vehicles and accomplished several other projects which included some spring work, building a new bumper, replacing some floorboard sheet metal, building bump stops and replacing hubs. All three bays in the shop were full all day long and even the dogs had a great time. Thanks again for the use of the shop, tools and supplies. Thanks also goes to the club members who came out just to help.



# **Guests at Last Meeting**

Michael	Chad Pantvein
Sam Altman	John Elliott
Josh Coleman	



# Mountaineer Christmas Traditions

At the December meeting, we will vote for the most active Mountaineer man, woman and couple. Also be thinking of who you would like to see receive the dreaded “Boner Award” for 2005. Just for fun, you will be asked who makes the best pizza in Colorado. The winners will be presented ribbons at the January meeting along with perfect attendance awards for trips and meetings.

To give Danielle a break, we are asking you to bring a Christmas treat (cookies, brownies etc.) to share with your fellow Mountaineers during the break.





# Mountaineers Election Results

The following people were elected to serve on the 2006 board at the November meeting:

President: Craig Stumbough

Vice President: Dan Venrick

Secretary: John Arnold

Treasurer: Stephanie Payton

Trip Planners: Don Maresh

Cotton Riley

Richard Marolf

Troy White





## 4x4 Classifieds

1972 Jeep CJ5, strong running 304, clean and straight body,  
\$2650. Call Ben 970-443-1875

2001 Jeep Cherokee Sport, Dark Blue, 6cyl., Auto, 77K miles  
\$8990. Call Ben 970-443-1875

1999 Ford Explorer XLT, V8, Auto, AWD, 88K miles \$6750.  
Call Ben 970-443-1875

For Sale:

Black SoftTop for YJ with soft Half Doors \$100

Call or Email Dave at 970-310-7547 or [4x4@jeepndave.com](mailto:4x4@jeepndave.com)

For Sale:

Car Dolly \$600

Call Darwin at 970-568-7850

For Sale:

4 33x12.50 BFG AT's Good Tread, \$200 OBO

Call Brian Graves

303-944-2426 Cell/Work



# Firefighter

A firefighter is working on the engine outside the station when he notices a little girl riding down the sidewalk in a little red wagon with little ladders hung off the sides and a garden hose tightly coiled in the middle.

The girl is wearing a firefighter's helmet. The wagon is being pulled by her dog and her cat. The firefighter walks out to take a closer look. "That sure is a nice fire truck," he says admiringly. "Thanks, Mister Fireman," the girl says. The firefighter looks a little closer and notices the girl has tied the wagon to her dog's collar and to the cat's testicles. "Little Partner," the firefighter says, "I don't want to tell you how to run your rig, but if you were to tie that rope around the cat's collar, I think you could go faster.!"

"The little girl replies sweetly, "You're probably right, but then I wouldn't have a siren







# Member's Ride

Member name: Jason Leahy

Member number: 59

Make and Model: Jeep Cherokee

Year: 1988

Engine: 4.0l Bored .040 over, Shaved .010 off Head

Tranny: AW-4 Automatic

T-Case: NP231J

Front Axle: 4.10 Gears

Rear Axle: 4.10 Gears Detroit Truetac

Tires and wheels: 30-9.50-15 15X7 Chrome

Suspension: Stock

Miscellaneous: K&N Filter, Homemade Cat-back 2" E.M.T.

4" PVC Cupholders, 1 1/2" PVC Fishing Rod Holders

Current & Future Projects: Upgrade Front Axle to 297 u-joints, Oxlocker, Convert A/C to Air Compressor, Slip Yoke Elim, Terra Flex 1.75:1 underdrive, Receiver Mount Winch, Rockratz Bumpers and rails, 31x10.50's 4.5" lift



December 2005						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Adina DeWitt	8	9	10
11	12 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> Craig Stumbough Mike Braskich	13	14 Matthew DeWitt	15	16 Madison Atkinson Jason Leahy	17 Teresa Shively
18 <b>CLUB TRIP</b>	19	20	21 <b>CLUB MEETING</b>	22	23	24 Greg Lenderink
25	26	27 Kyle Eddy	28 Alice Mueller Michael Atkinson	29	30	31

January 2005						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Ted Miller	5	6 Margaret Atkinson Darla Miller Wyvonne Stengaard	7
8 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> Craig Stumbough	9	10	11	12 Dusty Theilman	13 Jessica Stengaard	14
15 Julie Moen Missy Graham	16	17	18 <b>CLUB MEETING</b>	19	20	21
22 <b>CLUB TRIP</b>	23	24 Taylor Crue	25	26	27 Richard Marolf Karen Riley	28
29	30	31				

Board Meeting: Jan. 9 7:30pm Craig Stumbough  
Feb. 6 7:30pm To Be Announced  
Membership Meeting: Dec. 21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
Jan. 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
Club Trip: Dec. 18 9:00am **Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



**Larimer County 4WD Club, Inc.**  
**The Mountaineers**  
**PO Box 1225**  
**Fort Collins, CO 80522-1225**

## *December Newsletter*

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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.

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<p><b>Bullhide Liner 4X4 &amp; Auto Accessories</b>            5817 South College Ave.            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p><b>Coyote Cruisers &amp; OffRoad</b>            417 North Hwy 287            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-221-1833</p>	<p><b>Moab 4x4 Outpost</b>            1831 S Hwy 191            Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</p>
<p><b>Front Range Off-Road Fabrication</b>            www.frii.com/~frorfab            cel (970) 481-6508 (970) 472-1846</p>	<p><b>4X4 Used Parts / 4X4 Off Road</b>            938 West Willox Lane, Ft. Collins            970-224-1133 <a href="http://www.4x4usedparts.com">www.4x4usedparts.com</a></p>	<p><b>RockStomper</b>            P.O. Box 724            Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
<p><b>MTO Suspension</b>            2649 E MulberrySt            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-416-1234</p>		<p><b>Vanworks</b>            900 East Lincoln Avenue            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>