



**THE
MOUNTAINEERS**
Newsletter

November Trip Report

Twenty one of us left Fort Collins and headed toward Red Feather Lakes. This trip was billed as the first snow bashing trip of the season. We didn't see the first snow on the ground until we were almost to Red Feather and all of us were



wondering if we would even get to bash a drift or two. In fact we didn't stop to put our hubs in until after we had turned onto the Pearl Beaver Road.

This road only had 5 or 6 inches of snow on it and it had been packed down by the hunters and was icy. Everybody was driving out of the tracks just to get into some unpacked snow. Troy was the first one to do a 360 degree spin because of the icy conditions. Another time, Craig stopped and Don M. put on the binders on his ol' FJ-40. Luckily he slid to the side of the Meadow Muffin and continued into the



giggly weeds. Just before we got to the Cherokee Park Road, we found a good sunny spot for an early lunch.

After lunch, we headed west on the Cherokee Park Road until we got to the old homestead and then turned onto the Boulder Ridge Road.



We saw little snow in this area. With Craig leading it turned out to be the blind leading the blind. He took us into a housing development which he swore was all new and we had to turn around. He found another road and a property owner who said we were on the right road. Again we blindly follow Craig until he realized we couldn't get through the way he went and had to retrace our steps. Brett and Darwin said that they knew where we had gone wrong and so we had a new leader. Brett led us over the right road this time and soon we were coming into Tie Siding Wyoming.



Although we never did find the perfect drift to bust, it was another fun day of wheeling with the Mountaineer family. Even better, there were no breakdowns on the trip. We covered a lot of miles on the trip but were still able to be back home by 3:00 pm.

El Guapo





December Club Trip Date Change

Because our normal club trip date falls on Christmas Eve day, the board has moved the trip date to a week earlier, December 17th. We will meet at the North College Albertsons parking lot and leave promptly at 9:00 am. This will be a snow bashing trip to either the Ballard Logging Road or the Crown Point Road. Hopefully we will have a lot more snow than we had on the November trip.



New Club Officers for 2007

At the November Club meeting, we elected a new slate of officers They are as follows: President, Darren Finger; Vice President, Don Maresh; Secretary, Jamie McQuaid; Treasurer, Ben Crue; Trip Planners, Don MacDonald, Steve Schroeder, Kyle Eddy and Jason Leahy. Congratulations to all!!!



State Raffle Jeep Winner

The winning ticket was drawn in Colorado Springs on Saturday, December 2nd. It was won by a man in California who is member of a Jeep Scrambler Club, how apropos. He was pretty excited when Shelly Surface called him to give the good news. Thank you to all the Mountaineers who sold tickets.



Christmas Meeting Traditions

We ask that members bring treats to the meeting. Cookies, cupcakes brownies are good or whatever you want to make (or buy). This will give Sharon Kapperman a break & we get a great verity of goodies to sample. Sharon will still provide the liquid refreshment.

Also at this meeting, we will be voting for the most active man, woman and couple in the club as well as the dreaded boner award. This year we are taking a survey on your favorite fast food joint in the area.



News From Arizona

As most of our club members are aware, Dan and Tara Venrick have moved to Arizona. They have been Mountaineers for fifteen years. I spoke to them a few days ago and they are still house hunting and trying to get used to the climate. They haven't been wheeling yet and the truck is still on the trailer. Once they get a real address, they will let us know and we will pass it on. The house will have to be a little bigger than they have had in the past as, are you ready for this, Tara is three months pregnant. Congratulations Dan and Tara, we already miss you guys a bunch.



Guests at last Meeting

Dennis Reed	Kerry Beach
Ryan King	Dave Stieb
Bruce Kemp	Rob Ruby
Logan Pitner	



Attn: Board Members of 2006 and 2007

This year's board members and next year's board members are to meet December 11 at Craig Stumbough's house for Board Meeting at 7:30pm. His address is 2549 Newport Dr. Ft. Collins



Editor's Note

I need some Member's Rides. If you need a form to fill out Please pick one up at the Club Meeting or Download it at www.mountaineers4x4.org/membersrides.pdf. Please bring a picture of your vehicle and return the filled out form to Dave Oden or email it to 4x4@jeepndave.com.



Bad Day

Next time you have a bad day at work, think of this guy. Rob is a commercial saturation diver for Global Divers in Louisiana. He performs underwater repairs on offshore drilling rigs. Below is an e-mail he sent to his sister. She then sent it to radio station 103.2 FM in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, which was sponsoring a "worst job experience" contest. Needless to say, she won.

"Hi Sue, Just another note from your bottom-dwelling brother. Last week I had a bad day at the office. I know you've been feeling down lately at work, so I thought I would share my dilemma with you to make you realize it's not so bad after all.

"Before I can tell you what happened to me, I first must bore you with a few technicalities of my job. As you know, my office lies at the bottom of the sea. I wear a suit to the office. It's a wetsuit. This time of year the water is quite cool. So what we do to keep warm is this:

We have a diesel powered industrial water heater. This \$20,000 piece of equipment sucks the water out of the sea. It heats it to a delightful temperature. It then pumps it down to the diver through a garden hose, which is taped to the air hose. Now this sounds like a darn good plan, and I've used it several times with no complaints.

What I do, when I get to the bottom and start working, is take the hose and stuff it down the back of my wetsuit. This floods my whole suit with warm water. It's like working in a Jacuzzi. Everything was going well until all of a sudden, my butt started to itch. So, of course, I scratched it. This only made things worse. Within a few seconds my butt started to burn. I realized what had happened. "The hot water machine had sucked up a jellyfish and pumped it into my suit. Now, since I don't have any hair on my back, the jellyfish couldn't stick to it. However, the crack of my butt was not as fortunate. When I scratched what I thought was an itch, I was actually grinding the jellyfish into the crack of my butt. I informed the dive supervisor of my dilemma over the communicator. "His instructions were unclear due to the fact that he, along with five other divers, were all laughing hysterically. Needless to say I aborted the dive. I was instructed to make three agonizing in-water decompression stops totaling thirty-five minutes before I could reach the surface to begin my chamber dry decompression. When I arrived at the surface, I was wearing nothing but my brass helmet. As I climbed out of the water, the medic, with tears of laughter running down his face, handed me a tube of cream and told me to rub it on my butt as soon as I got in the chamber. The cream put the fire out, but I couldn't poop for two days because my butt was swollen shut. So, next time you're having a bad day at work, think about how much worse it would be if you had a jellyfish shoved up your butt. "Now repeat to yourself, "I love my job, I love my job, I love my job." And whenever you have a bad day, ask yourself: is this a "jellyfish bad day?"



4x4 Classifieds

Goodyear MTR-LT 245/75R16 (31's) off stock '04 Jeep- 5 tires 50% tread life. Best offer. 970-225-0982 can be seen at 4x4 off road and used parts.

For Sale:

Black SoftTop for YJ with soft upperHalf Doors \$100
Call or Email Dave at 970-310-7547 or 4x4@jeepndave.com

For Sale: '92 Dodge Dakota Extended Cab LE 4x4 A/T 318 V8 w/headers, needs a muffler. Power windows and locks. 2" body lift 33x10.5 BFG tires. No rust! Great interior. \$2000.00
Contact Chris at trump626@msn.com or 303-472-6336

Cars, Trucks and SUV's for sale including a 1995 Jeep Wrangler Sahara and a 1998 Dodge Ram 2500 4x4. Visit www.horsepowerauto.com for complete information or give Ben a call at 970-443-1875

December 2006						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Adina DeWitt	8	9
10	11 BOARD MEETING <i>Craig Stumbough</i>	12 Mike Braskich	13	14 Matthew DeWitt	15	16 Jason Leahy
	R&J Marolf					
17 CLUB TRIP Teresa Shively	18	19	20 CLUB MEETING	21	22	23
24 /31 Greg Lenderink	25 Christmas	26 G&M Lenderink	27 Kyle Eddy	28 Alice Mueller	29	30 Grant Pautvein

January 2007						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Year	2	3	4 Ted Miller	5	6 Darla Miller Wyvonne Stengaard
7	8 BOARD MEETING <i>To Be Announced</i>	9	10	11	12 Dusty Theilman	13 Jessica Stengaard
14	15 Julie Moen Missy Graham	16	17 CLUB MEETING	18	19	20
21 CLUB TRIP	22	23	24 Taylor Crue	25	26	27 Richard Marolf Karen Riley
28	29	30	31			

Board Meeting: Dec. 11 7:30pm Craig Stumbough
 Jan. 8 7:30pm To be announced
 Membership Meeting: Dec. 20 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Jan. 17 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: Dec. 17 9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox



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Bullhide Liner 4X4 & Auto Accessories 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288	Coyote Cruisers & OffRoad 417 North Hwy 287 Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-221-1833	Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911
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