



November Trip Report

The evening before the Sunday trip, I stood in my garage staring at Tater teetering on jackstands, and I was torn. I looked at Ol' Blue sitting quietly behind the garage. Ol' Blue was my first trail rig... a '72 GMC pickup that back then I'd call Trail Hog. Now semi restored, it's primary duties are to look pretty on nice sunny days, collect compliments and empty my wallet at the gas station. During restoration, I'd made up my mind that the Trail Hog had seen his last trail. However, circumstances as they are, Ol' Blue is gonna get to relive his Trail Hog'n days once again!

There were two us waiting in Masonville as the larger group of 20 led by the Stengaard's arrived, right on schedule. Everyone took this opportunity to air down and air out. Colleen walked down the line re-checking the count and upon her return she had a strange look on her face. "Guess who's here?" she says. I pondered for a brief moment and finally gave up. "Ross, she says, and he's driving a Sidekick!"

“What!?! You mean Crazy Cooter Rossco! He's not driving his Volvo on this trip?” The stories I could tell you about Ross and his Volvo, Scout, Suburban and fire pit induced concussions... but alas, that's another newsletter!

Aired down and ready to roll we let Brett and co-pilot Troy take the lead. Passing through the gate onto the private property we wandered slowly through lite snow to meet Elaine and relation at the top of the hill. Elaine and her cousin had spent the day or so before installing a mild lift kit on Cousin's TJ in preparation for today's trip. So let's try it out shall we?

Things were going well for the first half of the group until we lost track of the latter half. Brett brought us to rest in a scenic area while we waited for reports from the rear. Seems things might've gotten a little icy and dicey. CB rumors revealed that the winches had to be broken out to help one of our guests in a Scout.

It was about ½ hour later when we caught sight of the orange Scout making his way through the trees with the others shortly behind. Pressing onward we came to a fork in the road. Left was a snowy, hair-pinned hill climb, while to the right was the easy route. Left, of course! Relaying through the radio that the hill climb was optional, most opted for the hill climb. Elaine's cousin was the first to get that uneasy feeling of sliding backwards down a hill. Cousin decided

he'd rather try the easy route than experience that again. With careful instruction, he was spotted back down and rejoined the more sane Mountaineers (yes, there are some in existence) on the bypass. With a little momentum and quick steering the rest made it past the icy turn and up the hill climb.

Brett stopped once more and radioed that a tree was down and crossing the main path which was creating an unnecessary go around. Donning our gloves, eight of us grabbed any substantial limb and pulled, shoved and rolled the 10" diameter tree trunk to the side.

Upon meeting up again with the bypass group, we stopped once more to have lunch and await the stragglers. Cousin decided it was best to turn around at this point and do some research on tires for the next trip. As the Mrs. and I were deaf to CB chatter, Cousin was kind enough to loan us his portable CB for the remainder of the trip, Thanks Cuz! Funny how isolated one feels without a radio to keep tabs on what's happening.

Rolling once more, we finally descended into the meadow and gathered 'round to take count on who was heading toward the top for the grand finale, as it could get even rougher from here. Bewildered by the delayed arrival of the final four, our radio calls went unanswered. We were formulating a search party when we finally heard Brandon's replies over the radio.

From this point, a handful of well built vehicles and a stock Sidekick proceeded to challenge the last of what would be a rough and icy hill climb. Many times have I seen broken vehicles, or vehicles tobogganing backwards downhill on this section of trail, and yet why should I be surprised Ross-co would not hesitate at the challenge being in a stock Tracker. We listened to the radio banter as they group made the way. Elaine was quite emphatic that the Sidekick wasn't going to make it past the icy boulder section. Though she would be proven wrong... “Oh my! I can't believe he made it!”

As the last of us in the meadow headed for home, I chuckled to myself. That was not the first time that anybody thought Ross-co couldn't drive something where he wanted to go, and I'm sure it won't be the last.

Later!
-Tater





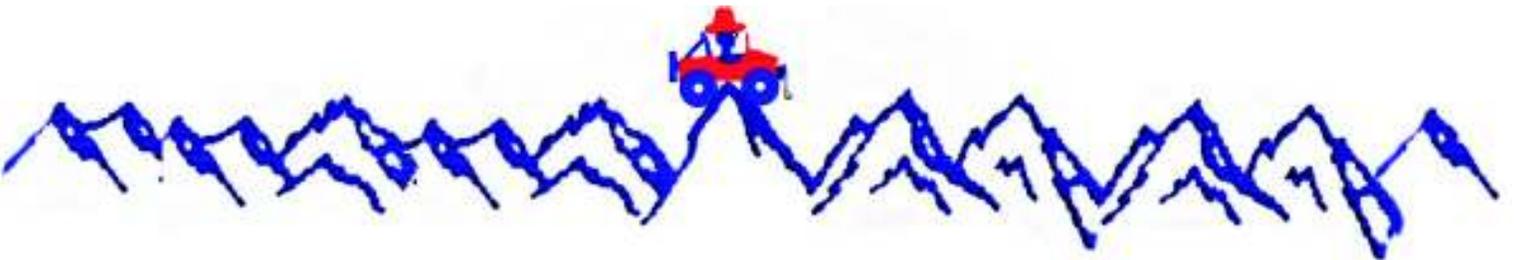
Club Trip

Crown Point

Meet at Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox at

9:00 AM

Sunday December 23rd



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 Brandon a well break.



Time to Vote

Ballets (one per member family) will be passed out at the December meeting. You will be asked to vote for the most active male, female and couple in our club. You will also be voting for the member that deserves the dreaded “Boner Award” which should go to the club member with the worst luck with breakage on the club trail rides or any other reason that you can think of. We will also ask why that person deserves the honor of your vote. The secret ballots will be given to our new president, Kyle Eddy, and he will order the ribbons along with the 2002 perfect attendance awards that will be presented during the January meeting.

To help our new trip planners, we will also be asking for your input on your two most favorite club outings.





Guest at last Meeting

Holland Hibbitt



New Member

Brian & Sherry Hobbs #100



New Officers

President Kyle Eddy
Vice President Troy White
Secretary Darren Finger
Treasurer Glenn Frank

Trip Planners
Dave Piller
Brett Newton
Roger MacDonald
Brandon Kapperman



Members Rides

Member Name Darwin & Colleen Stengaard

Member Number 30

Make & Model 1982 TOYOTA LANDCRUISER FJ60

Engine Stock Inline 6

Transmission Stock 4 Speed

Transfer Case Stock

Front End Stock

Rear End Stock

Wheels & Tires 11X33" on 16 " rims

Springs & Shocks Add a Leaf with Rancho 5000

Brakes Yes

Miscellaneous ___Carpeted console for Dog

Current & Future Projects Design and build homemade bumpers and nerf bars. Install tow hooks. Mount tool and accessory storage in rear of vehicle. Keep vehicle lightly modified to make driving more of a challenge.





4x4 Classifieds

For Sale: NV241 Transfer case from 94 GM full size blazer. \$350 Warn Trans4mer Grill guard with winch tray for 88-99 GM pickup. \$250 Darren 493-4997

Cars, Trucks, and SUV's for sale. Check out www.horsepowerauto.com to see what is available. If you don't see what you are looking for give Ben a call at 970-443-1875. I'll help you find it.

Backhoe Available: Mike Braskich has a backhoe, bobcat, and dump truck available for snow removal services or other needs of members. Call 970-224-9134

For Sale: Five Michelin LTX 30x9.50x15 tires More than 50% tread still remaining. All five for \$200.00 Great All Season Tire Call Brett 970-217-9758



December 2007						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7 Adina DeWitt	8
9	10 BOARD MEETING <i>Don MacDonald</i>	11 R&J Marolf	12 Mike Braskich	13	14 Matthew DeWitt	15
16 Jason Leahy	17 Teresa Shively	18	19 CLUB MEETING	20	21	22 John Jansen
23/30 CLUB TRIP Grant Pautvein	24/31 Greg Lenderink	25 Bruce Kemp	26 G&M Lenderink	27 Kyle Eddy	28 Alice Mueller	29

January 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Ryan King	4 Ted Miller	5
6 Darla Miller Wyvonne Stengaard	7 BOARD MEETING <i>Kyle Eddy</i>	8	9	10	11	12
13 Jessica Stengaard	14	15 Julie Moen	16 CLUB MEETING	17 Michelle Jansen	18	19 Melissa Kemp
20 CLUB TRIP	21	22	23	24 Taylor Crue	25	26
27 Richard Marolf Karen Riley	28	29	30	31		

Board Meeting: Jan. 7 7:30pm Kyle Eddy
Feb. 11 7:30pm To Be Announced
Membership Meeting: Dec. 19 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
Jan. 16 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
Club Trip: Dec. 23 **9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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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>Bullhide Liner 4X4 & Auto Accessories 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p>Coyote Cruisers & OffRoad 417 North Hwy 287 Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-221-1833</p>	<p>Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</p>
<p>Front Range Off-Road Fabrication 24192 W. County Rd. 74E Red Feather Lakes, CO 970-881-2418 www.fronrangeoffroadfab.com</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>Fort Collins Floral 205 N. College Ave, Ft. Collins 970-482-1481 www.fortcollinsfloral.com</p>	<p>Horsepower Auto Brokers 1409 E. Olive Ct. Unit E, Ft. Collins 970-482-2579 www.horsepowerauto.com</p>	<p>Vanworks 900 East Lincoln Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>
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