



November Trip Report

The Mountaineers gathered at north Albertsons for their trip to Bald Mountain. Craig headed the majority of the group up the hill to the trailhead. A few others waited on the Best Top representative, Geoff Rainville, from Denver and the Venrick's who were in town from Arizona and needed to fuel and pick up lunch.

As the groups got closer to the trail head all were pleased to see more and more snow. Dan Venrick was driving Chris Mercer's Toyota pickup with his son Benjamin as shotgun. Tara caught a ride with Darwin and Colleen.

The leaders enjoyed breaking through the few inches of snow on the trail making it slicker for those further back in the pack. About half way up the trail

the middle of the pack was talking about making several tries in the rocky off camber areas to get through. And talk from Ian in his Cherokee of possibly needing to use his winch.

Those in the back got to watch Geoff from Best Top put some pedal to the metal to get his company jeep through a few spots. He also found his jeep sliding off into the trees and we had to provide him with a deadman strap from the rear and loan him winch controls so he could use his winch to get back on the main trail.

Darwin in his Landcruiser also provided those in the back with some entertaining driving. Either he had an unusually off camber line or was he really on two wheels for a short time.

Craig and the leaders found they had to make several tries to get through the big drift that is always at the top going into the opening below Bald Mountain. With experienced Mountaineers throughout the group to make sure all made it to the top, the leaders had to wait in the windblown opening until all had arrived and had lunch. A few

even gave try to getting stuck in the snow drifts around the opening.

Of course the Mountaineers in the back of the group had to joke with Craig on his racing technique and if he had fueled and made his tire changes. It was a great day of snow bashing as all headed toward Red Feather and home.



PS: Watch for more of the Venrick's when they move back to Colorado at the end of the year.



Club Trip

Crown Point

Meet at Albertson's at
9:00AM Sunday Dec. 21st



New Members

Jesse Keller #69

Carlene, Jeff, Ian Smith #70



Food Drive for Larimer County

Non-Perishable Items Most Needed

Canned Dinners (chili, stew, etc.)

Peanut Butter

Canned Beans

Canned Fruit

Cereal

Money

We will be collecting food at our next Club Meeting
December 17

The Food Bank of Larimer County reduces hunger by distributing food to individuals and in cooperation with more than 70 agencies that serve those in need. In 2007, Food Bank distributed 5.6 million pounds of food to low-income residents in Larimer County, valued at more than \$9,400,000!

Food Bank for Larimer County

2008 Fact Sheet

Staffed by 21 employees and supported by hundreds of volunteers, the Food Bank distributed 5 million pounds of food in 2006 to at-risk residents throughout Larimer County. Established in 1984, the Food Bank is the only America's Second Harvest clearinghouse for donated food in Larimer County.

Service Provided

Food Share:

The direct service pantry program is an important source of food for more than 8,000 low-income people each month, nearly on half are children and elderly. In 2007, more than 21,000 individuals were served through the two Food Share locations in Ft. Collins and Loveland.

Food Link:

A source of food for approximately 70 Larimer County nonprofit member agencies that serve the hungry, the Food Bank saved these agencies nearly \$2 million on food expenses in 2007.

Resources Needed

Food Sources:

The Food Bank collects donated food from community food drives, local and national manufactures, distributors, grocers, growers, restaurants and the government.

Funding:

At 38%, our largest source of income comes from individual donors. Additional funding comes from foundations(16%); member agencies through shared maintenance(transportation and handling) fees;(8%); the United Way (5%); special fund raising events (10%); the government (8%); faith communities (4%); corporations (4%); and other activities (7%).

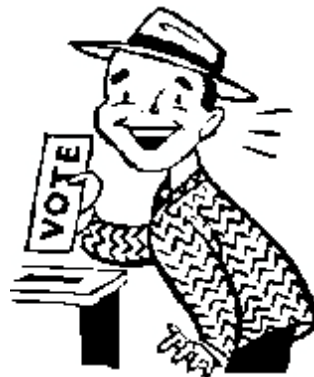
Volunteers: In 2007, more than 1,400 volunteers contributed hours.



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 president, Kyle Eddy, and he will order the ribbons along with the 2008 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 the trail outings you would like to do in 2009.





New Officers

President Kyle Eddy
Vice President Troy White
Secretary Darren Finger
Treasurer Craig Stumbough

Trip Planners
John Schrader
Don Maresh
Brandon Gleeson
Shane Payton



Shopping

"Cash, check or charge?" I asked after folding items the woman wished to purchase. As she fumbled for her wallet I notice a remote control for a television set in her purse.

"Do you always carry your TV remote?" I asked.

"No," she replied. "But my husband refused to come shopping with me, so I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him."



4x4 Classifieds

For Sale: 40" Ground Hogs with Steel Rims, 5 Lug, 17" Wide good tread \$350 Roger MacDonald 970-219-5353

For Sale: 3/8 by 50' winch cable, it is in good shape. Call Don at 970-556-7276 \$50.00 or best offer.

For Sale: 2005 Rubicon. 15,600 miles. 6 speed. This is a fully trail ready Rubicon. Over \$8,000 in additional equipment including: Teraflex 4 inch long arm lift kit, 33x12.50 Goodyear MTR tires, JKS front sway bar disconnect, Skid Row engine and trans skid plate, Fabtech rear bumper with tire carrier, Jeep rock sliders, Warn 9.5ti winch, Poison Spyder trail corner armor and differential rock rings, Xenon 6 inch poly fender flares, heavy duty tie rod, Bilstein 5100 shocks, Jeep seat covers and a Best top safari bikini top. Factory soft top with tinted windows and half doors. Well maintained with Mobil One synthetic oil. Have all records and receipts. No body damage from offroading. paint is in great shape! The interior has had seat covers since day one. This Jeep can do the toughest trails and goes down the highway at 75 mph perfectly. Asking \$23,500 It can be seen on www.cars.com as well as www.hcp4x4.com.

December 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Sally Oden	5	6
7 Adina DeWitt	8 BOARD MEETING <i>Kyle Eddy</i>	9	10	11	12 Mike Braskich	13
14 Matthew DeWitt	15	16 Jason Leahy	17 Club Meeting Teresa Shively	18	19	20
21 Club Trip	22 John Jansen	23 Bob Paul	24 Greg Lenderink	25 Bruce Kemp	26	27 Kyle Eddy
28 Alice Mueller	29	30	31			

January 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 Ted Miller	5	6 Darla Miller Wyvonne Stengaard	7	8	9	10
11	12 BOARD MEETING <i>Kyle Eddy</i>	13 Jessica Stengaard	14	15 Julie Moen	16	17 Michelle Jansen
18	19 Melissa Kemp	20	21 Club Meeting	22	23	24 Taylor Crue
25 Club Trip	26	27 Richard Marolf Karen Riley	28	29	30	31

Board Meeting: Jan. 13 7:30pm Kyle Eddy
 Feb. 9 7:30pm TBA

Membership Meeting: Dec. 17 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Jan. 21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins

Club Trip: Dec. 21 **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.frontrangeoffroadfab.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>
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<p>Wellington Toy Storage 4000 Washington Ave. Wellington, Colorado 970-498-2111 www.wellingtontoystorage.com</p>	<p>Aunt T's Pet Motel 3200 E. Mulberry Ft. Collins 970-484-5776 www.fcvet.com</p>	