



**THE
MOUNTAINEERS**
Newsletter

November Trip Report

It was a beautiful morning when we gathered to go on our first snow bashing trip of the season. We followed the day's trip leader, Dan Venrick, out of the parking lot and up highway 14. As we drove along the Poudre River, we were all looking for the snow that was promised. We didn't see any snow until we turned off Highway 14 onto the Pingre Park road and even then it was just a patch here and there.

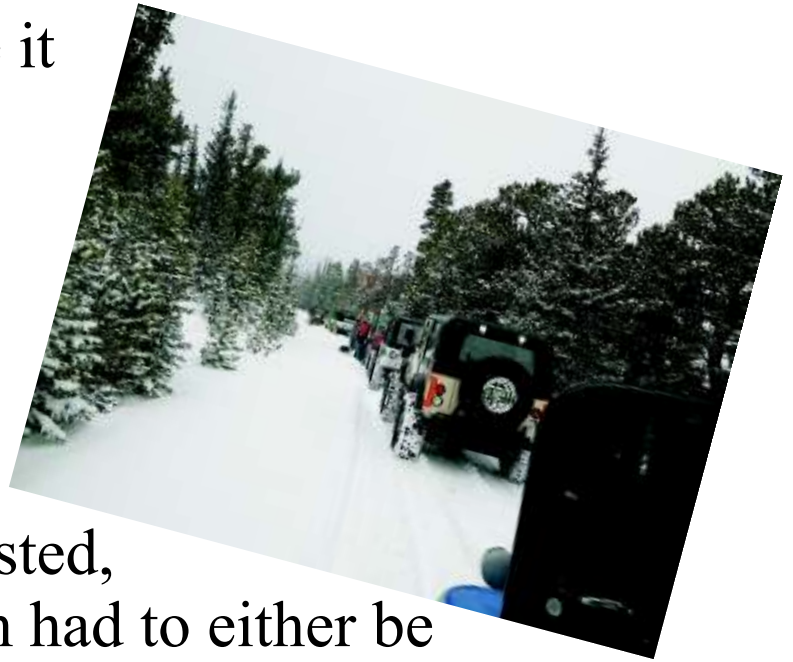
As we gained altitude, there was more and more snow on the ground. We stopped just after we turned onto the Crown Point road to air down and lock in our hubs.

This stop gave us time to get a vehicle count, 22 in all.

About a half of a mile in, everyone was in 4WD. It wasn't to long before a few of us got sucked into the



giggly weeds and they had to be strapped out. By the time we got to the Black Hollow turnoff, the snow drifts were deeper and the front snow bashers had to make several runs to make it through the wind blown drifts. By now it was the usual snow bashing trip, hurry up and wait. Dan was up front bashing his way through the big drifts.



Even after he had them busted, those that were behind him had to either be strapped or winched from the borrow pits.

With so many vehicles and the slow going, it was decided to split into two groups. Dan would continue on the main road while Coyote John would take a second group down into Black Hollow. The master plan was to meet at the parking area where the two roads join together again. It sounded like a great plan. The main road group finally got everyone through the biggest drift and continued on up the road with very little problem except for a couple of the longer drifts. This bunch could hear on the CB that Johns group was having some difficulty of their own. The trees were so thick and the road narrow that they were being battered by branches all along the way. When John got to a

clearing he had to really gas it to get through the drifts.

John got to a fork in the road where you are supposed to stay left but couldn't make the steep grade so they went right on a road that would eventually take them to Crown Point Road also.

Dan's group waited quite awhile up on top. A few turned around and headed back to town while the rest decided to head down into Black



Hollow to meet Johns bunch. Brett was leading in his Farm-All. Along the way Bob P. was having traction problems and Brett had to strap him most of the way. Just about the time Brett was ready to find a turn around to get Bob back up the road, he ran into Johns tracks and the two groups got into a massive traffic jam.

After getting everybody turned around, they started heading out. Because Brett had been overheating pulling Bob down hill, John said he would pull Bob back up. When John was backing up through the narrow trees to retrieve Bob, he caught some tree branches and ripped his soft top. It must not have been Bob's day as now he was almost out of gas.

John huffed and puffed but eventually reached the main road with Bob in tow. Bob's Toyota FJ-40 has now earned a new nickname, the "PULL TOY". Everybody made it to the top of the hill. We all will have lots of stories to tell about this fun day of snow bashing with the Mountaineer family.

El Guapo



December Club Trip

Because we weren't sure where the snow would fall, this month's Club Trip, it will be announced at the Club Meeting. Please meet at the normal place. North Albertson's parking lot N. College Ave and Wilcox at 9 AM Sunday Dec. 19th.



Trip Reminders

Just a reminder, all trips leave the Albertsons parking lot **promptly** at 9:00 am (unless otherwise noted in the newsletter). You should have a full gas tank, shopping done, lunch packed, dogs walked and potty stop completed by the leave time. It is not fair to hold up all the rest of the group who got there early and got their business done before hand.



Guests at Last Meeting

Jim Swanson



New Club Officers

At the last Mountaineers meeting, we elected a new board of officers. They are as follows:

- President: Shane Payton
- Vice President: Dave Piller
- Secretary: Colleen Stengaard
- Treasurer: Lori Golly
- Trip Planners:
 - Jake Adams
 - Dan Venrick
 - John Schrader
 - Mike Castell

Meeting Snack Break

It is tradition at the December membership meeting to give our snack person a break and have everyone bring in a Christmas goodie to share. We will still provide pop for you. It's always fun to check out all the different confections. Enjoy!



Members Rides

Member Name: Scott & Nicole Riley

Member Number: 94

Ride Make & Model: Chevy K5 Blazer

Year: 1984

Engine: 5.7L/350

Transmission: 700r4

Transfer Case: NP241

Front End: Dana 60 w/Lockrite locker, 5.13 gear ratio, 4340 alloy shafts, Reid Racing knuckles, WFO high steer w/PSC hydro-assist

Rear End: GM 14bolt w/Detroit locker, 5.13 gear ratio

Wheels & Tires: 38" Super Swamper TSL on 16" OE wheels w/DIY beadlocks

Springs & Shocks: leaf springs 4" longer than OE - wheelbase extended 7", Doetsch Tech 2.0 smoothbody monotube shocks w/custom mounting

Brakes: 4-wheel disc brakes

Miscellaneous: Purchased the truck in 2000. It was a military surplus vehicle that sat in storage for several years after doing duty in the middle east.

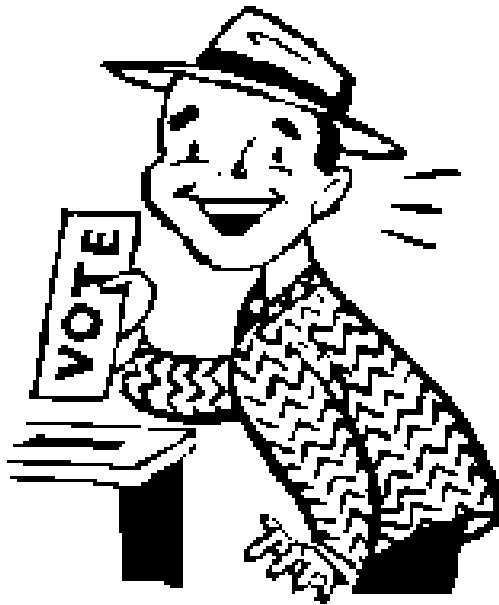
Current & Future Projects: Roll cage and rewire truck





Time To Vote Again

At this club meeting, we will be passing out ballots to see who will get ribbons for most active Mountaineer man, woman, couple and the dreaded boner award for 2010. We will also be asking your opinion on the two most favorite trips or events of the year.



December 2010						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Sally Oden
5	6 BOARD MEETING <i>Troy White</i>	7 Christine Romero Adina DeWitt	8	9	10	11 R&J Marolf
12 Mike Braslich Cristal Opdyke	13	14 Matthew DeWitt	15 CLUB MEETING	16	17 Teresa Shively	18
19 CLUB TRIP	20	21	22 John Jansen	23 Bob Paul	24	25 Bruce Kemp
26	27 Kyle Eddy	28 Alice Mueller	29	30 Janine Bernard	31	

January 2011						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 Ted Miller	5	6 Darla Miller Wyvonne Stengaard	7	8
9	10 BOARD MEETING <i>Shane Payton</i>	11	12	13 Jessica Stengaard	14	15 Julie Moen
16	17 Michelle Jansen	18	19 CLUB MEETING Melissa Kemp	20	21	22
23/30 CLUB TRIP	24/31 Taylor Crue	25	26	27 Richard Marolf Karen Riley	28 William Marvin	29

Board Meeting: Jan. 10 7:30pm Shane Payton Woody's Pizza
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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