

Mountain - Ears

November Club Trip

Seventeen Mountaineer and guest vehicles left Fort Collins at the appointed time in search of snow to play in. Most followed the leader and took Highway 14 up the Poudre Canyon while a few went up the Red Feather Road for a faster trip. We all met at the Middle Bald Mountain Trail head where we stopped to air down.

There was still no snow at the bottom but as we climbed in altitude we could see a little snow off on the north facing slope of the trail. There had been a lot of blown down trees right at the beginning

that had been logged as well as huge slash piles right next to



the graded road. As soon as we came to the end of the developed logging road, we knew we would have a fun day. The going got a lot slower once we hit the rocks, the ice and even a couple of inches of snow. There was blow down all over the place and we could see all the trees that were cut out of the trail by those that

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had gone before us. There was one tricky spot where we had to maneuver to slip under a big tree that had leaned over the



trail. We didn't consider it a widow maker as it was propped up by a couple of other big trees. Darren and John were sweating bullets in their tall rigs, thinking that they would come out on the other side with scratch and dent roofs.

The rest of the run to the top saddle was a lot of fun slipping and sliding on and off the rocks. At the top we came out at a clearing and since it was just before noon it was a

perfect spot to eat our lunch. The views were great, but the



wind was cold. Needless to say, not too many got out of their vehicles or they would

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get blown over. After filling our bellies, we got onto FS Road 300 and wound our way



the day's trip.

For the fourth month in a row there were no breakdowns to contend with. It was just another great day of wheeling with the Mountaineer family.

El Guapo



down through the Kilpecker Burn area to the Dead Man Road. We stopped at the gate to air up. While there, Ranger Lenora drove up and stopped to chat mainly about the condition of the Bald Mountain trail. Several of the group stopped at the Pot Belly to get a bite to eat and discuss



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This month we will try to make it to the end of the Ballard Logging Road. We will meet at our regular trip meeting place Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox Sunday Decemberr 23rd and leave there at 9:00am, we will also pickup others at Masonville at 9:30am. Sorry we will not pickup any at Glacier View hint, hint

New Officers

President Jim Dixon
Vice President Dan Venrick
Secretary Cara Thoen
Treasurer Michelle Opdyke

Trip Planners
John Schrader
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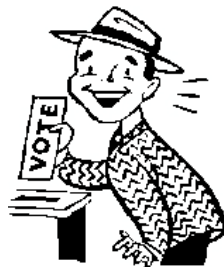


December Refreshments

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!

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 2012. We will also be asking your opinion on the two most favorite trips or events of the year.



Mountaineers in Moab week.

The date has been set for our week in Moab. The first trip will leave from the Moab City Market at 9:00 am on June 1st, 2013. We will have an organized trip every day through Friday, June 7th. More about this at the meeting. Be sure to put in for your vacation time at work for this fun time in Moab. A lot of us stay at Canyonlands Campground.



Members Rides

Member Name: Mike Guerassio

Member Number: 65

Ride Make & Model: 2011 Nissan Xterra

Engine: VQE40 4.0L V6

Transmission: 6 speed manual

Transfer Case: Stock

Front End: Nissan R180 IFS

Rear End: Nissan M226 (modified Dana 44)

Wheels & Tires: Pro Comp 7089 16" aluminum rims/
315/75r16 General Grabbers

Springs & Shocks: (front)Radflo 2" diameter extended length coilover; (rear) Bilstein 5100 extended length shocks, 2" Deaver aal, PRG 2"adjustable shackle

Brakes: Stock

Miscellaneous: 2" body lift; Dynamax catback exhaust; ARB air lockers front and rear w/ARB compressor; Volant CAI; Bully Dog GT Tuner, Hefty Fabworks custom front winch bumper; Warn VR 10,000 winch with Viking synthetic winch line; custom rear bumper with swing out tire carrier; Hefty Fabworks radiator, engine, t-case, transmission and gas tank skids; Hefty Fabworks rock sliders; Blue Torch Fab rear diff armor; Powertank 10# oba set up; snorkel

Current & Future Projects: Gobi replacement roof rack; 40" LED light bar for roof rack, 20" LED light bar for bumper, LED reverse lights; Titan suspension swap.

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Collecting Dues for 2013

The \$45.00 club assessment for dues is payable between January and March membership meetings. This amount not only keeps you current with the Mountaineers, but \$30.00 of it goes to the Colorado Association and the United Association to keep you in good standing with them also. If the dues are not paid by the March meeting, you will be dropped from all three rosters.



December 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4 Sally Oden	5 Kelly Ficarra	6	7 Christine Romero Adina DeWitt	8
9	10 BOARD MEETING <i>Shane Payton</i>	11 Scott Ficarra R&J Marolf	12 Mike Braskich Cristal Opdyke	13	14 Matt DeWitt	15
16	17 Teresa Shively CJ Wiescamp	18	19 CLUB MEETING	20	21	22 John Jansen
23 CLUB TRIP 30 23 Bob Paul 30 Janine Bernard	24 31	25 CHRISTMAS Bruce Kemp	26	27 Kyle Eddy	28 Alice Mueller	29

January 2013						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Ted Miller	5
6 Daria Miller Wyvonne Stengaard	7 BOARD MEETING <i>TBA</i>	8	9	10	11	12
13 Jessica Stengaard	14	15 Julie Moen R&J Marolf	16 CLUB MEETING	17 Michelle Jansen	18	19 Melissa Kemp
20 CLUB TRIP	21	22	23 Spencer Payton	24 Taylor Crue	25	26
27 Richard Marolf Karen Riley	28 William Marvin	29	30	31		

Board Meeting: Jan. 7 7:30pm TBA
Feb. 11 7:30pm TBA
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>Always A Deal Inc. Computer Services Johnstown, Colorado 970-310-7547 www.AlwaysaDeal.info</p>	<p>Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</p>
<p>Horsepower Auto Brokers, LLC 417 N US HWY 287, Ft. Collins 970-482-2579 www.horsepowerauto.com</p>	<p>CDR Communications, LLC Cabling Done Right Call Don Maresh @ 970-556-7276 don-cdr@live.com www.cablingdoneright.com</p>	<p>RockStomper P.O. Box 724 Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
<p>Fry's Auto Care 210 Commerce Dr. Ft. Collins 970-310-7195</p>	<p>Wellington Toy Storage 4000 Washington Ave. Wellington, Colorado 970-498-2111 www.wellingtontoystorage.com</p>	