



# January Ice Racing

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This trip must have tripped a lot of triggers as we had about twenty two vehicles show up. At about 8:30, a group of six or seven vehicles left to snow bash their way in from the north end of the Prairie Divide road to Lost Lake where we would all meet up for some ice racing. The early group was not disappointed as they ran into enough snow drifts to make it interesting for the whole group. It was reported that every one of them got stuck at one time or another.



The second group left Albertsons promptly at 9:00 for their trip through Red Feather and on to Lost Lake from the south end of the Prairie Divide Road. Craig was the first one to test the ice by getting the Muffin up to speed and sliding sideways all the way across the lake. Once the ice was deemed to be good, everyone else had a go on the ice. Greg and Justin started a fire with the wood provided by Cotton. Meanwhile, at center ice, Shane and Craig set up a dog bone course for the ice races. By this time the north group had joined us at the lake.



# MOUNTAINEERS

The ice races were fun to watch with all the slippin' and slidn' going on around the course. Those that took it easy seemed to fair better than those with a heavy foot. Although we



only had first and second place plaques, we should mention that Chris Kapperman, driving his Grandpas TJ, came in third place (it must have been Gene's good instructions). He put most of the other

drivers to shame as Chris doesn't even have his drivers license yet. The only ones to beat Chris were Dan who took home 1<sup>st</sup> place and Cotton came in 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The pulling was no contest. Brett in his Scout had his way with everyone including Shane with his studded tires. We even strapped two Jeeps together and Brett was still able to pull away. Darwin took home the 2<sup>nd</sup> place plaque. There was some grumbling about Darwin having a mini Mac tool truck in his Jeep to make it heavier. Those grumbling the loudest have been, on past trips, thankful that he has all those tools and parts in his Jeep (but, if you couldn't pick on Darwin, the trip wouldn't be as much fun).

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After dousing the fire, we all headed back to town. Most of the group went back north on the Prairie Divide Road just to get the last shot at the drifts. We all had a lot of fun, but that's not unusual when the Mountaineer family gets together.

Garfield



**Dues  
are Due**

Dues are due from now until the March meeting. Dues are \$40.00 for members & \$15.00 for assoc. members.





# Club Trip

## Happy Jack Snow Sledding

Bring \$5.00 for Parking

Bring Can of Chilli for Chilli Pot  
and fire wood and your own bowls and spoons.

Meet at Albertson's at

9:00 AM

Sunday Feb. 22nd



## Editor's Note

I need more pictures for the Online Calendar.

I need Member's Rides again, and a picture if you have one.

Please give to Dave Oden at the meeting, or  
send info to [jeepndave@netzero.net](mailto:jeepndave@netzero.net)



## Online Calendar

February, March, and April Calendars are ready to  
download and print.

For your copy go to

[www.mountaineers4x4.org/feb2004.pdf](http://www.mountaineers4x4.org/feb2004.pdf)

[www.mountaineers4x4.org/march2004.pdf](http://www.mountaineers4x4.org/march2004.pdf)

[www.mountaineers4x4.org/april2004.pdf](http://www.mountaineers4x4.org/april2004.pdf)



## **Guests at Last Meeting**

Walker Damge  
Pete Schmidt  
Eliot Schmidy  
Linda Allen



## **Brandon Alert**

As a public service and a warning to the club membership, Mountaineer Brandon Kapperman has just received his drivers license. Ron is now trying to figure out how to put dual controls on the TJ. Congratulations Brandon, we all know how long you have waiting for this!!



## **Moab Dates**

There will be a discussion about the Dates for the Moab Trip during the next Club Meeting.

Come and give us your opinion.

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# Tread Lightly Pledge

Travel and recreate with minimum impact

Respect the environment and the rights of others

Educate yourself--plan and prepare before you go

Allow for future use of the outdoors--leave it better than you found it

Discover the rewards of responsible recreation



## Call it a passion.

Americans have been taking to the great outdoors in a big way for decades. Fueling this trend is a cornucopia of outdoor toys--everything from mountain bikes to ATVs to snowmobiles, 4x4s, dirt bikes and PWCs that offer new and more exciting ways to recreate. Problem is, with all these machines running around it can be a tad hard on the environment--a situation that can result in the great outdoors becoming, well, not so great after a while.

That's where Tread Lightly! comes in. Developed by the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, the Tread Lightly! program theme is simple: Enjoy the outdoors but keep your impact on the environment to a minimum. Tread Lightly! is a personal code of responsible recreating that respects the rights of others as well as the health of the ecology.

The consequence of irresponsible outdoor recreation is a growing negative public image of outdoor fun-seekers and the vehicles they ride. What happens then is land closures and other restrictions that can really cramp your style.

# M O U N T A I N - E A R S



So it really makes sense to take the high road of responsible recreation. We do, whenever we're involved in any outdoor activity. We firmly believe in it. As a matter of fact, POPULAR MECHANICS was one of Tread Lightly!'s founding members. Many of the major outdoor equipment manufacturers realize the value of the program and have signed on as sponsors.

Treading lightly may sound well and good, but it won't work unless you understand exactly what kind of activities are destructive to the environment. Bashing along a stream bed does serious ecological damage. So does climbing steep hillsides and tearing across meadows, muddy roads or trails where aggressive tire treads chew up the earth. The immediate damage caused can be compounded through future erosion. So a big part of the Tread Lightly! program is education.

The Tread Lightly! code of conduct involves sticking to authorized off-roading areas. Respect the rights of campers, skiers and others who are sharing the area with you. Ask permission before crossing private property--all common sense guidelines.

To find out more or to become a member, contact Tread Lightly! at 298 24th St., Suite 325, Ogden, UT 84401; 800-966-9900; [www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org).

There's an ancient Native American proverb that captures the philosophy of Tread Lightly!: "We did not inherit the earth from our parents. We are borrowing it for our children." It has never rung more true.

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# V A L V E C O V E R

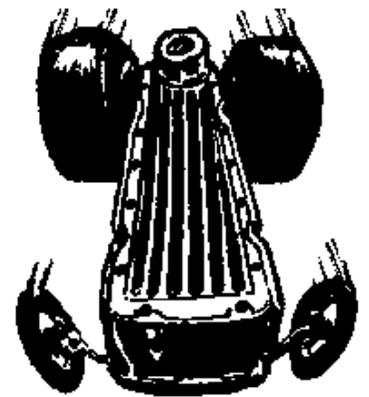


## 3rd Annual Valve Cover Races

During the February meeting we will be holding our great valve cover race sponsored by the fine folks down at Bullhide 4x4 Auto Accessories. Prizes will be given for the first three places and one will be given for best of show. Now is the time to start building your valve cover for this years race. Curtis, there **will not** be a prize for the ugliest cover!

The basic rules are as follows:

- 15" maximum width
- 30" maximum length
- 10" maximum height
- 10 lb. maximum weight
- Weight will be by official scales only
- No engines - No propulsion of any kind
- One valve cover per chassis
- No switching chassis or cover
- Automotive valve covers only with stock gasket surface
- Nothing can be mounted in front of either the valve cover or chassis
- No moving or movable weight



The race will be for distance, exactly as in past years. Good luck!!!

# C L A S S I F I E D S

**Ford 9" rearend complete**, full width, 3.50 gears, 31 spline shafts. \$100, call Ben (970)495-0801

**For Sale:** 1 Jeep roll bar, new truck tire chains, new adjustable tow bar- prices negotiable Call Mike Golly for more info, 663-3446

**Jeep Overdrive for sale.** It is for the older Jeep. I am asking \$300.00 O.B.O. It is a Husky that was built in Longmont, Co. in the early 1970's Jim Maxwell 970-482-0412

**YJ Stuff** Wrangler Hardtop w/ rear wiper (Tan) - \$900, 66-77 Bronco Parts. Call Curtis (970) 217-7226 or pager (970) 416-4238

**For Sale:** Front Axle: Dana 44 disc brakes 410 ratio with lockright side drive shaft. Rear Axle: 9" heavy housing 31 spline Currie axles, nodgular carrier 410 ratio, Detroit locker, heavy 9 3/8" ring gear, Timpken roller bearings, 11" brakes, Bolt pattern 5x5 1/2. Call Brad anytime on weekends & after 5 on weekdays at: 520-887-9104

**For Sale:** Utility Trailer  
1992 6 ft bed, tilt \$750.00  
Contact: Steve @970-674-0016

**For Sale:**  
1997 Wrangler For Sale \$12,950/bo  
This jeep has a dana 30 front axle with 4.56's with dana 44 rear with 4.56's, both have arb lockers. Superlift 4' suspension lift with 35 x 12.50 goodyear wrangler mtr's on 15 x 8 wheels. warn xd9000i winch, arb bullbar front bumper with piala light, currie rockcrawler ii front suspension, rear bumper with swingway tire carrier and hi-lift jack & mount, 6 point custom rollcage, tomken 2x4 rock bars, 5 point harnesses with stock seat belts, tuffy cargo box, cb, cd player, new rebuilt transmission & clutch. must sell for college!!! This is the jeep of your dreams ..can climb anything.  
Contact Gary at [gary@pacificequity.biz](mailto:gary@pacificequity.biz) or at 719.667.5313 for any questions. Will assist in shipping, but buyers responsibility for all shipping costs. Located in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

February 2004						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Erin Lenderink	5	6	7
8	9 <b>BOARD MEETING</b>	10	11	12	13 Sandy Vlcek	14 A&T Shively
15	16 K&M Maher	17	18 <b>CLUB MEETING</b>	19	20	21
22 <b>CLUB TRIP</b> Christopher Kapperman	23	24	25 Colleen Stengaard	26	27 Regina May	28 Gene Kapperman
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March 2004						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Murphy Horner	3 Brandon Kapperman Cheryl Stevens	4 Jeff Paben	5	6 Bill Vos
7	8 <b>BOARD MEETING</b>	9	10 Rosemary McCurry Steven Carlson	11 Travis Golly	12	13
14	15 Darren Finger	16	17 <b>CLUB MEETING</b> St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Kelly Kapperman	20
21 <b>CLUB TRIP</b>	22	23	24	25	26 Lori Golly	27 Sheila Mueller Linda Inslow
28 Todd McCurry T&R McCurry	29	30 Craig Stumbough	31			

Board Meeting: Mar 8 7:30pm Richard Marolf  
 Apr 8 7:30pm Craig Stumbough  
 Membership Meeting: Feb. 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Mar 17 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Club Trip: Feb. 22 9:00am **Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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**The Mountaineers**  
**PO Box 1225**  
**Fort Collins, CO 80522-1225**

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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.

<p><b>Ft. Collins 4X4 Center</b>            1101 North College            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-482-5500</p>	<p><b>Jackson's All American Sports Grill</b>            925 East Harmony Road            Ft. Collins, Colorado</p>	<p><b>CarQuest Auto Parts</b>            2716 South College Avenue            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-226-5050</p>
<p><b>RockHard 4x4 Parts</b>            Lewis Barth 401 Jackie Ann St.            Ault, Co 80610 970-834-0767</p>	<p><b>Fantasy's 4x4</b>            4311 Service Road            Evans, Colorado 303-330-3833</p>	<p><b>R &amp; S Auto Body</b>            808 E. Mulberry St.            Ft. Collins, CO 970-227-1847</p>
<p><b>Front Range Off-Road Fabrication</b>            www.frii.com/~frorfab            cel (970) 481-6508 (970) 472-1846</p>	<p><b>4X4 Used Parts</b>            Bob Schleppey Bob@4x4usedparts.com            970-224-4294 www.4x4usedparts.com</p>	<p><b>RockStomper</b>            P.O. Box 724            Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
<p><b>Bullhide Liner 4X4 &amp; Auto Accessories</b>            5817 South College Ave.            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p><b>Mark Turner Off-Road</b>            2649 E MulberrySt            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-416-1234</p>	<p><b>Vanworks</b>            900 East Lincoln Avenue            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>