



**THE  
MOUNTAINEERS**  
Newsletter

# January Trip Report

We all followed Brett out of Fort Collins towards Red Feathers. Just past Livermore we made introductions on the CB which took some time as we had 30 vehicles on this trip. At Red Feathers, we turned right on the Creedmoor Lakes Road and proceeded to where the road maintenance ended. We stopped to air down and lock in our hubs. This stop also gave time to Corvette Dave to figure out his transfer case problem. On down the road we came across a Honda stuck in a snow drift in the middle of the road. Brett made short work of getting him strapped out. The Honda fell in behind Brett which was a good thing as three or four blocks down the road he got stuck again. With Honda in tow, we proceeded to the Lost Lake turnoff.



When we got to the frozen pond, everybody had a shot at practicing for the ice races. Dave P. set about making a camp fire using the wood that Cotton had brought up the day before. While we were cooking our burgers and hot dogs over the fire, Shane started setting up the race course using the clubs orange cones. The ice races started and everybody had a good laugh at all the spin outs. It all boiled down to two Toyotas at the

end. We doubled the length of the course for the final. Evan and Dan had gotten the hang of it by this time and put on a great show for us by shooting rooster tails twenty feet in the air while doing a power slide into the turns. Dan won the event and got a first place plaque for his efforts and Evan got one for second place.



When the organized events were done, it became a free for all. Tug-of-wars were happening all over the place. Brett's record of never being pulled backward on the ice is still in tact. Ben and Darren also did well with their heavy vehicles. Several kids got a chance to test their driving skills on the ice also. About 2:30, we had had all the fun we could stand and groups started to head home. On the way home, Ken got flagged down by some people and was asked if he could go up a trail to rescue a stranded Ford SUV. It didn't take Ken very long to winch it free and get the people headed the right way. A small group went down and played on Stump Hill.

The day turned out to be great fun and we even got to rescue a couple of stranded vehicles as an added bonus. The major breakage for the day was Darwin's fan belt. It was just another great day of wheeling with the Mountaineer Family.

Garfield





# Club Trip

## February Sledding Trip

This month's trip is traditionally set aside for the Mountaineer kids, be they young or old. The trip will leave from the North College Albertsons parking lot at 9:00 am sharp. We will go up Highway 287 to the Pumpkin Vine Road and go by the Ames Monument on our way to the Happy Jack Recreation Area just west of Laramie. Happy Jack is a fee area, so bring \$5.00 per vehicle. As per Mountaineer custom, Ron Kapperman brings a tripod and huge cooking pot for our chili. Everyone should bring enough canned or made from scratch chili to feed your family which will be mixed together in the cooking pot. Also bring chairs, sleds, toboggans, saucers, bed pans or whatever you want to ride down the hill on. Afterward a group normally gets together to bash the snow drifts in the Pilot Hill Road area. Don't miss this trip, it's a gas.



## New Members

John & Susan Arnold #68



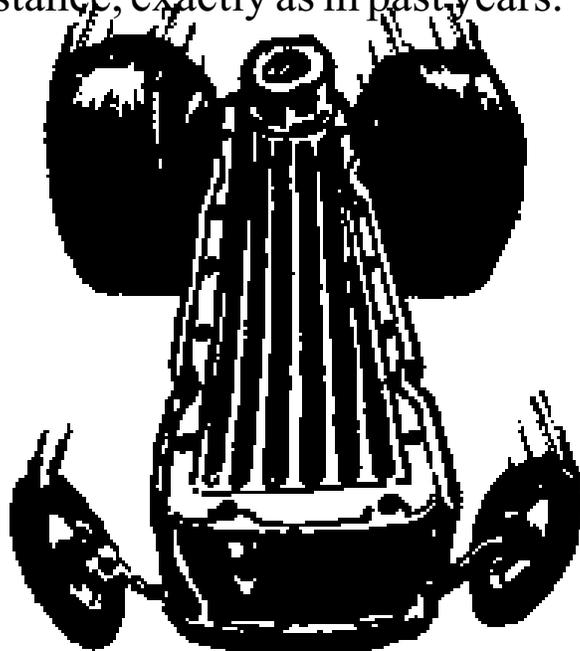
## 4th Annual Valve Cover Races

During the March meeting we will be holding our great valve cover race sponsored by our friends at 4X4 Off Road & Used Parts. Gift certificates will be given for the first three places and one will be given for best (or creative) of show. Now is the time to start building your valve cover for this years race.

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!!!





# Guests at Last Meeting

Jason & Lorell Duteil  
Shawn Pagan  
Sam Altman  
John Arnold  
Milt Gibbs  
Tristan Whittington  
Mike Whittington  
Heath & Kara Hoekstra  
Scott Kallase  
Steve Schroeder  
Ethan Nordin



# Dues are Due

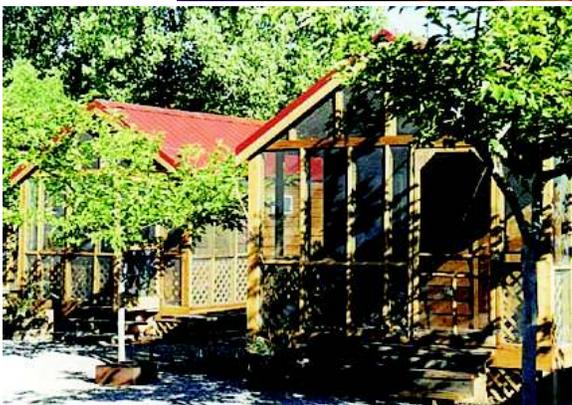
Dues are due from now until the March meeting. Dues are \$40.00 for members & \$15.00 for assoc. Members.





# MOAB 2005

Just a reminder, the club trip to Moab will be Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> through June 11<sup>th</sup>. Trips will start that first Saturday. The majority of members will be camped at the Canyonlands Campground, 555 Main Street in Moab. The campground also has rustic cabins for rent. If you will be camping with us, be sure to make reservations as soon as possible as they do fill up early. This is one of the nicer campgrounds in Moab as all spaces are shaded and as an added bonus they have a pool and hot tub. The reservation number is 1-800-522-6848. There are a lot of motels to choose from. Go online to check them out and make reservations. Guests are always Welcome --- see ya there !!!





## Confuse traffic signs

A cop pulls over a carload of nuns.

Cop: "Sister, this is a 65 MPH highway -- why are you going so slow?"

Sister: "Sir, I saw a lot of signs that said 22, not 65."

Cop: "Oh sister, that's not the speed limit, that's the name of the highway you're on!"

Sister: Oh! Silly me! Thanks for letting me know. I'll be more careful.

At this point the cop looks in the backseat where the other nuns are shaking and trembling.

Cop: Excuse me, Sister, what's wrong with your friends back there? They're shaking something terrible.

Sister: Oh, we just got off of highway 119.

## Snake solves problem

I was driving down a lonely country road one cold winter day when it began to sleet pretty heavily. My windows were getting icy and my wiper blades were badly worn and quickly fell apart under the strain.

Unable to drive any further because of the ice building up on my front window I suddenly had a great idea. I stopped and began to overturn large rocks until I located two very lethargic hibernating rattle snakes. I grabbed them up, straightened them out flat and installed them on my blades and they worked just fine.

What! You've never heard of . . . wind chilled vipers?





## 4x4 classifieds

For Sale:

Warn Trans4mer Grille Guard with winch plate  
For 88-99 GM Trucks. Black, good condition,  
Includes all mounting bracketry.  
\$225. Darren 407-6470wk/493-4997hm

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:

Detroit Locker for Dana 30 (f) up to 3:73 \$200  
Set of 4 Pro Comp 6" HD Shackles \$75  
Rock Deflector For AMC 20 \$25  
York Compressor w/all brackets to fit AMC 258 I6 \$150  
MSD Ignition, Box, Distributor Wires \$125  
Call Richard Marolf (970)416-5972

For Sale:

Used BF Goodrich A/T 31X10.5 (5 tires) \$200. 970-353-9894 Dave Surface

February 2005						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Chris Mercer	2	3	4 Erin Lenderink	5
6 Paul Atkinson	7 <b>BOARD MEETING</b>	8	9	10	11	12
13 Sandy Vlcek Craig Arnold	14 <b>Valentines</b> Steve Geissler  J&S Arnold A&T Shively	15	16 <b>CLUB MEETING</b>	17	18	19 Grant Akeman
20 <b>CLUB TRIP</b>	21	22 Christopher Kapperman	23	24	25 Colleen Stengaard	26
27	28 Gene Kapperman					

March 2005						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Murphy Horner	3 Brandon Kapperman John Arnold	4 Jeff Paben	5
6	7 <b>BOARD MEETING</b>	8	9	10 Kent Schmidt Rosemary McCurry	11 Travis Golly	12
13	14	15 Darren Finger	16 <b>CLUB MEETING</b> Janice Marolf	17	18	19 Kelly Kapperman
20 <b>CLUB TRIP</b>	21	22	23	24	25	26 Lori Golly
27 Sheila Mueller	28 Todd McCurry  T&R McCurry	29	30 Craig Stumbough	31		

Board Meeting: Mar. 7 7:30pm Cotton Riley  
Apr. 11 7:30pm Steve Gissler  
Membership Meeting: Feb. 16 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
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Club Trip: Feb. 20 **9:00am** Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox



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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>Moab 4x4 Outpost</b>            1831 S Hwy 191            Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</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 / 4X4 Off Road</b>            938 West Willox Lane, Ft. Collins            970-224-1133 <a href="http://www.4x4usedparts.com">www.4x4usedparts.com</a></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>MTO Suspension</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>
<p><b>Coyote Cruisers &amp; OffRoad</b>            417 North Hwy 287            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-221-1833</p>		