



January Trip Report

It was a cloudy morning when we met for the trip to the Seven Mile Creek Road. It had snowed that night and it got cold enough to put a coat of ice on the roads. We followed Craig in a convoy up the Poudre Canyon. Kyle was pulling a trailer loaded with his Scout. He had a few moments that he was sucking air when his trailer slid near the edge and almost dropped into the Poudre. Guest Jeff B. tapped his brakes as we approached Rustic and slid into the borrow ditch, guess he was a little anxious to go “off-roading”. We all made it to the trail head in one piece where we met Darren and stopped to air down and lock in our hubs.

The bottom part of the trail didn't have too much snow. The only problem encountered was the creek crossings. The few that didn't have lockers would drop a wheel into the hole in the ice and didn't have

enough momentum to jump the ice lip coming out. As we gained altitude, the snow got a little deeper and a few got sucked into the giggly weeds. That didn't hold us up to much as a snatching strap made quick work of it. By the time we got to the meadow, it was lunch time. After a quick lunch, a few tried their luck on the Stump Hill Challenge. Even though Mike G. broke the trail



to Stump Hill, the going was tough for the ones without power and tires. Only 4 or 5 vehicles were able to complete the trip up the hill. Most that tried only made it to the gate when they lost traction and came sliding back down the hill. It was tough for the group to make it back to the meadow due to the



frozen ice at the creek crossing. It didn't help to have another group of 4 wheelers that didn't seem to be equipped for the challenge, trying to make Their way to the hill.

While the Stump Hill group was getting everything sorted out, several vehicles in the meadow decided to go up to the Swamp Creek area to play in the fresh snow. We were being led by Darwin who was breaking the trail, being closely followed by his two brothers, Roger and Rich. About half way up, Rich reported that he was stuck and needed a tug. As there was no traction, they had to use the winch. They finally discovered that the front end was not doing its share of the work (Later they discovered that the u-joint straps had come loose). It took quite a while to get Rich up the hill. By this time, there were a lot of vehicles stacked up like cordwood all along the icy up hill climb. It was the typical Mountaineers snow bashing trip, hurry up and wait! Once the Stenggaard clan got moving, several of the waiting vehicles could not move as they were sitting on a sheet of ice, more strapping and winching.

We don't think that there were to many on this trip that didn't get at least one good “stuck” in on the day. It was just another glorious day of snow bashing with the Mountaineer family.

El Guapo





February Trip Plan

This trip will be our annual sledding trip to the Happy Jack Recreation area which is just east of Laramie. We will be leaving from the North College Albertsons parking lot promptly at 9:00 am on Sunday the 22nd. Happy Jack is a fee area, so bring \$5.00 to put in the pay envelope. Again this year Ron Kapperman will be cooking up a big kettle of chili. Please bring enough chili to throw in the pot to feed your family. Also bring your snow boards, sleds, or what ever you want to ride down the hill. You might want to throw in some wood for the fire and a chair to sit on. There is a good 4 wheeling area close by if you are so inclined after you go sledding. By the way, the odds are 2 to 1 that Don M. will break his collar bone again this year.





Mountaineers in Moab, 2009

We have set a date for this years Mountaineers Moab trip. The first day of wheeling will be May 30th. There will be trips through Friday June 5th. Make your plans now for a fun week of great wheeling. If you have any questions, we will be glad to answer them at our membership meeting.





Dues are Due

The dues are due by the March meeting. The yearly cost of membership in the Mountaineers, the Colorado State Association of 4WD Clubs and United is \$45.00.



New Member

Ben Garey #72





Newest Mountaineer

Spencer Charles Payton was born on Friday Jan. 23, 2009 @5:10 PM. He weighted 8 pounds 9oz. and was 21 inches long. Spencer is a vary happy and healthy boy. Steph is doing great also. When asked she said "Thank God he is finally out." Skylar could not be happier with her new doll. His favorite pj's have Jeeps on them.





Members Rides

Member Name - Darren Finger

Member Number - 25

Ride Make & Model - Chevrolet full size Blazer **Year** - 1994

Engine - 350TBI

Transmission - 4L60E

Transfer Case - NV241 w/ Slip Yoke Eliminator

Front End - Dana 60 w/Detroit Locker

Rear End - 14Bolt w/Detroit Locker

Wheels & Tires - 36x13.50 16 Super Swamper TSL's on 10" white spokes.

Springs & Shocks "Custom" Solid axle swap w/Skyjacker 2"

Front leaves and 8" rear leaves, Rancho adjustable shocks

Brakes stock Dana 60 disk and 14 Bolt Drums

Miscellaneous

- Recessed Warn 9000# winch behind bumper
- Hydraulic assist steering
- On-board air

Current & Future Projects -

Rear mounted receiver winch, custom bumpers... And Whatever else I think up.





4x4 Classifieds

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.

February 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Chris Mercer	2	3 Jamie McQuaid	4 Erin Lenderink	5	6 Lizzie Pryzgoda	7
8	9 BOARD MEETING <i>Craig Stumbough</i>	10	11 Kim Wheeler	12 Avery Prewett	13 Sandy Vlcek	14 A&T Shively
15	16 Nicholas Kemp	17	18 Club Meeting	19	20	21
22 Club Trip Christopher Kapperman	23	24	25 Colleen Stengaard	26	27	28 Gene Kapperman 29 Judy Heiderscheidt

March 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Fox Prewett	2	3 Brandon Kapperman	4 Paul Dangler Jeff Paben	5 Jeff Smith	6	7
8	9 BOARD MEETING <i>Shane Payton</i>	10 Kent Schmidt Rosemary McCurry	11 Travis Golly	12	13	14
15 Darren Finger	16 Janice Marolf	17	18 Club Meeting	19 Kelly Kapperman	20 Will Prewett	21
22 Club Trip	23	24 Nancy Oster	25	26 Lori Golly	27 Sheila Mueller	28 Todd McCurry T&R McCurry
29	30 Craig Stumbough	31				

Board Meeting: Mar. 9 7:30pm Shane Payton
Apr. 6 7:30pm Brandon Gleeson
Membership Meeting: Feb. 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
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Club Trip: Feb. 22 **9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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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>
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