



# January Trip Report

Seventeen Mountaineers and guests met for a fun day of snow bashing on the old Ballard Logging Road. The usual suspects met at the North College Albertsons parking lot. We took off to meet the southern slackers at Masonville and then headed up the Buckhorn Canyon to our destination trail. We found a sunny spot to stop a few blocks before the Ballard turnoff so that we could air down and lock in our hubs. We did this so as not to upset the locals who live close to the trailhead and historically harassed 4-wheelers in the past.

Just after we started up the trail, we ran into two of the ranchers at their gate. They were very cordial and moved a vehicle so that we could pass. On the trip to the meadow, a tree branch had snatched Corvette Dave's CB antenna, it was just the beginning of Dave's fun day. At the meadow, Mr. Golly took over the lead as he had the engine, tires and transmission to bust any new snow we

would encounter. We came to a little ice hill and Dave's Cruiser made three attempts at it before we told him that his front end wasn't working. He crawled under it to check the transfer case linkage and still couldn't make the ice hill. Don M. finally came to his rescue and turned in the hubs and now Dave was off and running. A few people had some difficulty getting up the first big hill but we all finally made the trip to the crest.

The snow started to get deeper and Mike finally passed the place where our trip planners had stopped the weekend before. It was virgin snow that Mike described as like driving in two feet of sugar. He was pushing the sugar snow which was above the roller fairlead. Mike finally got down to where he was only making a couple of feet of progress a minute. He had pushed that 401 cid engine so hard and long that the front axle housing got hot enough to start pucking 90 weight out of the vent hose. The first four vehicles decided that they had enough fun and turned around to let the next group try their luck. Dan V. & Dan M. chained up all four tires and slowly pushed forward. That is until Mr. Venrick threw all four chains and Mr. Myers threw a chain and took out a brake line. This group got to the bottom of the long hill and decided that

they had enough fun for the day. They turned around and got home a little after dark.

Now let's complete Corvette Dave's little adventure. After the first group turned around and headed down the hill, Dave was told he had a flat tire. Dave aired it up and continued the trip for about fifteen minutes before the CB blared that the tire was down again. This was repeated three or four more time until he got to the meadow. It seems that ice had gotten between the tire and rim. Don MacDonald had a piece of hose in his Jeep that fit the tailpipe, go figure. They ran the hose from the hot tailpipe around to the tire bead and in a few minutes melted the ice. Dave was back on the road again. On down the road, luck was with Dave when he spotted his white CB antenna in the snow. This was just another fun trip with the Mountaineer family.

El Guapo





# January Trip

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 21st.

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.





# Collecting Dues for 2010

The \$45.00 club assessment for dues is payable between now and the March membership meeting. 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.



# Tow Hook Party

The Mountaineers will gather on April 24th for a tow hook party at Coyote Cruisers to do any minor welding or installation of tow hooks on your vehicle. More about this at the membership meeting.



# Collected Canned Goods for the Needy

In the month of January we were able to collect canned goods for the Larimer County Food Bank to help those less fortunate than ourselves. We collected a total of 89 lb of food 30 lb from 4x4 used parts and 59lb from Coyote Cruisers. Thank you!





# Members Rides

**Member Name** – Darrell Miller

**Member Number** – 87

**Ride Make & Model** – 76 Jimmy GMC

**Engine** – 350

**Transmission** – Automatic

**Transfer Case** – Stock

**Front End** – Stock

**Rear End** – Stock

**Wheels & Tires** -BFGoodrich

**Springs & Shocks** – Stock

**Brakes** - Stock

**Miscellaneous** – CB, New Motor

**Current & Future Projects** – Winch + Bumper, Lift,  
Bigger Tires.



# 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 5th, 2010. We will have an organized trip every day through Friday, June 11th. More about this at the meeting. Be sure to put in for your vacation time at work for this fun time in Moab.







# Hot Wheels or Match Box Racing

At the March meeting we will be racing our Match Box or Hot Wheels 4 X 4 racers. You will get to choose your own starting point at the top of the course and gravity will do the rest. There will be two racers at a time down the course and which ever one makes it to the bottom or the farthest on the course will be declared the winner and move on to the next bracket.

## Rules

### Stock Class:

Racers must be 1/64th scale.

Racers must be a recognizable replica of a 4WD vehicle.

Racers may not be altered except for axle lubricant.

### Modified Class:

Weight is no object.

Racers must originally have been 1/64th scale.

Racers must be a recognizable 4WD vehicle.

The only means of propulsion is gravity.

The top of the tire can not be higher than the vehicles roof.

February 2010						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Chris Mercer	2	3	4	5	6 Lizzie Pryzgoda
7	8 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> <i>Mike Castell</i> Jeff Brozier	9	10	11	12 Avery Prewett	13 Sandy Vlcek
14	15	16 Chris Kapperman	17 <b>CLUB MEETING</b>	18	19	20
21 <b>CLUP TRIP</b>	22	23	24	25 Colleen Stengaard	26	27
28 Gene Kapperman	Judy Heiderscheidt					

March 2010						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Fox Prewett	2	3 Brandon Kapperman John Arnold	4 Paul Dangler Jeff Paben	5 Jeff Smith	6
7	8 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> <i>Lori Golly</i>	9	10 Kent Schmidt Rosemary McCurry	11 Travis Golly	12	13
14	15 Darren Finger	16 Janice Marolf	17 <b>CLUB MEETING</b>	18	19 Kelly Kapperman	20 Will Prewett
21 <b>CLUP TRIP</b>	22	23	24 Nancy Oster	25 Daniel Baca	26 Lori Golly	27 Sheila Mueller
28 Todd McCurry  T&R McCurry	29	30 Craig Stumbough	31			

Board Meeting: Mar. 8 7:30pm Lori Golly  
Apr. 12 7:30pm Dave Oden  
Membership Meeting: Feb. 17 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
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Club Trip: Feb. 21 **9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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<p><b>Bullhide Liner 4X4 &amp; Auto Accessories</b>            5817 South College Ave.            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p><b>Coyote Cruisers &amp; OffRoad</b>            417 North Hwy 287            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-221-1833  <a href="http://www.coyotecruisers.com">www.coyotecruisers.com</a></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>            24192 W. County Rd. 74E            Red Feather Lakes, CO 970-881-2418  <a href="http://www.frontrangeoffroadfab.com">www.frontrangeoffroadfab.com</a></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>Aunt T's Pet Motel</b>            3200 E. Mulberry Ft. Collins            970-484-5776 <a href="http://www.fcvet.com">www.fcvet.com</a></p>	<p><b>Horsepower Auto Brokers</b>            1409 E. Olive Ct. Unit E, Ft. Collins            970-482-2579 <a href="http://www.horsepowerauto.com">www.horsepowerauto.com</a></p>	<p><b>Vanworks</b>            900 East Lincoln Avenue            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>
<p><b>Wellington Toy Storage</b>            4000 Washington Ave. Wellington,            Colorado 970-498-2111  <a href="http://www.wellingtontoystorage.com">www.wellingtontoystorage.com</a></p>	<p><b>CDR Communications, LLC</b>  <b>Cabling Done Right</b>            Call Don Maresh @ 970-556-7276            don-cdr@live.com  <a href="http://www.cablingdoneright.com">www.cablingdoneright.com</a></p>	