



January Trip Report

On the appointed Sunday morning, we all followed trip leader Jake, up the Poudre Canyon to the Manhattan Road. It turned out to be a beautiful morning, perfect for hard water racing in the Lost Lake area. Jake led us the long way around via the Creedmore Lakes Road so that we could get in a little snow bashing along the way. There was enough snow that a few got sucked into the giggly weeds and had to be¹ snatched out by strap.

By the time we got to the frozen pond, we were all ready to do some ice racin'. It was amazing to watch 12 or 14 vehicles out on the ice slippin' & slidin' all at the same time. What was really amazing was that there were no fender benders, but it still looked like carnage. The Stengaards set about building a great cooking fire. Even the Ellinger brothers (Scott & Brian) showed up with their rock buggies. One of the first orders of business was a years old grudge match between two of the best ice pullers that you will

ever see. On one end of a strap was Brett wearing a black hat and riding his trusty rattle can green steed named “Scout”. The other end was attached to “Tater” being ridden by Darren (in his white hat of course).



When the signal was given, the engines roared to life and they huffed and puffed until smoke was rolling off their tires. Eventually, just like in the old cowboy movies, the guy in the white hat won the bragging rights for 2011. The rattle can green “Scout” sulked off the ice mumbling under his breath, “just you wait ‘

till next year”.

Dan V. laid out a race course with the club marker cones and then set about organizing the ice races for all twenty vehicles. There was good competition and most of the races were pretty close. It looked as if the guys in the Toyotas would take most of the brackets but that was until the guy in the white hat ran. Darren started to pick off the Toyotas one by one until he was the last man standing. Long live King Tater. Second place went to Coyote John and third was Corvette Dave.



While the races were going on, a whole bunch of brats and wieners were being roasted and consumed up by the fire. Nobody went home hungry on this day as there was more than enough food to go around. A few people brought extra brownies to spread around to all takers. If we had a prize for the person that turned the fastest donuts, it would have to go to Cotton. Just watching him spin so long and so fast was enough to make a guy get dizzy and puke! As the day wore down, most headed for the barn. A few hadn't had enough yet and went to do some more snow bashing. The only breakage reported for the day was a



Broken axle on Dave P's Jeep.

The Mountaineer family had another fun day that will be remembered For years to come.

El Guapo





February Club Trip

February is the month that we normally have our annual snow sledding trip to Happy Jack but this month we will be running **7 Mile**. The discussion at the board meeting was that it will be warmer in March at Happy Jack and we will move our annual sledding trip to March. The trip will leave from the North College Albertsons on Sunday, February 20th, at 9:00 am.



Dues are Due

Time to pay the \$45.00 club dues.

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.

Tread Lightly! Principles

Travel Responsibly on land by staying on designated roads, trails and areas. Go over, not around, obstacles to avoid widening the trails. Cross streams only at designated fords. When possible, avoid wet, muddy trails. On water, stay on designated waterways and launch your watercraft in designated areas

Respect the Rights of Others including private property owners, all recreational trail users, campers and others so they can enjoy their recreational activities undisturbed. Leave gates as you found them. Yield right of way to those passing you or going uphill. On water, respect anglers, swimmers skiers, boaters, and divers and those on or near shore.

Educate Yourself prior to your trip by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies, planning for your trip, taking recreation skills classes, and knowing how to operate your equipment safely.

Avoid Sensitive Areas on land such as meadows, lakeshores, wetlands and streams. Stay on designated routes. This protects wildlife habitats and sensitive soils from damage. Don't disturb historical, archeological or paleontological sites. On water, avoid operating your watercraft in shallow waters or near shorelines at high speeds.

Do Your Part by modeling appropriate behavior, leaving the area better than you found it, properly disposing of waste, minimizing the use of fire, avoiding the spread of invasive species, and repairing degraded areas.

February 2011						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Chris Mercer	2	3	4	5
6	7 BOARD MEETING <i>John Schrader</i>	8 Jeff Brozier	9	10	11	12
13 Sandy Vlcek	14 A&A Burch	15	16 CLUB MEETING Nicholas Kemp Michelle Opdyke	17	18	19
20 CLUB TRIP	21	22 Chris Kapperman	23	24	25 Colleen Stengaard	26
27	28 Gene Kapperman	Judy Heiderscheidt				

March 2011						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Patrick Burch	3 Brandon Kapperman John Arnold	4 Paul Dangler Jeff Paben	5 Tasha Opdyke
6	7 BOARD MEETING <i>Mike Castell</i>	8	9	10 Kent Schmidt Rosemary McCurry	11 Travis Golly	12
13	14	15 Darren Finger	16 CLUB MEETING Janice Marolf	17	18	19 Kelly Kapperman
20 CLUB TRIP	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 Mike Castell
Apr. 7 7:30pm Dave Oden
Membership Meeting: Feb. 16 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
Mar. 16 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
Club Trip: **Feb. 20 9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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Bullhide Liner 4X4 & Auto Accessories 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288	Always A Deal Inc. Computer Services Johnstown, Colorado 970-310-7547 www.AlwaysaDeal.info	Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911
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