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Twelve of us met at the Steels parking lot for the last trip of 2001. The vehicle getting all the looks on this day was Mike & Lori Gollys' CJ-7 as it was sporting a new Louie Barth built roll cage. Guess Santa paid an early visit to the Golly garage. Trip planner Brett had checked out the trip to Crown Point and told us that there was enough snow to play in. We followed Ben up the Poudre to the Pingre Park Road and then to Crown Point where we stopped to air down and lock in our hubs.

It didn't take us long to get to the first big drift at the Black Hollow intersection. Ben took his Bronco in first to start working the 100 yard long series of drifts which were hood high. After about twenty minutes, Ben called on the radio saying he had broken a front drive shaft and his Bronco was done for the day. It took Darwin and Mike quite a while to pull the crippled Bronco back to dry ground. Meanwhile, Brett had started to bash his way down the Black Hollow road with most of the rest of the group in tow. Ben had to suffer for the rest of the trip as he had to ride in the Meadow Muffin.

Mike took over as the lead snow basher. He used every bit of horse power the 401 could develop while completing his mission. It was sweet hearing the sound of the 401 resonating through the valleys. Darwin was next but he got so stuck in



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the drifts that he had to break out the winch. He winched so much that he ran down his new dual batteries. It took a long time for Craig and Ben to winch and snatch him out of his predicament. By the time Darwin was out, Mike was way up the road eating his lunch and letting Travis practice his driving skills.

Darwin and Craig decided to follow the Black Hollow bunch and eventually caught up with them at a big drift. Brett was pushing the Scout as hard as he could but was not making very much progress. While Brett was doing all the work, the rest of us were standing around giving Ben advice on how to convince Heide that he needed a Dana 60 front end. Eventually, Brett declared that the snow drift had won the battle for the day and we all turned around to head back down the mountain.

It was just another beautiful sunny day of wheeling with the Mountaineer family.

Garfield



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Valve Cover Races

The Mountaineers will hold our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Valve cover races at our March meeting. As you will recall, last years event was won by Susan Schaibly and her go fast Volkswagen cover. Second place was taken by Dave Oden with his big wheeled, powder coated cover. This years event is being sponsored by Scott at RockStomper, prizes are yet to be determined.

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 last years. Start building your covers now for the March event.





# Club Trip

To be Announced

## New Trip Meeting Place

Beginning with the January club trip, we will be meeting at the Albertsons parking lot at 1636 North College Avenue. We felt a change became necessary when the Steels Markets went out of business. As the majority of trips head north out of town, this became a good meeting spot. There is a Burger King close and a McDonalds across the street as well as a couple of gas stations. There will be no excuses for not having a full tank of gas before leaving on our trips. See you there.



## Dues are Due

Yes, it is that time of year again. The annual dues of \$40.00 for members & \$15.00 for associate members are due by the March meeting. If they are not paid by that time, you will loose your club number and be dropped from the club roster. By paying your dues, you will remain in the Colorado Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs and United.

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## **New Arrival**

Curtis & Milly Smelker  
had their FIRST child on  
Dec. 12 2001

(after 12 years of marriage)

Her name is Elizabeth Marie Smelker

She was 7 lb 13 oz

Congratulations!!!



## **Calendar**

Calendars will be for sale at the club meeting. The calendars will be \$10.

Bring lots of money and buy lots of Calendars.

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A man walks into a bar, sits down, and orders a drink. "Hey, nice tie!" comes out of nowhere. He looks up at the bartender to see if he had said anything, but since he was on the other side of the bar the man just ignores it. "Hey! Nice shirt!" The man looks up but, again, the bartender is engaged elsewhere. "Hey! Nice suit!" The man then calls the bartender over and asks him if he keeps talking to him. "It's not me, it's the complimentary peanuts."

Bill Gates is hanging out with the chairman of General Motors.

"If automotive technology had kept pace with computer technology over the past few decades," boasts Gates, "you would now be driving a V-32 instead of a V-8, and it would have a top speed of 10,000 miles per hour. Or, you could have an economy car that weighs 30 pounds and gets a thousand miles to a gallon of gas. In either case, the sticker price of a new car would be less than \$50."

"Sure," says the GM chairman. "But would you really want to drive a car that crashes four times a day?"

Did you ever wonder why they put braille at a drive-up ATM?



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It was this little girl's first day of school and the teacher asked her what her name was and she replied, "Happy Butt." The teacher said, "Honey I don't think that's your name you need to go to the principal's office and get this straightened out." So she went to the principal's office and he asked, "What's your name?" And the little girl said, "Happy Butt." The principal called the girl's mother to get this straightened out once and for all. After getting off the phone he looked at the little girl and said, "Honey, your name's is Gladys, not Happy Butt." The girl then exclaimed, "Glad Ass, Happy Butt" what's the difference?

An airplane pilot had had a particularly difficult flight and a rough landing. The airline had a policy which required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited, smile and give them a "Thanks for riding Delta Airlines." But, in light of his bad landing, the pilot had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment. Finally, everyone had gotten off except for this little old lady walking with a cane. She said, "Sonny, mind if I ask you a question?" "Why no, Ma'am," replied the pilot, "what is it?" The little old lady said, "Did we land or were we shot down?"

Did you hear about the two antennas that got married?

The ceremony was long and boring, but the reception was great!



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'T was the day after Christmas, and all through the house, every creature was hurtin', even the mouse. The toys were all broken, their batteries dead. Santa passed out, with some ice on his head.

Wrapping and ribbons just covered the floor, while upstairs the family continued to snore. And I in my T-shirt, new Reeboks and jeans, went into the kitchen and started to clean.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the sink to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, tore open the curtains and threw up the sash.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear, but a little white truck, with an oversized mirror. The driver was smiling, so lively and grand. The patch on his jacket said "U.S. POSTMAN."

With a handful of bills, he grinned like a fox. Then quickly he stuffed them into our mailbox. Bill after bill, after bill, they came. Whistling and shouting he called them by name.

"Now Dillard's, now Macy's, now Sears, and Robinsons-May. Here's Penney's, Levitz's, Target's and Mervyn's. To the tip of your limit, every store, every mall, you charged- away, charged-away, charged-away all!"

He whooped and he whistled as he finished his work. He filled up the box and then turned with a jerk. He sprang to his truck and he drove down the road, driving much faster with just half a load. Then I heard him exclaim with great holiday cheer, "Enjoy what you got... you'll be paying all year!"



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## 4X4 CLASSIFIEDS

### 67-72 Chevy Blazer/Truck parts.

72 front clip, blazer drs, 4 row radiator, tilt steering, blazer top, A/C components, TH350 trans. misc...Darren. 613-8298

**YJ Stuff** Wrangler Hardtop w/ rear wiper (Tan) - \$900, Rear Seat - \$100, Stock Springs - \$50. Call Curtis (970) 217-7226 or pager (970) 416-4238

**AMC 304 V-8** engine approx 80,000 miles will sell complete meaning everything ALL bolt on parts brackets etc ...with headers 250.00 or will sell engine with intake manifold and carb for 175.00 engine ran excellent before replaced (it used to go to Denver on a daily basis) for more info contact Joe 970-204-4894

**1985 Toyota 4 Runner** Chevy 305 engine, 700R4 automatic, 4 wheel disc brakes, full floater rear axle, lockers, cross-over steering, winch, lift, good body & paint. 226-0203

**For Sale:** 700-R4 4x4 70,000mi \$500.00 o.b.o. Clifton 970-586-8608

**Toyota 4 Runner**, 125,00 miles 1991, white, 6 cyl., 5 speed, 3" susp. lift, 3" body lift, Pro comp 35", 12.5 tires CD player, recent front brakes, discs & bearing pack Power moon roof, locks & windows asking \$9200, OBO. call 663-6814, Luke or Don

**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

**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:** Detroit locker for a Dana #30 (front) 3.54-1 ratio \$250.00 E-Mail Richard Marolf at: mrmarolf@aol.com

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6	7 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> Aaron Brucker Bryan Hawf Eric Boydston	8	9	10	11 Ethan Stanczyk	12
13 Matthew Carlson	14	15 Micheal Prough	16 <b>CLUB MEETING</b>	17  B & J Vos	18	19
20 <b>CLUB TRIP</b>	21	22 Jeffrey Maher	23	24 Taylor Crue	25	26
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17	18	19	20 <b>CLUB MEETING</b>	21 Darrel Frank	22 Christopher Kapperman	23
24 <b>CLUB TRIP</b>	25 Colleen Stengaard	26	27 Regina May G & M Lenderink	28 Gene Kapperman		

Board Meeting: Feb. 11 7:30pm Darren Finger  
Mar. 11 7:30pm Lori Golly  
Membership Meeting: Jan. 16 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
Feb. 20 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
Club Trip: Jan. 20 9:00am **Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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	<p><b>Fantasy's 4x4</b>            4311 Service Road            Evans, Colorado 303-330-3833</p>	<p><b>R &amp; S Auto Body</b>            1912 Terry Lake Rd            Fort Collins, Colorado</p>
<p><b>Mark Turner Off-Road</b>            2649 E. Mulberry St. #2            Ft. Collins Colorado 970-416-1234</p>	<p><b>Off-Road Performance Solutions</b>            4340 Hwy 66            Longmont Colorado 970-535-9388</p>	<p><b>RockStomper</b>            318 Buchanan Ave.            Firestone Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
<p><b>Front Range Off-Road Fabrication</b>            www.frii.com/~frorfab            cel (970) 481-6508 (970) 472-1846</p>	<p><b>Loveland Powder Coating</b>            225 SW 42nd Street            Loveland, Colorado 970-667-4081</p>	<p><b>Vanworks</b>            900 East Lincoln Avenue            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>
<p><b>Colorado 4x4 Specialists</b>            4469 East Eisenhower            Loveland, Colorado 970-669-2978</p>	<p><b>4X4 Used Parts</b>            Bob Schleppey Bob@4x4usedparts.com            970-224-4294 www.4x4usedparts.com</p>	<p><b>Colorado Iron &amp; Metal</b>            1400 E MulberrySt            Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-482-7707</p>