



December Trip Report

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Fourteen vehicles gathered at the parking lot, all ready to do some good old fashioned snow bashing in the Cherokee Park area. We had to tell Shane that he couldn't take his big red truck on the trip as it would not fit between the trees. After Shane thought it over, he said he would take his load of beer to Bakersfield, CA so that he could be home in time for Christmas. As he pulled the big red 18 wheeler out of the lot, a few Mountaineers shed a tear just thinking about that load of 55,000 pounds of beer going to quench the thirst of someone else other than themselves!

We left the parking lot promptly at 9:00 am with images of sugar plum ferries and a big red truck loaded with Fat Tire dancing in our heads. Trip leader Brett took pity on the group and pulled into the last potty box before the trailhead. We aired down, locked in the hubs and caught up on more gossip. Clifton found a frozen disc and started playing catch with Brett's dog Oreo. The frozen disc was really a meadow muffin, you know a pasture patty or buffalo chip or cow pie or whatever you want to call it, you get the idea. The whole rest of the trip, Brett cussed Clifton and complained about Oreos breath.

At the Pratt Creek trailhead there was very little



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snow but as we progressed down the road it got deeper (better). We didn't realize until we were twenty minutes into the trail that Darwin, Gene and Dave were missing. After waiting awhile for them to catch up, we sent out a search party. Ron and Clifton finally found them wandering up and down the county road trying to figure out where the rest of the group had gone.

Craig was the first one to get bogged down on an ice hill and had to break out some Warn power for help. Later Brett had to do the same when his Scout was swallowed up by a snow drift. We used snatching straps several times but for the most part all we had to do was take our time and work at packing it down. We also played on the McGrevey and Green Mountain Trails. Brett led us up a spur trail that was just wide enough for our vehicles and with the deep snow it made it kind of tricky in spots. The only one worried about how close we were to the trees was Steven. More than once, he came on the radio saying that he didn't think his truck would fit between the trees, it did!

What a beautiful day of wheeling. The weather was great and the best of all, we didn't have any breakdowns. On the way back to town Craig, Brett and Steven went to check out the January trip and ran into some huge drifts across the road. They found an easier

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way in for next month. Just another great day of 4 wheeling with the Mountaineer family.

Garfield



Dues are Due

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



New Members

Bill & Tim Budd #58





Club Trip

ICE RACING

Our January trip will be going to the Lost Lake area for some Ice Racing and some ice pulling contests. There will be a fire next to the lake to cook whatever you want to bring, be it hot dogs or marshmallows etc. Please bring your chairs, some firewood and whatever you want to cook over the fire. We will have 1st and 2nd place plaques for the ice racing and pulling contests (studded tires are not eligible to win). See you at the Albertsons parking lot on January 25th. Trip will leave promptly at 9:00am.



Editor's Note

I need more pictures for the Online Calendar.

I need Member's Rides again, and a picture if you have one.

Please give to Dave Oden at the meeting, or send info to jeepndave@netzero.net



Online Calendar

January and February Calendars are ready to download and print.

For your copy go to

www.mountaineers4x4.org/jan2004.pdf

www.mountaineers4x4.org/feb2004.pdf

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My Favorite Trail

My favorite trail is Hells Revenge. This trail starts just past the Sand Flats Recreation area entrance, northeast of Moab Utah.

On our first trip to Moab with the Mountaineers I was ready to try some of the harder well known trails, and Hells Revenge was one of these. The trail got my attention right away when I could only see my hood and then I had to take a hard left on top of that. The many climbs followed by steep descents kept the blood pumping all day, and I skipped the extra credit! The things that I remember the most are that off camber spot next the wall that had me leaning to the right, the steep descent just after the hot tubs that is so steep that the stuff not tied down started coming into the front of the Jeep. When I did get a chance to look around the scenery is awesome (see photo). You can see all the group stretched out in front of us. Also toward the end of the trail you get a view of the Moab Valley below.

Great Trail.

Dave Piller

Ps. When we had completed the trail my wife Dawn said she is never going on that &*&\$%#\$\$ Trail again, but I am pretty sure we can talk her into trying it again next year.

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Teacher: "Why are you late?"

Boy: "Because of a sign down the road."

Teacher: "What does a sign have to do with your being late?"

Boy: "The sign said, 'School Ahead, Go Slow!'"



A motorist, after being bogged down in a muddy road, paid a passing farmer five dollars to pull him out with his tractor. After he was back on dry ground, he said to the farmer "At those prices, I should think you would be pulling people out of the mud night and day."

"Can't," replied the farmer. "At night I haul water for the hole."



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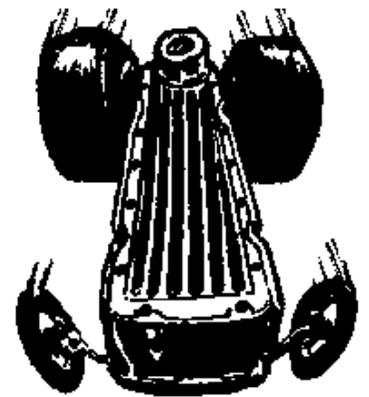


3rd Annual Valve Cover Races

During the February meeting we will be holding our great valve cover race sponsored by the fine folks down at Bullhide 4x4 Auto Accessories. Prizes will be given for the first three places and one will be given for best of show. Now is the time to start building your valve cover for this years race. Curtis, there **will not** be a prize for the ugliest cover!

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!!!

C L A S S I F I E D S

Ford 9" rearend complete, full width, 3.50 gears, 31 spline shafts. \$100, call Ben (970)495-0801

For Sale: 1 Jeep roll bar, new truck tire chains, new adjustable tow bar- prices negotiable Call Mike Golly for more info, 663-3446

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

YJ Stuff Wrangler Hardtop w/ rear wiper (Tan) - \$900, 66-77 Bronco Parts. Call Curtis (970) 217-7226 or pager (970) 416-4238

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:
1997 Wrangler For Sale \$12,950/bo
This jeep has a dana 30 front axle with 4.56's with dana 44 rear with 4.56's, both have arb lockers. Superlift 4' suspension lift with 35 x 12.50 goodyear wrangler mtr's on 15 x 8 wheels. warn xd9000i winch, arb bullbar front bumper with piala light, currie rockcrawler ii front suspension, rear bumper with swingway tire carrier and hi-lift jack & mount, 6 point custom rollcage, tomken 2x4 rock bars, 5 point harnesses with stock seat belts, tuffy cargo box, cb, cd player, new rebuilt transmission & clutch. must sell for college!!! This is the jeep of your dreams ..can climb anything.
Contact Gary at
gary@pacificequity.biz or at 719.667.5313 for any questions. Will assist in shipping, but buyers responsibility for all shipping costs. Located in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

January 2004						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 Bob Stevens	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 BOARD MEETING	13 Matthew Carlson	14	15	16	17 B&J Vos
18	19	20	21 CLUB MEETING	22 Diana Lubow Jeffrey Maher	23	24 Taylor Crue
25 CLUB TRIP	26	27 Richard Marolf Karen Riley	28	29	30	31

February 2004						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Erin Lenderink	5	6	7
8 BOARD MEETING	9	10	11	12	13 Sandy Vlcek	14 A&T Shively
15	16 K&M Maher	17	18 CLUB MEETING	19	20	21
22 CLUB TRIP Christopher Kapperman	23	24	25 Colleen Stengaard	26	27 Regina May	28 Gene Kapperman
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Board Meeting: Feb. 9 7:30pm Lori Golly
Mar 8 7:30pm Richard Marolf
Membership Meeting: Jan. 21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
Feb. 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
Club Trip: Jan. 25 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>Ft. Collins 4X4 Center 1101 North College Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-482-5500</p>	<p>Jackson's All American Sports Grill 925 East Harmony Road Ft. Collins, Colorado</p>	<p>CarQuest Auto Parts 2716 South College Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-226-5050</p>
<p>RockHard 4x4 Parts Lewis Barth 401 Jackie Ann St. Ault, Co 80610 970-834-0767</p>	<p>Fantasy's 4x4 4311 Service Road Evans, Colorado 303-330-3833</p>	<p>R & S Auto Body 808 E. Mulberry St. Ft. Collins, CO 970-227-1847</p>
<p>Front Range Off-Road Fabrication www.frii.com/~frorfab cel (970) 481-6508 (970) 472-1846</p>	<p>4X4 Used Parts Bob Schleppey Bob@4x4usedparts.com 970-224-4294 www.4x4usedparts.com</p>	<p>RockStomper P.O. Box 724 Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
<p>Bullhide Liner 4X4 & Auto Accessories 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p>Mark Turner Off-Road 2649 E MulberrySt Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-416-1234</p>	<p>Vanworks 900 East Lincoln Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>