



December Trip Report

We all followed Craig out of Fort Collins and up the Poudre Canyon for what we hoped would be a good snow bashing day. The Poudre Canyon was a little icy but it was well sanded. We all made the left onto the Pingre Park Road and then a right onto our destination road, Crown Point.

After a brief stop to air down and lock in our hubs, our engines roared to life and we were on our way. There was only an inch of snow where we had stopped and we had to keep reminding our selves that it is always like this, an inch of snow below and three to four feet of snow and drifts in just another three miles. On up the road we ran into Elaine who had been out looking for us. With Craig still in the lead and the snow getting deeper, the Meadow Muffin started to have difficulties negotiating the 6 to 8 inches of fresh snow. Someone pointed out that his front tires weren't digging. It was just a case of not

having his brand new hubs turned in, which brought on a lot of ribbing on the CB. In the mean time, two of the vintage Land Crushers had stopped and chained up all four.

As the snow got deeper, we put the best snow bashers in the lead. At several points we had to drag out the snatching straps to get vehicles out of the borrow ditch or through the drifts. With 24 vehicles on this trip, there was a lot of hurry up and wait. It took about an hour to get everyone through the final large drift to the Black Hollow trail turnoff, that is everyone except Sam in his Grand. Sam didn't have front tow hooks and we were afraid that we would break some plastic. We got Sam turned around and he headed home.

While we ate lunch, a lot of fuel was burned up by several vehicles trying their luck at the big drift just above the turnoff. Dan dropped into Black Hollow and reported that the drifts on this route were too big to get our group through. We had no other choice but to head down the mountain. On the way down, the talk on the CB how it was a shame to waste all this daylight ---- so ---- a new plan was hatched. We would try our luck on the old Flowers Road, if it was open.

Half of the group went home via the Poudre while the rest of us went up to check out Old Flowers, It was open, so we locked in our hubs again and off we went. There wasn't much snow on the road so this part of the days trip went fast. Everyone went their own way home from the Stove Prairie School. Just another great day wheeling with the Mountaineer family..

Epilogue: On the way home, Jason's Cherokees transmission started acting up. Pretty soon he was left shiftless. As luck would have it, Paul and Julie in their green FJ-55 weren't too far behind. They stopped, hooked up a strap and gave Jason a tug home. We are happy to report that the Cherokee is now back on the road again thanks to Jason's new best friends down at 4X4 Used Parts.

El Guapo





January Club Trip

Lost Lake for Ice Racing (if there is Ice)

If there is no ice the trip will be announced at the Meeting.

Meet at the North College Albertsons parking lot for a 9:00 am departure.



Guests at Last Meeting

Aaron Eddy

Don MacDonald



Survey Results

At the last meeting, we asked the membership what the favorite Mountaineer trips were for 2005 to help our trip planners in 06'. Listed below in order of popularity are the number of votes each trip got.

1. Red Cone / Radical Hill / Saints John, 16 votes.
2. Fun Daze at Brian Graves Place, 10 votes.
3. Gillespie Gulch / Slaughter House, 8 votes
4. Seven Mile / Kelly Flats Campout and Cleanup, 7 votes
5. Green Ridge, 6 votes.
6. Moody Hill / Crystal Mountain, 5 votes
7. Ice Racing at Lost Lake, 4 votes
8. Kids Sledding Trip / chili cookout / Pilot Hill, 4 votes
9. Storm Mountain via Masonville, 4 votes
10. Seven Mile / Stump Hill, 2 votes
11. Crown Point / Old Flowers, 1 vote
12. Buntz School Road, 0 votes

As for the pizza survey, 14 pizza joints were nominated. The Pizza Palace in Wellington got 3 votes and Woody's got 2 votes. The other 12 only got 1 vote.



Dues are Due

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



You've Got Mail

Postage has went up again!

To help the Club please send your E-Mail address to JeepnDave (4x4@jeepndave.com) to get your newsletter by email.





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1972 Jeep CJ5, strong running 304, clean and straight body,
\$2650. Call Ben 970-443-1875

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For Sale:

Black SoftTop for YJ with soft upperHalf Doors \$100

Call or Email Dave at 970-310-7547 or 4x4@jeepndave.com

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Happy 40th Anniversary

Richard and Janice Marolf had their
40th Anniversary in December.



Moab

Moab Trip will be June 3-10 this year.





Meet a Member

Name: Jason Leahy

Spouse: Divorced

Children: Nikkolette

Mountaineer member since: 2004

Four Wheeling since: 1985

In Colorado since: 1985

Resident of: Ft. Collins

Originally from: Culver, Indiana

Occupation: Journeyman Electrician

4WD Vehicle: 1988 Jeep Cherokee

Other hobbies: Mtn. Biking, Snowboard, Fishing, Mtn. Climbing



January 2006						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Ted Miller	5	6 Margaret Atkinson Darla Miller Wyvonne Stengaard	7
8 BOARD MEETING <i>Craig Stumbough</i>	9	10	11	12 Dusty Theilman	13 Jessica Stengaard	14
15 Julie Moen Missy Graham	16	17	18 CLUB MEETING	19	20	21
22 CLUB TRIP	23	24 Taylor Crue	25	26	27 Richard Marolf Karen Riley	28
29	30	31				

February 2006						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Chris Mercer	2	3 Jamie McQuaid	4 Erin Lenderink
5 BOARD MEETING <i>Dan Venrick</i>	6	7	8	9 Steve DiGilio	10	11
12	13 Sandy Vlcek Craig Arnold	14 Steve Geissler A&T Shively J&S Arnold	15 CLUB MEETING	16	17	18
19 CLUB TRIP	20	21	22 Christopher Kapperman	23	24	25 Colleen Stengaard
26	27	28 Gene Kapperman				

Board Meeting: Feb. 6 7:30pm Dan Venrick
Mar. 6 7:30pm Dave Oden
Membership Meeting: Jan. 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
Feb. 15 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
Club Trip: Jan. 22 9:00am **Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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January Newsletter

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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.

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<p>Front Range Off-Road Fabrication www.frii.com/~frorfab cel (970) 481-6508 (970) 472-1846</p>	<p>4X4 Used Parts / 4X4 Off Road 938 West Willox Lane, Ft. Collins 970-224-1133 www.4x4usedparts.com</p>	<p>RockStomper P.O. Box 724 Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
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