



December Trip Report

Our trip planners set out to find a new trail for us to go on this month. They checked out a trail out of Allens Park called the Rock Creek Trail ((FS#116). Once they got to the trail, they found it covered with ice flows. It took them quite awhile to get all six vehicles over the ice and it was determined that if they tried to lead 20 vehicles, it would turn into a fender bender. Next, they tried the Buntz School Road and it didn't have any snow. Sooooo, they decided that the December trip would be on the old Ballard Logging Road where they knew that we would find some good snow.

Four vehicles showed up at Albertsons and Darwin led the group to meet the five vehicles waiting in Masonville. Now there were nine and we followed Dan V. up the Buckhorn Canyon to the Ballard trailhead. We figured most were out shopping or going to parties as it was the weekend before Santa would arrive. When we stopped to put in our hubs and air down as four guys

dressed up in green came up behind us and asked to go by. Turned out the Forest Service was doing a prescribe burn in the area; (later on we did see their smoke).

As we gained elevation we did get into a little deeper snow. The stretch between the meadow and the top of the long hill was easy. In previous years there was several ice flows, but not this year. After the sharp left turn, we started climbing again. We came to a section that was ice for as far as you could see. Dan didn't have any problems but Dick could only get so far and then he started to slide backwards down the hill. After some winching, he made it up the first section with more ice ahead. About this time the Stenggaard Brothers had had enough fun and headed down the hill. While waiting for the trail above him to clear, Darren Steenberg chained up all four corners of his Jeep. Allen Birch's Cherokee couldn't make it up the hill so Darren drug him all the way to the end of the ice. When the snow got too deep, we finally had to park the Cherokee. Dick slid back down the hill and went exploring some side trails with Craig.

Dan and Jake took turns bashing the fresh snow and the four vehicles that were left made it all the way to the end of the trail which is unusual for this time of year. Craig and Dick ran one trail over a half a mile which was only wide enough for an ATV and were finally

stopped when they were tired of the trees beating the heck out of their Jeeps. Both groups met up and headed for home. It was a typical winter hurry up and wait type of day as usual but we all had fun wheeling with the Mountaineer family.

El Guapo & Amigo



January Club Trip

This month we go ice racing up at Lost Lake outside of Red Feather. We will have a fire to cook hot dogs, marshmallows or whatever you bring to eat. The trip will leave from the North College Albertsons on Sunday, January 23rd, at 9:00 am.

Trail Etiquette

Ride only on routes wider than your vehicle.

Different trail types are constructed for different widths of vehicles. In this section, learn about different trails and which trails are designed for which vehicles. Remember to only ride on trails wider than your vehicle.

Ride only on routes open to your vehicle.

In Colorado, we use brown signs with white graphics to designate which trails are open to which vehicles. A red slash across a sign indicates a trail is closed to that type of vehicle. Signs are always present at trail heads and may be present at trail junctions.

Ride over obstacles, not around them.

Going around obstacles widens trails, impacts vegetation and causes erosion. Challenge yourself by staying on the trail. Use caution when going over obstacles and remember to be courteous to other trail users.

Be an ambassador to non-motorized trail users including livestock and wildlife.

Your trails are always in danger of being closed. On any day of riding you become the face of OHV recreation to other users—leave them with a good impression of your sport. Always yield the trail to non-motorized users.

Louder doesn't mean faster.

Excessive sound from Dirt Bikes and ATVs has become one of the biggest threats to Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use. Fortunately loud Dirt Bikes and ATVs can be fixed without losing any speed or power.

Slow down for your fellow riders.

Care is required when passing or meeting fellow OHV enthusiasts on narrow trails. Slow down. Let the other rider know your intentions. Stay on the trail so you do not flatten vegetation or widen the trail.



Trip Reminders

Just a reminder, all trips leave the Albertsons parking lot **promptly** at 9:00 am (unless otherwise noted in the newsletter). You should have a full gas tank, shopping done, lunch packed, dogs walked and potty stop completed by the leave time. It is not fair to hold up all the rest of the group who got there early and got their business done before hand.



Rich Stengaard is a grandfather

Gabriel Alexander was born January 10 at 10:15 am
7 pounds 12 oz 20 in to Scott and Lisa Michels-
Stengaard



2010 Raffle Vehicle was Awarded
during Christmas For Kids (@ Southside Johnny's) in
Colorado Springs

Congratulations!

Winner: Tyson Schmidt from Peyton, CO
a member of Colorado Four Wheelers
(Ticket # 11309)





Members Rides

Member Name: Colleen & Darwin Stengaard

Member Number: 25

Make & Model: Jeep LJ Unlimited Rubicon

Year: 2006

Engine: 4.06 cyl.

Transmission: Automatic

Transfer Case: 4:1 stock

Wheels: Mickey Thompson Tire 35 12.50 15

Suspension: 4" Tera Flex Winch Warn 8000

Miscellaneous: Tummy Tuck, Rock Guards, Custom Bumpers Front & Rear, Tire Rack and Accessory Carrier VIAR Onboard Air Compressor

Banks Exhaust W Accessory Air Intake





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.



January 2011						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4 Ted Miller	5	6 Darla Miller Wyvonne Stengaard	7	8
9	10 BOARD MEETING <i>Shane Payton</i>	11	12	13 Jessica Stengaard	14	15 Julie Moen
16	17 Michelle Jansen	18	19 CLUB MEETING Melissa Kemp	20	21	22
23/30 CLUB TRIP	24/31 Taylor Crue	25	26	27 Richard Marolf Karen Riley	28 William Marvin	29

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 CLUB MEETING	10	11	12
13 Sandy Vlcek	14 A&A Burch	15	16 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				

Board Meeting: Feb. 7 7:30pm John Schrader
Mar. 7 7:30pm Mike Castell

Membership Meeting: Jan. 19 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
Feb. 16 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins

Club Trip: **Jan. 23 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.

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<p>Bullhide Liner 4X4 & Auto Accessories 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p>Always A Deal Inc. Computer Services Johnstown, Colorado 970-310-7547 www.AlwaysADeal.info</p>	<p>Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</p>
<p>Horsepower Auto Brokers 1409 E. Olive Ct. Unit E, Ft. Collins 970-482-2579 www.horsepowerauto.com</p>	<p>CDR Communications, LLC Cabling Done Right Call Don Maresh @ 970-556-7276 don-cdr@live.com www.cablingdoneight.com</p>	<p>RockStomper P.O. Box 724 Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
<p>Fry's Auto Care 210 Commerce Dr. Ft. Collins 970-310-7195</p>	<p>Wellington Toy Storage 4000 Washington Ave. Wellington, Colorado 970-498-2111 www.wellingtontoystorage.com</p>	