

# Mountain - Ears

## December Trip Report

A few days before Christmas, fourteen Mountaineer and guest vehicles gathered for a trip through the Seven Mile Trail by Rustic. It was a beautiful day when we left the Albertsons parking lot for a scenic drive up the Poudre



Canyon. We did have a few ice patches where the canyon walls shade the road. When

we got to the trailhead, we found Darren patiently waiting for us. We stopped to air down and gab a little before moving on up the trail.

On the trail we found nicely packed snow and very little ice. The creek crossings were completely frozen over so we didn't have to deal with water and those pesky little ice lips to slide on. Needless to say, the trip up Seven Mile Canyon went pretty fast, a lot faster than in the summer when we have to contend the washed out road and all the protruding rocks. When we got to the meadow, Coyote John led four

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vehicles up to the Stump Hill winter challenge so that he could report back trail conditions to the rest of the group. John reported that the gate was locked and returned to the meadow. The group was disappointed as the Opdykes had talked to Ranger Lenora the previous weekend (when they were on the hunt for their perfect Christmas tree) and she said that she planned to open Stump Hill the very next day. Even on the Motor Vehicle Use Map (NVUM) it is printed that it was supposed to be open.

The group went up the rest of the trail to do some snow bashing up on top only to find that all the major roads were plowed for the Christmas tree sale. It only took us two hours to drive from Fort Collins and do the whole Seven Mile trail.

We then went in search of some minor roads to play on. We found a couple that hadn't been broken open, but that only took half an hour. Paul and Julie reported that the radiator on their FJ-60 had split open and they went back down Seven Mile followed by Allen B. Allen had to strap the crippled Cruiser from Rustic all the way to Fort Collins.

It was a very short day on the trail and everybody got home in time to watch the Broncos play some football.

Epilogue: Craig met with District Ranger Kevin Atchley the next day to find out why Stump Hill was closed. He was apologetic and it must be a mistake on their part and he would look into it. Two days later, the Forest Service called

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Mike Castell to say that Stump Hill was now open. Thank you Kevin for checking on this for the Mountaineers.

People are posting videos on facebook and that is fine, but we could also use some still photos for the newsletter.

El Guapo



# January Club Trip

**Sunday, January 22nd**

Our Club Trip this month will be to Balard/Greer. Please meet at our regular trip meeting place North Albertsons College & Willox at 9:00am January 22nd

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## 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. Cash and checks accepted (correct change appreciated). If the dues are not paid by the March meeting, you will be dropped from all three rosters.



# Our Annual Summer Club Outing

This year we are going to substitute a new destination for our normal Moab Trip. We will be spending a week in Buena Vista and running the trails in the area. We will be spending the week of July 7th through 13th in Buena Vista because the altitude is higher and the trails should be open in July. We would like to get a rough count at the next club meeting of how many are planning on going so that we can reserve an area of the Snowy Peaks RV Park.

The RV park is about 1.5 miles north of Buena Vista at 30430 North Highway 24 (800) 954-8481. Just like we do in Moab we will be meeting each morning at City Market in Buena Vista to leave for our trips. City Market is on the south end of town at 438 Highway 24.



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# The 4x4 Addiction

- Don't admit that there is an automotive problem.
- You sneak in new parts when the wife isn't looking
- You find your self spending more time with your truck than your family
- You spend money on your truck rather than "mere" bills to be paid
- You find your self not going out and socializing with others in favor of spending more time alone with your 4x4 project
- In more advanced stages of the addiction, you just can't do enough or spend enough on for your truck so you look for more ways to improve your ride
- You can't go with fooling around with your truck at least once, for a month
- You look forward to getting home from work just to play with or work on your truck
- Just one 4x4 isn't enough. You need to buy more and more
- Rather than spending holiday's with friends and family, you consider it more to your liking to spend time with your truck
- Have more photo's of your truck in your wallet than of your family

## **Tow Hook Party**

Darwin Stengaard has agreed to open his shop to do some work on you rigs, like tow hooks, CB radios, and any other small projects. He has car lift, welder and just about any tool you may need to do the work. We will meet at Darwin's at Jan 29 9:30am to 4:00pm. 221 E County Rd 66 near Wellington. Coffee and Soda will be provided.

Normal Club Trip rules apply.

Please call Darwin if you will be needing the lift. 970-568-7850

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## **Editor's Note**

Just a reminder, I could use some Member's Rides,

Email the info and a picture to  
newsletter@montaineers4x4.org

If you take pictures on our club trips and want to share them, please upload them on our Facebook page.

(I can use them in the newsletter)



# Member's Ride

**Name:** Colleen & Darwin Stengaard      **Unit Number:** 22

**Model:** 2006 Jeep LJ Unlimited Rubicon

**Engine:** 4.0 Liter

**Transmission:** Automatic      **Transfer Case:** 4:1 Stock

**Wheels/Tires:** Mickey Thompson 35 12.50 15

**Shocks Springs:** 4" Tera Flex

**Miscellaneous:** Warn 8000, Tummy Tuck, Rock Guards, Custom Bumpers Front & Rear, Tire Rack and Accessory Carrier, VIAR Onboard Air Compressor, Banks Exhaust W Accessory Air Intake



January 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Years Day	2	3	4 Ted Miller	5	6 Darla Miller Wyvonne Stengaard	7
8	9 BOARD MEETING <i>Shane Payton</i>	10	11	12	13 Jessica Stengaard	14
15 Julie Moen	16	17 Michelle Jansen	18 CLUB MEETING	19 Melissa Kemp	20	21
22 CLUB TRIP	23 Spencer Payton	24 Taylor Crue	25	26	27 Richard Marolf Karen Riley	28 William Marvin
29	30	31				

February 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Chris Mercer	2	3	4
5	6 BOARD MEETING <i>Colleen Stengaard</i>	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Valentines  A&A Burch	15 CLUB MEETING  Cara Thoen	16 Nicholas Kemp Michelle Opdyke	17	18
19 CLUB TRIP	20	21	22 Chris Kapperman	23	24	25 Colleen Stengaard
26	27	28 Gene Kapperman	29 Judy Heiderscheidt			

Board Meeting: Feb. 6 7:30pm Colleen Stengaard  
Mar. 12 7:30pm To Be Announced  
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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**The Mountaineers**  
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**Fort Collins, CO 80522-1225**

## *January Newsletter*

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<b>Bullhide Liner 4X4 &amp; Auto Accessories</b> 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288	<b>Always A Deal Inc.</b> Computer Services Johnstown, Colorado 970-310-7547 <a href="http://www.AlwaysADeal.info">www.AlwaysADeal.info</a>	<b>Moab 4x4 Outpost</b> 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911
<b>Horsepower Auto Brokers</b> 1409 E. Olive Ct. Unit E, Ft. Collins 970-482-2579 <a href="http://www.horsepowerauto.com">www.horsepowerauto.com</a>	<b>CDR Communications, LLC</b> <b>Cabling Done Right</b> Call Don Maresh @ 970-556-7276 don-cdr@live.com <a href="http://www.cablingdoneight.com">www.cablingdoneight.com</a>	<b>RockStomper</b> P.O. Box 724 Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431
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