Mountain - Ears December Club Trip

It was a gorgeous day for the Mountaineers to have some fun on a frozen pond. After leaving the Albertsons parking lot, we convoyed up Highway 287 to the parking area at County Road 80C. We met up with the folks that had trailed their rigs to unload and to air down. A total of 20 rigs headed up 80C to our turn off on the Prairie Divide road. We were a little disappointed



That there wasn't enough snow to make it challenging but we did encounter some long drifts that we had to power through.

When we arrived at the "hard water" pond, we saw that it was a little larger than usual due to all the rain we got earlier in the year and there were only two inches of snow on top of the ice.. Craig was the first to test the ice, while



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Staying near shore. Ol' Don M. was next. He got his speed up and headed towards the center sideways. It wasn't long before all twenty of us



Were on the ice at the same time, spinning, sliding and just being plain nuts. It was a miracle that nobody slid into each other. It was noticed right away that Cotton had not lost his touch. He could still spin the fastest and tightest donuts better than anyone else. While Dan was setting up the cones for the ice races, others were building a fire so that we could cook our hot dogs for lunch. After an hour of practicing going around the dog bone shaped race course, the racing began in earnest. It was a very loose elimination type race. Once you were beaten, you had to sit out. Jim Bridge was declared the overall winner



And was crowned "King of the Ice" for 2013. We also had tug of war challenges going on all over the pond. It was fun watching the heavier vehicles dragging the lighter ones to where they really didn't want to go. We had several that tied each other when one would pull and then the other would pull for awhile. The winners in the tug of war were all

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heavy hitters. Jim Dixon, Don Maresh and Dan Venrick



Were declared the winners.

The day was all snicks and grins. In recent history, we don't remember a time when there were no breakdowns while on the hard water or the rocks. On this day, we all got home before sunset which is unusual for this time of year. It was just another fun day of wheeling with the Mountaineer family.



El Guapo

January Club Trip

This month we will be running Crown Point. Please meet at our regular trip meeting place. North Albertson's Parking Lot We will leave at 9:00 am Sunday January 19th.

Collecting Dues for 2014

The \$45.00 club assessment for dues is payable between January and March membership meetings. This amount not only keeps you current with the Mountaineers, but \$30.00 of it goes to the Colorado Association and Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition to keep you in good standing with them also. If the dues are not paid by the March meeting, you will be droped from all three rosters.





Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty was out having fun But all too soon his fun was undone.

You see poor Humpty fell in a hole It damaged the body but not the soul.

He was scrapped and dented; sight for sore eyes. But this was not Humpty Dumpty's demise.

And, unlike the other story that's told, This Humpty Dumpty's fun is only on hold.

He will be repaired, no part to be spared. And don't forget the great stores to share.

The shop will demand, a mere 13 grand To put Humpty Dumpty on the road once again.

And, to our friend Craig, who got the Horses Patoot, The shame you are feeling soon will be mute.

> Laurie Paben 2013

Glen Haven Clean-up Saturday, January 11 at 9:00am Glen Haven, Colorado Everyone is invited!

Guests at last Meeting

Joe Holt

David Siska-Salkin

Greg Meyers