



**THE
MOUNTAINEERS**
Newsletter

February Trip Report

Twenty two vehicles followed Craig out of the Albertsons parking lot towards Laramie for our annual sledding trip. Soon after crossing the Wyoming border, we turned off onto the Pumpkin Vine Road for a leisurely trip across the prairie.



Most of our newer members and guests had never been this way before. They were amazed when we stopped at the Ames Monument for a brief history lesson on the town of Sherman and the highest point on the Union Pacific Railroad. The next stop was at the Lincoln Memorial Rest Area to take advantage of the warm restrooms.

By the time we got to the Happy Jack Recreation Area, everyone was ready for some sledding and tubing. The kids scrambled up the hill to try out the perfect sledding conditions. Meanwhile a few of the adults (?) set about starting the fire to cook our chili over. Once again we have to thank Cotton for providing all the wood for the fire. Chief cook and pot scrubber Ron Kapperman set up the tripod and cooking pot while Lori G. got her workout opening all the cans of chili. She filled the pot to almost overflowing and still had some cans



left over. She also set a table of chili fixin's. We had several types of grated cheese, jalapeño peppers, all sorts of crackers and even a bunch of chocolate chip cookies. Ron had a lot of help around the fire. There was See No Evil (Shane), Hear No Evil (Darwin) and Speak No Evil (Gene). They all took turns stirring the pot, stoking the fire and dishing out the hot chili.



While all the cooking was going on, the kids on the hill were having a blast. Over the years we have learned that Travis will ride anything down the slippery slope that he can get his hands on. This year it was a broken plastic door molding from a Pontiac. At one time or another, everyone was done in by the moguls on the slope. We did hear a couple of kids cry when they flipped but in just a few minutes they were trudging up the hill for another go at it. The most spectacular crash of the day was Sharon Newton who got a little too much air



and landed on her neck. After about five minutes of laying in a heap in the snow, she was escorted to her chair for a little R & R. When we had had all the fun we could stand, it was time to pack up and head for home. Ron got the pot cleaned up and as per his custom he had more chili on him than he got into some of the bowls

Shane in his new Rubicon Unlimited and guest Scott Kallase in his Toyota pickup had to try some snow busting on the Pilot Hill Road. They reported near perfect snow conditions and had a great time for an



hour or so before they headed south. The day was deemed a success as it was just another fun day with the Mountaineer family.

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Club Trip

To Be Announced

@ Club Meeting

Trip Planners are looking for some Snow busting. Meet at the North College Albertsons parking lot for a 9:00 am departure.



New Members

Steve Schroeder #69



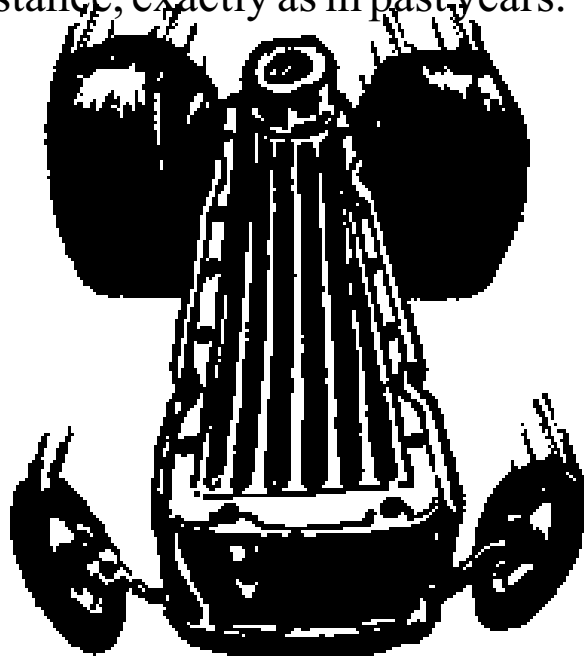
4th Annual Valve Cover Races

During the March meeting we will be holding our great valve cover race sponsored by our friends at 4X4 Off Road & Used Parts. Gift certificates will be given for the first three places and one will be given for best (or creative) of show. Now is the time to start building your valve cover for this years race.

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!!!





Guests at Last Meeting

Kerry Beach
Shawn Pagan
Milt Gibbs
Tristan Whittington
Scott Kallase
Steve Schroeder
Ethan Nordin
Doug Russell
Dan Lockman
Jay Johnson
Greg Beaumont
Marcus Goodpaster
Jake Koloclny



Dues are Due

Dues are due @ March meeting. Dues are \$40.00 for members & \$15.00 for assoc. Members.





MOAB 2005

Just a reminder, the club trip to Moab will be Saturday June 4th through June 11th. Trips will start that first Saturday. The majority of members will be camped at the Canyonlands Campground, 555 Main Street in Moab. The campground also has rustic cabins for rent. If you will be camping with us, be sure to make reservations as soon as possible as they do fill up early. This is one of the nicer campgrounds in Moab as all spaces are shaded and as an added bonus they have a pool and hot tub. The reservation number is 1-800-522-6848. There are a lot of motels to choose from. Go online to check them out and make reservations. Guests are always Welcome --- see ya there !!!





Kelly Flats Cleanup & Camp Out

Mark your calendars on May 21st and 22nd for our annual Kelly Flats camp out. The back loop of the Kelly Flats campground will again be reserved Friday and Saturday nights for those who wish to dust off their motorhomes, tents or campers. We will leave from the campground promptly at 9:00 am on Saturday and work on the Kelly Flats Trail. We will clean water bars and pick up trash in preparation of the trails opening. Sunday we will work on Seven Mile trying to mitigate the damage that has occurred over the winter. There will be no fee for those that will be camping. If you do not want to camp, be sure you meet the group at the campground before 9:00 am on both days or you will be locked out.



Are ya havin' a Bad Day????

Well, then, consider this.....

In a hospital's Intensive Care Unit, patients always died in the same bed, on Sunday morning, at about 11:00 a.m., regardless of their medical condition. This puzzled the doctors and some even thought it had something to do with the supernatural. No one could solve the mystery as to why the deaths occurred around 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, so a worldwide team of experts was assembled to investigate the cause of the incidents.

The next Sunday morning, few minutes before 11:00 a.m., all of the doctors and nurses nervously waited outside the ward to see for themselves what the terrible phenomenon was all about. Some were holding wooden crosses,

prayer books, and other holy objects to ward off the evil spirits. Just when the clock struck 11:00, Pookie Johnson, the part-time Sunday sweeper, entered the ward and unplugged the life support system so he could use the vacuum cleaner.

Having a Bad Day????

The average cost of rehabilitating a seal after the Exxon Valdez Oil spill in Alaska was \$ 80,000.00. At a special ceremony, two of the most expensively saved animals were being released back into the wild amid cheers and applause from onlookers. A minute later, in full view, a killer whale ate them both.

STILL think you're having a Bad Day????

Two animal rights defenders were protesting the cruelty of sending pigs to a slaughterhouse in Bonn, Germany. Suddenly, all 2000 pigs broke loose and escaped through a broken fence, stampeding madly. The two helpless protesters were trampled to death.

What?? STILL having a Bad Day???

Iraqi terrorist Khay Rahnajet didn't pay enough postage on a letter bomb. It came back with "Return to Sender" stamped on it. Forgetting it was the bomb, he opened it and was blown to bits.

There now, feeling better????



4x4 classifieds

For Sale:

Warn Trans4mer Grille Guard with winch plate
For 88-99 GM Trucks. Black, good condition,
Includes all mounting bracketry.
\$225. Darren 407-6470wk/493-4997hm

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:

Detroit Locker for Dana 30 (f) up to 3:73 \$200
Set of 4 Pro Comp 6" HD Shackles \$75
Rock Deflector For AMC 20 \$25
York Compressor w/all brackets to fit AMC 258 I6 \$150
MSD Ignition, Box, Distributor Wires \$125
Call Richard Marolf (970)416-5972

For Sale:

4 33x12.50 BFG AT's Good Tread, \$300 OBO
Call Brian Graves
970-897-2525 Home
303-944-2426 Cell/Work

March 2005						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Murphy Horner	3 Brandon Kapperman John Arnold	4 Jeff Paben	5
6	7 BOARD MEETING	8	9	10 Kent Schmidt Rosemary McCurry	11 Travis Golly	12
13	14	15 Darren Finger	16 CLUB MEETING Janice Marolf	17	18	19 Kelly Kapperman
20 CLUB TRIP	21	22	23	24	25	26 Lori Golly
27 Sheila Mueller	28 Todd McCurry T&R McCurry	29	30 Craig Stumbough	31		

April 2005						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Sharon Kapperman D&P Oden	4 Valorie Miller	5 Cristina Eddy	6 Kelley Mathers	7	8	9
10	11 BOARD MEETING	12	13 Bob Schleppey	14	15 Cassandra McCurry Jeff Baan	16
17 Pat Maes	18	19	20 CLUB MEETING	21	22	23
24 CLUB TRIP	25	26	27 Dave Oden	28	29	30

Board Meeting: Apr. 11 7:30pm Steve Gissler
 May 9 7:30pm Jackson's All American Sports Grill
 Membership Meeting: Mar. 16 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Apr. 20 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: Mar. 20 **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>Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</p>
<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>
<p>Bullhide Liner 4X4 & Auto Accessories 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p>MTO Suspension 2649 E MulberrySt Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-416-1234</p>	<p>Vanworks 900 East Lincoln Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>
<p>Coyote Cruisers & OffRoad 417 North Hwy 287 Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-221-1833</p>		