



February Trip Report

Eleven members and five guests met at Albertson's on Sunday, for our February trip to Happy Jack recreation area in Wyoming for some sledding fun and a chili cookout. We left the parking lot at 9A.M. led by guest trip leader Craig. We made great time up US-287 to the Pumpkin Vine Road. Don M. forgot to watch the vehicle ahead of him and missed the turn. No problem, he flipped a "U" and came back.

We stopped at the Aims Monument and all wondered why it was still there. The wind should have sent it to NE years ago. It must be built really well. We only stayed a few minutes because of the wind and cold. The next stop was the Lincoln Memorial rest area on I-80 for a warm restroom break before the sledding hill.

Finally at Happy Jack we all paid our \$5 parking fee and said bye to Craig. He was suffering from a headache and had to go home.

The Golly's had a fire lit so it took just a few minutes for the Kapperman's to have the chili warming. The “kids” in our group made their way to the top of the hill for the sledding fun. We ate hot chili, rice crispy treats and brownies. (Special thanks to everyone who brought food. Especially Dan M. a huge crock pot of chili, Sharon K. brownies and John K. guest rice crispy treats. Just to name a few.)



After the “feed” most of the people headed home, but for six of us, well, that's when the fun really began.

Dan M., Brandon K.,

Shane and Skylar P. And three guests William and Jack both in TJ's and Josh and Nick in an S-10 blazer (I hope I have your names right) headed to Pilot Hill for



Some drift bashing. Shane got stuck first, then Dan, then Brandon and so on. We decided to let some air out and try again. The going was slow but steady. About 2 miles in Dan got stuck. A guest was stuck behind him with the strap tight between them. So Shane blasted into the drift beside them to try to pull from the front. He didn't make it, but was able to reach Dan with a winch rope and pull him far enough to get the strap off. With the LJ's brakes locked, Shane could not pull the big pickup, he was just dragging himself forward so he went with it. He winched as far as he could but still had 10 feet of drift to go. The only winch point from that point was a really anemic looking little fence post. We were all sure the owner of the fence would not have approved. That little "T" post might as well have been the rock of Gibraltar because it didn't even quiver when the winch started to pull.

When we were all free from the drift we decided to turn back. The wind was blowing, it was getting dark and we had a hungry two year old.

We all had a great time in the snow. We all got stuck, some of us more than others. (But don't worry Brandon, you still have all four tires and the axle shafts are still in the axle housings. So, we can deal with you getting stuck).

We hit Fosters Truck Stop in Laramie for gas and hot coffee, then McDonalds for a cheeseburger happy meal and then we headed home.

On the way home we were talking about the great day of wheeling. How everybody was well equipped and how nobody broke, nobody hit a tree, nobody blew out a tire, etc. ,etc., etc. We then realized that there were no metrics in our group. Sorry guys, I just had to. See you all next month.

Yours truly, Eustace Hanie





Mountaineers in Moab, 2009

We have set a date for this years Mountaineers Moab trip. The first day of wheeling will be May 30th. There will be trips through Friday June 5th. Make your plans now for a fun week of great wheeling. If you have any questions, we will be glad to answer them at our membership meeting.





Dues are Due

The dues are due by the March meeting. The yearly cost of membership in the Mountaineers, the Colorado State Association of 4WD Clubs and United is \$45.00.



New Members

Daniel Baca #73

Nick Frederick #74





Club Trip

Ballard Logging Road
Meet at Albertson's at
9:00AM Sunday March 22nd



Guests at Last Meeting

Josh Hall

William Marvin

Zach Stephens



Members Rides

Member Name Shane, Stephanie, Skylar, and Spencer Payton

Member Number 10

Make and Model Year 2005 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon Unlimited

Power 248 c.i.d. nothing extra (but it needs more)

Transmission Automatic

Transfer case NP 241 4:1 low range

Front axle Dana 44 ARB 4.88:1 Alloy shafts with Yukon joints

Rear axle Dana 44 Detroit locker 4.88:1

Wheel/tire Aluminum?? / 37" MTR

Springs/ Shocks 5.5" Rubicon Express system w/ Acos adjusters
/ rancho 5000

Brakes Stock

Winch 8274 upgraded from a 2.4 HP to a 4.3 HP motor and a synthetic rope.

Miscellaneous On board air,
hard and soft tops, tube ½
Doors, Antirock sway bar,





4x4 Classifieds

For Sale: 3/8 by 50' winch cable, it is in good shape. Call Don at 970-556-7276 \$50.00 or best offer.

For Sale: 2005 Rubicon. 15,600 miles. 6 speed. This is a fully trail ready Rubicon. Over \$8,000 in additional equipment including: Teraflex 4 inch long arm lift kit, 33x12.50 Goodyear MTR tires, JKS front sway bar disconnect, Skid Row engine and trans skid plate, Fabtech rear bumper with tire carrier, Jeep rock sliders, Warn 9.5ti winch, Poison Spyder trail corner armor and differential rock rings, Xenon 6 inch poly fender flares, heavy duty tie rod, Bilstein 5100 shocks, Jeep seat covers and a Best top safari bikini top. Factory soft top with tinted windows and half doors. Well maintained with Mobil One synthetic oil. Have all records and receipts. No body damage from offroading. paint is in great shape! The interior has had seat covers since day one. This Jeep can do the toughest trails and goes down the highway at 75 mph perfectly. Asking \$23,500 It can be seen on www.cars.com as well as www.hcp4x4.com.

March 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Fox Prewett	2	3 Brandon Kapperman	4 Paul Dangler Jeff Paben	5 Jeff Smith	6	7
8	9 BOARD MEETING <i>Shane Payton</i>	10 Kent Schmidt Rosemary McCurry	11 Travis Golly	12	13	14
15 Darren Finger	16 Janice Marolf	17	18 Club Meeting	19 Kelly Kapperman	20 Will Prewett	21
22 Club Trip	23	24 Nancy Oster	25	26 Lori Golly	27 Sheila Mueller	28 Todd McCurry T&R McCurry
29	30 Craig Stumbough	31				

April 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Sharon Kapperman	4 Dan Oster Valorie Miller
5 Christina Eddy	6 BOARD MEETING <i>Brandon Gleeson</i>	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Bob Schleppey	14	15 Club Meeting Cassandra McCurry	16	17	18
19 Club Trip	20	21	22	23	24	25 Rich Stengaard
26	27 Dave Oden	28	29	30		

Board Meeting: Apr. 6 7:30pm Brandon Gleeson
 May 4 7:30pm John Schrader
 Membership Meeting: Mar. 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Apr. 15 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: Mar. 22 **9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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