



**THE
MOUNTAINEERS**
Newsletter

February Trip Report

We all gathered on a beautiful day for what promised to be a good time of 4 wheeling on one of our adopt-a-trails, Seven Mile. We had about seventeen vehicles follow trip planner Jake out of the parking lot and up the Poudre Canyon. The canyon had a few slick spots but it didn't slow us



down to much. We picked up a few more vehicles at Ted's Place and the Stove Prairie turn off to put us well over 20 in our caravan. At the Seven Mile staging area we aired down, locked in and greeted some Mountaineers that hadn't been on a trips for quite a while. It was good to see Chris Mercer, Elaine and two Schleppy vehicles on the trail with us.

Up on the trail we could see that it had some good use over the winter. There were a lot of ice flows along the way and several had some

difficulty crossing the creek in a couple of places.



The ice had a big lip to jump up to make it across. Some had to have a tug from their friend in front of them while others got a big run or finessed their way across. Roger S. made several attempts at one crossing and kept hitting the ice lip only to be stopped. On the final attempt, the onlookers heard that dreaded snap and Roger was literally dead in the water. Roger had to be pulled out to level ground to make trail repairs on the Green Toyota's broken

birfield. Luckily, he had a spare birfield and he, along with his now best buddy Dan V., set about making the swap. The dirty work done, they fired it up and discovered that the other side had broken also. Boy, was that rotten luck, break both birfields all at the same time. They had to remove the broken parts from the other side as it was still locked up before Roger could turn around and head back to town. On up the trail we came to a sideling that was covered by an ice flow. A couple of people slid off into the saplings and either had to power their way out or take a tug on the end of a strap. At the meadow, most of the group put on the feed bag. A couple of people had a hot lunch. Don M. had been²

cooking his burritos in the muff pot attached to the exhaust manifold all morning and Dan M. set up a gas grill up by Stump Hill. The two Dans decided to try Stump Hill. Dan M. chained up all four on his GMC and eventually made it all the way to the top. Rumor has it that Dan V. broke a birfield on his 4-Runner and had to back down. Elaine wanted to do the "Stump" but got hung up in the snow even before she got to the gate. A couple of others wanted to see what was going on up there but couldn't even make it out of the big meadow and had to be pulled out of a drift. The top part of 7 Mile had a butt load of snow. Just ask ³Brett and Don M. Brett

bashed quite a while (nursing a weak u-joint) before making it up to the chicken foot. Even though Don M. was following in Brett's tracks, he had to winch forever before catching up with Brett. Even the good road out to Manhattan was a challenge. All the rest of the group had enough fun for the day and turned around and went back down the way we came.

What a fun day it was, wheeling with the Mountaineer family!

El Guapo





March Club Trip

This trip will be our annual sledding trip to the Happy Jack Recreation area which is just east of Laramie. We will be leaving from the North College Albertsons parking lot promptly at 9:00 am on Sunday the 20th. Happy Jack is a fee area, so bring \$5.00 to put in the pay envelope. Again this year Ron Kapperman will be cooking up a big kettle of chili. Please bring enough chili to throw in the pot to feed your family. Also bring your snow boards, sleds, or what ever you want to ride down the hill. You might want to throw in some wood for the fire and a chair to sit on. There is a good 4 wheeling area close by if you are so inclined after you go sledding.





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.



Mountaineers in Moab

The date has been set for our week in Moab. The first trip will leave from the Moab City Market at 9:00 am on May 7th, 2011. We will have an organized trip every day through Friday, May 13th. More about this at the meeting. Be sure to put in for your vacation time at work for this fun time in Moab.

March 2011						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Patrick Burch	3 Brandon Kappeman John Arnold	4 Paul Dangler Jeff Paben	5 Tasha Opdyke
6	7 BOARD MEETING <i>Mike Castell</i>	8	9	10 Kent Schmidt Ros emary 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 2011						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 Sharon Kapperman	4 Valorie Miller	5 Christina Eddy Seth Burch	6	7	8 Aure Marvin Scott Riley	9
10	11 BOARD MEETING <i>Dave Oden</i>	12	13 Bob Schleppey	14	15 Cassandra McCurry	16
17	18	19	20 CLUB MEETING	21	22	23
24 CLUB TRIP	25 Rich Stengaard	26	27 Dave Oden	28	29	30

Board Meeting: Apr. 7 7:30pm Dave Oden
 May 9 7:30pm Dave Piller
 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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