



April Trip Report

When the Mountaineers and guests gathered at the Albertsons parking lot, there was a lot of buzz about all the new fresh snow up in the mountains, where we were headed. We all knew that this would probably be our last snow bashing trip of the season. With great anticipation we followed Shane up Highway 287 to the Cherokee Park turnoff. On up the road, Darren turned off on the Prairie Divide road to check if it had been busted open yet and how deep the snow was, while the rest of the group went on to the nearest potty box and took a break. We finally heard from Darren and he said that there was a foot and a half to two feet of untouched virgin snow on the road. It was decided to split into two groups, one following Darren on the Prairie Divide and the other trying their luck in Upper Cherokee Park.

We had seven in the Prairie Divide group which left thirteen going for the big snow up above. With Darren blazing the trail, we had a blast running the fresh wet snow.

When we hit the open prairie Dan M. Took over the lead. Dan had some problems trying to find the road with so



Much snow. We eventually were able to find the road thanks to a set of snowshoe tracks. When we came across the guy making the tracks, he seemed a little surly, don't know why he didn't want to talk to us. This first part of the road was fairly easy as long as we were able to keep up our speed and momentum. We took the Lost Lake cutoff, so that we could play back in the trees, and we also took the opportunity to eat our lunch. After lunch we had a little snatching strap fest as four of the seven vehicles got crossways on a little sideling.

After hitting the plowed road going into Red Feather Lakes we decided to go into upper Seven Mile and play. We took the upper road in as Nobody had laid down any tracks yet. The only problem we

encountered was when one of our Newest club members, William, slid off the road into some



trees. He had to be Winched three times before we could get him straightened out and back on the trail.

Reaching the point where all the roads

Come together, we discovered that there were tracks going down into Seven Mile. As it was getting late in the afternoon we decided to head for home. The middle road out already had been opened so we hit the lower road that goes by the Brinkhoff Homestead to play in the fresh snow one last time. We all had a great play day.

Reported by El Guapo



And now for the rest of the story.....

Shane led the other 13 members on up to the Upper Cherokee Park Rd. As we neared the turn we could see the snow had not been disturbed. Shane hit the Snow running and found that it was easy going, but where was everyone else? Shane's call

On the C.B. Was returned with the news that Corvette Dave was stuck!!! Then Shane had to hit the brakes for a Bobcat plowing snow down the road. Shane pulled to the side to let him by but the man stopped, turned off his motor, got out and began to tell Shane all about how he didn't want us on "HIS" road.

Shane replied "this is a county road, not your private road". He said



"You will not make it ten feet past where I have plowed. I challenge you to make it 15 feet past my driveway." Shane liked this challenge!!! He assured the man we would not need assistance and would not go up his driveway. Then Shane sped off.

Corvette Dave was having T-case trouble and had to head for home. The rest of the group was stuck behind the @%\$#* driving the Bobcat. John finally said enough is enough and dove into the ditch (with two feet of snow) and passed the @%\$#*. We believe he got the idea and relented, the rest finally where able to pass.

When we reached the end of the plowed part of the 4

Road the snow was a lot deeper, however, we made the 15 foot challenge with ease. Shane busted for a few miles then it was Dick's turn then John's turn. John had the same problem as Dan in the other group, he couldn't find the road. He did find a deep ditch though.

Our group played leap frog all the way to the homestead where we ate some lunch and took a few



pictures. The snow was perfect. We decided to turn around and try to catch the other group. We got back down to the rest area for a quick break that Turned out to not be very

quick because a guest's battery was loose and welding his engine compartment all to heck. Half an hour later we were off again. We drove across Prairie Divide with no problems, topped off the gas tanks in Red Feather, said goodbye to a few who had to get back home, then completely missed the Seven Mile turn off. We decided to go up the Poudre side but ran out of steam when we saw it had already been busted.

We aired up and had a nice drive down the Poudre.
What a GREAT day of jeeping.

Reported by 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.





May Camp-out & Work Party

The Kelly Flats and Seven Mile work detail is a week earlier than normal due to when Memorial Day falls this year. We will be camping at the Kelly Flats Campground on Friday and Saturday nights May 15th and 16th. The campground is at mile marker 97 in the Poudre Canyon. We have reserved all the spaces in the back loop except the two walk-in tent sites which are on the left just when you cross the bridge. As we don't have access to any "Cottonwood", please bring some wood for the good times around the nightly campfires. All the spaces have been paid for by the Mountaineers and the Forest Service so you don't have to stop and pay. We will have to double or triple up in the camp spaces as per usual. Guests and kids are welcome.

For those that are not going to camp and are going to drive up Saturday and or Sunday morning please be at the campground by 8:30 am to sign in. We will leave promptly at 9:00 and lock the Kelly Flats gate behind us. If you are late, you will miss us. The Forest Service will provide shovels and polaski tools for us to use. Be sure to bring gloves and maybe some water proof boots plus a lunch for each day. Hope you can make this fun event!



Special Calendar Note For May

Please mark these dates on your calendar in May. The membership meeting is May 13th and the club camp-out and work weekend to open our trails is May 16th and 17th. Everything has been moved up 1 week due to the Memorial Day weekend falling on the 23rd, 24th & 25th this year. More about the camp-out at our May meeting.



Poudre Canyon Highway Cleanup Report

Thank you to the six that braved a cold Saturday morning to pick up trash on our two mile section of Highway 14. Lori Golly should get a prize for finding the “best” trash. She found a Canon 35mm camera and an intact cell phone. The worst trash was a dead fox, a used diaper and half of a cell phone.



Member's Ride

Member Name: Chris & Tonya Mercer

Member Number: 26

Make, Model, Year: 2009 Formula Toyota

Engine: Toyota 22r 4cyl

Transmission: Toyota W56 5-speed

Transfer Case(s): Dual Ultimate Crawler

Axles: Toyota 8", 5.29's, Detroit/ARB

Tires/Wheels: 37" Krawlers / FJ Cruiser 17's, 40" Iroks / 17" Soft 8's

Suspension: 4" Allpro, Bilstien's

Misc: 2500 psi air-tank, Warn winch, Hydro assist, Propane injection, 4 seater.

Comments: Dan Venrick and I are competing in the 2009 WeRock West series with this vehicle.



May 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Karlen Mueller
3	4 BOARD MEETING <i>John Schrader</i>	5	6 Jeff Mueller	7 M&L Golly	8 Bill Marquardt	9
10	11	12	13 Club Meeting	14	15	16 Club Trip Amie Lenderink
17 Club Trip	18 Tim Sigley Austen Hobbs	19	20	21 Corinne Surface	22 B&H Crue C&A DeWitt	23 Heidi Cramer
24/31 Jesse Keller	25 L&S Vicek	26 Shane Payton	27	28 Tonya Mercer G&A Kinnison	29 Ben Crue	30

June 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 J&L Paben	5 Dave Surface	6 Mike McQuaid
7 S&S Payton	8 BOARD MEETING <i>Woody's Pizza</i>	9 D&C Surface	10 Linda Castell	11	12 Jake Schrader Aaron Hobbs G&S Kapperman	13
14 D&B Klein	15 Aaron Paben	16 Andy Shively Dan Venrick	17 Club Meeting W&J Prewett	18 Austin Venrick	19	20
21 Club Trip Christopher McCurry Heidi Kemp Ryan Castell J&H Cramer	22	23 B&J Paul	24	25 Amy Kemp	26 Candice Paben	27 Garrett Mercer Laurie Paben
28	29	30 Hannah Eddy				

Board Meeting: Jun. 8 7:30pm Woody's Pizza
 Jul. 6 7:30pm Troy White
 Membership Meeting: May 13 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Jun. 17 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: May 16,17 **9:00am Kelly Flats Campground**



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May Newsletter

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