

Mountain - Ears

Fun Daze 2012

The rendezvous gathering was at the north end of the ol' fort. At the appointed time, the wagon master sounded the signal and our wagon train of well over 20 Conestoga's slowly headed north on Route 1. The pioneers could not know what trouble lies ahead on our 30 minute trip across the prairie. Would it be a bunch of wild and ruthless natives or would it be a herd of bison impeding our way on this dangerous trip to our destination. To stay out of trouble, we skirted the unruly and primitive hamlet of Dead Eye (Wellington) and continued north to a dirt track

called CR66. Now headed east we could see the bluff we were looking for dead ahead. We followed the meandering rutted track across the parched and wind swept grassland until we saw it, the "Little House on the Prairie". Upon reaching the Graves Homestead, we circled the wagons to get final instructions from Coyote John. We scattered to the different events and challenges. The moguls were high and nasty as usual. A few had to be strapped off their turtle position on the whoop-to-dos and the rock pile also. Dan and Tara Venrick had come up a day early and set up the cones for the timed blind fold race. The passenger

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had to give the blindfolded driver turning and speed directions through the cone course with out hitting or missing a cone or they would receive an additional penalty of time. It was a hoot to see who could or couldn't take direction. The best time was guest Erik at 1:15. Second was Coyote John with Ben Crue coming in third. The most time taken was Crystal Opdyke at 5:06 but you have to take into consideration that she was handicapped as she was driving just plain Dave's Jeep and also taking direction from Dave.

Craig was testing winch speeds on a forty foot uphill track. The results were interesting as the old style Warn 8274 was by far the fastest winch out there. Coyote John's 8274-50 did the 40 feet in under a minute with Shane and Don M. with their

8274s not to far behind. The



newer style low profile Warns and a Smitty Built were in the middle of the pack. The slowest winch was on Corvette Dave's FJ-40. His slow as molasses Chicago Electric (Harbor Freight) 10,000 lb winch took almost 3 and a half minutes. I guess speed doesn't matter as long as it gets you out of a bind on the trail; some winches just do it faster. Meanwhile, people were



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dropping into the pit at all different angles and trying



their luck on the short hill climb. It seemed to be a little easier this year than it has been in the past. Across the prairie, the ol' Coyote organized the slow drags. The lowest geared and slowest vehicle turned out to be Jake Adams Toyota truck.

Everyone also got a shot at the RTI ramp to see what kind of articulation the 4x4's had.



At noon, we all gathered around the chuck wagon for lunch which was being cooked by the Stengaard clan (and a fine job they did). The club provided chili dogs with all the fixins. Club members brought an amazing variety of side dishes and deserts to share. Nobody went away hungry.

After a long lunch, the final bets were placed for how long it would take for the engine to blow up on the Ford Fiesta at full throttle. Shane prepared the car and lit it off. It took forever for that little Fiesta to expire. There was a little fire, bad noises and steam before it finally put a rod

through the side of the block. We paid three places to the people who could get the closest to the actual time of



3 The engines demise. Corvette

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Dave came closest, followed by guest Jim Bridge and then Ben Crue. It was now time to flatten the two cars. Besides the Fiesta we had an old Toyota



Celica (minus the motor) that the Opdyke's donated to the cause. Even though the two cars were small, the big boys

had a hard time getting up on top of them due to their light weight. They kept pushing them all over that prairie. Everybody that wanted, got a



Shot at them and eventually several did successfully get to drive over them. About mid afternoon,

when we had all the fun we could handle, the party started to break up and we headed home with big smiles on our faces. For the third month in a row there were no major breakdowns (a new Mountaineer record).

Thank you to the Graves family for providing perfect weather and hosting the Mountaineer Fun Daze for another year. Also thanks to the members who worked hard to put on the events and make this highly anticipated Mountaineer family event so successful.

El Guapo



Ford Fiesta Engine Blow-up

Highlights of engine blow up.

The Ford Fiesta with water and oil and full throttle made a full 15 minutes and 42 seconds.

It provided the onlookers with pops and bangs and a full fledged smoke screen before the engine overheated and blew.

Out of the 53 entries in the pool the closest were;

First	Dave Surface	16:15
Second	Jim Bridge	15:01
Third	Ben Crue	14:32



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RTI Ramp Scores

Name	VEHICLE	RTI Score
Dixon, Melody	Jeep YJ	43
Venrick, Dan	Toyota PU	350
Venrick, Dan	Toyota, PU - Backing Up	390
Bridge, Jim	Jeep YJ	570
Lancaster, Andrew	Toyota PU	600
Guerassio, Mike	Nissen	660
Riley, Scott	RC Car	760
Kitscher, Eric	Toyota PU	840
Finger, Darren	GMC	850
Finger, Darren	GMC - Shock Removed	890
Adams, Nate	Chew PU	900
Adams, Jake	Toyota PU	910
Dixon, Jim	Jeep JK	910
Kitscher, Eric	Toyota PU - Backing Up	920
Stumbough, Craig	Jeep CJ	920
Surface, Dave	FJ Toyota	980
Marsch, Don	FJ Toyota	990
Thoen, Jake	Ford Bronco	1010
Adams, Nate	Chew PU - Backing Up	1030
Augustyn, Adam	Toyota	1070
Schrader, John	FJ Toyota	1070
Payton, Shane	Jeep LJ	1080
Thoen, Jake	Ford, Bronco - Backing Up	1130
Payton, Shane	RC Car	1140
Adams, Jake	Toyota PU - Backing Up	1160
Payton, Shane	Jeep LJ - Flat Tires	1220

November Club Trip

This month we will traverse Bald Mountain. We will meet at our regular trip meeting place Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox Sunday November 25th and leave there at 9:00am

November food drive

We are adopting a needy family and a senior for Christmas. Because the delivery dates are prior to our December meeting we need to collect all the donations at the November meeting. We are adopting a family with 2 small children and 1 Senior at a nursing home without a family. Michelle Opdyke will be buying the gifts.

Please bring non perishable food donations to the November meeting. We will also accept monetary donations if you prefer.



High Park Fire Restoration

Red Stone Canyon Water Shed Area

Monday October 15, 2012 our club received an email asking for help with fire restoration in the High Park Burn area starting on Tuesday October 16th thru Friday October 19th. Our President Shane Payton quickly sent out a message asking who could help, Club Member Jim Dixon responded say he was available every day to assist in the restoration. Shane knowing that he would not have the time to get things organized due to having to be at work handed the project over to Jim. As always the Mountaineer Family is happy to help in any way we can, we were able to assist in the project on all four of the designated days.

The details of the project were to haul 1,250 bales of straw, 6,000 feet of straw waddles, and shuttle 175 volunteers to the top of the mountain. We were able to help on the first three day of the project in staging material up the mountain side for the big project Friday.

Friday Morning finally came around and they were ready to start the task of shuttling 200+ volunteers to the top of the mountain it was quickly realized it was going to be a long morning. Half of the volunteers (18-24 year olds) decided that they would hike to the top knowing that it would take a

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long time to get that many people to the top with the amount of vehicles that were there. After our first round of shuttles we were greeted by another group that had shown up to help with the transport. We were glad to see them; it made for a shorter morning. After we finished shuttling people we turned our effort to getting more of the straw bales to the top of the mountain.

At the end of the day we were happy to help on this great effort to help the local community and had a great time doing it. We met a lot of new people and enjoyed working with them. Another great day with the Mountaineer Family.

Special Thanks to Don Maresh, Just Plain Dave Piller, and Jim Dixon



November 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 G&M Helgeson	2 Ron Kapperman	3
4 Andrea Paben Tyler Schleppey	5	6	7 Anna Mueller	8	9 J&L Schrader	10
11	12 BOARD MEETING <i>Bob Opdyke</i>	13 Maren Marvin	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Jim Jansen	21 CLUB MEETING	22 THANKSGIVING Bob Opdyke Darwin Stengaard	23	24 Dick Jansen
25 CLUB TRIP	26	27	28 Darold Klein Dan Meyers	29	30	

December 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4 Sally Oden	5 Kelly Ficarra	6	7 Christine Romero Adina DeWitt	8
9	10 BOARD MEETING <i>Shane Payton</i>	11 Scott Ficarra R&J Marolf	12 Mike Braskich Cristal Opdyke	13	14 Matt DeWitt	15
16	17 Teresa Shively CJ Wiescamp	18	19 CLUB MEETING	20	21	22 John Jansen
23 CLUB TRIP 30 23 Bob Paul 30 Janine Bernard	24 31	25 CHRISTMAS Bruce Kemp	26	27 Kyle Eddy	28 Alice Mueller	29

Board Meeting: Dec. 10 7:30pm Shane Payton
 Jan. 7 7:30pm TBA
 Membership Meeting: Nov. 21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Dec. 19 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: **Nov. 25 9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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