



November Trip Report

We started gathering in the Albertsons parking lot for a trip over the old Flowers road. The trip planners promised some ice and snow. We were all standing around talking when guest Brad pulled into the lot in his old Mercedes Unimog. It was built by Unimog for Case Tractors and was painted in the Case colors. Brad is converting it into a capable 4 wheeler and he found a rather large PTO winch off a military duce and a half which fit perfectly. There were 19 unit members and guests going up Rist Canyon. We pulled over just past the Stove Prairie School to air down and lock in our hubs. One of the land owners passed the group and started raising hell about a guests Toyota pickup with no license plates and he had to go back down and load it back on the trailer just to keep the peace. We ran into the ol' grouch again on up the road where he was taking pictures of our convoy. As we drove by slowly And

waved (Five fingers only), several of us took his picture.

It wasn't 10 minutes into the trail when we had to stop for Corvette Dave to check out his electrical problem on the orange FJ-40. It turned out to be a bad alternator and Coyote John jumped his battery to get Dave going again. A little while later, the Unimog had to chain up as those big lugs on the tractor tires just don't work on the ice. As we popped into the meadow, we could see that some idiot had driven off the trail, making tracks all over the pristine snow. About the time we got to the cabin we found the culprit stuck hard in a ditch. Evidently, it had happened the day before and we hope the CSU student had a cold walk out. Before getting on with our trip, someone (who shall remain nameless) wrote "CARMA" in the mud on the hood of the Dodge Durango, it was beautiful thing. Someday John will learn that karma is spelled with a K.

Proceeding on up the trail, we had to pass over several ice covered hills and that is where it got real interesting. There were 4 wheelers slipping and sliding all over the place. When Don "the cable guy" got stopped in the middle of the big hill, he chained up the ol' land crusher so he could make it the rest of the way. Little did he know that for the next two hours he would become the

mule for over half the vehicles that couldn't make it up the slippery slope under their own power. He turned around and made trip after trip strapping people up the hill. There were people that got stuck on the little hill that was before the long hill. Brad in the Unimog even got into the act as he was chained up on all four. There are a few people that will never make fun of Dons' rusty Land Cruiser any more and he should be declared the hero of the day for pulling 9 vehicles up the hill. The only ones to make the hill with bare rubber were Craig, Coyote John, Corvette Dave and Jake. When 10 got to the top, it was decided to go to the end and wait for the rest so that we could also do the Monument Gulch Trail. When that group got to the bottom, the Wily Coyote and Corvette Dave headed to town while Dave's battery still had some juice. On the way down John had to change a clogged fuel filter and Dave got to a parts store for a new alternator which he had to change in the parking lot. At the bottom they waited and waited and then they waited some more. Five more at the bottom headed for the barn. The 3 that didn't leave finally got a hold of Darren on the CB and he said to go on the Monument Gulch Trail and he would lead the rest of the group out. This short trip was supposed to be a

drive through but it didn't turn out that way. With Craig in the lead they went through a lot of the same type of terrain that we had seen on Old Flowers. Jake wanted to see if his Toyota truck could make it up a hill in 2WD. He got half way up the hill before the tires spun and so he had to back down. Ian was thinking that Jake was sliding out of control towards him and slammed his Cherokee into reverse to get out of the way. The only problem was that he didn't see the tree behind him and backed into it hard. So hard that it crumpled the rear quarter panel, put the bumper into the gas tank and broke both his and Carlene's seat backs. The Cherokee still drove straight although it had a vibration and the small group was able to finish the trail and make it back to town. Darren's group finally got everybody up the hill and through the trail and went down the Poudre to Fort Collins.

For the most part it was a fun day of hurry up and wait wheeling with the Mountaineer family although for Ian and Carlene it was a bummer. Anybody got a Cherokee for sale real cheep that we could put Ian's good parts on?

El Guapo





December Trip

Our trip planners are still checking out this month's trip location. The trip will be announced at the club meeting.



Meeting Snack Break

It is tradition at the December membership meeting to give our snack person a break and have everyone bring in a Christmas goodie to share. We will still provide pop for you. It's always fun to check out all the different confections. Enjoy!



Food Drive

We again are having a food drive. For the next couple of months please bring, to the meeting, some canned or non perishable food for the Larimer County food bank to feed the needy. There will be other collection points such as 4x4 Off Road, Coyote Cruisers and Bullhide 4x4.



Editor's Note

I need some Member's Rides. If you need a form to fill out Please pick one up at the Club Meeting or download it at

www.mountaineers4x4.org/membersrides.pdf

Please bring a picture of your vehicle and return the filled out form to Dave Oden or email it to 4x4@jeepndave.com.



Members Rides

Member Name – Ted Gates

Member Number – 86

Ride Make & Model – 2003 Jeep TJ

Engine – Straight 6 cyl. 4.0

Transmission – Stock 5 speed

Transfer Case – Stock

Front End – Stock 3.07

Rear End – Stock 3.07

Wheels & Tires -31 X 10.50

Springs & Shocks – Stock

Brakes - Stock

Miscellaneous – Oil Pan guard, Quick Sway Bar Disconnects, Front Tow hooks.

Current & Future Projects – 4” Lift, 33” Tires



Christmas Caravan for Kids, Toys for Tots

Eight Mountaineers gathered at the Highway 402 Park & Ride lot for a caravan down to the Jeffco Fairgrounds to drop off toys for kids less fortunate than our own. We met up with several members of the Horsetooth 4 Wheelers and the Big Thompson 4WD Club. It was a slow ride at 55 mph with our emergency flashers on, down to the Highway 66 Park & Ride to meet up with the Longmont club. Another slow ride at 55 mph through Denver to the fairgrounds where we were met by a bunch of US Marines who were collecting the gifts and will be responsible to distribute them to deserving families. After going through the drop off line we parked and made our way to the event center where many vendors had set up shop and displayed their 4WD stuff. A free lunch was cooked up and served by a local Boy Scout troop. At 2:00pm, the State Associations raffle Jeep tickets were pulled and announced. We all saw some old 4 Wheeling friends and even made some new ones. It was a fun event and next year it should be even bigger!



Time to Nominate & Vote

At this meeting we will vote for new officers to run the club in 2010. If you want to be a trip planner or the president, please let us know. If you would like to see a particular person in a club office, please nominate them. We would like to see some new blood up front.

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
4 Trip Planners



December 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Sally Oden	5
6	7 BOARD MEETING <i>Wood's Pizza</i> Christine Romero Adina DeWitt	8	9	10	11	12 Mike Braskich
13	14 Matt DeWitt	15	16 Club Meeting Jason Leahy	17 Teresa Shively	18	19 R&J Marolf
20 Club Trip	21	22 John Jansen	23 Bob Paul	24	25 Bruce Kemp	26
27 Kyle Eddy	28 Alice Mueller	29	30 Janine Bernard	31		

January 2010						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Lee Boening	4 Ted Miller	5	6 Darla Miller Wyvonne Stengaard	7	8	9
10	11 BOARD MEETING <i>TDA</i>	12	13 Jessica Stengaard	14	15 Julie Moen	16
17 Michelle Jansen	18	19 Melissa Kemp	20 Club Meeting	21	22	23
24/31 Club Trip Taylor Crue	25	26	27 Richard Marlof Karen Riley	28 William Marvin	29	30

Board Meeting: Jan. 11 7:30pm TBA
 Feb. 8 7:30pm TBA
 Membership Meeting: Dec. 16 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Jan. 20 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: Dec. 20 **9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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December Newsletter

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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.

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<p>Bullhide Liner 4X4 & Auto Accessories 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p>Coyote Cruisers & OffRoad 417 North Hwy 287 Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-221-1833 www.coyotecruisers.com</p>	<p>Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</p>
<p>Front Range Off-Road Fabrication 24192 W. County Rd. 74E Red Feather Lakes, CO 970-881-2418 www.frontrangeoffroadfab.com</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>
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