

# Mountain - Ears

## November Trip Report

A small group of 4 wheelers met at the north Albertsons parking lot for our trip to Storm Mountain via Masonville. We left at the appointed time under a sunny sky and headed for Masonville to connect with the southern contingent. On up the Buckhorn Road we turned off on FS-153 and slowly snaked our way across private land as we didn't want to antagonize the private land owners. As soon as we went through the top gate we stopped to air down and get a vehicle count, 22 in all.



As we went through the Bob Cat fire area, a guest had a flat tire due to a bent rim.

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Dan V. straightened the rim and inflated the Cherokees'



tire. We split into two groups when we got to FS-348, some taking the ridge road and the rest on the main trail, meeting up when the roads merged again. When we got to Bear Gulch and into the trees, we encountered our first real snow and icy roads. When we got to a twenty foot short, steep uphill with a rock outcropping, most had to take several runs to make the very icy hill. If you got stopped before cresting the top, you found yourself sliding backwards back down to the

bottom like you were on a toboggan run. The aforementioned Cherokee had problems and just couldn't make over the top. Our club vice president offered a snatch strap which was attached to the Cherokees tow hook. Dave P. took a short run and the Cherokee popped over the top. When Dave looked back, all he had attached to the strap was one Cherokee front bumper. Needless to say, it took a while to get all 22 vehicles over this 20 feet of ice.



The next obstacle was a quarter mile long steep hill

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that was icy all the way up. Craig was first and made it to the top by bouncing from side to side for traction. Coyote John was next and



made it about half way and then slid backwards all the way to the bottom. Another run and John made it. Bob P. made his attempt and slid back down into a tree. He had a little body damage and a flat tire. On his next attempt, he was chained up and made it,. Bob and a couple of others who also had chains helped some of the others. Brett used his winch to get up the hill.

While all this was going on, some got tired of waiting and turned around and went back to town the way they came.

Of those that made it to Galuchie Meadows, only three wanted to go all the way up Storm Mountain. They were Coyote John (bare rubber), the Dixon's and A. Burch who were



chained up. Although the toboggan runs were difficult, they all made it to the top. John said he was dreading the trip down because he knew that he would be sliding all the way. John did slide all the way down, but they all made the trip

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safely.

This trip will be one to remember and there will be several stories told in the future. I guess that is what happens when you wheel with the Mountaineer family!!

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# December Club Trip

**Sunday, December 18th**

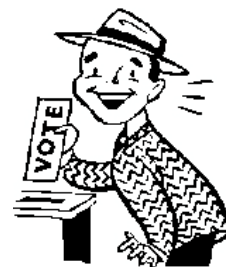
Please remember that our club trip is moved up one week this month because of Christmas. We have changed our plans and we will be running Seven Mile this month. Please meet at our regular trip meeting place North Albertsons College & Willox at 9:00am December 18th.

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## Time to Vote

Ballets (one per member family) will be passed out at the December meeting. You will be asked to vote for the most active male, female and couple in our club. You will also be voting for the member that deserves the dreaded “Boner Award” which should go to the club member with the worst luck with breakage on the club trail rides or any other reason that you can think of. We will also ask why that person deserves the honor of your vote. The secret ballots will be given to our club president, Shane Payton, and he will order the ribbons along with the 2011 perfect attendance awards that will be presented during the January meeting.

To help our new trip planners, we will also be asking  
For your input on your two most favorite club outings.



# Our New Club Officers for 2012

President Shane Payton  
Vice President Dave Piller  
Secretary Colleen Stengaard  
Treasure Lory Golly  
Trip Planners John Schrader  
Bob Paul  
Bob Opdyke  
Jake Adams



## Treadlightly Membership

Our club is considering joining Tread Lightly. Please read the following info and give us some feed back at our next meeting.

Becoming a member of Tread Lightly! is a crucial way for your club or association to express its commitment to environmental responsibility and help protect access for your club's recreational pursuits.

Tread Lightly! offers some substantial benefits to its clubs to help educate its members, enhance its image with the community and keep the great outdoors beautiful, healthy and open to the public.

Here are some highlighted benefits:

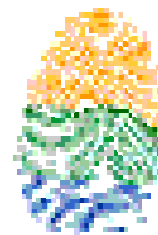
**STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM:**

All Tread Lightly! Member Clubs and Official Partner Clubs are eligible to apply for a grant of up to \$500 to organize a clean-up or trail maintenance project.

**WIN GEAR:** All new and renewing members of Tread Lightly! will be automatically entered to win some great outdoor gear worth up to \$200!

See their website for more benefits. [WWW.treadlightly.org](http://WWW.treadlightly.org)

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## 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!

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## Editor's Note

Just a reminder, I could use some Member's Rides,  
Email the info and a picture to  
[newsletter@montaineers4x4.org](mailto:newsletter@montaineers4x4.org)

If you take pictures on our club trips and want to share them, please upload them on our Facebook page.  
(I can use them in the newsletter)



# Member's Ride

**Name:** Jim Dixon    **Unit Number:** 70

**Model:** 2009 Jeep Wrangler JK Unlimited 4Door

**Engine:** 3.8 Liter

**Transmission:** Stock    **Transfer Case:** Stock

**Front End:** Stock Dana 30

**Rear End:** Stock Dana 44

**Wheels/Tires:** 16" MB Chaos w/ 285/75/16 Goodyear Dura Trac

**Shocks Springs:** Rough Country 2.5" Lift & 2.2 shocks

**Brakes:** Stock

**Miscellaneous:** Smitty Built SRC series Front and Rear Bumpers and Rocker Guards, Warren VR 10,000lb winch



December 2011						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 Sally Oden	5	6	7 Christine Romero Adina DeWitt	8	9	10
11 R&J Marolf	12 BOARD MEETING <i>Shane Payton</i>  Mke Braskich Cristal Opdyke	13	14 Matthew DeWitt	15	16	17 Teres a Shively CJ Wiescamp
18 CLUB TRIP	19	20	21 CLUB MEETING	22 John Jansen	23 Bob Paul	24
25 Christmas Bruce Kemp	26	27 Kyle Eddy	28 Alice Mueller	29	30 Janine Bemard	31

January 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Years Day	2	3	4 Ted Miller	5	6 Darla Miller Wyvonne Stengaard	7
8	9 BOARD MEETING <i>Shane Payton</i>	10	11	12	13 Jessica Stengaard	14
15 Julie Moen	16	17 Michelle Jansen	18 CLUB MEETING	19 Melissa Kemp	20	21
22 CLUB TRIP	23 Spencer Payton	24 Taylor Crue	25	26	27 Richard Marolf Karen Riley	28 William Marvin
29	30	31				

Board Meeting:           Jan. 9 7:30pm Shane Payton  
                                   Feb. 6 7:30pm To Be Announced  
 Membership Meeting: Dec. 21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
                                   Jan. 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Club Trip:                **Dec. 18 9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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**Fort Collins, CO 80522-1225**

## *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.

<b>4X4 Used Parts / 4X4 Off Road</b> 938 West Wilcox Lane, Ft. Collins 970-224-1133 <a href="http://www.4x4usedparts.com">www.4x4usedparts.com</a>	<b>NAPA Auto Parts Ft. Collins</b> 316 S. Link Ln. Ft. Collins, Colorado	<b>CarQuest Auto Parts</b> 2716 South College Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-226-5050
<b>Bullhide Liner 4X4 &amp; Auto Accessories</b> 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288	<b>Always A Deal Inc.</b> Computer Services Johnstown, Colorado 970-310-7547 <a href="http://www.AlwaysADeal.info">www.AlwaysADeal.info</a>	<b>Moab 4x4 Outpost</b> 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911
<b>Horsepower Auto Brokers</b> 1409 E. Olive Ct. Unit E, Ft. Collins 970-482-2579 <a href="http://www.horsepowerauto.com">www.horsepowerauto.com</a>	<b>CDR Communications, LLC</b> <b>Cabling Done Right</b> Call Don Maresh @ 970-556-7276 don-cdr@live.com <a href="http://www.cablingdoneight.com">www.cablingdoneight.com</a>	<b>RockStomper</b> P.O. Box 724 Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431
<b>Fry's Auto Care</b> 210 Commerce Dr. Ft. Collins 970-310-7195	<b>Wellington Toy Storage</b> 4000 Washington Ave. Wellington, Colorado 970-498-2111 <a href="http://www.wellingtontoystorage.com">www.wellingtontoystorage.com</a>	