MOUNTAINEERS Newsletter January Trip Report

We left Fort Collins under beautiful blue skies for a half a day (Craig promised to get back in time for the second half of the Broncos game) of playing on the ice in the Lost Lake area. Twenty four of us headed for Red Feather Lakes, turned right and in the blink of an eye we were at our favorite pond. We were met by a smaller and rough pond, but still enough ice to play on. We all had a tendency to put the foot to the floor as soon as we hit the ice, making doughnuts all the way across which was a sight to see.

Cotton had left a bunch of good firewood the week before on his scouting trip. We got a big fire going so we could warm up and to cook our lunch. Cotton and Shane were out on the ice seeing who could do the most spectacular spins. We weren't there 10 minutes when Shane reported that he had broken his left front axle. Shane pulled out his spare axle and with the able help of Coyote John and

Corvette Dave, the Rubicon was back out playing again. With the fire dieing down to good cooking embers, out came the hot dogs, brats and marshmallows.

Meanwhile, back out on the ice, the Land Cruiser bunch were having their way with the Jeeps in the Tug-O-War match ups. The Land Cruiser guys were glad to see that Brett was not driving his trusty Scout as he won all the Tug-O-Wars last year. Guess that weight has everything to do with winning this event. Shane set up the cones in a dog bone configuration and took on all comers. Corvette Dave's grandsons (ages 13 & 14) got to drive for the very first time. They put one in Shane's Jeep and the other one in Dave's and turned them loose. They did excellent for their first time behind the steering wheel. We speculated that their ATV training helped a lot. We also had several try their luck on the rocks.

All good things must come to an end. We put out the fire, packed up the chairs and kids and boogied for town so that we could watch the big game. Of course we all know what happened to the Broncos. It seems that we were having a lot more fun on the ice than they were on the football field.

Almost all the way to town, John's Cruiser quit and he had to put out an SOS call for help. Shane returned the favor for all his axle help and pulled the crippled Cruiser the rest of the way into town. We found out later that John had installed a new distributor just before the trip and the factory had sent him one with a Chevy gear instead a Toyota gear. At least there was no motor damage and the factory admitted the error on their part. The Cruiser lives for another trip.



New Member

John Elliott #79



Club Trip February Sledding Trip

Happy Jack Snow Sledding

Bring \$5.00 for Parking
Bring Can of Chilli for Chili Pot
and fire wood and your own bowls and spoons.
Meet at Albertson's at
9:00 AM
Sunday Feb. 19th



Guests at Last Meeting

Mike Riley

Curt Burridge



HOT WHEELS RACING

Bring your Hot Wheels racers to the March meeting. We will have two classes that you can enter. All racers have to be 4WD, be it a Jeep, Toyota truck, Hummer or Zamboni Etc. In both classes, the vehicles have to fit a standard Hot Wheels track and all will race down a hill and go for distance. The stock class has to be a basic vehicle, no alterations, with the exception of axle lubricant if you so desire. The modified class: you can add or subtract weight and alter the car any way you want as long as it is still recognizable as a 4WD Hot Wheels Car. This is a law of gravity race and any car found with rubber band propulsion or Jato (Jet Assisted Take-Off) or anything deemed in the mind of the judges to be cheating will be disqualified. We hope to have prizes for first place in both classes. If you have any questions, please ask them at the February meeting.

OBEY GRAVITY, IT'S THE LAW!!



Dues are Due

Dues are due from now until the March meeting. Dues are \$40.00 for members & \$15.00 for assoc. Members.



You've Got Mail

Postage has went up again!
To help the Club please send your E-Mail address to JeepnDave (4x4@jeepndave.com) to get your newsletter by email.





4x4 Classifieds

1972 Jeep CJ5, strong running 304, clean and straight body, \$2650. Call Ben 970-443-1875

2001 Jeep Cherokee Sport, Dark Blue, 6cyl., Auto, 77K miles \$8990. Call Ben 970-443-1875

1999 Ford Explorer XLT, V8, Auto, AWD, 88K miles \$6750. Call Ben 970-443-1875

For Sale:

Black SoftTop for YJ with soft upperHalf Doors \$100 Call or Email Dave at 970-310-7547 or 4x4@jeepndave.com

For Sale:

Car Dolly \$600

Call Darwin at 970-568-7850

For Sale:

4 33x12.50 BFG AT's Good Tread, \$200 OBO Call Brian Graves 303-944-2426 Cell/Work



Boarding from what gate?

At the airport for a business trip, I settled down to wait for the boarding announcement at Gate 35. Then I heard the voice on the public address system saying, "We apologize for the inconvenience, but Delta Flight 570 will board from Gate 41."

So my family picked up our luggage and carried it over to Gate 41. Not ten minutes later the public address voice told us that Flight 570 would in fact be boarding from Gate 35.

So, again, we gathered our carry-on luggage and returned to the original gate. Just as we were settling down, the public address voice spoke again: "Thank you for participating in Delta's physical fitness program.



Moab

Moab Trip will be June 3-10 this year.





Member's Rides

Name: Shane & Stephanie Payton

Vehicle: 2005 jeep wrangler rubicon unlimited

Engine: 4 Liter stocker

Trans: auto

T-case: np-241 4 to 1 low range

Axle: Dana 44's. 4.88:1 rear detroit locker, front arb

Susp.: Rubicon Express 5.5 inch w/ ACOS adj. coil spacers

Tires: 37" bfg

Extras: antirock sway bar. Kapperman built rear bumper & spare tire carrier. Onboard air compressor. Warn 8000 lbs winch. Rusty's off road tie rod & ends. Sirius satellite radio. And much more to come.



February 2006						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Chris Mercer	2	3 Jamie McQuaid	4 Erin Lenderink
5	6 BOARD MEETING Dan Venrick	7	8	9 Steve DiGilio	10	11
12	Sandy Vlcek Craig Arnold	14 Steve Geissler A&T Shively J&S Arnold	15 CLUB MEETING John Elliott	16	17	18
19 CLUB TRIP	20	21	22 Christopher Kapperman	23	24	25 Colleen Stengaard
26	27	28 Gene Kapperman				

			March 2006			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Brandon Kapperman John Arnold	4 Paul Dangler Jeff Paben
5	6 BOARD MEETING Dave Oden	7	8	9	10 Kent Schmidt Rosemary McCurry	11 Travis Golly
12	13	A&T Shively J&S Arnold	15 CLUB MEETING Darren Finger	Janice Marolf	17	18
19 CLUB TRIP Kelly Kapperman	20	21	22	23	24	25
Lori Golly Matt Bacon	27 Sheila Mueller	28 Todd McCurry	29	30 Craig Stumbough	31	
		T&R McCurry				

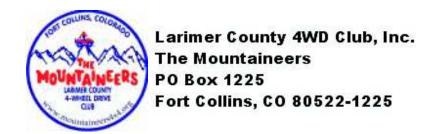
Board Meeting: 7:30pm Dave Oden Mar. 6

Apr. 10 7:30pm Cotton Riely

Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox 7:30pm Membership Meeting: Feb. 15

7:30pm Mar. 15

Club Trip: 9:00am Feb. 19



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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.

Ft. Collins 4X4 Center 1101 North College Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-482-5500	NAPA Auto Parts Ft. Collins 316 S. Link Ln. Ft. Collins, Colorado	CarQuest Auto Parts 2716 South College Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-226-5050
Bullhide Liner 4X4 & Auto Accessories 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288	Coyote Cruisers & OffRoad 417 North Hwy 287 Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-221-1833	Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911
Front Range Off-Road Fabrication www.frii.com/~frorfab cel (970) 481-6508 (970) 472-1846	4X4 Used Parts / 4X4 Off Road 938 West Willox Lane, Ft. Collins 970-224-1133 <u>www.4x4usedparts.com</u>	RockStomper P.O. Box 724 Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431
MTO Suspension 2649 E MulberrySt Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-416-1234		Vanworks 900 East Lincoln Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344