



January Trip Report

In single file, the Mountaineers departed the Albertsons parking lot headed for the Cherokee Park Road. With a layer of snow on the highway, the procession was slower than usual, but was only a hint of what was forthcoming. The group pulled off at the Cherokee park entrance and aired down. A few minutes later Kyle Eddy and the big International rolled up to a stop with fuel starvation problems. Figuring he could continue on under $\frac{1}{2}$, (or was it $\frac{1}{4}$ power) we continued on. It didn't take Kyle long to realize that he wasn't going to keep up. A couple of members turned around to assist as the rest trudged on.

After a number of miles of snow packed icy roads, we veered left onto CR159 where we stopped for 10-100's, final air pressure checks and awaited for the remaining members who arrived in short order with the International full of life once again.



Initial impressions were that this was going to be an easy trip as the road had been plowed, but just a few miles down the road we came across the first obstacles. The plowed road ended and the deep snow road began with two large drifts in our path. Tater took an attempt or two to get to the drift but it was slow going. Relinquishing the lead to a Toy...a Toyo....a “Japanese Import”, sporting 40 something tall tires. Shane made it look easy. Shane was ruthless on the drift and the Toy...”the import”, making use of high engine rpm's and popped clutches. After numerous bashing attempts, we opted to hook up the winch. The winch whined and finally droned to a stop unable to pull, so out came the industrial ready snatch block and a double line pulled Shane through the 4 foot deep drift. The second drift in the way weighed in at around 10 foot deep but significantly harder. The idea was to just idle on up to it and just float right on over. Well, it sounded good anyway. Out came the double line winch again.



Coyote John performed nearly identical functions, latching onto the import and draggin himself through. Then things got dicey with Greg Lenderink and his classic Chevy Pickup sinking to the frame and free wheeling all four.

Coyote tugged and tugged but couldn't pull the ol' Chevy out. Once again winches went work.



The prospect of getting everyone else through these first obstacles before nightfall was looking doubtful so a second group turned around to look for other alternatives. Tater led the way

toward Pearl Beaver in hopes of something more passable. Again the plowed road began to narrow and snow was getting deeper. The second group was halted at the end of the plowed road where they came across a black H1 Hummer, unsuccessfully tugging on a lifted suburban stuck in the ditch. Tater worked his way down to offer some assistance. To his surprise he found two vehicles laden with “brothas” and “sistas”. The Suburban, traveling alone, got stuck about midnight the previous night attempting to reach their 2100 sq ft “cabin” near Elliott reservoir in Sand Creek. The next morning the driver hiked out to a point where he somehow received cell service and called his brother in Denver to extract him.

The brother and his H1, accompanied by a friend in a 2007 Tahoe only arrived 20 minutes ahead of the Mountaineers. After Tater and the H1 jointly extracted the 'burb, we were all invited to the “cabin” for hot coffee and some food...if we could get there. Tater began where the 'burb had left off but was reduced to a bumper pushing inch by inch crawl. Defeated, we turned around spent nearly ½ an hour laughing and joking around with our new Denver friends. Mainly due to the fact that the 'burb's driver would rather spend time with us in the outdoor chill as opposed to the arctic blast from his spouse inside truck!

We finally got turned around and headed back out short of one last attempt at another side road. Again defeated, we called it a day and headed for home. We again caught up with our Denver friends stopped in the road. The Hummer driver, shaking his head with a sheeppish grin, reported that the Tahoe rear ended the 'burb, crumpling the Tahoe's right front fender into the wheel. With a little elbow grease and muscle, the fender was pulled out and ready to roll once again.

Both mountaineers groups met up once more on the way out to share stories, air up and head for the warmth of home.

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Club Trip

Sledding @ Happy Jack

Meet at Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox at
9:00 AM Sunday February 25th



Dues are Due

Dues are due from now until the March meeting.

Attention: Dues are **\$45.00** for members & \$15.00 for assoc.
Members.

We are increasing our Dues from \$40 to \$45 because our dues
are going up that we send to the State Assoc.



New Members

Mike Castell #90

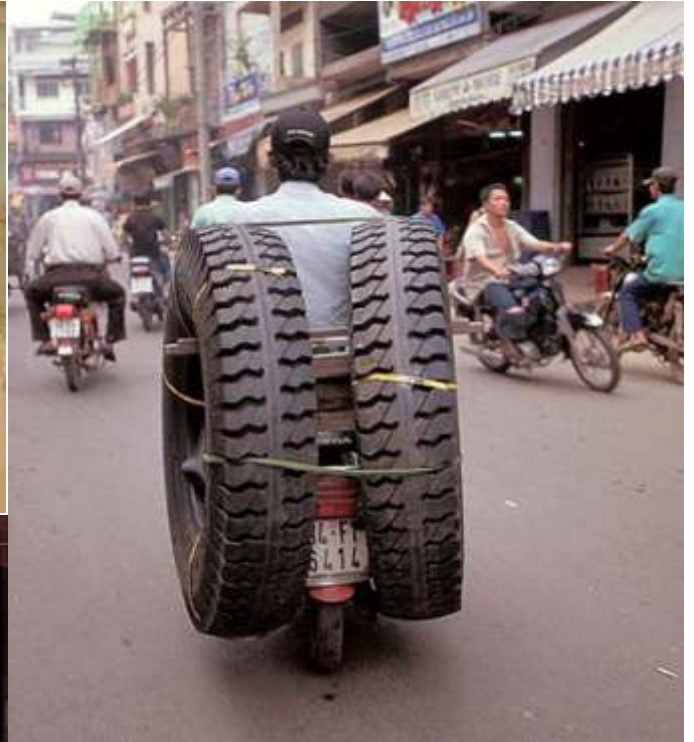
Dick Jansen #91



Congratulations

To Steve & Terri Schroeder







Member's Rides

Name: Dan Myers

Unit #: 85

Ride Make & Model: 81 + 86 CJ7

Engine: 258ci

Transmission: 4 spd/5spd

Transfer Case: Dana 300

Front End: Dana 30/TrueLoc

Rear End: Chrysler 20/Detroit Locker

Wheels & Tires: 35x12.50x15 ProComp MT

Springs: 4" Lift

Brakes: Stock

Other: TBI (Howel Kit), Twin Stick Shifter for the transference, Co2 Tire inflator, 9000lb Winch

Future: Combine the two Jeeps and make one rust free 86 CJ7





4x4 Classifieds

Goodyear MTR-LT 245/75R16 (31's) off stock '04 Jeep- 5 tires 50% tread life. Best offer. 970-225-0982 can be seen at 4x4 off road and used parts.

For Sale:

Dana 60s \$1500 obo both locked and 5:13, 86 Chevy Military 30,000 mile Diesel after market A/C \$2500 obo, Call Levi 970-420-5534

For Sale: '92 Dodge Dakota Extended Cab LE 4x4 A/T 318 V8 w/headers, needs a muffler. Power windows and locks. 2" body lift 33x10.5 BFG tires. No rust! Great interior. \$2000.00
Contact Chris at trump626@msn.com or 303-472-6336

Cars, Trucks, and SUV's for sale. Check out www.horsepowerauto.com to see what is available. If you don't see what you are looking for give Ben a call at 970-443-1875. I'll help you find it.

Backhoe Available: Mike Braskich has a backhoe available for snow removal services or other needs of members. Call 970-224-9134

February 2007						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Chris Mercer	2	3 Jamie McQuaid
4 Erin Lenderink	5	6	7	8	9 Steve DiGilio	10
11	12 BOARD MEETING <i>Kyle Eddy</i>	13 Sandy Vlcek Craig Arnold DeAnna Harris	14 Steve Geissler A&T Shively	15 John Elliott	16 Nicholas Kemp	17
18	19	20	21 CLUB MEETING	22 Chris Kapperman	23	24
25 CLUB TRIP Colleen Stengaard	26	27	28 Gene Kapperman			

March 2007						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Brandon Kapperman John Arnold
4 Paul Dangler Jeff Paben	5	6	7	8	9	10 Kent Schmidt Rosemary McCurry
11 Travis Golly	12 BOARD MEETING <i>Don MacDonald</i>	13	14	15 Darren Finger	16 Janice Marolf	17
18	19 Kelly Kapperman	20	21 CLUB MEETING	22	23	24
25 CLUB TRIP	26 Lori Golly Matt Bacon	27 Sheila Mueller	28 Todd McCurry T&R McCurry	29	30 Craig Stumbough	31

Board Meeting: Mar. 12 7:30pm Don McDonald
Apr. 9 7:30pm Ben Crue
Membership Meeting: Feb. 21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
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Club Trip: Feb. 25 9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox



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February Newsletter

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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 www.4x4usedparts.com	RockStomper P.O. Box 724 Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431
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