Mountaineers Newsletter January Trip Report

It was a fine and pleasant and morning for Seven Mile Snowbashing. The group arrived at the trailhead just after 10am with Brett in the lead of twenty-something eager wheelers. The menagerie stumbled out of their rigs and began to air down. The individual that pulled up behind me was a newbie to the club and the proud new owner of mid 70-something, (or was it mid 60-something?) Nissan Patrol. The owner (sorry I don't remember your name) had recently purchased this, non-running prized possession from none other than the King of Cruisers...Coyote John. Aka. Wile "Weeee!" Coyote. Are you branching out John? Beyond the Toyota realm into Nissan? Good Luck with that... It was only a short time before the "Head'm out" was called and we were off. All went well for awhile before my trailing "Patrol" pal got sideways in the

rocks and was spinning tires and puckering up to a tree. With a little persuasive throttle he was freed and grinning once more. Just a little way further a Cherokee reported being overheated, but resulted in only minor delay.

With no further issues, we arrived at the meadow where it was announced that Stump Hill was open to the few who dared. With no hesitation, Shane peeled off in that direction with Craig as his Co-Pilot and passenger seat cover. I dunno...I think Craig likes that "Rubi". With a successful ascent, others were given the all clear. It was finally Tater's turn. Contrary to normal practice, my friend Dave was at the helm and I acted as supervising seat cover. Unfortunately for Dave, not a quiet one: "Faster, more momentum! Work the Wheel! Not that fast...you're redlined!" Um....Sorry 'bout that. There were only a few that attempted whom were defeated.

After lunch in the meadow, we ascended upward once again toward the 5 Points area where we were assured of good snow drifts. Radio chatter informed us of difficulty with Daihatsu problems. Even with cables all around, the little Daihatsu was challenged by the snow depths and relied on a full sized Blazer 2 for much needed extractions.

Brandon took on the usual drift just off the left fork of 5 Points. After several attempts he was successful - whereupon Brett took over busting lead. Just a half mile down the road Brandon opted for the deeper portion of the previously busted drift and promptly became engulfed. Strapping on to Tater, We gave 'er 'ell trying to drag that Jeep just a few feet at time until we finally snapped the strap. With a little different angle and a brand new, fresh out of the package tow strap, Brandon was freed. Others must have had similar difficulty as only three of us waited further down the road for the remaining group to catch up. While Craig comfortably snoozed in the Rubi, Brett amused the rest us with his new Radio Controlled Rock Crawler that "Santa" had brought for Christmas. With the others finally arriving we pushed onward toward the finish of the trail. At the end, vehicle count came up short so a reconnaissance team was formed to make a return run and scout for stranded survivors. With an intermittent radio, Glenn Frank and friends were found as they awaited stragglers behind them. Continuing our back-track, the stragglers were found back at 5 Points in the

security of the second search party. In the hunt for just a little more snowy fun, we opted for the East exit that again entrapped the little Daihatsu. Finally arriving at the county road we re-grouped and recounted our day of snow busting. However for some of us the fun was not over. Young Kapperman, bewildered at a strange new noise, was suddenly surprised to see a rear tire and axle shaft assembly departing the confines of the axle housing and making a run for the forest. I dunno...go figure. I Guess I'll never understand that Jeep thing.

Later!
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Club Trip

Sledding @ Happy Jack Meet at Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox at 9:00 AM Sunday February 24th

Don't forget to bring \$5.00 for Parking!



You've Got Mail

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





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.



Moab 2008

This years Moab Trip will begin on May 31st, and continue through Saturday June 7th. As is tradition, the first trip will leave from the City Market parking lot at 9:00 am and will be one of the favorites, Fins and Things. The rest of the week's trips will be planned as we go along. Most members in tents and motor homes stay at the Canyonlands Campground. More on the trip will be discussed at our regular membership meeting.



Guest at last Meeting

Holland Hibbitt
Eric Holzman
Ruben Arietta
Scott Theis
Pete Rolfe



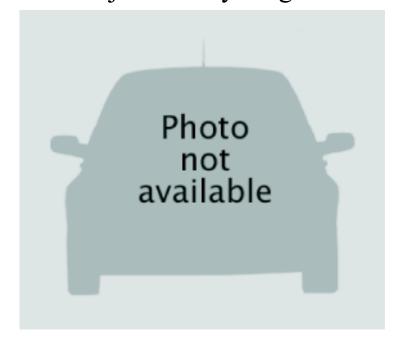
Dues are Due

Dues are due from now until the March meeting. because we didn't want to drive in it (we are four wheelers aren't Attention: Dues are \$45.00 for members & \$15.00 for assoc.



Members Rides

Member Name Aaron Hobbs
Member Number 100
Make & Model 19842 4Runner
Engine SR22 4 Cylinder
Transmission 4 Speed
Transfer Case Stock
Front End Stock
Rear End Stock
Wheels & Tries 33" 12.5X15
Springs & Shocks Yes
Brakes Yes
Miscellaneous 12.5" shorter than normal
Current & Future Projects Everything





4x4 Classifieds

For Sale: 93 Sunlite 8' pop-up truck camper. 3-way fridge, furnace, electric water pump. Good Condition. \$2200 493-4997 Darren

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, bobcat, and dump truck available for snow removal services or other needs of members. Call 970-224-9134

For Sale: Five Michelin LTX 30x9.50x15 tires More than 50% tread still remaining. All five for \$200.00 Great All Season Tire Call Brett 970-217-9758



February 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Chris Mercer	2
3 Jamie McQuaid	4 Erin Lenderink	5	6 Lizzie Pryzgoda	7	8	9
10	11 BOARD MEETING Dave Oden Kim Wheeler	12 Avery Prewett	Sandy Vlcek Craig Arnold DeAnna Harris	14 Steve Geissler	15	16 Nicholas Kemp
17	18	19	20 CLUB MEETING	21	Christopher Kapperman	23
24 CLUB TRIP	25 Colleen Stengaard	26	27	28 Gene Kapperman	29 Judy Heiderscheidt	

March 2008							
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
						1 Fox Prewett	
2	3 Brandon Kapperman John Arnold	4 Paul Dangler Jeff Paben	5	6	7	8	
9	10 BOARD MEETING Glenn Frank Kent Schmidt Rosemary McCurry	11 Travis Golly	12	13	14	15 Darren finger	
Janice Marolf	17	18	19 CLUB MEETING Kelly Kapperman	20 Will Prewett	21	22	
23/30 CLUB TRIP Craig Stumbough	24/31 Nancy Oster	25	26 Lori Golly Matt Bacon	27 Sheila Mueller	28 Todd McCurry	29	
					T&R McCurry		

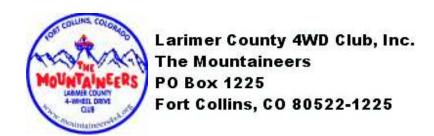
Board Meeting: 10 7:30pm Glenn Frank Mar.

Apr. 7 7:30pm Craig Stumbough

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. 20

19 7:30pm Mar.

Club Trip: 24 **9:00**am Feb.



February Newsletter



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 24192 W. County Rd. 74E Red Feather Lakes, CO 970-881-2418 www.frontrangeoffroadfab.com	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	
Fort Collins Floral 205 N. College Ave, Ft. Collins 970-482-1481 www.fortcollinsfloral.com	Horsepower Auto Brokers 1409 E. Olive Ct. Unit E, Ft. Collins 970-482-2579 www.horsepowerauto.com	Vanworks 900 East Lincoln Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344	
Steep Bottom Construction Brian H. Graves Wellington, Colorado 970-631-2412	Aunt T's Pet Motel 3200 E. Mulberry Ft. Collins 970-484-5776 www.fcvet.com		