



February Trip Report

We all met at the appointed jumping off spot and headed north out of Fort Collins for our annual sledding trip to Happy Jack outside of Laramie. The vehicles were heavily laden with inner tubes, sleds, a fifty five gallon barrel that was cut in half, snowboards and many cans of chili for propulsion. On the way up we passed by “Haystack Rock” which you will learn more about latter on in this newsletter.

Shortly after crossing into Wyoming, we turned onto the Pumpkin Vine road which winds through a desolate part of the state. The road takes you through a big culvert under the main line UP tracks and winds up at the Ames Monument and the old town site of Sherman which was the highest point on the coast to coast Union Pacific RR Line. While everyone was out wandering around and reading the

History of the monument, Coyote John got out his new GPS and started looking for a close by geocache. It only took him a few minutes to find the peanut jar that was hidden nearby. It was loaded with trinkets and treasures and John was grinning for the rest of the day just thinking about the stash he had found.

After a brief stop at the rest area, we arrived at the Happy Jack Recreation Area. The Gollys had already built a fire, depriving Craig and Ron of that honor. The Kappermans set up the tripod for the large cooking pot while the Gollys opened up all the chili to fill up the pot. The kids, big and little, hit the perfect hill for lots of fun and giggles. The Golly kids, Travis and adopted son Tyler rode their half barrels down the hill without any problems. And then there was the biggest kid of all, Don Maresh, who hauled his fast tube to the top of the hill and let 'er rip. Don was almost to the bottom when he hit a mogul which sent him five feet into the air. I'm sure that he was wishing for some soft snow for the landing, but it was not to be. Don came down on his shoulder and lay in the snow for awhile. When he got up, we could tell something

was not right as he was mumbling something about how he shouldn't have put WD-40 on his tube. Nurse Lori checked him out and suspected that he had broken his collar bone. John and Jake loaded him into the truck for the long trip back to Fort Collins and the hospital for X-Rays. Yes, Lori was right and we have the proof (read the X-Ray for your self). Don, the bill for the diagnostic fee is in the mail.

Meanwhile, back at the cooking pot, Ron had the chili boiling. We all ate our fill of some of the finest chili you have ever tasted. We even had a few hotdogs cooked over the open fire. We had a good crowd of people on the trip, including Grandma & Grandpa Schleppy and most of the rest of the Schleppy clan. That was a first!! We would be amiss if we didn't mention that Paul and Julie took their FJ-60 over to the Pilot Hill road to do some snow bashing. Don wasn't the only one to break something, Paul & Julie broke a burfield joint. You know, those Toyota owners always seem to be looking for attention!! Thanks to all those who came on the fun event. A special thanks goes

to the Kappermans for cooking and doing the dishes. We also need to thank Mr. Riley for providing the “cottonwood” for the fire, Mrs. Golly for bringing the table and for, well, being a nurse, and to the Toyota bunch for being the entertainment.

El Guapo





Club Trip

Ballard Logging Road

Meet at Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox
at 9:00 AM **Sunday March 30th**

**We are moving the trip down
one week because of Easter.**



Guest at last Meeting

Holland Hibbitt
Russ & Amy Asher
Pete Rolfe



Dues are Due

Dues are due from now until the March meeting.
Attention: Dues are \$45.00 for members & \$15.00 for
assoc.



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.



The Story of “Haystack Rock”

From Strange But True, Colorado by John Hafnor

Way back in the 1860s when Fort Collins was just an Army post, purchasing and protecting a hay supply was critical to a horse-mounted post. During that period, a farmer showed up at the fort offering to sell a large haystack a couple miles to the north. The post commander sent out a procurement officer to verify the existence of the haystack, and then paid the farmer in full for his hay. When subsequently trying to bring in the hay, Fort Collins soldiers learned their “haystack” was really just a large haystack-shaped boulder covered sparingly with hay. The military had been duped and ever after this boulder would be known as “Haystack Rock.” Today Haystack Rock has become a sort of First Amendment billboard as well, painted with ever-changing statements, school slogans, marriage proposals, graffiti and more. Haystack Rock is easily recognized close by Highway 287, just a few miles north of Laporte.



Members Rides

Member Name: Jeff & Sheila Mueller

Member Number: 21

Make & Model: 1991, Toyota 4Runner SR5

Engine: V6 - 3.0 Liter

Transmission: Manual 5 speed - Stock

Transfer Case: Manual - Stock

Front End - Coil 4-6 Inch Lift, Manf. unknown (IFS) (suspect gear reduction)

Rear End - Coil conversion 4-6 Inch, Manf. unknown (ARB Locker) (suspect gear reduction)

Wheels/Tires - 15" Aluminum w/ 35X12.5 BFGoodrich ATs

Springs/Shocks - See above, Rancho adjustable air shocks

Brakes - Disc

Miscellaneous - The new toy is in relatively good shape and definitely the best looking rig Sheila and I have owned. Remains to be seen if she'll perform on the trail. After two CJ7s and one 79' Cherokee it is hard to believe we have left the Jeep thing and went to a Toy. I am sure we'll learn the good and bad of Toys. In addition, after a two year hiatus from wheeling, we'll need to learn to wheel all over again. See ya on the trail.

Current/Future - Install front receiver hitch (for our winch). Install a CB radio. We need to hear and respond to the bashing we'll get from Craig, Darwin, and others for riding a Toy. where is Dan Venrick when you need support!!!





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



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 <i>Glenn Frank</i> Kent Schmidt Rosemary McCurry	11 Travis Golly	12	13	14	15 Darren finger
16 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

April 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Sharon Kapperman	4 Dan Oster Valorie Miller	5 Christina Eddy
6	7 BOARD MEETING <i>Craig Stumbough</i>	8	9	10 Kelly Pautvein	11	12
13 Bob Schleppey	14	15 Cassandra McCurry Jeff Baan	16 CLUB MEETING	17 Pat Maes	18	19
20 CLUB TRIP	21	22 Krista Fredrick	23	24	25 Rich Stengaard	26
27 Dave Oden	28	29	30			

Board Meeting: Apr. 7 7:30pm Craig Stumbough
 May 12 7:30pm Dave Piller
 Membership Meeting: Mar. 19 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Apr. 16 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: Mar. **30 9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**
Please notice Date We are moving trip date one week because of Easter



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The Mountaineers
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Fort Collins, CO 80522-1225

March 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.

<p>Ft. Collins 4X4 Center 1101 North College Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-482-5500</p>	<p>NAPA Auto Parts Ft. Collins 316 S. Link Ln. Ft. Collins, Colorado</p>	<p>CarQuest Auto Parts 2716 South College Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-226-5050</p>
<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</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.fronrangeoffroadfab.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>
<p>Fort Collins Floral 205 N. College Ave, Ft. Collins 970-482-1481 www.fortcollinsfloral.com</p>	<p>Horsepower Auto Brokers 1409 E. Olive Ct. Unit E, Ft. Collins 970-482-2579 www.horsepowerauto.com</p>	<p>Vanworks 900 East Lincoln Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>
<p>Steep Bottom Construction Brian H. Graves Wellington, Colorado 970-631-2412</p>	<p>Aunt T's Pet Motel 3200 E. Mulberry Ft. Collins 970-484-5776 www.fcvet.com</p>	