



# February Trip Report

It was a cold morning when we met at the North College Albertsons for our annual sledding trip and chili cookout in Wyoming. In Fort Collins, we had about 3 inches of new snow over night and the roads were icy. Maybe that would account for the low trip turnout of 9 club vehicles and one guest.

We followed Craig out of the parking lot and on up towards the Wyoming border. It was a slow trip (45 to 60 mph) all the way to the Pumpkin Vine Road where Brandon K. was waiting for us. The Pumpkin Vine had gotten 6 to 8 inches of new powder and finding the road bed was difficult at times. Luckily, a vehicle a gone before us and occasionally we could catch a glimpse of the tracks that hadn't blown over yet. When we got to the big culvert under the Union Pacific tracks, Ben C. couldn't make it up the hill because his electric 4WD wouldn't engage. After several attempts and a little

fiddling, he got it to work and we were on our way again. The only other problem we had was when Coyote John turned too early trying to get up to the Ames Monument.

He had turned into a snow packed borrow pit instead of the road and got buried in three feet of snow. Dan Venrick pulled him out (at least didn't have to suffer the humiliation of being rescued by a Jeep).



When we arrived at the Happy Jack Recreation Area, we were greeted by Mike and Lori Golly. They had come up early to build a fire for warmth and to cook our community pot of chili over. They even set up a table for the chili fixins' and cookies. Ron Kapperman hauled in more wood, a large cooking pot & tripod. We poured all the chili into the community pot and Ron started to stir. Meanwhile, the kids (big & little) hit the slopes. At first the hill was too slow because there was too much new fresh snow. As it got packed, it got a lot faster. The fire pit was the most popular place to be as

the temperature was at a chilly 9 degrees. It took a little over a half an hour to get the chili up to



temperature so that Ron could ladle it out into the bowls.

Because of the coldness of the day, a lot of us left a little early. After the cleanup we only had

one more chore to do, get Brandon Kappermans' Jeep out of a good stuck in the parking lot. It only took a couple of strong tugs with a snatching strap and he was out. Leave it to Brandon to get stuck in a parking lot! We all were happy to get back to the warmth of our vehicles for the trip home. Thank you Ron for being the chief cook and bottle washer and to the Gollys for getting a good warm fire going before the rest of us got there and to Coyote John & Don for cutting and providing the firewood. It was another fun trip for the Mountaineer family.

El Guapo





# March Trip

This months trip will be announced at the club meeting.  
We will still leave from the north Albertsons on College &  
Wilcox at 9:00am Sunday March 21st.



# Guests at Last Meeting

William Goodwin  
Scott Riley  
Luke Bitney





# Collecting Dues for 2010

This is your last chance to pay the \$45.00 club dues. This amount not only keeps you current with the Mountaineers, but \$30.00 of it goes to the Colorado Association and the United Association to keep you in good standing with them also. If the dues are not paid by the March meeting, you will be dropped from all three rosters.



# Tow Hook Party

The Mountaineers will gather on April 24th for a tow hook party at Coyote Cruisers to do any minor welding or installation of tow hooks on your vehicle. More  
5 About this at the membership meeting.



# Mountaineers in Moab week.

The date has been set for our week in Moab. The first trip will leave from the Moab City Market at 9:00 am on June 5th, 2010. We will have an organized trip every day through Friday, June 11th. More about this at the meeting. Be sure to put in for your vacation time at work for this fun time in Moab.





# Members Rides

**Member Name** – Dan & Tara Venrick

**Member Number** – 15

**Ride Make & Model** – 1989 Toyota Ex Cab Pickup

**Engine** – 2 LT Turbo Diesel

**Transmission** – R150F 5 speed

**Transfer Case** – Dual T-cases 4-7 gears in rear case

**Front End** – Stock Toyota w/highsteer crossover  
5:29 gears and ARB

**Rear End** – Stock Toyota 5:29 gears and Spool

**Wheels & Tires** -15” Beadlock Rims 37” Interco I-  
Roks

**Springs & Shocks** – Custom Springs w/Rancho  
Rs9000 shocks

**Brakes** - Stock

**Miscellaneous** – Onboard Air, Ram Assist steering,  
Upgraded hybrid turbo, 3” exhaust

**Current & Future Projects** – Just routine  
maintenance and Fix what I break.









# Hot Wheels or Match Box Racing

At the March meeting we will be racing our Match Box or Hot Wheels 4 X 4 racers. You will get to choose your own starting point at the top of the course and gravity will do the rest. There will be two racers at a time down the course and which ever one makes it to the bottom or the farthest on the course will be declared the winner and move on to the next bracket.

## Rules

### Stock Class:

Racers must be 1/64th scale.

Racers must be a recognizable replica of a 4WD vehicle.

Racers may not be altered except for axle lubricant.

### Modified Class:

Weight is no object.

Racers must originally have been 1/64th scale.

Racers must be a recognizable 4WD vehicle.

The only means of propulsion is gravity.

The top of the tire can not be higher than the vehicles roof.

| March 2010                            |   |                          |  |                                 |                       |                      |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| SUNDAY                                | MONDAY                                      | TUESDAY                  | WEDNESDAY                              | THURSDAY                        | FRIDAY                | SATURDAY             |
|                                       | 1<br>Fox Prewett                            | 2                        | 3<br>Brandon Kapperman<br>John Arnold  | 4<br>Paul Dangler<br>Jeff Paben | 5<br>Jeff Smith       | 6                    |
| 7                                     | 8 <b>BOARD MEETING</b><br><i>Lori Golly</i> | 9                        | 10<br>Kent Schmidt<br>Rosemary McCurry | 11<br>Travis Golly              | 12                    | 13                   |
| 14                                    | 15<br>Darren Finger                         | 16<br>Janice Marolf      | 17 <b>CLUB MEETING</b>                 | 18                              | 19<br>Kelly Kapperman | 20<br>Will Prewett   |
| 21 <b>CLUP TRIP</b>                   | 22  | 23                       | 24<br>Nancy Oster                      | 25<br>Daniel Baca               | 26<br>Lori Golly      | 27<br>Sheila Mueller |
| 28<br>Todd McCurry<br><br>T&R McCurry | 29  | 30<br>Craig<br>Stumbough | 31                                     |                                 |                       |                      |

| April 2010                            |   |                     |                        |                            |        |                       |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| SUNDAY                                | MONDAY                                      | TUESDAY             | WEDNESDAY              | THURSDAY                   | FRIDAY | SATURDAY              |
|                                       |   |                     |                        | 1<br>Bev Scheid            | 2      | 3<br>Sharon Kapperman |
| 4<br>Dan Oster<br>Valorie Miller      | 5<br>Christina Eddy                         | 6                   | 7                      | 8<br>Aure Marvin           | 9      | 10                    |
| 11                                    | 12 <b>BOARD MEETING</b><br><i>Dave Oden</i> | 13<br>Bob Schleppey | 14                     | 15<br>Cassandra<br>McCurry | 16     | 17                    |
| 18                                    | 19  | 20                  | 21 <b>CLUB MEETING</b> | 22                         | 23     | 24                    |
| 25 <b>CLUP TRIP</b><br>Rich Stengaard | 26  | 27<br>Dave Oden     | 28                     | 29                         | 30     |                       |

Board Meeting: Apr. 12 7:30pm Dave Oden  
 May 10 7:30pm Lori Golly  
 Membership Meeting: Mar. 17 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Apr. 21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Club Trip: Mar. 21 **9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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| <p><b>Bullhide Liner 4X4 &amp; Auto Accessories</b><br/>           5817 South College Ave.<br/>           Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>  | <p><b>Coyote Cruisers &amp; OffRoad</b><br/>           417 North Hwy 287<br/>           Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-221-1833<br/> <a href="http://www.coyotecruisers.com">www.coyotecruisers.com</a></p>                         | <p><b>Moab 4x4 Outpost</b><br/>           1831 S Hwy 191<br/>           Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</p>                          |
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