

Mountain - Ears

February Trip Report

Sixteen Mountaineer and guest vehicles followed Shane out of the Albertsons parking lot, heading north on Highway 287. We turned onto the Cherokee Park road where Darren was waiting for us. We stopped to exchange pleasantries and to let the stragglers catch up. Some took this opportunity



To do the ritual air down dance. Moving again,

Darren took over the lead. up Cherokee Park to the Prairie Divide Road.

The first section of Prairie Divide was plowed through the housing development, but we could tell that we were in for a fun day as there was lots of snow. When we came to the end of the plowed road, there was eight inches of fresh snow with no tracks and several deep drifts. It didn't take long before the snatching straps were being brought out and getting a lot of use. It even got better (or worse depending on your point of view) once we got out of the trees and onto the open prairie.

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The drifts were deeper and longer, the big dogs out front were having tons of fun. I'm



Sure our guests were wondering what these Mountaineers have gotten us into which was exactly what I thought on my first mountaineers outing 28 years ago. After about an hour of fun we made it to plowed road again.

The respite didn't last long as we made a hard right onto the Creedmore Lakes Road to go to the Lost Lake area to do some hard water racing. On the way, we came to a daunting drift. Guest Scott

called on the CB and said that his Jeeps power steering had an issue and that he needed to



Return to town for repairs. Guest Scott in his Chevy Avalanche took a look at the drift and thought the better part of valor would be to escort Scott for the trip home. Darwin took them back to the

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plowed road to make sure they could make the trip and then rejoined the rest of the group at the Lost Lake pond. We couldn't do any hard water racing as there was too much snow on the pond. We did get to play some and Cotton did prove that once again he was the king of donuts with the fastest and tightest spins in his TJ. No one could even come close to his skill to accomplish this feat.



When we had enough fun at lost lake, it was decided to open up the rest of the Creedmore Lakes road. How

long could that take as it was only a couple of miles? Well it didn't take long before both Darren and Shane were



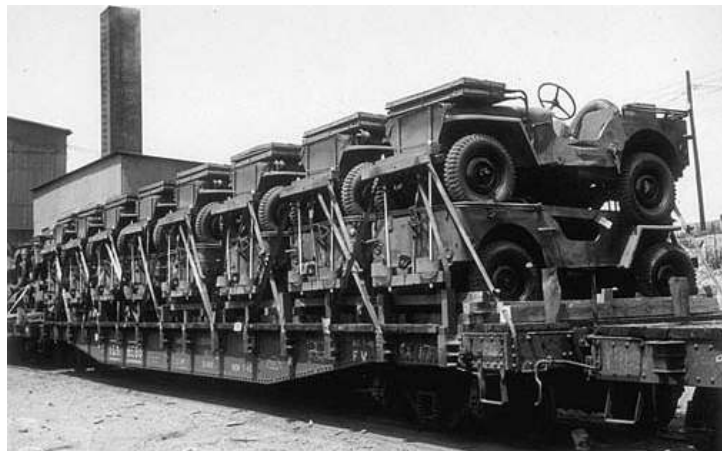
hopelessly buried in a long drift. We could tell that their winches were going to get exercised. About that time, 5 of the group turned around,

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wished the ten that were left good luck and headed for the barn. Those five were back in Fort Collins by 3:30. The dauntless ten continued with their bashing, winching and strapping for two miles until they reached the bladed road. It was past 7:00 when they got home.

What a fun day the Mountaineer family had. There was lots of entertainment along the way and if you didn't get stuck in a snow drift, you weren't having any fun at all.

El Guapo



March Club Trip

Sunday, March 25th

This trip will be our annual sledding trip to the Happy Jack Recreation area which is just east of Laramie. We will be leaving from the North College Albertsons parking lot promptly at 9:00 am on Sunday the 25th. Happy Jack is a fee area, so bring \$5.00 to put in the pay envelope. This year Ron Kapperman letting us use the big kettle for chili. Please bring enough chili to throw in the pot to feed your family. Also bring your snow boards, sleds, or what ever you want to ride down the hill. You might want to throw in some wood for the fire and a chair to sit on. There is a good 4 wheeling area close by if you are so inclined after you go sledding.



Dues are Due

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. Cash and checks accepted (correct change appreciated). If the dues are not paid by the March meeting, you will be dropped from all three rosters.



How to Tell if Your 4WD is Working

- Find a passenger-helper.
- If you have manual hubs, lock 'em.
- Get into some real wet slippery mud.
- Engage 4 wheel drive.
- Stop the Jeep (in the mud).
- Turn the steering wheel all the way right.
- Stick your head out the driver's side window.
- Look directly at your front wheel.
- Floor the accelerator, only for a second or two.
- Pull your head back in and look at the passenger-helper.
- If the passenger-helper is laughing, your 4 wheel drive is likely engaging.

Our Annual Summer Club Outing

This year we are going to substitute a new destination for our normal Moab Trip. We will be spending a week in Buena Vista and running the trails in the area. We will be spending the week of July 7th through 13th in Buena Vista because the altitude is higher and the trails should be open in July. The RV park is about 1.5 miles north of Buena Vista at 30430 North Highway 24 (800) 954-8481. Just like we do in Moab we will be meeting each morning at City Market in Buena Vista to leave for our trips. City Market is on the south end of town at 438 Highway 24.



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Member's Ride

Name: John & Linda Schrader **Unit Number:** 35

Model: 1988 Toyota Truggy

Engine: 1997 Vortec 350

Transmission: Turbo 400

Transfer Case: 203 To 205 Doubler (Triple Stick)

Front end: Dodge Dana 60 King Pin

Rear end: Chevy 14 Bolt

Wheels & Tires: 16.5 Humvee Dual Bead Locks 42" Irocks

Springs & Shocks: Fox Air Shocks and Bilstein Coil Overs

Brakes: 4 Wheel Disc

Current & Future Projects: Lower gears (Lokar 3to1) or Atlas 4 speed T-case



March 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Patrick Burch	3 Brandon Kapperman John Arnold
4 Paul Dangler Jeff Paben	5 Tasha Opdyke	6	7	8	9	10 Kent Schmidt Rosemary McCurry
11 Travis Golly	12 BOARD MEETING <i>Mike Castell</i>	13	14	15 Darren Finger	16 Janice Marolf	17
18	19 Kelly Kapperman	20	21 CLUB MEETING	22 Lindsay Weegans	23	24
25 CLUB TRIP Nate Adams	26 Lory Golly	27 Sheila Mueller	28 Todd McCurry T&R McCurry	29	30 Craig Stumbough	31

April 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Sharon Kapperman	4 Valorie Miller	5 Christina Eddy Seth Burch	6	7
8 Aure Marvin Scott Riley	9 BOARD MEETING <i>Craig Stumbough</i>	10	11	12	13 Bob Schleppey	14
15 Cassandra McCurry	16	17	18 CLUB MEETING Jim Dixon	19	20	21
22 CLUB TRIP Justin Treece	23	24	25 Rich Stengaard	26	27 Dave Oden	28
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Board Meeting: Apr. 9 7:30pm Craig Stumbough
 May 7 7:30pm
 Membership Meeting: Mar. 21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Apr. 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: **Mar. 25 9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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<p>Bullhide Liner 4X4 & Auto Accessories 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p>Always A Deal Inc. Computer Services Johnstown, Colorado 970-310-7547 www.AlwaysaDeal.info</p>	<p>Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</p>
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