# Mountain - Ears

# February Club Trip

The mountaineers started to gather in the Albertsons parking lot, excited to see a couple of inches of new snow on the ground. When we left the Fort, it was still snowing and the roads were a little slick. We headed up the Poudre Canyon towards our destination, Seven Mile Creek. As we gained elevation, the wet snow was coming down harder and at times it was a whiteout with blizzard conditions. Coyote John lost a windshield wiper because of the ice buildup. We even had to stop twice to clear our windshields and get the ice off the wipers. It was

hard to see the road as CDOT hadn't plowed the 12 inches of snow yet.

At the trailhead, we found several more Mountaineers waiting for us. We now had 20 vehicles, all ready to have a fun day in the fresh wet snow.

There was only about 8 inches



of new snow on the trail and we were the first ones to put down new tracks. The creek crossings were frozen over solid enough to drive across without falling through. Now that we were going slow, the defrosters and wipers were able to keep up with the heavy snow fall. We did have a Tundra (Jim) loose a wiper on the trail (must be a Toyota thing). On up the trail, guest Erik's Toyota unknowingly stopped on an ice flow covered with snow. When Erik tried to get moving again, he slid off the road. Erik's buddy, Jake A., tried to snatch him out but only made the situation worse as he slid farther into the trees. It took Jakes winch from the front and Cory Kinnisons winch hooked to the back to get Erik back up onto the road again.

When we got to the big meadow, over half of the group made the left turn to Stump Hill. Stump Hill had a lot of snow on it and it was soon learned that if you didn't



Have enough momentum and stopped, you would slide back down the hill like you were on a toboggan run. Most of the people that attempted the challenge made it to the top. When all that fun was done, the group headed to Swamp , Creek to play on the spaghetti

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works of roads in that area.



With our fun meter being pegged most of the day, it was time to head for home. Some wanted to get a bite to eat at the Pot Belly, some went home via the Poudre Canyon and still another group went via the Boy Scout Road. Those that went down the Poudre had to wait for an hour for the retrieval of a vehicle that had slid off the road and into the river. On the Boy Scout Road four Mountaineers had to push a lady that had gotten her car high centered and also picked up 3 CSU students who's vehicle was in a snow bank

and drop them off at the Forks (neither vehicle had tow points). The Pot Belly group came across a Titan that had just slid into a steep borrow pit. Coyote John was able to winch him back onto the road while a sheriff blocked the road.

All in all, it was a great day to be a member of the Mountaineer family, what with a fun day of wheeling and also able to throw in a few rescues to boot.

El Guapo



## **Roof Top Tents**

ARB roof top tents without the logo. From the same manufacturer.

Color: sand, green, coffee brown Tent Fabric: Water Proof Canvas

Mattress: Poplin, 50% polyester, 50% cotton and high density

foam

1000D\*1000D waterproof cover

YKK Zippers

Roof tent size is 320 x 140 x13 cm

Bottom annex size: 2.2m L x 1.4m W x 2m H

Floor aluminum sheets 2mm thickness, 114cm ladder.

Annex with PVC base on ground \$1200

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Contact Kyle Eddy keddy 1108@gmail.com



## March Club Trip

Left-Hand Canyon
Meet at Albertson's at
9:00AM Sunday Mar. 24th
And 9:45AM in Longmont (Wal-Mart Parking Lot)
HWY 66 & HWY 287

# Poker Run Planning Committee

John Schrader is looking for help planning and putting together a Poker Run that we will do later in the year. If you have planned or helped run a Poker Run in the past and would like to help plan our upcoming Poker Run, please talk to John Schrader.



### 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 1st, 2013. We will have an organized trip every day through Friday, June 7th. More about this at the meeting. Be sure to put in for your vacation time at work for this fun time in Moab. A lot of us stay at Canyonlands Campground.









#### **Members Rides**

Member Name: Jim Bridge

**Member Number: 74** 

Ride Make & Model: 95 Jeep Wrangler

Engine: 4.0 L I6

**Transmission:** 5 Speed AX15

Transfer Case: NP241 4:1

Front End: Dana 44 - 410 E Locker/Rubicon Axles Rear End: Dana 44 - 410 E Locker/Rubicon Axles

Wheels & Tries: ProComp Wheels/Mickey Thompson Baja

MTZ 35's

Springs & Shocks: Rancho/6" Suspension, 2" Body Lift,

JKS

**Brakes:** 4 Wheel Disc

Miscellaneous: SYE, Tom Wood Drive Lines, AGR Steering

Box, SmittyBilt 8000LB Winch, York 210 OnBoard Air

System, TJ Finder Flares, Header, Custom Draglink & Tie

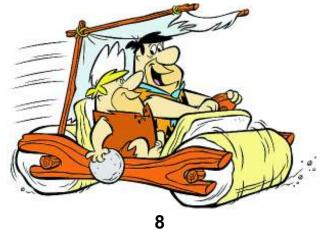
Rod, SwayBar Disconnects, Custome Bumpers

**Current & Future Projects:** 

Additional under body armor, Possible engine swap (5.3 V8), Custom Rock Sliders.

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### **Collecting Dues for 2013**

The \$45.00 club assessment for dues is payable between January and March membership meetings. 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.



	March 2013						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
					1	2 Patrick Burch	
3 Brandon Kapperman	4 Paul Dangler Jeff Paben	<b>5</b> Tasha Opdyke	6	7	8	9	
	11 BOARD MEETING Dave Oden	12	13	14		16	
Kent Schmidt Rosemary McCurry	Travis Golly	R&J Marolf			Darren Finger	Janice Marolf	
17	18		20 CLUB MEETING	21	22 Lindsay Weegans	23	
24 CLUB TRIP 31	<b>25</b> Nate Adams	<b>26</b> Lori Golly	27 Sheila Mueller	28 Todd McCurry	29	<b>30</b> Craig Stumbough	

April 2013							
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1	2	3 Sharon Kapperman	4 Valorie Miller	5 Christina Eddy Seth Burch	6	
7	8 BOARD MEETING Don Maresh Aure Marvin Scott Riley	9	10	11	12	Bob Schleppy	
14	15 Cassandra McCurry	16	17 CLUB MEETING	Jim Dixon	19	20	
21 CLUB TRIP	22 Justin Treece	R&J Marolf 23	24	25 Rich Stengaard	26	27 Dave Oden	
28	29	30					

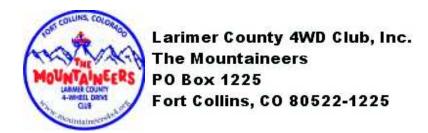
Board Meeting: 7:30pm Don Maresh Apr. 8

May 6 7:30pm **Bob Paul** 

7:30<sup>°</sup>pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox Membership Meeting: Mar. 20

Apr 17 7:30pm

Club Trip: 9:00am Mar. 24



#### March 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.

<b>4X4 Used Parts / 4X4 Off Road</b> 938 West Willox Lane, Ft. Collins 970-224-1133 www.4x4usedparts.com	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	Always A Deal Inc. Computer Services Johnstown, Colorado 970-310-7547 www.AlwaysaDeal.info	<b>Moab 4x4 Outpost</b> 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911	
Horsepower Auto Brokers, LLC 417 N US HWY 287, Ft. Collins 970-482-2579 www.horsepowerauto.com	CDR Communications, LLC Cabling Done Right Call Don Maresh @ 970-556-7276 don-cdr@live.com www.cablingdoneright.com	RockStomper P.O. Box 724 Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431	
Fry's Auto Care 210 Commerce Dr. Ft. Collins 970-310-7195	Wellington Toy Storage 4000 Washington Ave. Wellington, Colorado 970-498-2111 www.wellingtontoystorage.com		