Mountaineers Newsletter April Trip Report

This trip was well attended which should not be a surprise as it was the last organized snow bashing trip of the season. We had 22 guest and club vehicles gather for a trip to the upper Cherokee Park area. Our trip planners had checked it out the week before and reported enough untouched snow to make the trip interesting.

Promptly at 9:00 am we followed Jake out of Fort Collins and headed north and then west on the Cherokee Park road. As we gained elevation, we could see there was a lot of new snow where we were headed. The road became muddy and then icy. We stopped at a potty box to air down, lock in and get rid some of that morning coffee. When we got to road 182 (Pratt Creek), we made a right turn. There was a foot of new snow that had recently fallen. It was wet, perfect for snowballs. It was the type of snow that if you spun your tires, you would make ice which was more slippery than grits

through a goose. We had put the more capable vehicles up front to break open the trail. Those following didn't have to much trouble but every once in a while someone would get sucked into the giggly weeds and have to be strapped out.

Jake was still the trail leader when we got to the first five foot drift He launched his TTV (Taliban Transport Vehicle) into the middle of that drift and got about halfway through and he was done. We organized some straps and winch's to get him out. Dan M. was next and didn't fair any better and the same with the next vehicle. About 45 minutes into this exercise, those in the back were questioning whether we could get 22 vehicles through just this one drift. We decided to split into two groups with 9 following Darwin and Craig up the Cherokee Park road to see what fun they could find. That left 13 back at the drifts on Pratt Creek. This group made some progress but finally got stopped by big drifts. By then they were into 16 inches of new snow on top of the old snow. They finally turned around and headed down the mountain.

The Cherokee Park group had fun running the new snow. They all went down a long hill until Craig got buried in a drift and had to be rescued by Darwin. They could see even bigger drifts up ahead and it was decided

to get out while the getting was good. Getting back up the long hill was fun as several had to make a lot runs at it. By the time they got down to the Pratt Creek road they could hear on the CB that the other group had turned around and coming back down.

It was a great day of playing in the snow. The only complaint was how muddy the Cherokee Park road was and for the second month in a row the was talk about how the quarter car washes in town were going to make a fortune on us. The only one not complaining was Muff Pot Don. He says that the only thing holding his Land Cruisers body together was the mud. It was suggested that he should name his Land Cruiser "Adobe". The Mountaineer family had another fun day!

El Guapo





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.



Guests at Last Meeting

John Wasson Jeff Elsner Eric Ritseler Bob Opdyke Dan Luz

Jeep for Sale

97 YJ JEEP WRANGLER V6, 100,000 MILES RAG TOP, 35" TIRES, 3" LIFT NEEDS TRANSFER CASE MODEL 253 NEEDS REAR DRIVE SHAFT CONTACT BYRON TAYLOR 310-6410



Kelly Flats Cleanup & Camp Out

Mark your calendars on May 22nd and 23rd for our annual Kelly Flats camp out. The back loop (across the river) of the Kelly Flats campground (up the Poudre at mile marker 97) is reserved Friday and Saturday nights for those who wish to dust off their motorhomes, tents or campers. Don't worry about bringing fire wood as Coyote John and Muff Pot Don will have enough wood for the whole weekend. Tools are furnished by the Forest Service but do bring gloves. There is no camping fee if you are part of the work crew.

We will leave from the campground promptly at 9:00 am on Saturday and work on the Kelly Flats Trail. We will clean water bars and pick up trash in preparation of the trails opening. Sunday we will work on Seven Mile trying to mitigate the damage that has occurred over the winter. If you do not want to camp, be sure you meet the group at the campground before 9:00 am on both days or you will be locked out.



Mountaineers Cookout

On Saturday the 22nd AFTER the Kelly Flat's cleanup we are having a cookout.

The club is providing the burgers, buns, potato salad and beans, plates & silverware. (Thank-you Mike Braskich)

Bring a bag of chips or something to share if you can.

We will eat at 6pm.

Bring your own beverage.

Please email me at Golly4x4@aol.com or call Lori & Mike at 663-3446 and leave a message to let me know if you can join us and how many in your family so I know how much food to buy.



Members Rides

Member Name – Deron Steenberg
Member Number – 79
Ride Make & Model – 2004 Jeep Rubicon
Engine – 4.0L 16
Transmission – 42RLE 4 speed Automatic
Transfer Case – NP241 4:1 Low Range
Front End – Dana 44 4.10 w/stock air locker
Rear End – Dana 44 4.10 w/stock air locker
Wheels & Tries -Procomp 1079 15X8 wheels - BFG
M/T KM2 35X12.50
Springs & Shocks – Rubicon Express 4.5" springs -

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Miscellaneous – 8000 lbs winch, Tom Woods CV DriveShaft, HD adjustable Track Bar, JKS 1 1/4" Bodylift, JKS 1" MML, Magnaflow exhaust.

Current & Future Projects – 4.88 gears, ARB Lockers, HD bumpers, Rocksliders, Chromoly axles, HD steering.





New Member

William Goodwin Unit# 93



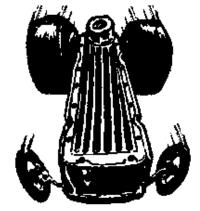
5th Annual Valve Cover Races

During the May meeting we will be holding our great valve cover race. Now is the time to start building your valve cover for this years race. A trophy will be given for the 1st place valve cover & the best looking (or creative) valve cover.

The basic rules are as follows:

- •15" maximum width 30" maximum length 10" maximum height 10 lb. maximum weight
- .Weight will be by official scales only
- .No engines No propulsion of any kind
- •One valve cover per chassis No switching chassis or cover
- •Automotive valve covers only with stock gasket surface
- •Nothing can be mounted in front of either the valve cover or chassis
- •No moving or movable weight

The race will be for distance, exactly as in past years. Good luck!!!



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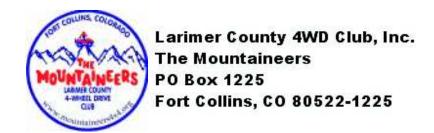
Board Meeting: June 7 7:30pm Dan Venrick

July 12 7:30pm John Schrader

7:30pm Membership Meeting: May 19 7:30pm June 16

Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins

Kelly Flats Campground Club Trip: May 22,23 9:00am



May 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.

4X4 Used Parts / 4X4 Off Road 938 West Willox Lane, Ft. Collins 970-224-1133 <u>www.4x4usedparts.com</u>	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 www.coyotecruisers.com	Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911	
Horsepower Auto Brokers 1409 E. Olive Ct. Unit E, 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	
	Wellington Toy Storage 4000 Washington Ave. Wellington, Colorado 970-498-2111 www.wellingtontoystorage.com		