



Fun Daze 2010

The rendezvous gathering was at the north end of the ol' fort. At the appointed time, the wagon master sounded the signal and our wagon train of well over 30 Conestoga's slowly headed north on Route 1. The pioneers could not know what trouble lies ahead on our 40 minute trip across the prairie. Would it be a bunch of wild and ruthless natives or would it be a herd of bison impeding our way on this dangerous trip to our destination. To stay out of trouble, we skirted the unruly and primitive hamlet of Sleepy Eye (Wellington) and continued north to a dirt track called CR66. Now headed east we could see the bluff we were looking for dead ahead. We followed the meandering rutted track across the parched and wind swept grassland until we saw it, the "Little House on the Prairie". Upon reaching the Graves Homestead, we circled the wagons to get final instructions from Coyote John and Deadeye Don.

Brian had done some work on the whoop-ti-doods and almost all that tried it early wound up looking like a turtle and had to be pulled off the first mound of dirt. As the day wore on, it got worn down to an easier challenge. He also made the big pit deeper. A lot of vehicles got



into the pit but couldn't make it out and had to have a tug. Coyote John made the trip in his Truggy a couple of times before he pretzeled his tie rod and had to retire for the Truggy for the rest of

the day. We borrowed the teeter totter from the Big T Four Wheelers and we of a couple of people being able to get it to balance. MTO provided the RTI ramp so that we could check our articulation. Troy has the Results printed elsewhere in the newsletter.



Dan and Tara set up a blindfold race which was a lot of fun. Don MacDonald along with his set of eyes, Deron Steenberg, aced the course in 3:06. The most time was turned in by Allen Birch at 14:56. Slow races were held through



the whole day. Those people with the crawlers had to be timed with a sun dial. The rock pile also took its toll as several got high centered and had to be tugged off the rocks via snatching strap. Just before lunch, it was time to blow up the Firebird that had been procured by the Paytons. Shane had drained all the oil and water from the vehicle and all morning Stephanie had been taking bets on how long the motor would last at full throttle before blowing. This year it was kind of anticlimactic as it only took 13 seconds before it seized. Corvette Dave guessed the closest and took home \$47.

At a little past noon we broke for lunch. Everybody headed a few blocks east to club member Teresa Shively's homestead to put on the ol' feedbag. Teresa and the Mueller family had already fired up the grills and had a bunch of brats and hotdogs, with all the fixings, waiting for us. Along with all the goodies brought by our members, we had a big feast and we even had a little left over. We spent over an hour filling our pie hole and talking about all the things we had done that morning. Bob P. had to skip lunch and nurse his

³FJ-40 home due to a leaky radiator hose.



Our belly's full, we headed back to the “Little House on the Prairie” for more fun. Our prospective new members, Randy and family set up a peanut gallery on top of the



H-2 to watch the fun. You could tell that the Hummer was a beach vehicle as you could set up 6 beach chairs perfectly on the roof rack.

We started to run over the Firebird. Several got stuck on it. One Cherokee's tow hooks got caught on the sheet metal and

it took quite awhile to free the jeep. Several turtled on top of the Firebird and had to be snatched off. At least no one pulled a Jessie this year and rolled their vehicle. We did hear that Dan M. messed up



his transfer case and rear drive shaft while playing on the wreck. When we were through playing, that Firebird was about half its normal height.

All in all, it was a great day for the Mountaineer family. We need to thank the Graves family for the use of their land and a big thanks to Teresa for hosting our pot luck in her shop. This event wouldn't be possible without the hard work of several club members. Thanks Coyote

John, Deadeye Don, the Venricks, Paytons and Muellers and all the rest of the volunteers who made it such a fun day. Now, what new games and obstacles can we come up with next year?

El Guapo



Guests at Last Meeting

Brian Grey
Randy Lofgren

New Member

Cody Kinnison #96



November Club Trip

Because there was a heated debate at the Board Meeting about where we could go for this months Club Trip, it will be announced at the Club Meeting. Please meet at the normal place. North Albertson's parking lot N. College Ave and Willox at 9 AM Sunday Nov. 21st.



Adopt-A-Highway

We have finished doing our highway cleanup for the year. A big thank you goes out to all the Mountaineers who gave up part of their Saturday morning to pick up other peoples trash. Our 2 miles of highway always looks clean thanks to your efforts. Mike and Bianca, thank you for providing and cooking a great blueberry pancake breakfast at your plantation after every cleanup. Your place is a fun and relaxing end for just an hours worth of work up the Poudre. Hopefully, we can do it again next year.

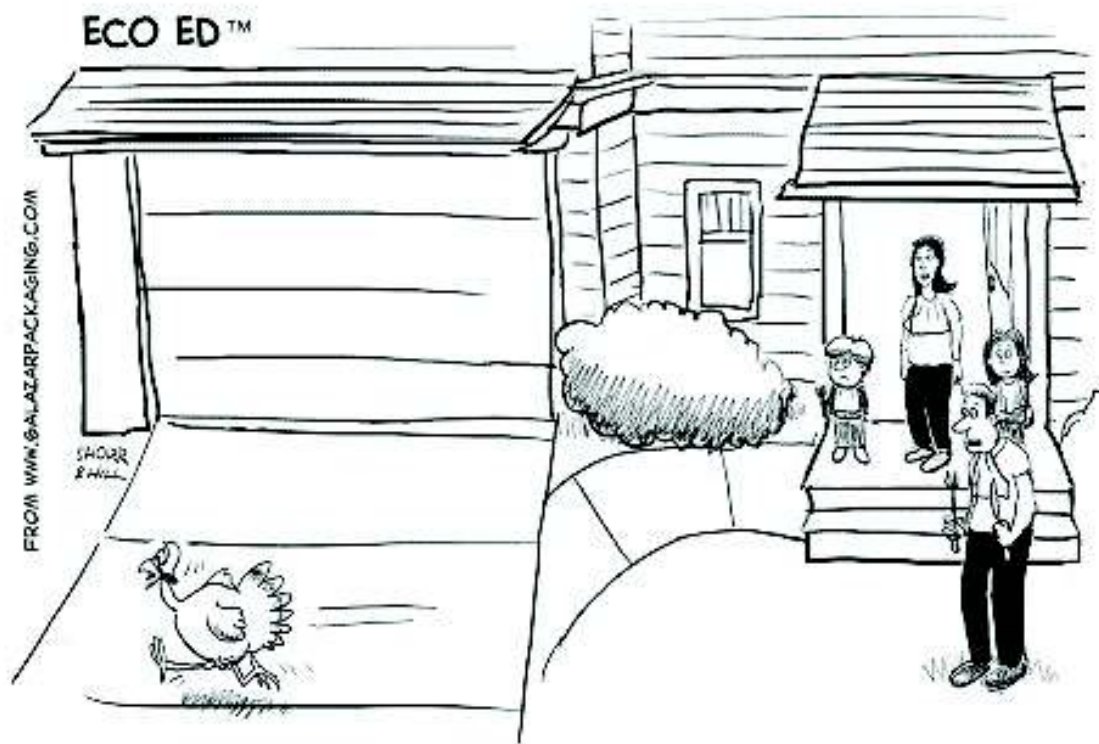


Ramp Travel Index

Name	Vehicle	Ramp Inches	Wheel base	RTI Rating
Randy Lofgren	H3 Hummer	33	112	294.64
Kevin B.	Toyota LandCruiser	40	112	357.14
Jay	Chevy Blazer	39	104.5	373.21
Bob Opdyke	Toyota Pickup	40	100	400.00
Brian Grey	Land Rover	41	100	410.00
Dave Piller	Wrangler	42	93	451.61
Bob Paul	FJ-40 Crusier	42	89	471.91
Allen Burch	Cherokee	47	99.5	472.36
Cal Hamner	Chevy Blazer	52	107	485.98
Connor	Cherokee	51	99.5	512.56
Dan Myer	Chevy Truck	69	133.5	516.85
Jake Adams	Toyota Pickup	59	109	541.28
Dave Oden	93 Wrangler	53	93	569.89
Brett Newton	Scout	59	102	578.43
Mike Golly	CJ 7	55	94	585.11
Ian Smith	Cherokee	58	99	585.86
Ray Taylor	Jeep JK	69	116	594.83
Shane Payton	Jeep Unlimited	62	102	607.84
Jessy Keller		62	101	613.86
Craig Stumbough	CJ 7	58.5	92	635.87
Dave Surface	FJ-40 Crusier	60	94	638.30
Scott Riley	Chevy Blazer	77	113	681.42
Ben Crue	YJ	67	92	728.26
Ted Miller	Comanche	83	106.5	779.34
Shane Payton	RC Rockcrawler	14	12.25	1142.86



I QUIT TO AVOID GETTING AXED.



I GUESS THIS IS THE CHANCE YOU TAKE WHEN YOU BUY A FREE RANGE TURKEY.



Members Rides

Name: Linda Castell

Unit Number: 51

Model: 2007 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon 4 Door

Engine: 3.8L

Transmission: 42RLE

Transfer Case: NV2410R

Front End: Dana 44 Factory Lockers

Rear End: Dana 44 Factory Lockers

Wheels/Tires: 32" BFG Mud Terrain, 17" Factory Wheels

Stock Springs: Factory

Brakes: Factory

Future projects: Front & Rear Bumpers



November 2010						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 G&M Helgeson	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 BOARD MEETING <i>Shane Payton</i>	9	10	11	12	13 Maren Marvin
14	15	16	17 CLUB MEETING	18	19	20 Jim Jansen
21 CLUB TRIP	22 Bob Opdyke Darwin Stengaard	23	24 Dick Jansen	25	26	27
28 Darlod Klein Dan Myers	29	30				

December 2010						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Sally Oden
5	6 BOARD MEETING <i>Troy White</i>	7 Christine Romero Adina DeWitt	8	9	10	11 R&J Marolf
12 Mike Braslich Cristal Opdyke	13	14 Matthew DeWitt	15 CLUB MEETING	16	17 Teresa Shively	18
19 CLUB TRIP	20	21	22 John Jansen	23 Bob Paul	24	25 Bruce Kemp
26	27 Kyle Eddy	28 Alice Mueller	29	30 Janine Bernard	31	

Board Meeting: Dec. 6 7:30pm Troy White
 Jan. 10 7:30pm To Be Announced
 Membership Meeting: Nov. 17 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Dec. 15 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: **Nov. 21 9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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