



January Club Trip

This month's trip will be depending on open roads. One thought is Long Draw the second is Cherokee Park. Come to the meeting and hear about the trip first hand. We will leave the Kings Soopers parking lot on north College and Willox promptly at 9am.

**Club Dues are due.
\$45**

**PayPal on the club website
is set up and ready. Visit**

www.mountaineers4x4.org

**Check Out Trails on:
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December Trip Report

Seven Mile

It was just three days before Christmas when 15 4WD vehicles showed up to spend the day frolicking in the snow on Seven Mile Creek. After a briefing on the days trip plan, we left Fort Collins parking lot promptly at 9:00 am. We convoyed up the Poudre Canyon and made the quick obligatory stop at Century Park before continuing to our turn off at Rustic. At the trailhead we stopped to air down.

On up the trail we went. At the first two icy creek crossings, we had to get used to dropping off the ice shelf into the creek bed and then a hard bump to climb out over an ice lip and still have enough momentum to get across the ice flow on the other side. The trail was covered by snow but had enough previous traffic that it was well packed. The trail was fairly easy this year compared with last year's Seven Mile trip where there was a lot of damage and carnage. Besides the nine creek crossings

Last Meeting

Was our fantastic Christmas party. Thank you to the events committee for putting it all together.

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we had to traverse, we also had a few ice flows to contend with along the way. When we got to the big meadow it was lunch time.

We must interrupt this trip report here to tell you a short story about what happened a few days before this trip. Stump Hill had not been opened by the Forest Service yet. Club member Joe H. made arrangements with Ranger Lenora to get a key to the gate on Stump Hill so he could go and open it up in time for the clubs Seven Mile trip. When Joe got to the gate, he found that someone had driven around the gate on the gulley side and went up the hill. Joe opened the gate and started up trail and found that the illegal interloper was stopped by a tree that had fallen and blocked the road. Joe winched the tree off to the side and continued to the top. When he got back down to the bottom, Joe used his winch again to block the area of the breach with some downed trees.

All during lunch, a few at a time would head off to try their luck on the newly opened Stump Hill Challenge. It was a sunny day and for a change we had no wind. Someone even brought along a grill to cook some good smelling brats. For desert Don passed out some of Sandy's tasty cookies and brownies. After lunch a few vehicles followed Cotton back down the trail while the majority of the group headed up towards Swamp Creek. It was a challenge just to get all the vehicles out of meadow. The road had a large drift just as we pulled out and it took some time to get all of us through it. Also, the whole way up to Swamp Creek was in deep snow that hadn't been packed down.

Up on top Joe checked out FSR-171 which would take us out to the ghost town of Manhattan. He said it had been plowed, so off we went. Joe didn't go far enough as the plowed road came to an abrupt stop and we had to turn around and try a different route. At the end Joe couldn't resist the temptation to jump over the large pile of plowed snow and try his luck in the virgin snow on the other side. He only made it about 15 feet



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before turning around in defeat. As he tried to get back over the large pile of snow, he got stuck and actually turtled his Jeep. It took 4 or 5 yanks on a strap before Don could free him.

As we all gathered together in the Swamp Creek clearing we noticed Don

and Joe working on Don's FJ-40 front end. It looked like the spring hanger had broken away from the frame. Field repairs were made by wrapping a chain tightly



around the spring and frame. We finally made it out to the Manhattan Road on FSR-171A. I shouldn't say all of us made it out as Don and Joe didn't follow the group close enough and they took FSR-171B which also goes to the Manhattan Road. They followed the plowed road all the way to the wrong side of a locked gate and had to backtrack to the correct road.

Even with the Chinese fire drill, we all had a fun day of wheeling with the Mountaineer family and friends.

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Craig came across five old Mountaineers License plates that were made by Jack Forney of Forney Industries. These plates are thick metal with a nice painted logo. They are estimated to be at least 40 years old, maybe 50.

We will be auctioning these plates, one per month, starting in January at the membership meetings. So come to a meeting and bring your cash!

January 2020

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| 5 Bobby Conley Haley Hergenrader D | 6 Wyvonne Stengaard | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
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- Feb 1** Our Gang Ice Racing - Week 2
 Feb 1 - Feb 2 · Our Gang Ice Racing - Georgetown Lak...
 Other · 207 people ★ Interested
- Feb 8** Our Gang Ice Racing - Week 3
 Feb 8 - Feb 9 · Our Gang Ice Racing - Georgetown La...
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- Feb 22** Our Gang Ice Racing - Week 4
 Feb 22 - Feb 23 · Our Gang Ice Racing - Georgetown ...
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Tuesday Car Show


2nd Tuesday of Each Month

Join us for Taco Tuesdays Car Show at the Taco Bell in Wellington 6pm.

Show off your ride.







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