



February Club Trip

This month's trip will be depending on open roads. Looking at Prairie Divide Road . 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

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January Trip Report

Upper Cherokee Park

Our newly elected trip planners had a plan to try a road that the club had never had a winter trip on. They checked the Forest Service web site to see if the Long Draw Road near Chambers Lake was open. The web site said it was open. The planners made arrangements to do their due diligence and check out the road. When they got there, the gate was open but there was a lot of snow to plow through. They made it about 4 feet past the gate before becoming high centered and having to be snatched out. It didn't take long to realize that it would be impossible to get a whole bunch of Mountaineers very far on this road. Back to the drawing board. Plan B was to see how far we could get into Upper Cherokee Park and possibly go on the Pratt Creek and Green Mountain Trails.

Straight up 9:00 am, a group of twelve Mountaineer and guest vehicles left the King Soopers parking lot and headed north out

Last Meeting

This was our first auction of the plates. Congrats to Cotton.

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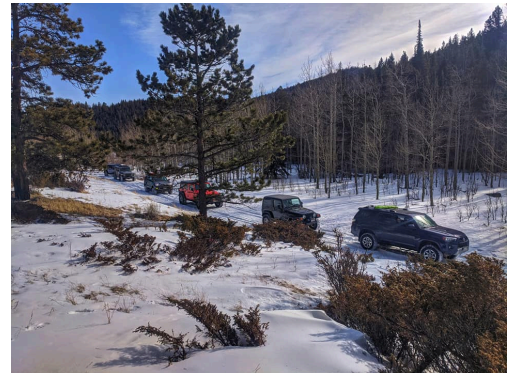
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of town. Up highway 287 we went. We stopped at the Cherokee Park Road (County Road 80C) to air down, hoping to make the dirt road

washboard more comfortable to drive on and to give us better traction in the snow. The lower part of the Cherokee Park was dry but that all changed when we got to the "Little Canyon" where we had to shift into 4 wheel drive as the shaded narrow canyon was iced up. From the top of the canyon, the road was plowed and it was an easy drive to the Pratt Creek trailhead.



Ready for a new adventure, up the trail we went. The consistency of the snow was like sugar, meaning that when you drove across it, it wouldn't pack down. As soon as we would come to a snow drift, the only way to get through it was to blast your way by keeping gas pedal against the firewall. Momentum and RPM was the requirement of the day. Some of the drifts were fairly long and even some of the best equipped rigs had to either winch or get a tug on the end of a snatch strap. We were thinking of how much Joe H. would enjoy this trip with his studded tractor tires.

At about two miles into this trail, we got into a long drift. The



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first few vehicles made it through and then it was Nick and Kelly's turn. Nick got a great run at the drift in his bright yellow Jeep named Bumble Bee. About half way through the drift he lost his momentum when his front axle broke and we had to winch the crippled Jeep the rest of the way through. We set about removing the broken axle so he wouldn't cause any more damage to the Jeep. One of the main principals of the club is to never leave a vehicle on the trail. We had to get the Bumble Bee back to the main road so that Nick could drive it home. On the way out we had to use the snatching straps and winches just as much as we did coming in. Of course, as Nick only had two wheel drive; it was slow going all the way to the trailhead.

We then broke into two groups, 8 going home and 4 were going to try the Prairie Divide Road and go home via Red Feather Lakes. As soon as the 2nd group turned

onto the Prairie Divide they met a vehicle coming out and they told us that there were very large drifts in the road and they thought that even though we were well equipped, we would have problems getting through. As we had seen enough drifts on this day, we thought that the better part of valor was to go home with the rest of the group. Even though our trip was somewhat shortened, it was another fun filled day of snow bashing with the Mountaineer family.



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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!



February 2020

SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30	FRI 31	SAT Feb 1
Justin Rannells	Karen Riley					Chris Mercer Kim Luiz First Day of Black His
2	3	4	5	6 Logan Carter Morgen Carter	7 Denver Nothnagel	8
9	10	11	12 Travis Kaderka	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 Cara Thoen
16 Michelle Opdyke	17 Presidents' Day (regi	18 Amber Yetter	19	20	21	22 Christopher Kappern
23 Jeremy Zamora	24 Lucca Schmierer	25 Colleen Stengaard	26	27	28 (29th) Jody Heidersc	29



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Nick & Kelly Pisica

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MEMBERS NAME & UNIT NUMBER: Nick Pisica 101

VEHICLE NICKNAME: BumbleBee

VEHICLE YEAR, MAKE AND MODEL: 1993 Jeep Wrangler 4J

ENGINE: 4.0 61

TRANSMISSION: AX15

TRANSFER CASE: 2313

FRONT END: DANA 30, DETROIT TRUSTRAC. 4.88

REAR END: FORD 8.8, DETROIT TRUSTRAC. 4.88

WHEELS AND TIRES: 35x12.5 R15

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2nd Tuesday of Each Month

**Join us for Taco Tuesdays Car Show at the Taco Bell in
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