



March Club Trip

This month's trip will be our sledding trip with chili lunch. You will need to bring a can of chili to add to the pot, \$5 cash for the parking fee at Happy Jack and of course your sleds. 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**

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February Trip Report

Prairie Divide Road

This winter's snow season has blessed the high country in northern Colorado with plenty of snow. The quandary facing our trip planners was where we could go and not have to turn around because of too much snow. After going up and checking out the Prairie Divide road, they came up with a plan. This road had been closed by Mother Nature for the last couple of months because the snow drifts on the road were too deep. Our intrepid trip planners decided it might be doable if we split the group half. One group would start snow bashing from the north end and the other from the south and meet somewhere in the

Last Meeting

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

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middle.

It was a good day to go four wheeling when we all met at the North College King Soopers parking lot. At the drivers meeting, we broke into two groups with 10 vehicles going up County Road 80C to the North end of Prairie Divide. The other group of 12 vehicles went to the south end via Red Feather Lakes. That group started bashing through the drifts with Darren Finger in his newly built 2005 Envoy Denali in the lead position. We don't know how many times we had to pull Darren back so that he could get a bigger run at it. Even though he broke open the drifts, almost everyone in this group had to be snatched or winched several times. That being the case, it was hurry up and wait type of day. At one point while we were all waiting, Nick Valentines son James sent up his drone to catch the action from above. He got some great shots that you can see on the clubs Facebook page, they are worth a gander. At one point Tim Palmer got ahold of the other group, found out their GPS location and determined that we were only one mile from each other. That information gave us the impetus keep going as we knew that Don had saved us some of Sandy's cookies.

The group that came in from the Cherokee Park road encountered the same conditions as the south group did. Their lead bashers were Dave Surface and Dan Venrick. They had to leave a guest Honda CRV at the first drift when the owner determined that it was too much for the little Honda to handle. They also got in a bunch of stuck that had to be either winched or strapped out. By the time the two groups got together, it

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was like old home week and everyone had some stories to tell.

Only four from the north group wanted to continue on to Red Feather Lakes. The big group went out via Cherokee Park road and picked up the Honda along the way. The four that headed south on the Prairie Divide Road were Dan Venrick, Dave Surface, Conner Bowlin and Ken Burnham, 3 Toyotas and one Jeep. They came across a Ford Pickup that was stuck in a drift and pulled him out. The Ford fell in line to continue on to Red Feather. Also during this trip, twelve year old Ben Venrick got some left seat time to hone his snow bashing skills in the family 4 Runner. While going through one of the rough drifts, Dave broke a transmission line and lost all of the tranny fluid. He had to be towed into Red Feathers on the end of a strap by Conner in his FJ. Luckily, the store in Red Feather had 4 quarts of tranny fluid on the shelf. Repairs were made and the fluid added and Dave made it home, safe and sound. By the way, to add insult to injury on Dave's day, he also had his old Warn 8274 winch clutch blow apart. This wasn't a good day for the old standby and normally reliable Warn 8274 as Don Maresh used up the motor on his 8274.

Just another fun filled day of wheeling 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!



March 2020

Mar 1 First Day of Women's	2 Patrick Burch	3 Brian Schmierer Super Tuesday (regio	4 Jeff Paben Laruen McFerran	5 Briley Zamora Hayden Lenderink Tasha Opdyke	6	7 Even Meyers Seleta Nothnagel
8 Daylight Saving Time	9	10 Arya Graves Kent Schmidt	11 Steven Donahoe Travis Golly	12 Antonia Saavedra	13	14
15 Darren Finger	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Josh Lietz Kelly Kapperman	20	21 Luke Manno
22 Bryce Delaney Lindsay Weegans Tammy Peterson	23	24 Allen Peterson	25	26 Lori Golly	27 Hannah Anderson Sheila Mueller	28 Conner McFerran Rosie Robinson
29 Robin Noehl	30 Craig Stumbough	31	Apr 1	2	3	4



Seven Mile work a special thanks to our members for jumping in and trying to block off the off trail pass.



Founder Bill Voss



Pictured is Wilber J. (Bill) Voss. Bill was one of the founders and charter member of the Mountaineers. He is wheeling his 1951 Henry J (Kaiser-Frazer), which was built on a Scout frame with a 455ci Buick power plant. Bill opened the first 4 Wheel Drive shop in Fort Collins called Bill's Jeep Center and later on he built the Harmony Filling Station Museum.



Congratulations Dan Venrick, Jason Richards,
Tonya Mercer, & Chris Mercer



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.



NOTHING LEFT BUT THE END!!

