



## April Club Trip

This month's trip has been canceled due to the stay at home order in place for Covid-19.

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

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

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## March Trip Report

### *Happy Jack*

It was a beautiful morning in the Fort when the Mountaineers and friends started to gather. In fact it was a perfect day for our annual trip the Happy Jack Recreation Area in Wyoming to go sledding and to cook up a giant pot of chili. There was only one problem with our plan; the whole country was in the beginning stages of the Covid19 pandemic.

We only had 8 vehicles show up for the fun day in the sun. The short convoy left at the appointed time and proceeded north on Highway 287. Before we got to Livermore, Craig gave us a little

## **Last Meeting**

This was presented by Mike on FaceBook live due to the Covid-19 orders not allowing groups to meet face to face.

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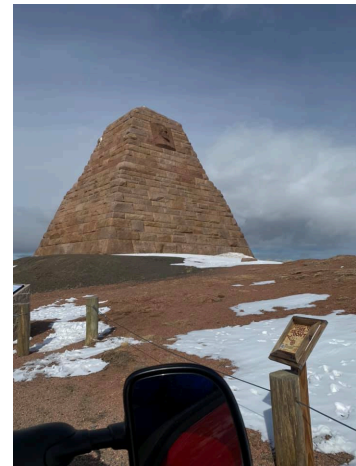
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history on the Greeley, Salt Lake and Pacific Railway that was being built along this route in the 1880's as well as a spur that ran from Fort Collins to the stone quarries in Stout. We were also following the Overland Stage route that was run by the Infamous Jack Slade. About 6 miles after we crossed the state line into Wyoming, we turned off onto the dirt Pumpkin Vine Road. After running a few miles across the prairie, we went through a very large culvert tunnel under the Union Pacific main line and then turned off onto the Monument Road. Before you knew it, we arrived at the Ames Monument which is a pyramid built in 1880-1882 which denotes the highest spot (8,247 feet) on the transcontinental railroad. It is also the location of the ghost town of Sherman. The next stop was the Lincoln Memorial Rest Area to take advantage of the heated and clean restrooms.



When we arrived at the Happy Jack Recreation Area, we busied ourselves unloading the various



sleds and tubes as well as some firewood. Before long the kids and adult kids were having a great time gliding down the old ski run. Meanwhile the Ricklefs built a fire

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and emptied the cans of chili into the big cooking pot and put the pot on over the fire. They also had brought a table and laid out all the chili fixin's



including a veggie tray, shredded cheese and Fritos. Shar brought a package Luke's favorite cookies to add to the table (there is more to that story that you will have to ask Luke about). All the kids went down the hill again and again but the hill wasn't reserved just for the kids. One big kid, Tim R., decided to take his plastic toboggan type sled down and used his hand to try to control himself. He ended up with a snow rash on his wrist. There was only one other casualty on the sledding hill, Shar grabbed her inflatable snow tube and trekked up the hill. The beginning of the run was quite normal...then about 2/3 of the way down the hill she must've passed over some sharp ice which in turn cut a 3" slice in the tube. Needless to say it deflated under her and that was the end of the run AND the tube. Nick and Kathy Pisica brought their two daughters who had a blast. After a while we looked up the hill and saw Nick and Kathy together on a sled speeding down the slope, laughing all the way!

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The fire was hot and welcomed by all who warmed their chilly parts, the hot food was great, and fun was had by all in attendance. A special thanks to Cindy for ramrodding this event and making it another glorious day with the Mountaineer family.

El Guapo with help from Luke





## April 2020

SUN 29	MON 30	TUE 31	WED Apr 1	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
Robin Noehl	Craig Stumbough					Cindy Ricklefs
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Camiren Meyers Christina Eddy Seth Schooler	Jason Derflinger		Scott Riley			Byron Noehl Randy Dacus
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Easter Sunday	Bob Schleppey Easter Monday				Samantha Lietz	Jim Dixon Rhea Tippmann
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Aaron Grubbs	Justin Treece			
26	27	28	29	30	May 1	2
	Dave Oden			Scott Stultz		Karlen Mueller



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!



*NOTHING LEFT BUT THE END!!*

