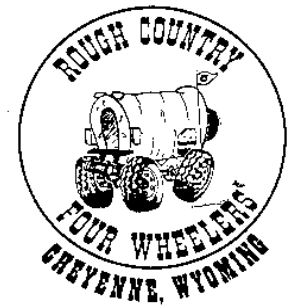


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EVENTS CALENDAR

Mark these dates on your calendar or hang this on the 'fridge

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| February 21 | Club Run: Bald Mtn. near Redfeather Lakes, CO Trip Leader: Marlon Seals
Meet 8:00 am @ McDonalds in Cheyenne. Leave at 8:15 am.
Meet others at the church in Redfeather Lakes @9:30 am. |
| February 28 | Awards/video Party: Dewey's house @6:00 pm.
Bring your own drinks and a dish to share. If you have any videos to watch bring them along. Past awards winners bring the awards to pass on to the new recipients. |
| March 21 | Club Run: Centennial Ridge in WY. Trip Leader: Paul Bickerton
Meet 8:30 am @ Foster in Laramie. Leave at 9:00 am. |
| April 25 | Club Run: Snowy Range in WY. Trip Leader: Dewey Williams |

RC4W NEWS

Feb 21st Marlon will lead the trip to Bald Mountain CO. This trip is always a great run and offers a challenge for everyone. Be sure your rig is ready and come on out for a good time. Bald Mtn. is a narrow uphill trail that almost offers all the challenge anyone could want in the snow. About half the trail can be done with smaller tire vehicles or full size trucks but after that you should plan to head back or be prepared to work your rig pretty good and bounce off some trees. There may be less snow up there than in previous years but because the trail is on the north side of the hill the snow stays well and it can get icy. Since it's downhill going back to the main road it's easy to get out.



Feb 28th will be the awards and video party at Dewey's house. If you have any video of past trips bring it along for everyone to enjoy. Marlon, Dewey, and George will be passing on the awards to the new recipients and it should be a great time for all. If you would like alcohol to drink you will need to bring your own. See you all there.



Memorial Day weekend (May 23rd - 25th) some of the club will be planning on going to the dunes near Cowdry. If you don't have other plans then head on out for the shenanigans that is Memorial Day at the dunes.....but don't plan on much sleep. 🏠



The Blind Chicken Races II will be held June 13th at the North Sand Hills, not June 6th as previously reported. While this may not be an official club trip, you won't want to miss the sand drags with the Christmas tree lights, blindfolded driver obstacle course race, and egg race. Come on out for the fun and the antics.



The weekend of July 18th will be a double-header club trip. On Sat we are going to do the Holy Cross City trail near Leadville. This is one of the most beautiful trails in CO and is just a good, fun, trail ride. On Sunday we will head over towards Buena Vista to do whatever trail people want to do. There are several trails down there including Chinaman, Iron Chest, and Carnage Canyon. You can read a bit about the trails at <http://www.4x4now.com/trlrpt.htm>

Anniversaries

Welcome our newest members, David and Linda Tedder. They sent in their dues in January, hope we see you at the meetings and on the trails soon.

If you have any trip reports, events, announcements, or if you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please let me know. As always, submit your pics to the web site to help keep it up to date and let the world know what we do.

Editor: Chris Ladd

Tales From the Trails



Walden Snow Bash '09

The annual January snow bashing run to the Sand Hills near Walden, Colorado is always a crowd pleaser and this year was no exception! In the 30-odd years that we have been doing this run I have never seen the weather that nice up there. It was incredible, dang near shirt-sleeve! Actually, for Marlon, it was! Everyone was red-faced by the end of the day. I about got blown off the Summit on the way over so I really wasn't expecting it to be much better at Walden. There was absolutely not a whisper of wind at the sand. A blazing warm sun and a cloudless blue sky topped it off. The scenery in North Park in the winter is already spectacular but add those conditions in and it was just doggone religious!



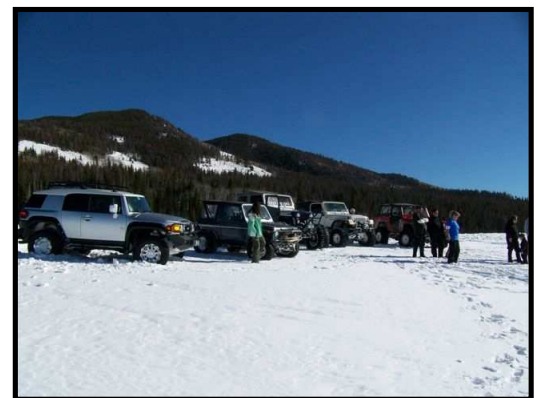
We had just 7 rigs, 8 if you count "Little Oats", for this awesome day of snow bashin' fun under the sun. There were also several ATV's, a built Yamaha Rhino and a snowmobile in our group. The Club has an unusually high number of rigs that are down for repairs/modifications at this point in time so our little group had to make up for it by having twice as much fun! The snow depth this year was a fraction of what last year's tough winter was. We were able to blast all over the whole area this year.

And blast we did! I'm pretty sure John NEVER took his foot out of the Bronco's firewall all day long! I think he must have had SEVERAL bowls of Wheaties for breakfast! With WAY too much sugar! Marlon's 630 horsepower Jeep was a snow punisher everywhere.



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Marlon Seals	1
John Stone	1
Dewey Williams	1
Rod Pepper	1
Paul Bickerton	1
Steve Wykoff	1
George Brook	0
Howard Segal	0
Joe Huston	0
Zach Martin	0
Taylor Olson	0
Chris Ladd	0
Craig Goble	0
Travis Kolbo	0
Brian Kubal	0
Scott Grimm	0
Richard Cisco	0
Jim Carter	0
David Kipf	0
Matt Romero	0
* Superday	
** Work trip	



The liberal usage of Loud pedal was on full display by everyone on this day and the scream of big V8 horsepower echoed throughout the entire area. But, it was the "little motors that could", that probably provided the most entertainment of the day.



Steve's Toyota FJ Cruiser must have thought it was a bird when he launched it off the top of the North Hill. Going UPHILL! There were FEET of air under the FJ. Oh, did I mention it has a supercharger on it? Steve really should get some kind of marketing royalties from Toyota for that stunt! Aaron's little 4 cyl. Suzuki Samurai on super wide Hoosier sprint car tires looked like a fat little water bug scooting around all over the place. It had about the same pounds per square inch on the snow as that of a tree leaf. Fun to watch!

But the deep snow was lurking for those with the kahones to just go for it. There wasn't a single rig that didn't get stuck at least once! Dewey, in his Mopar-powered Jeep on grooved Swampers, was the first to take the plunge into "The Creek". Thinking that trying to come out of The Creek was going to be the tough part, Dewey was understandably surprised when he got stuck going DOWNHILL into The Creek and then had to winch DOWNHILL! He then worked his way through the trees and 4 ft. of snow to the bottom of Deadman. Coming out of Deadman obviously wasn't going to happen! He then worked his way back down The Creek only to find that he was going to have to go out the same way he went in, on winch power! During this time the kids in the group were demonstrating to Dewey the proper way to "Do" The Creek.....on sleds!



Later in the afternoon we played over on the North side in the whoops. It was in between two of the whoops that Marlon found the nemeses to his 46" tires..... 50" of snow! Paul came to the rescue with his 37" Swamper-shod and supercharged TJ and winched Marlon's Jeep out of 4 very large holes.

It was while we were playing in the whoops that I went for a ride in Steve's FJ. Now I understand why they call it the "Toboggan". The undercarriage is skid-plated front to rear.

With the hammer down in 5th gear and 'tached out, it felt just like a toboggan going over the whoops and through the snow. Oh, did I mention it also has coilovers on it? What a hoot!

That same beautiful, blazing sun was just starting to set over the Rocky Mountains as we pulled onto the highway, headed for Laramie and a date at Wingers. The grins were still etched into our faces as we sat down to dinner and recounted the day's adventures. There ain't no such thing as too much fun!



Ride 'Till Ya Can't !
Rod



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