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## EVENTS CALENDAR

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

March 21	<b>Club Run:</b> Woods Landing in WY. <b>Trip Leader:</b> Dewey Williams Meet 8:30 am @ Foster in Laramie. Leave at 9:00 am.
April 1	<b>Club Run:</b> Lagrange KY. <b>Trip Leader:</b> Rod Pepper
April 4 -12	<b>Easter Jeep Safari:</b> Moab, UT <b>Contact Person:</b> Marlon Seals
April 7	<b>Club meeting:</b> 7:45 pm at Uncle Charlie's, upstairs meeting room. 6001 Yellowstone Rd, Cheyenne
April 25	<b>Club Run:</b> Snowy Range in WY. <b>Trip Leader:</b> Dewey Williams Meet 8:30 am @ Foster in Laramie. Leave at 9:00 am.
May 5	<b>Club meeting:</b> 7:45 pm at Uncle Charlie's, upstairs meeting room. 6001 Yellowstone Rd, Cheyenne
June 19-21	<b>Lander Wyoming Trip:</b> <b>Contact Person:</b> Rod Pepper



## RC4W NEWS

Feb 28<sup>th</sup> was the awards and video party at Dewey's house. It was a great success with 23 people showing up and we had a great time. We watched some great videos from Rod, Christina, and myself and handed out awards to their new owners. Thanks to everyone for showing up and making this party a great time. Looking forward to the next one.



### Anniversaries

Rod Pepper - 03/1977

Brian & Kristy Kubal - 03/1999

Steve Wykoff - 03/2000

Travis Kolbo - 03/2008

### Welcome our newest member

Aaron Lenz

Memorial Day weekend (May 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>) 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 13<sup>th</sup> at the North Sand Hills, not June 6<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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>

## **Classifieds**

Kent Martin 214-9821

4 Super Swamper TSL 39.5x15.5x15, 75% or more tread. \$500.00

Joe Huston 307-421-9548

Need 36" - 38" tires and/or GM 10"x15" or 10"x16" 8-lug wheels

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



## Bald Mountain 02/21/2009

Saturday morning came and I rolled lazily out of bed, nobody was in a big hurry to get up to the trail because all the reports from people said there wasn't and snow on the ground in Redfeather Lakes. We figured it would be a quick day up



the trail where we would find a bit of snow at the top and we be back early in the afternoon..... Boy were we wrong.



A friend of mine, Andy Heyd, met me at my house and we rode in his Samurai to Steve's shop. There I hopped in with Steve, since it had a better heater, and we continued to McDonalds to meet the rest of the

Colorado crew in Loveland. After some grub we headed out for the hills. Marlon/Christina Seals towing their white monster CJ, Paul Bickerton towing his white TJ, John Stone towing the infamous red Bronco, Andy Heyd driving his 1.6L fuel injection powered Samurai, and Steve Wykoff towing his yellow 73 CJ made up our motley little caravan.

We met the Wyoming crew at the church in Redfeather Lakes, they consisted of Dewey Williams and his blue/red CJuggy, Howard Segal and The Watchman, Eric/BJ/Abbey Brown in their white CJ, and Mike/Krissy Jacob driving their gray JK. After unloading trailers and airing down tires we headed up the road to the trailhead. It had snowed a few inches the night before



## 2009

Marlon Seals	2
John Stone	2
Dewey Williams	2
Paul Bickerton	2
Steve Wykoff	2
Rod Pepper	1
Howard Segal	1
George Brook	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
Matt Romero	0

\* Superday

\*\* Work trip

so there was a thin layer of new snow but not enough to make us too excited about having to work at getting up the trail.



We reached the trailhead, locked in the hubs and headed out into some small 1-2 ft drifts. This seemed like fun so we all blasted down the trail having a good time. About a mile in all that came to an end, but in a good way. We started getting into 3ft deep sugar snow and some big drifts. The big rigs were up front but since nothing would pack they weren't helping out the smaller rigs much. Everyone was working hard to make progress today. Steve's poor 35 year old AMC 304 was working for all it was worth as the tach showed 7000+ rpm; it

never missed a beat and never got hot though. Dang those old Jeeps were fun. Andy pulled up to show us what the Mighty Mouse Samurai was made of and it was impressive. That little Sidekick motor sounded like a streetbike as Andy held it at about 6000rpm and blasted his way through the drifts. It took everyone at least a couple tries and more than a couple straps but after an hour or so everyone got through the first drift.



At the next drift Mike and Krissy got the JK buried despite a valiant high speed attempt at the ruts, so we hooked up a strap to Howard's Watchman. Howard hit the end of the strap with a reasonable amount of momentum and his YJ came to a dead stop. We didn't even see the JK move! After some progressively more aggressive tugs on the strap Howard freed the JK but it truly surprised us how heavy the newer Jeeps are.

We continued up the trail and the snow continued to get deeper. The sun was shining and it was a beautiful day so nobody was complaining about the slow progress. The sun was helping too as it was making the snow a bit more packable and we were able to get a few more feet per gallon. Our next obstacle lie ahead in the form of a 5ft drift that would take us hours to get everyone winched through. As the back of the group



caught up to the front we realized that Marlin had broken a hub in the monster and was ready to call it a day. Marlon told John to give it a try and John said something to the tune of "I'm not beating my head against that wall!". At this point we hadn't even gone halfway through the trail, the tough parts of Bald still lie far beyond our reach. So we turned around at about 3pm, beaten by Bald Mountain but oh so ready to go back and try our luck again.

On the drive home the Brown's had a flat on their trailer. We tried to match one up with the other trailers in the group but had no luck. BJ drove the truck in to get a new tire, we hope all ended well for you guys.

Till next time; and make sure you don't believe everything you hear.....😬

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