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## EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Dec 19	<b>Club Trip:</b> Bald Mtn, CO <b>Trip Leader:</b> John Stone; Snowbashing Trip!! Meet 8:30 am @ The Forks on Hwy. 287.
Jan 5	<b>Club meeting:</b> 7:45 pm at Uncle Charlie's, upstairs meeting room. 6001 Yellowstone Rd, Cheyenne: <i>Dues for 2010 due.</i>
Jan 16	<b>Club Run:</b> North Sand Hills near Cowdry, CO <b>Trip Leader:</b> Brian Kubal Meet 10:00 am @ the bathrooms on the North side of the dunes.

If that hat would'a said Ford we wouldn't be lost..... 🇺🇸



## *RC4W NEWS*

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- Club Dues: Dues will need to be paid by the close of the January meeting but you can pay earlier so you don't forget or spend the money on presents.

### *Anniversaries:*

Richard Cisco 12/1990

Congratulations!!

November 14<sup>th</sup> was the Classic Chevys Christmas Toy Cruise for kids. We had three members participate; Joe Huston, Rod Pepper, and Dewey Williams. Way to represent for a good cause guys!!!



We had a great turnout for the Christmas party this year. 21 members and family showed up for good food and good company. Thanks to everyone that came out and be sure to check out Rod's article on the web site.



Will has added a videos page to the website so be sure and check them out. Get some videos made, put them on YouTube, and send the link to Will so he can post it up.

The December run will be to Bald Mtn. I was up there cutting a Christmas tree and the snow is really good so come prepared for a great time. Cheyenne folks meet at the Cheyenne McDonalds, I-25 and College Drive at 7:00 AM. Leave at 7:30 AM. Then meet at The Forks (Hwy287 and Co Rd 74E ) at 8:30 AM. Sean lives right on the way and has invited everyone to his place after the run for a BBQ and bonfire. Bring your own food to grill and if you want, you can drop it off at his place on the way up the road so you don't have to carry it.



January 16th is going to be the annual fun-fest we call the Walden trip and Brian Kubal will be our fearless leader. Cheyenne folks can meet at the Cheyenne McDonalds, I-25 and College Drive at 7:30 AM. If yer coming from anywhere else you can meet at Fosters, I-80 and Snowy Range exit in Laramie at 8:30 AM, or at the bathrooms on the North end of the dunes at 10:00 AM. Don't miss it!!!!



# Tales From the Trails



## The Bow River Romp!

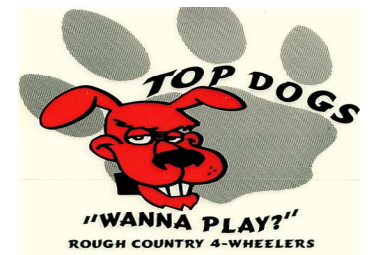
On November 21, 2009, 14 Club members and 2 guests, a total of 29 fun-seeking souls, in 13 rigs made the annual pilgrimage to Arlington, Wyoming for the traditional first snow bashing run of the year. We had clear, dry highways and beautiful weather for this year's run. Our destination was



the many roads and trails of the Medicine Bow River drainages in the Northern Snowy Range. RC4W members on this run were; Dewey Williams, Eric Brown, Scott Grimm, Joe Huston, Brian Kubal, Paul Bickerton, John Stone, Aaron Lenz, Howard Segal, Mike Jacob, Rod Pepper, Taylor Olsen, Chris Ladd and Sean Murphy. Our guests were Andy Heyd in his Suzuki Samurai and Carl Scott in his Jeep Cherokee.

This year we moved our off-load area farther up the road into a nice tree-protected open area. This is where the first casualty of the day occurred. While Aaron's Samurai was warming up ON THE TRAILER, it broke a timing belt! He was the only one, at the end of the day, to still have a full tank of gas! Since I had an empty seat, Aaron jumped in with me. I thought, "Cool, my very own personal shovel operator, cable dragger, communications (CB) director and gauge watcher!" All I had to do was drive fast and dodge trees!

The first few miles were uneventful. The snow was only about a foot deep. We just cruised in high range. At the Bow River turn off we pointed the hoods toward the high country and the big snow. Time for low range and high RPM's! But, not before an unusual break occurred on Brian's Jeep, "Ugly Betty". The gear shift stick broke (manual transmission!) We maneuvered his Jeep up next to my on-board welder and frazzed it up but



### 2009

Dewey Williams	9	**
Joe Huston	1	**
Brian Kubal	2	**
Scott Grimm	3	**
Eric Brown	3	**
Marlon Seals	6	
John Stone	5	
Paul Bickerton	5	
Aaron Lenz	5	
Howard Segal	4	
Steve Wykoff	4	
Mike Jacob	4	
Lenny Golding	4	
George Brook	3	
Rod Pepper	3	
Taylor Olson	2	
Zach Martin	1	
Travis Kolbo	1	
Chris Ladd	0	
Craig Goble	0	
Richard Cisco	0	
Jim Carter	0	
Matt Romero	0	
Sean Murphy	0	
David Tedder	0	

\* Superday

\*\* Work trip

apparently didn't get a good "Scald" on it. It broke again shortly afterwards. We then dragged some scrap steel out of my welding bag and frazzed that sucker up to the level befitting that of the "Ugly Betty" image! It didn't break again!



The snow got progressively deeper as we gained altitude and the group started

getting spread out. Everyone's engines and transmissions were taking a beating from the heat being generated by tougher than normal snow conditions. We were on the rev-limiter ALL day long. There was about an 8 in. crust on top of a couple feet of unpackable granular snow which was on top of a foot or two of old hardpack. The snow was also very different where the sun hit it and where it was

shaded. In the sunny spots we could really hookup, float and accelerate. In the shaded areas it would slow us way down again!

We made it about 12-13 miles before turning around. The last mile or so saw most of the group turning around. John, Paul and I just had to have a go at the last section, a steep, uphill switchback with 4 ft. of snow on the level and a BIG drop-off. After that slugfest we were all on rationed fuel and forced to turn around. Every inch of forward progress had become a battle. It was dark by the time we got back to the Sand Lake turnoff. But, we weren't done! Out of the darkness came a plethora of big, bright, off road lights. Yes, it was the infamous "Ride in the Dark Gang"! Not yet quite ready to stop having fun!

As everyone else headed for the trailers, Dewey, John, Paul and I roared off into the night towards Sand Lake to extract every last ounce of fun we could out of an outstanding day of snowbashing. We played until we had just barely enough gas to make it back to the trailers. About half of us met up again for dinner at Wingers in Laramie where our 15 hungry souls took over most of their back room! What a day! "Viva RC4W"!

Ride 'Till Ya Can't,  
Rod

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. A special thanks to those that have helped me with trip reports this year since my Bronc is still down and I have not been able make the runs. Editor: Chris Ladd