

Cruisin' Colorado

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Colorado Land Cruisers is a four-wheel drive club based out of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and sanctioned by [Toyota Land Cruisers Association](#). We are organized to bring together Toyota owning families and individuals interested in exploring Colorado four wheel drive trails.

Presidents Notes:

The 21st century is finally here! Yup, 2001. No more will we hear the alleged purists telling us that the new millennium isn't here yet. Happy New Year!

I was looking at a new 2001 4WD magazine last week while at the grocery store, and saw several pictures of new 4WD vehicles. They have names like 'Dodge Maxx Cab', 'Jeep Varsity', 'Jeep Liberty', one by GM named 'Aztec', and yes they look new and different and will take us into the 21st century. Are they really pleasing to look at? I have my opinion. It may be different from yours. I did see an article about a new DOC 4.2L I6 GM is developing for its next generation of 4WD grocery getters, (SUV's). And with 270 hp, 275 ft lbs torque in street form and 600 hp 450 lbs torque in racing form, it looks impressive. The new designs are going to IFS, for a better SUV ride. One magazine had a story about the new Jeep Liberty, with IFS, coil springs, tackling Rubicon, stock tires and all. I wonder when we will see one on Blanca, I mean at Crater Lake? Parked in my driveway, is my white FJ40. Is it aesthetically pleasing to the eye? You bet it is. It is a functional design, built for a purpose and not to meet a marketing goal. It isn't a SUV, thank you! It's a FJ40 built for a higher calling. As a friend of mine from work put it, "Its how Santa gets to work". I like the Specter sticker, 'Drive a Legend, Drive a Land Cruiser'. (If this were 100 years ago, I would probably look at the 1901 Oldsmobile 'Curved Dash' with disdain, and fondly look at a Studebaker covered wagon.)

I want to thank all CLC members for their help with club functions this past year. Your contributions have helped our club grow. I know CLC can look forward to your continued support in this New Year. CLC elections are here. January 16th our next meeting is election time. No dimpled chad, no machines, just vote for the clubs new slate of officers. Consider taking an active role in the running of your club. If you haven't already, consider running for one of the elected offices.

Remember to enjoy four wheeling here in Colorado. Keep the shiny side up, and if the trail you're on doesn't have a white arrow marking it, you can't be on it.

~Darryl~

Christmas Tree Trip Report:

By Kendall Carlton

This was the first Christmas Tree run I have been on with the CLC. This run is a volunteer effort for the Pike National Forest Service. The Forest Service provided radios, extra batteries, and a couple of magnetic signs for our vehicles. At the checkpoint the Forest Service had a trailer set up, Porta-

poties, and best of all Smokey the Bear. The 4H kids were selling Hot Chili for \$1 a cup.

On Dec 2nd, Andy, Darryl, and I checked in and started patrolling the roads. There wasn't much snow on the roads so we knew there would not be many people getting stuck. We went to a long unplowed hill to climb. It took a while to get started since Darryl was not able to get his FJ40 to go into 4 wheel drive. After Darryl attempted several times, Andy tried it and it went right into 4-wheel drive. Darryl was trying to shift it like his F-250, wrong shift pattern ☺. We drove some of the main roads and went back to the checkpoint for lunch. We knew the 4H kids had hot chili there and did not want to miss it. Darryl smelled the chili it from miles away ☺. After lunch, the Forest Service called and said they had a stuck for us. It was a stock Jeep stuck on a hill. Andy winched it out.



On Dec 10th, David and I were checking in with the Forest Service when Robert's FJ80 arrived. We began patrolling the roads and ended up on a couple of trails that looked like ATV trails, so we headed back. We were just turning onto a side road when Charlie arrived. A Ford F250 slid off the road and was stuck. Alright!!! something to do. We broke out David's winch and pulled him out and continued on. Charlie left after lunch and David and I continued on. We headed back to the checkpoint and when home. I had a great time doing this and will do it again next year. There was not much snow, but it was a great thing to do. Being there for people and giving your time is what the holiday season is all about.

Rally Event Planning meeting: There will be a Rally Event Planning Meeting on Wednesday, January 10th at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at the usual village inn location. Anyone interested in helping with this rally event is encouraged to attend this meeting. The regular club meeting will still be held at the usual time and location on January 16, 2001.

Christmas for Kids Report:

By Rod Timby

The Christmas for kids run was great success. There was over 85 4X4's. 225 kids were sponsored and over \$7500 was raised for the needy in El Paso county. This was a great way to have

Upcoming Events:

Parts for Sale:

(Contact me if you want to place an ad in the CLC newsletter)

Upcoming Meeting Location: Our 16 January meeting will be at the Village Inn at S. Circle and I-25. Begins at 730 PM

Wanted: News Articles, *Trip reports (200 words or less)*. Pictures of your cruiser with small spec sheet (Digital or Photographs) Cartoons. All original photographs will be returned.

T-shirts: If you would like to get a CLC T-shirt, please see Vicki at the next meeting.

fun, see some awesome 4X4's while helping people.

Take an active role in your club: The CLC is looking for club members to come forward and become executive officers. All positions will be voted on at the January meeting. No recounts, no dimples, no chads. Please be present to make your voice known.

Liberty Toyota North - Parts: When you need parts, don't forget you can shop at Liberty Toyota and get great deals on parts. See Charlie, Parts Manager, and tell him you are a CLC member and he will give you the best discount he can.

Have a Safe and Happy New Year!

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