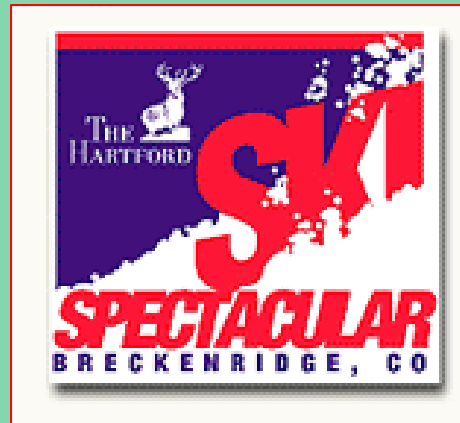


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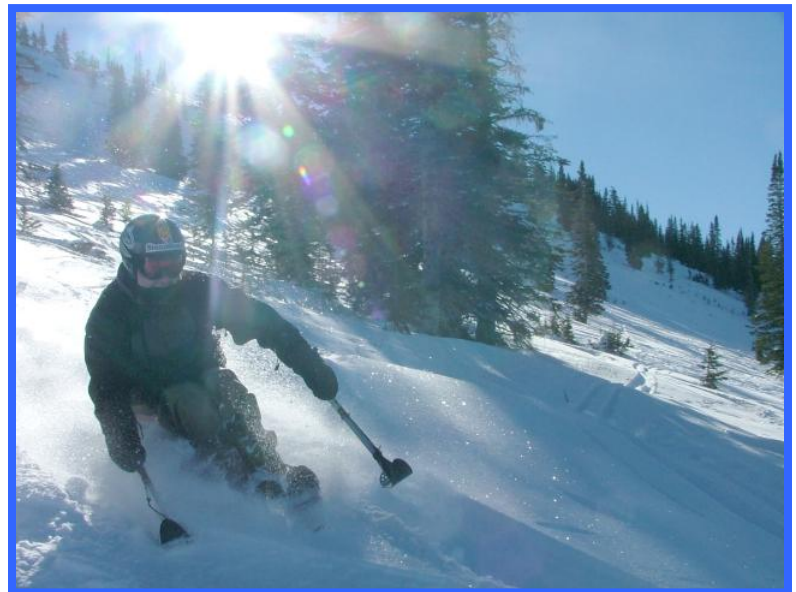
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Craig skiing Storm Face on Black Friday

Read Andy's weekly [Straight Talk](#) report on Tuesday's: over 40,000 subscribers receive this emailed text and photo of the day of Steamboat Ski Area's conditions and snow report!

UPDATES FROM ACCESS ANYTHING

Call for Resource List

Access Anything: I Can Do That is coming up on its final deadline for copy, January 1. This book is an all-encompassing book on adaptive sports, offering information and photos on nearly 50 sports and how to adapt them. It will also offer a motivational section that will include 6-10 interviews of the weekly *I Can Do That* interview series. For this book we have amassed a huge and growing list of international and US adaptive recreation programs, activity providers, equipment, magazine and publications, and individual agencies under each adaptive sport as well. So far this six-page list is impressive, but to make sure to include everyone, please continue to send us your links and ideas so we can put them into this next book, to be released late 2005 or early 2006. See our [links page](#) online for a start of what we've got included.

Thank you so much for all your help with this, without our readers, we would be nowhere. You all help us so much by sending in your clippings, emailing links and stories, and we appreciate it greatly! Keep up the good work!

- Andy & Craig



NEW Updates

We are compiling updates for the next edition of AA: Colorado. If you have any suggestions, new accessibility information, or find any errors in our access reports, please email us your additions to the upcoming updates page! These updates will be posted online until the next edition goes to print!



Please make a note of the following update:

Pg. 49 The new Steamboat Adaptive supervisor is now Jim Hillmuth, contacted by email at jhillmuth@steamboat.com or by calling 970-879-6111.

Steamboat Ski Area is now open and its adaptive program is looking for an expansion this season to include advanced monoski lessons and a new Buddy System, as well as a local's program for children with disabilities. For more information on Steamboat Adaptive and its upcoming changes, [contact us!](#)



THIS MONTH ON *I CAN DO THAT!*

Wednesdays at 1pm MST

To Listen: [sign up online](#) to receive the call-in # and passcode!

December 14

[ERIK WEIHENMAYER – TOUCH THE TOP](#)

Blind since the age of 13, Erik has spent most of his life in the dark! But it's his years in the dark that have been the most meaningful and the most fun. After a rare retinal disease took his eyesight, he spent many years following his father up and down mountains all over the world. With nothing more than trust and a bell to guide him, he has accomplished some of the most amazing feats on record. Besides being an accomplished paraglider and skier, and being the first blind person to climb the 3,300-foot granite face of El Capitan, Erik made history in 2001 when he became the first blind man to stand on the top of Mount Everest, the highest point in the world! Erik's Go Anywhere, Do Anything™ attitude and his refusal to let his blindness interfere with his love for adventure and life are perfect examples why "one does not have to have perfect eyesight to have extraordinary vision." He is also a sought after speaker on the topics of overcoming life's challenges, the importance of teamwork, and the daily struggle to pursue your dreams. Think about what Erik has accomplished the next time you don't think you can do something!

December 21

[DR. GROVER EVANS – DISABILITY LEADERSHIP](#)

Dr. Grover Evans is living proof that hard work and dedication are the keys to living a full and meaningful life. Injured in a car accident, he has been a quadriplegic for almost 30 years and has accomplished more since his accident than most people do in a lifetime. He is a National and international champion in swimming, holding three world records, one paralympic record, and 15 American records, and was named "Swimmer of the Year" at the 32nd National Wheelchair Championships in Barcelona, Spain. Dr. Evans is also a motivational speaker on the topics of nutrition, health education, goal setting, self-esteem, diversity and drug abuse, as well as an educator, business consultant, and strong voice for all people with disabilities.

December 28

[JENNIFER SIEGLE – MS WHEELCHAIR COLORADO 2004](#)

Paralyzed at the C4/C5 level at just 9 months old from a rare virus called Transverse Myelitis, Jenny has never known what it is like to walk, run, or do any of the things that most people take for granted as they grow and mature into young adults. For several years she was immobile from the neck down, but with years of hard work and unrelenting determination, and the constant, loving support of her family, she has overcome incredible odds and regained partial use of her upper body and hands. Sports have been her passion from a very young age and have led her to such accomplishments as team manager for a women's college basketball team and sponsored athlete at the National Sports Center for the Disabled, the largest adaptive sports program in the world, at Winter Park, Colorado. She recently graduated from the University of Northern Colorado at Greeley with a degree in Journalism and Mass Communications with a minor in Speech Communication, and has plans to attend the Broadcast Journalism School at Syracuse University. Her dream: to become a sports reporter and anchor. Her goal: to reach the younger generation and positively change their image of people in wheelchairs and what they can accomplish.

See Calendar of Events for future *I CAN DO THAT!* Guests! (Pg. 7)

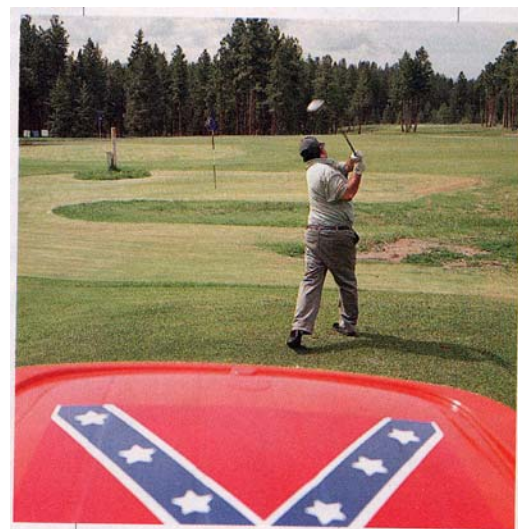
Monthly Travel Tip –

John's Golf Course

If you're in Montana and looking for a golf course that won't hassle you about your pace of play, that doesn't have green fees, and welcomes all disabilities with open arms, doesn't jeopardize the game's integrity, there is a unique course in Eureka, Montana waiting for you.

Designed by a father/son team after a not-so-welcoming game of golf at another course, the Espinoza family knows what acceptance is all about. Of course anyone diving head-first into the business of owning their own course will go through the trials of success and error, but after 11 years in the business and generous contributions from a variety of companies and individuals, John's Golf Course is not only a successful course, but a success story altogether.

John Espinoza was born with Cornelia de Lange Syndrome, a rare genetic congenital disorder that affects physical and mental abilities. John's father, Steve Espinoza, is a disabled Vietnam veteran. The two have operated their 12-hole, par-39 backyard course since 1994. For more information on the Espinoza's and John's Golf Course, visit www.johnsgolfcourse.com.



If you have any suggestions you'd like to see in our Monthly Travel Tips, please send them to info@accessanything.net.

Recommended Links

[Free Catheters](#)

[Emergency Travel Preparation for People with Disabilities](#)

Recommended Reading

[Why service animals get such bad press...](#)

IF YOU HAVEN'T PURCHASED YOUR COPY OF ACCESS ANYTHING, ORDER IT NOW [ONLINE!](#)

Access Anything's Calendar of Events

2005

DECEMBER

12/3 – REI Book signing, Fort Collins, Colorado
4025 S College Ave; 11am-12pm

12/5-9 – [Hartford Ski Spectacular](#) in Breckenridge, Colorado

12/10 – REI Book Signings:
1416 Platte St, Denver; 12pm-1pm
1376 E Woodmen Rd; 3pm-4pm

2006

JANUARY

1/11-16 – [SATH World Congress](#); Access Anything will be hosting a booth at this annual expo!

MARCH

3/10-17 – [Paralympics](#) in Torino, Italy

3/10-14 – 1st Annual all mountain **Steamboat Adaptive Ski Camp**
Look for information in our next newsletter

APRIL

4/8 - [Scott Remington](#) Annual Fundraiser for Spinal Cord Research and The Christopher Reeve Foundation, Brant Lake, NY

UPCOMING
I CAN DO THAT DATES:

12/14 - [Eric Weihenmayer](#)

12/21 – Grover Evans

12/28- [Jenny Siegle](#)

Eight interviews in this series will appear in [Access Anything: I Can Do That](#), to be released in the fall of 2006. This book will also offer an informational section on all adaptive sports and gear.

I Can Do That series will continue fortnightly on Wednesdays in 2006

Access Anything in the News!

Access Anything appeared on **Denver's Channel 7 News (KMGH TV)** on Monday, November 14th in an interview with [Bertha Lynn](#). This appearance will be posted sometime this month on AccessAnything.net

"[A Ride Up](#)" article appeared in **Steamboat Magazine**, Winter 2005, on the new accessible Gondola Car by Access Anything and photo of Craig Kennedy in the car.

Access Anything Review: November 20, 2005 [Anchorage Daily News](#), **Travel Digest** (summary only)

Access Anything Review: November 6, 2005 [Denver Post](#), **Regional Non Fiction** (summary only)

Access Anything Review: November 2005, [Family Motor Coaching](#), **RV News & Notes** (summary only)