

Climbing Mount Evans

By Richard 'Bingo' Cosby

I was visiting my son in Colorado in July and he and I climbed to the very top of Mount Evans - near Idaho Springs Colorado. I had him video tape me standing next to the sign that said: "Mt. Evans - 14,264 Ft. Elev." with nothing in the background but other snow capped mountains. It was an awesome view - and it was an awesome video tape!

I came back to Wisconsin and I showed that tape to a few friends. They all wondered how I got to the top! They asked: "How did you get up there? You didn't climb that mountain at YOUR AGE - or DID YOU?"

That's when I would say: "I'll swear on a stack of bibles that I climbed to the very top of that mountain!" Then I would add: "You know I couldn't afford to hire a helicopter to set me down up there!" They would then believe me. I am in good shape for an 83 year old man!

In case you don't know about Mt. Evans - it has the highest paved road in the world - going up to a parking lot at about the 14,150 foot elevation! Of course when we made that video tape of me standing on the very top of that mountain - we just didn't include the parking lot in the video!

But I did climb to the very top! I just didn't tell them that it was from the parking lot!

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