
MOUNTAIN-EARS

LARIMER COUNTY FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

January Club Trip

This month's trip will be to Cherokee Park, we will try to make it all the way to Tie Siding.

Please meet at the North King Soopers Wilox and North College. We will leave at 9:00am Sunday January 25th.



December Trip Report

December 21, 2014 started out looking like it was going to be a good day with fair weather when the Mountaineers and guests began to meet at the regular meeting location. With two members already on their way up the Canyon the other 11 left from North Fort Collins to begin our days

Guests at Last Meeting

Kevin Lewis

Steve & Judy Claus

David LeDeaux

adventure to Crown Point Road in hopes of making it all the way through and even making our nemesis “Black Hollow”, as it seems we can never make it any further than the entrance of Black Hollow.



As the convoy started up Poudre Canyon there was not much activity, but could see signs of small amounts of snow around as we gained elevation. As we drove past the entrance to Kelly Flats we seen Jake Thoen and the Trusty Orange Bronco unloading to join us in the adventure. As we turned off of Poudre Canyon onto Pingree Park Road we began to see more signs of snow and the wind began to pick up. We had reached the turn off for Crown Point to find our other member Kyle Eddy unloading his almost trusty Scout from

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its trailer.

After a quick stop to let everyone air down and lock in the hubs, we started up Crown Point being led by our Club President Jim. For the first couple miles we were beginning to wonder if we would be able to find any challenge in the days trip, as there was minimal snow with the occasional 4-6 inch deep drift.

As we passed Salt Cabin Trail the snow began to get deeper and deeper. We had the advantage of having one member along with us that was just up there 2 weeks prior (Don Maresh), that informed us that there was definitely more snow than there was on his last trip. Once we



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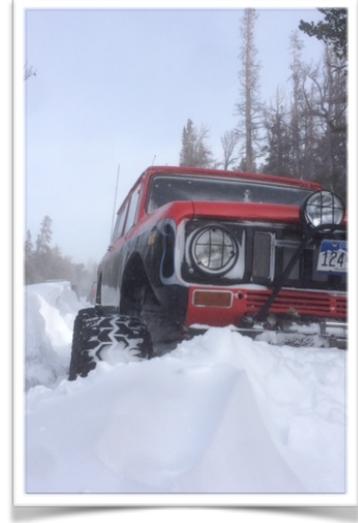
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started to get closer to Black Hollow and the snow was getting even deeper our Trail Leader was having to make his way through the original 12 inches of snow as well as the fresh 6-8 inches that had fallen.



As we approached Black Hollow and rounded the corner it was realized we most likely would not be making it any further yet again. The drifts at Black Hollow and beyond we already reaching 3-5 feet in depth and went for as far as one could see. After playing in the deep drifts for about an hour with not much forward progress to be spoken of, it was decided that half of the group would start making their way back down and heading to Sevenmile to check the conditions there, while the

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ones with the bigger tires stayed to try their luck a little longer.

For the ones that remained at Crown Point the fun was just beginning, as it became a winch and tug fest for the next 2-3 hours. By the end of the debacle on Crown Point Don had managed to back into the trusty Orange Bronco denting his tail gate and breaking a tail

light, Scott Riley managed to get stuck in a 5 foot drift that was



flowing into the bed of his rig, and then there was Kyle Eddy that some how managed to snap the tail cone off of his transfer case in the Not so Trusty Scout! Lets just say he was glad he had his trailer parked as close as he did.

(To be Continued with the Sevenmile Trip)

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The Rest of the Story

When the back of the pack got up to the Black Hollow intersection, all we could do was park our vehicles and watch the carnage going on in the snow drifts above us. After about an hour of watching and waiting, it was very

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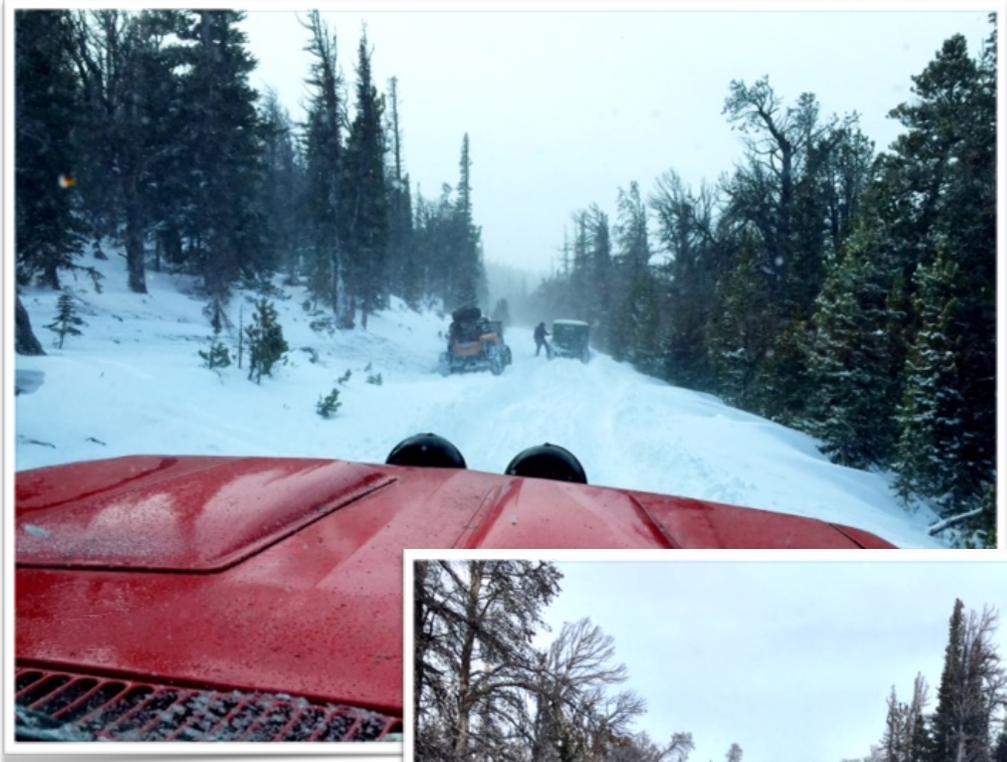
Just a reminder, I could use some Member's Rides, Email the info and a picture to newsletter@montaineesrs4x4.org

If you take pictures on our club trips and want to share them, please upload them on our Facebook page. (I can use them in the newsletter)

evident that we would never even come close to getting a couple of vehicles through the drifts, let alone all twelve of us. Five "back of the packers" still wanted to do some wheeling and with the blessing of the trip leader the five headed to Seven Mile.

As soon as we got to a lower elevation we left behind the blizzard conditions and the winds were calm. On Seven Mile, all we had was packed snow and the creek wasn't completely frozen over. The trip to the upper meadow was mostly a drive through. We went to see if the gate on Stump Hill was open, it was. There was about 6 to 8 inches of fresh snow on the trail. He who can resist anything but temptation (Jim B.) was the first to break trail and made it to the top. A guest (Tim) and Craig also made the trip to the top.

All in all, it was another fun day of wheeling for the Mountaineers!



Cool Facts

All the gold ever mined could be molded into a cube 60 feet high and 60 feet wide.

The country of Tonga once issued a stamp shaped like a banana.

A 'jiffy' is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

The average IQ is 100, while 140 is the beginning of genius IQ.

Flamingos can only eat with their heads upside down.

Apple are actually part of the rose family.

A pregnant goldfish is called a twit.

In Saudi Arabia, a woman reportedly may divorce her husband if he does not keep her supplied with coffee.

It take 12 bees their entire lifetime to make one tablespoon of honey.

The ZIP in "ZIP code" means Zoning Improvement Plan.

Unlike most cats, tigers love the water and can easily swim three or four miles.

The correct response to the Irish greeting, "Top of the morning to you," is "and the rest of the day to yourself."

January 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 Ted Miller Brittany Eddy	5	6 Daria Miller Wyvonne Stengaard	7	8	9	10
11	12 BOARD MEETING Jim Dixon	13 Jessica Stengaard	14	15 Julie Moen	16	17 Michelle Jansen
18	19 Melissa Kemp	20 Misty Eddy	21 CLUB MEETING	22	23 Spencer Payton	24 Taylor Crue
25 CLUB TRIP	26	27 Richard Maroif Karen Riley	28 William Marvin	29	30	31

February 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Chris Mercer	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 BOARD MEETING Kyle Eddy	10	11	12	13	14 A&A Burch
15 Cara Thoen G&J Meyers	16 Nicholas Kemp Michelle Opdyke	17	18 CLUB MEETING Amber Yetter	19	20	21
22 CLUB TRIP Christopher Kappeman	23	24	25 Colleen Stengaard	26	27	28 T&R McCurry
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Board Meeting: Feb. 9 7:30pm Kyle Eddy
Mar. 9 7:30pm Craig Stumbough
Membership Meeting: Jan. 21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
Feb. 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
Club Trip: Jan. 25 9:00am **King Soopers Parking Lot N. College & Willox**

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