
MOUNTAIN-EARS

LARIMER COUNTY FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

July Club Trip

This month we will be doing two trails for the price of one. The first trail will be the Old Flowers Road which starts at the Stove Prairie School. We will off load trailers and air down at the school. Old Flowers is an easy trail and is very scenic and ends up on the Pingree Park Road. From there we will travel over Pennock Pass to the Buckhorn Canyon and on down to the Moody Hill trail. Moody hill is a moderate trail but at last report there is one rock climb that is a little challenging. After a visit to the quartz rock quarry and returning to the trailhead you can go either back to Stove Prairie School or to Masonville for you return trip home.

We will meet at the North College King Soopers. Trip leaves promptly at 9 am. on Sunday July 22nd. Be sure to bring lunch and have a full gas tank.



Photo by Jeremy Zamora

June Trip Report

Kelly Flats

It was the fourth Sunday in June and under cloudy skies club members and guests gathered for a trip up the Poudre to Kelly Flats. And gather we did. When we left Fort Collins we had eight guest and sixteen member rigs in a long convoy. We made our normal pit stop at Century Park and then drove the last three miles to the Kelly Flats trailhead. At the trailhead we aired down and Mike Castell volunteered a bunch of people to help rebuild the lower part of the buck and rail fence that

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was down.

While all that fence mending was going on in the parking lot, we sent a Grand Cherokee to the base of Heart Attack Hill for a little bit of maintenance on the metal trail sign that we had made and installed several years ago. Mr. Lenderink the younger was assigned to give the metal Heart Attack Hill/Bypass sign and pole a

new coat of tan paint and a fine job he did! He just might have a bright future in painting metal trail signs. Meanwhile Mr. Lenderink the elder busied himself cleaning up a nearby campsite. He

wound up with a plastic grocery bag chock full of brass. Just after leaving the trailhead, Rich S. was climbing the rocks when he heard that dreaded sound of axle breakage on his Toyota Tundra. Rich's day was done even before it got started. Dave and Dawn P. elected to escort Rich home to insure he could make the trip safely.



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When everyone got to the Heart Attack Hill and Bypass road split, several chose to go up the hill and the rest went up the bypass. Everyone that is, except Mike Castell. A puff of steam rolled out from under the hood of his rock buggy and then there was that unmistakable smell of antifreeze. The electric fan had seized and that ended Mike's day of wheeling. At least he was only a few blocks from his trailer. The day had just begun and we were down three vehicles.

On up the trail the two groups got together again and continued up the trail looking for treasures and trash. We found that the trail was in pretty good shape and didn't



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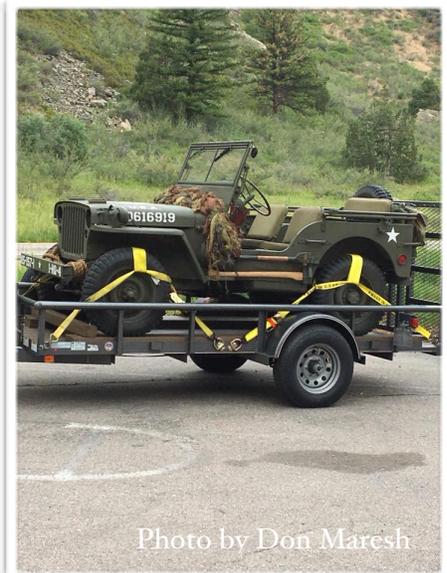


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find very much trash. We also had fun watching a guest, Brandon, driving his (complexly restored to factory specs) military 1944 World War 2 Willys MB. It has the original L-134, 4 cylinder, 50 horse power Go Devil engine, a T-84 transmission and a Model 25 full floating rear axle. With such a short wheel base, it proved to be very nimble going through some of the rock gardens. Just think of it, that Jeep is the same age as Craig.

When we got to the “Chutes”, it was time for lunch and also to watch some try their luck by going through the Chutes challenge. There were a lot of spectators giving their best advice to all that gave it a go. Two of our club members had a hard time and had to make several attempts on some of the rocks. In the past Bob O. could drive right through but this time he kept getting hung up.



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We guess his year of not going on trips because of his job, maybe he was just rusty. Either that or Michelle will just have to give him driving lessons again. Don M. also had

difficulty in the Chutes. During lunch, Mr. Lenderick the younger gave the metal Chutes/bypass sign and post a new coat of tan paint.

At the end of the trail, we talked with the guests and found that most of them had not been on Kelly Flats before and that they had a lot of fun and a great experience. At least the rain held off till we were off the trail. Even for the old timers who have been on this trail dozens of times, it's still great to be out and wheel with the Mountaineer family!



El Guapo

Spring Creek Run

One of our trips in June was to the Spring Creek trail. We met up at the Dumont exit to refuel and line up. 3 Mountaineers were in attendance. Dan Venrick, Jason Richards and Duane Rhoads. With such a small group we thought we would wait a few extra minutes in case someone was running late. After a bit we decided we must be the only ones. There were a couple other groups gathering in this same area and had headed up in front of us. As we approached the first obstacle on the trail we caught up to the other groups. We did some spectating and were picking our line on the hill based on how much trouble the vehicles in front of us were



Photo by Jason Richards

having. It was finally our turn and Dan pointed his Runner up the hill. It didn't want to take the line that was picked but it churned its way to the left a bit and began to climb. With Jason spotting Dans way to the top the obstacle was cleared. Next up was Jason in his Cruiser. He chose the far left line and began his climb up. As he neared the top it began to lift the right



front tire and progress was halted. After a fine adjustment to the left a little more it made its way over the top. Now it was Duane's turn in his Jeep. Duane was trying out a new set of lower gears in his duffs for the first time. The Jeep seemed agile and

slow as he started the climb on the ledge. It began to slip a little and some throttle was applied. We all thought the Jeep was going to launch its way to the top when instead it slipped sideways. Pucker factor was intense. We promptly hooked up the winch and attempted a pull. The little tree that was best just didn't have the umph to get the Jeep up the ledge. It was decided to just hook to Dans Runner for the pull and the Jeep was up safe and sound. We made our way up the trail and the weather started to change. We had some light rain and small hail but it didn't affect our progress up the trail. We

never did catch any other people that we had watched during the morning. We had very little issues on any of the remaining obstacles to the Rock Garden. We decided to play for a bit trying different lines through the Rock Garden while the others spotted. We



heard plenty of your hitting your diff again and again till you made it through.

We stopped for lunch at the top of the Rock Garden in hopes we would see some more rigs tackle the rocks but no one came. We made our way down the shelf road which has a couple unnerving narrow spots to keep things exciting. Then dropped the seeming endless switchbacks down into Georgetown where we aired up our tires and headed home. Another great day out on the trail!

4th of July Parade in Wellington



Photos by Jeremy Zamora & Cotton Riley

Mountaineers Event

Our first Boyd Lake Family Fun Day scheduled for Saturday, June 30, 2018, was well received by the membership. We had RSVPs for almost 40 people

and were anticipating a super fun day. However, as we found on Clean Up camp trip, mother nature had other plans.



Photo by Lisa Loeb

We were set up and ready, people were arriving, Bill was minutes from putting the boat in the water when the rain began. Then it got worse with wind, heavy rain, and small hail. We were huddled under Jeremy's blue canopy trying to decide if it'd blow over and clear off when we saw the big one coming at us on radar. That's when we called it.

However, being intrepid Mountaineers, we decided to try again on Sunday. Sunday dawned with a clear blue sky. Although we had a smaller turn out of only a dozen or so, those of us there had a great time. Bill took us out on the boat.

The water was beautiful! Jeremy and his daughter rode the tube and had a blast! Tracy and Bill cooked up some dogs and burgers.

There was great conversation, kids playing in the water building sand castles, and playing lawn games. Overall, a good time was had by all. We all decided this was an event worth repeating so keep an eye out for the next time so you can all join in the fun!



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Club Insurance

Many non-profit members don't think about an organization's insurance until something adverse happens. Almost all claims -- 90 percent-- reported by nonprofit organizations are accidents and injuries related to automobiles or slips, trips and falls at nonprofit locations and special events. There are just a couple of types that every organization needs, and other types that depend on the kind of activities the non-profit does. All organizations should purchase general liability, typically thought of as "slip and fall" insurance, which comes into play when someone is hurt or their property is damaged in your office, theatre, clinic or special event. Even organizations that don't have offices are subject to claims for damages such as a slip and fall at a program, or damage to an antique rug at a home where a fundraiser was held.

Typically, lawsuits are filed when someone is hurt by some sort of accident and that person believes that someone, or some organization, is responsible for that accident. For example, a person tripped because the stairs were not properly lit or a person was injured in a car accident because someone else ran a red light.

In contrast, a different type of claim is one made not because of the accident itself, but because someone believes that the board took an intentional and improper action. Insurance for these types of claims against nonprofits is typically found in a Directors and Officers (D&O) policy. D&O insurance typically protects individual board members as well as employees, volunteers and the organization itself in the instance of a civil suit.

Every member of our club needs to realize that there are risks to operating any nonprofit, and that through appropriate policies, procedures, and training, these risks can be reduced. Insurance is there to cover those things that happen when the risk mitigation strategies are not completely successful. Your Board of Directors has been discussing ways to minimize risk to the club. Part of the proposed solution is a revision of trip planning practice and process. Another piece of the solution is to purchase the appropriate insurance. We have obtained quotes for both General Liability and Directors and Officers coverage. We would need to raise our annual dues to cover the costs. We will be discussing this topic during the next meeting.

Mountaineer's Summer Trip

This year's week long summer trip will be to the Montrose area July 21-27, First trip on Saturday July 21. We will be doing a lot of the trails in the Ouray area and some will be doing the trails in the Grand Junction area. Most will be staying at the Cedar Creek RV Park at 126 Rose Lane Montrose, CO 81401. Check out their website www.cedarcreekrv.com Call 970-249-3884 for Reservations



July 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Roger Stengaard Alex Paul	2 Jake Tohen	3 Wyatt Warner	4	5 James Valente	6 Kevin Castell	7
8	9 BOARD MEETING Curtis Smelker	10	11	12 Ella Valente	13 Ken Kinnison	14
15 Julie Stone	16	17 Troy Helgeson	18 CLUB MEETING	19 Aaron Eddy Dustie Treece	20 Lisa Loeb	21 Allen Burch
22 CLUB TRIP	23	24 Donna Kinnison Sharon Jansen Setphanie Payton	25	26 Macy Thoen	27 Judy Claus	28 Kinley LeDeaux Roylee Robinson
29	30 Kevin Lewis	31 Talynn Kaderka				

August 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 K&D Kinnison	2 Judy Paul	3 Vihaney Graves J&B Zamora	4
5 Rich Lietz	6 BOARD MEETING M&L Castell	7	8 Doug Lenderink Scott Knapp B&J Marquardt	9 Kristi Graves	10	11 J&S Richards
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26	27 Katie Schrader	28 John Schrader	29	30	31	

Board Meeting: Aug. 6 7:30pm Dave Surface
 Sep. 10 7:30pm Greg Meyers
 Membership Meeting: Jul. 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Aug. 15 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
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