
MOUNTAIN-EARS

LARIMER COUNTY FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

May Club Trip

May's Club Trip we will be heading out to Mike and Bianca's new property for a picnic and some 4-wheeling fun on some newly built routes and obstacles. For this trip we will have to do something that we normally do not do and set some minimum requirements for vehicles, they are as follows:

1. 33" tire or Larger
2. One Locker Minimum
3. Good Tires (No Bald Tires)
4. Club Member Vehicles only



April Trip Report

We had 14 vehicles show up at the normal meeting place, some not too sure where we were going to be wheeling on this fine spring day. The original trip was scheduled to go up Ethel Mountain. It had to be canceled when Mike B. reported that there were 18 inches of heavy wet snow at the

We will have a small campfire for cooking hot dogs or what ever you wish. So pack a lunch and some drinks and come out and see what Mike and Bianca have been working on. If you want to come along but your rig is not equipped enough I am sure we can get some that are going to let you ride along with them.

Same Meeting time and Place: King Sooper's Parking lot at 8:30am and Departing promptly at 9:00am May 24th.

Guests at Last Meeting

Nathan Chilson

Jon Fye

Byron Brown

Stefan Marhessan

Peggy Scheck

Mindy Warner

entrance and no telling how much snow was at the higher elevations. It was deemed to be too dangerous to make the trip, even with the special vehicle requirements. (Please note: The Ethel Mountain trip has been rescheduled for May 24th.)

The Mountaineer brain trust got together at the last minute and changed the trip to where we thought there was some deep snow and a good chance of having some fun. Their choice was the Prairie Divide Road. Our group set off, caravan style, to the first stop at the intersection



of Highway 287 and the Cherokee Park Road to air down our tires. While airing down, we noticed something very unusual, the hood of a Jeep was open (normally this practice is reserved for the Toyotas). Club member Dave L.

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had a volt meter out and was checking the output on his alternator. It was determined that he had a problem and had to return to town for repairs. I guess that we will have to call him alternator Dave from now on so we can differentiate him from the other Dave's. Let's see, we have "JeepnDave", "Corvette Dave", "just plain Dave" and now "alternator Dave".

All the snow had already melted at the lower elevations and we didn't see



any snow until we got McNay Hill. As we got closer to the Prairie Divide Road we knew we were in for a fun day. When we started up the Prairie Divide Canyon the very wet snow depth was between 12 and 20 inches. Jim D. was in the lead as we climbed up the canyon. About half way up an alarm in Jims' Jeep

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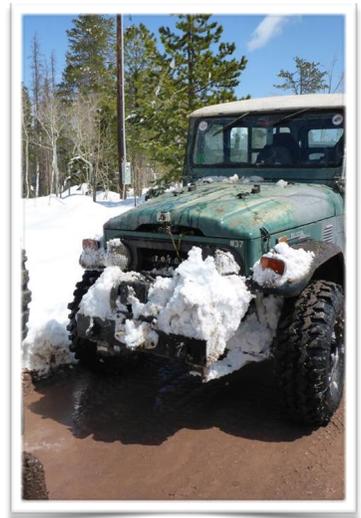
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alerted him that the transmission fluid was getting too hot. Jim had to cool down the Jeep while others took turns taking the lead up to the prairie. We were definitely in some deep stuff as there were three tracks to follow, two for the tires and one in the middle for the pumpkins.

When we got to the Creedmore Lakes road, Dan V. took the lead. Dan came upon a vehicle that had been stuck in the snow at the Lost Lake turnoff overnight. The two fellows spent the night on the trail and had just finished digging out the vehicle when we came across them. At



least they were prepared for the weather as they had planned to camp at Lost Lake. We had planned to have lunch someplace in the Chicken Park

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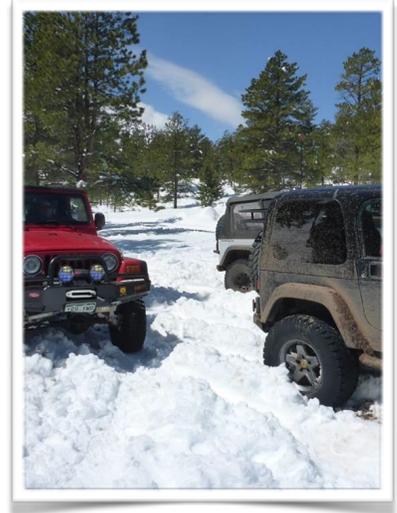
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area but found the gate closed due to flood damage and or seasonal closure. We doubled back to Lost Lake for our lunch break. During the day's trip, several vehicles got sucked into the giggly weeds. Most were able to get out under their own power but couple had to have the assistance of a snatching strap. After getting to Red Feathers a few went to Elf Lane to open up that road for the season.



It was a great day of fun in the wet spring snow for the Mountaineer family. Everyone that wanted to take the lead and break trail got their chance for probably the last time until next fall.

El Guapo



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Volunteer Day at the Kelly Flats Trail Head

On Sunday, April 26th, 34 volunteers from three northern district 4WD clubs gathered at the Kelly Flats / Winterstein Mesa trail head. We met with Ranger Lenora Arevalos who went through the safety rules for the jobs at hand and passed out hard hats and hand tools.

The first group started in by raking the ground that had to be seeded, throwing seed and rolling out the straw mats. They then pinned the mats to keep them in place. Three groups of three were down in the Kelly Flats Campground drilling holes in the bucks and bolting them together. It took three pickup trucks and a trailer to rotate ferrying the bucks and rails to the largest group that was placing the bucks and screwing the rails in place in the parking area. It was fun watching

the three clubs working together like a well-oiled machine. We had three generators, one air compressor, and an assortment of hammer drills, drift pins and large hammers to get all of this work done in a timely manner.

At noon, the dinner bell rang. All work ceased as we gathered down in the campground for a lunch of hot dogs, chili, chips and potato salad. With full belly's, it was time to get back to work.

About three in the afternoon we ran out of the screws used to attach the rails and had to wrap it up for the day. We fell short of finishing the fencing by about 100 feet. The fence will be finished by the Mountaineers in the near future.



Special thanks goes out to The Big Thompson 4 Wheelers and the Trailridge Runners expertise and work helping with this project.

Hot Wheels or Match Box Racing

The Winners were:

Stock: 1st Michelle, 2nd Patrick, 3rd Ben Modified: 1st Dan, 2nd Ben

Ouray Summer Trip

Our annual Summer Trip will be to Ouray. We will be running the trails in that area July 11 - 17, our first trip will be Saturday July 11th.

Cool Facts

A Person's sense of smell is better at night.

On average, the lifespan of an American dollar bill is 18 months.

"Silent" and "listen" are spelled with the same letters.

Human thighbones are as strong as concrete.

Spam stands for Shoulder Pork and Ham.

A single monster truck tire is 5' tall, 4' wide and weighs about 800 pounds. That's taller and wider than some compact cars!

Turtles can breath through their butts.

Mosquitos usually don't fly in winds more than 10 mph.

Airbags are deployed at a rate of two-hundred miles per hour.

Dogs sweat thourgh the pads on their feet.

Members Ride

Member Name: Josh Sutherland #78

Ride Make & Model: 78 CJ7 Jeep

Engine: 258

Transmission: T18

Transfer Case: Dana 20

Front End: Dana 30

Rear End: AMC 20

Wheels & Tires: 35's

Springs & Shocks: Black Diamond RS9000 Rancho

Brakes: Stock



May 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Valorie Miller
3	4	5 Attie Burch	6	7 M&L Golly	8 Bill Marquardt	9
10	11 BOARD MEETING	12	13	14	15 S&J Claus	16
17	18 J&C Thoen	19	20 CLUB MEETING	21 Corinne Surface	22 B&H Crue	23 Rich Stengaard
24 CLUB TRIP 31	25	26 Shane Payton	27 S&K Ficarra	28 Tonya Mercer	29 Ben Crue	30

June 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 J&L Paben	5 Dave Surface	6 Nicole Riley
7 S&S Payton	8 BOARD MEETING <i>Dan Venrick</i>	9 D&C Surface	10 Linda Castell	11	12 Jake Schrader	13 G&S Kapperman
14 D&B Klein	15 Aaron Paben	16 Dan Venrick	17 CLUB MEETING	18	19	20
21 CLUB TRIP Christopher McCurry Heidi Kemp Ryan Castell Tyler Lewis	22	23 Brianna Opdyke B&J Paul	24	25 Amy Kemp	26 Candice Paben	27 Garrett Mercer Laurie Paben
28	29	30 Hannah Eddy				

Board Meeting: Jun. 8 7:30pm Dan Venrick
 Jul. 6 7:30pm Jake Thoen
 Membership Meeting: May 20 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Jun. 17 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
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