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# MOUNTAIN-EARS

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## LARIMER COUNTY FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

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### November Club Trip

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The initial plan is to run Storm Mountain, but if the east gate is not open we will run some other trail. We will announce at the Club Meeting and on FaceBook.

Please meet at the North King Soopers Wilox and North College. We will leave at 9:00am Sunday November 23rd.



### Fun Daze 2014

As per Mountaineers tradition, we don't go into the national forest during the height of Colorado's hunting season. Instead we hold our annual "Fun Daze" event and for the last two years Jim D. has added a poker run to the festivities. Those that didn't partake in the poker run met at the King Soopers parking lot

## Guests at Last Meeting

Holland Hibbitt

Jon Fye

Kendall Melbye

David LeDeaux

## It is Time to Vote new Club Officers

November is the month that we vote new club officers.

Please start thinking about who you want running our club in 2015.

and caravanned to the little house on the prairie a few miles outside of Wellington otherwise known as the Graves House.



Jim and Brian had changed a few things. They mixed up the rock pile, buried a couple of tires in the moguls and put some dirt in the tank trap so that even Craig could make the trip without tipping over. Before getting down to some serious play, it was time to eat some pulled pork while rehashing the poker run. We had a few events set up like the blindfold race which Dan V. called the “divorce course”. The driver would be blindfolded while the passenger gave instructions on which way to turn, go forward, slow down, back-up, or speed up all the while not hitting any of the orange cones or they would be penalized. Never saw so many

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people who didn't know their left from their right! For the second year in a row Cristal Opdyke and her partner Sue Toner Graves won the event with a time of 1 minute and 25 seconds. Greg Meyers and his partner came in 2nd. Scott Riley only had 7 try his RTI ramp. The results were:

- Jake Thoen: Toyota 4 Runner, score 511
- Tyler Krenzelok: Dodge pickup, score 706
- Cliff Dukes: Toyota 4 Runner, Score 935
- Craig Stumbough: Jeep TJ, Score 1133
- Dan Mekeel: Toyota 4 Runner, Score 616
- Jim Dixon: Jeep KJ, Score 930
- Scott Riley: Chevy crew cab, Score 718

It came time to place our bets on how long it would take for the motor to seize on our two donor vehicles. The first one was an old Saturn. We put the



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pedal to the metal and it was pushing the rev limiter. After a while it puked out all the antifreeze but still kept running and running and running. At 48



minutes we pulled the plug as the interior was on fire and the weeds underneath it also caught fire. Bob O. used up a fire extinguisher to put the fires out and we had a water bucket brigade to finish it off. Bob also won the money for guessing the longest time. WE then fired up the old Cherokee which only took 7 minutes and 20 seconds to expire. That prize money was won by a guest. It was now time to play monster truck and see who could climb up and over both vehicles. The Saturn was easy to get a couple of wheels on as it was low slung. The Cherokee was much harder because it

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was much taller and we just pushing it around the field. The Cherokee was about a foot and a half taller than the Saturn. After trying for about 45 minutes, three people were able to get up on top of both vehicles. They were Cliff Dukes, Jim Bridge and Bob Opdkke. Bob was the only one to successfully to dive all the way over both vehicles.



It was a great day of play and comradery for all who attended and this year the weatherman even blessed us with a warm and sunny day, what more could you ask for. A big thank you goes to the Graves family for again hosting our Fun Daze event and to Jim Dixon who almost single handily put the event and poker run together.



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## 2nd Annual Poker Run

This years Poker Run was different than that of last years, as to try and find which would be more fun for those that partake in the event. This year was a Scramble type run with 25 hidden locations, in which the participants collected poker chips to try and get the highest total at the end. With the vast amount of locations to choose from it made the participants think a lot more in order to get as many as possible without going over the three hour time limit and face a penalty.

The morning of the event looked to be a promising one with good weather in the forecast. Contestants started to arrive at the start location of King Soopers in North Fort Collins around 8:00 am to get registered for the Poker Run as well as get their clue sheets to start the mind-taunting task of deciphering the clues.

## Editor's Note

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Just a reminder, I could use some Member's Rides, Email the info and a picture to [newsletter@montainees4x4.org](mailto:newsletter@montainees4x4.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)

With the good weather we were hoping for a good turnout, but only had 10 people participate in the event. Even with the small turnout it was shaping up to be a fun filled day. All of the participants received their packet of information and were sent on their way at promptly 9:00am with a 3-hour time limit to make it to the final destination of Fun Daze where more activities would take place.

The first of the contestants started arriving at Fun Daze at around 11:30am to turn in their chips for the final tally. At the 12:00pm cut off of the allotted time came around we had all but 3 of the contestants with 2 of them finally showing up at 12:18pm. We waited until 1:00pm for the last one to arrive and when they were a no show we made the phone call to check on them. We found out that they were all but 5 minutes away and thought they were lost so went to try and get directions from one of the three gas stations in Wellington, and no one knew

how to get to Brian's house, even with the address in hand, so the contestant decided to call it a day and head for home to lick his wounds of not completing the event.

All of the collected chips were counted to announce the winner of the Poker Run, which was a guest named Tyler Krenzelok. He walked away with the grand Prize of \$165 and the chance at some more great Door Prizes. During the rest of the festivities we were able to give away many other prizes thanks to some great businesses like 4x4 Used Parts, Bullhide 4x4, Fort Collins 4x4, and Rock Rash Engineering that combined supplied us with over \$800 in goods.

We look forward to see what next years event will bring as this has shown over the past two years to be a great way for the Mountaineers to bring in some additional funds to help keep our membership dues were they are.



A real estate agent bought a new sports car and had the engine revamped so that it would go even faster. I asked him why he needed a car that goes 150 m.p.h.? He chuckled and replied, “I advertise this one house as being 5 minutes from shopping and I don’t want to lie!”

Paula was having a hard time selling her car because it had 250,000 miles on it. She told her friend, so her friend told her about Jay the mechanic that could turn back the mileage for a couple of bucks. A few days later she met that friend and the friend asked her, “well, did you sell the car?” “Are you crazy?” Paula replied. “It only has 50,000 miles on it why would I sell It?!”

Why does a chicken coop have two doors... 'cause if it had four doors it would be a chicken sedan.

What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down?

It gets toad away.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 G&M Helgeson
2 Ron Kapperman	3 Nate Little	4 Andrea Paben Tyler Schleppey	5	6	7 Anna Mueller	8
9	10 BOARD MEETING Michelle Opdyke	11	12	13 Maren Marvin	14	15
16	17	18	19 CLUB MEETING	20 Jim Jansen	21	22 Bob Opdyke Darwin Stengaard
23 CLUB TRIP 30	24 Dick Jansen Kimberley Malone	25	26	27	28 Darold Klein	29

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	1	2	3	4 Sally Oden	5 Kelly Ficarra	6
7 Christine Romero	8 BOARD MEETING Jim Dixon	9	10 Jason Marooney	11 Scott Ficarra R&J Marolf	12 Mike Braskich Cristal Opdyke	13
14 Matthew DeWitt	15	16	17 CLUB MEETING Teresa Shively CJ Wiescamp	18	19	20
21 CLUB TRIP	22 John Jansen	23 Bob Paul	24	25 Bruce Kemp	26	27 Kyle Eddy
28 Alice Mueller	29 Carl Malone	30 Janine Bernard	31			

Board Meeting: Dec. 8 7:30pm Jim Dixon  
 Jan. 12 7:30pm Jim Dixon  
 Membership Meeting: Nov. 19 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
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