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# MOUNTAIN-EARS

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## LARIMER COUNTY FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

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### April Club Trip

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April'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



### March Trip Report

It was a beautiful spring Sunday morning when 4 wheelers started gathering for our trip up Seven Mile Creek. We planned to have a fire at our lunch spot so that we could cook some hot dogs and burn a few marshmallows for lunch. Maybe that was what brought out so many on this trip. By

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.

April 19th

## **Guests at Last Meeting**

Nathan Chilson

Mindy Warner

Rhodes Carter

Blake Hoskins

Chris Blaser

the time we left the meeting place, there were twenty two Mountaineer and guest vehicles in our convoy up the Poudre Canyon. The ladies in the group requested that we stop at a rest area before getting to Rustic. We stopped at Century Park and took advantage of the potty box plus we aired down so we wouldn't have to stop again at the trail head.

The beginning of the trail was easy with very little snow

or ice to slow us down. That all changed as we got further



along. We came

to a creek crossing that had a big ice lip when we dropped into the creek and a bigger lip coming out. This obstacle took some finesse and several had to work it hard to climb out under their own power or maybe it was a wheel base

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thing, with the short wheel base vehicles having to work the hardest and a cakewalk for the long wheel base vehicles.



One of the newest Mountaineers, Steve, made the climb out look spectacular as he bounced around and wound up in the creek sideways. He had to get a tug from Jim D. to get his Jeep straightened out. Several following Steve had to get a tug also. The rest of the trip to the big meadow was uneventful except for a few that could not resist the temptation of climbing over a few big rocks along the way. We were surprised to see that there was no mud at the entrance to the big meadow and very little mud going up to the little meadow at the base of Stump Hill.

We stopped at the little meadow and

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built a fire in a clearing to cook the hot dogs and marshmallows. The kids had a great time cooking over the fire. Several groups tried their luck and



ventured up Stump Hill. Even though the hill was snow covered all the way up, traction was pretty good and almost everyone who tried the challenge made the trip unscathed. Almost everyone except former club member Ross who slid off the trail into a tree and damaged the drivers' side rear corner and tail light. When a couple of other club members went up, they found Ross using a come along to get his 4 Runner back on to the trail.

When it was about time to put out the fire and get ready for the trip home, our illustrious club Grand Poobaugh, His

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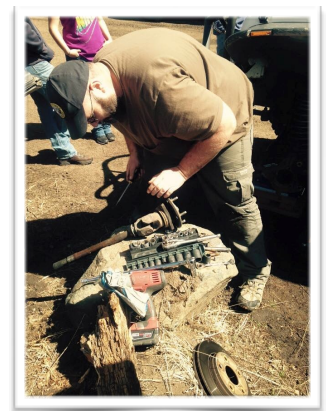
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Excellency Jim, was turning his Jeep around when he heard that sickening sound that we all dread hearing. It was the front end coming apart, the ring and pinion. Jim enlisted the help of Bob O.



to tear it apart so that Jim could drive home in two wheel drive. It was a fun day for the majority of the Mountaineer family. By the time you read this, Jim should be driving around Loveland with an upgraded front end. New Dana 44, hardened axles, Eaton E Locker, etc., etc., etc., etc. Too many new parts to mention them all!

El Guapo



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## Highway Cleanup, Tow Hook Party & CB Tuneup Clinic

Saturday, April 25th

We will be picking up trash on our adopted two mile section of Highway 14 on Saturday, April 25th. Meet at mile marker 119 at 9:00 AM which is a couple of miles above Ted's Place in the Poudre Canyon. The cleanup only takes about 45 minutes. Bring gloves. After the cleanup we will go to the Braskich Plantation for a yummy blueberry pancake and bacon breakfast. After the cleanup crew breakfast (about 10:30), we will start the tow hook party & CB clinic. All you need to bring is your rig and any parts you need to install or weld up and we all will help you get the job done. If you can't make the highway cleanup and crew breakfast, you can come out to Mike's house after 10:30. The address is 2192 North Taft Hill Road which is just north of the Poudre River. Hope to see you there.

# Hot Wheels or Match Box Racing

At the April 15th club meeting

It is time to dust off and service your Match Box or Hot Wheels 4 X 4 racers. Dan and Tara Venrick built a true 4WD course that includes snow, water crossings, rocks and trees. Some of the racers will not complete the course because of a roll over or crashing into a tree. You will get to choose your own starting point at the top of the course and gravity will do the rest. There will be two racers at a time down the course and which ever one makes it to the bottom or the farthest on the course will be declared the winner and move on to the next bracket.

## **Rules**

Stock Class: Racers must be 1/64th scale or smaller

Racers must be a recognizable replica of a 4WD vehicle.

Racers may not be altered except for axle lubricant

Modified Class: Weight is no object.

Racers must originally have been 1/64th scale.

Racers must be a recognizable 4WD vehicle.

The only means of propulsion is gravity.

The top of the tire can not be higher than the vehicles roof.

Dan Venrick is the official Judge and his word is final

# Mountaineers T Shirt Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Style Shirt    Price    Red or Navy    front or back       SM    MED    LG    XLG    2X    3X

T Shirt        \$9 \_\_\_\_\_

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Hoodie        \$23 \_\_\_\_\_

2x and 3X sizes are \$3.00 more per shirt

YOUTH    Price    Red or Navy        front or back       SM    MED    LG    XL

T-shirt        \$8 \_\_\_\_\_

Hoodie        \$21 \_\_\_\_\_XXXXXXXX\_\_\_\_\_

NO small or med youth hoodies as the logo won't fit. Logo may have to go on the back of the large or xl hoodie because of the pocket.



## 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

Salmon can jump as high as 6 feet.

Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from Public Libraries.

In Massachusetts, It is illegal to go to bed without first having a full bath.

In Athens, Greece, a driver's license can be taken away by law if the driver is deemed either unbathed or poorly dressed.

"W" is the only letter in the English alphabet that is more than one syllable.

Bruce Lee was the Hong Kong 'cha cha' dance champion in 1958 He was also an American born in San Francisco and had a German grandfather.

There are more dogs than children in the city of Paris.

Alaska is the only state that can be typed on one row of keys on a QWERTY keyboard.

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

April 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Valorie Miller
5 Christina Eddy Seth Burch Camiren Meyers	6 BOARD MEETING Dave Oden	7	8 Aure Marvin Scott Riley	9	10	11 Byron Noehl
12	13 Bob Schleppey	14	15 CLUB MEETING Cassandra McCurry	16	17	18 Jim Dixon
19 CLUB TRIP	20	21	22 Justin Treece	23	24	25 Rich Stengaard
26	27 Dave Oden	28	29	30		

May 2015						
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10 CLUB TRIP	11 BOARD MEETING	12	13	14 M&L Golly	15 S&J Claus	16
17	18 J&C Thoen	19	20 CLUB MEETING	21 Corinne Surface	22 B&H Crue	23 Rich Stengaard
24/31	25	26 Shane Payton	27 S&K Ficarra	28 Tonya Mercer	29 Ben Crue	30

Board Meeting: May 11 7:30pm TBA  
Jun. 8 7:30pm Dan Venrick  
Membership Meeting: Apr. 15 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
May 20 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
Club Trip: Apr. 19 9:00am **King Soopers Parking Lot N. College & Willox**

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