
MOUNTAIN-EARS

LARIMER COUNTY FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

April Club Trip

April's Club Trip will be to Ballard Logging Road. Trip Date Sunday April 24. Meet at the North King Soopers and leave at 9:00 AM and those that want to meet in Masonville be by the road at 9:30 AM.



March Trip Report

A contingent of 11 vehicles met at the King Soopers parking lot for our planned trip to upper Cherokee Park, Boulder Ridge and back down to Tie Siding Wyoming. We got to catch up with a couple of Mountaineers we hadn't seen for a while. Elaine Allbrandt drove up from Oklahoma City to go on the trip and Joe Holt is

back home for a while after working a few months in Thailand. It was good to have them both on a trip again. We drove up highway 287 to County Road 80C where we stopped long enough to unload Joe's trailer and give everyone a chance to air down. At this time we noticed a very rare situation for a Mountaineers trip, there were only Jeeps on this trip, no Toyotas, Fords, Chevys, or pickups. (Just sayin!)

On our way through lower Cherokee Park there was no snow at all but we expected a lot of snow where we were going as it was reported that Red Feather Lakes had gotten 12 inches of new snow. As expected, we encountered snow at the little canyon just before the upper park. The upper park was plowed for several miles to the last winter



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occupied homestead. From that point on we were making fresh tracks in the newly fallen snow. With Joe in the lead breaking trail the going was fairly easy at first. Then we started seeing longer wind swept snow drifts which were very deceiving. The first ones across the drifts were able to float on top but after three or four vehicles the rest would break through and start sinking up to their frames. The snow consistency underneath was very wet and it was difficult to snatch them out because of the length of the drifts. Most of the time we had to use our winches and even then we had to use a snatch block or two winches at a time to pull some out. It was too much for Elaine's winch as she lost the reverse pull on her Warn. We had nine vehicles trying to help each other through a



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couple of nasty drifts. Meantime Joe and Troy Helegson went ahead to see if the Boulder Ridge road was passable. We could hear them on the CB that they were having their own winching party. They determined that we would have a hard time trying to get our group through Boulder Ridge before dark. They turned around and came back to help the rest of us get turned around. In doing so, Joe rolled a tire off the bead. Going back the way we came in, a few had to winch downhill.

It was a fun day in spite of never seeing Tie Siding. Even though the



winches got a good work out on this trip, the Mountaineer family had a great day of wheeling in the beautiful Colorado Mountains. What more could you ask for?

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Mountaineer Darwin Stengaard 1947 - 2016

Darwin Stengaard, longtime Mountaineer club member passed away on March 11th 2016 after a long battle with COPD and lung Cancer. The lung



cancer has been attributed to exposure to Agent Orange while serving with a Marine tank crew during the Vietnam War.

Darwin and Colleen joined the Mountaineers in May of 1998 and quickly became very active members of the club. They hosted several tow hook parties at their house and even made their shop and tools available to club members that needed a hoist, tools or just a dry place to work on their vehicles. If anybody needed any help, they were always available. They attended almost every trip and worked

at all the Fun Daze events as well as the week in Moab and Buena Vista. Darwin remained very active until the end of his life.

Darwin is survived by Colleen and his two brothers (also Mountaineers) Richard and Roger Stengaard and their families. We will always remember that sly smile that Darwin had when he was pulling your leg or telling a tall story! Our condolences go out to the Stengaard clan for your loss of our dear friend Mountaineer Darwin.

Highway Cleanup

We will be picking up trash on our adopted two mile section of Highway 14 on Saturday, April 23rd. 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.



Members Rides

Members name & unit number: Justin Treece #48

Vehicle year, make and model: 99 Jeep Wrangler Sahara

Engine: 4.0 straight 6

Transmission: Ax 15

Front End: Dana 30 with 4.88 gears

Rear End: Dana 35 with locker and chromoly axle shafts

Wheels and Tires: d slotted wheels, and 33x12.50R15 Mt

Spring and shocks: 3.5 inch metal cloak coils and rancho shocks

Brakes: stock

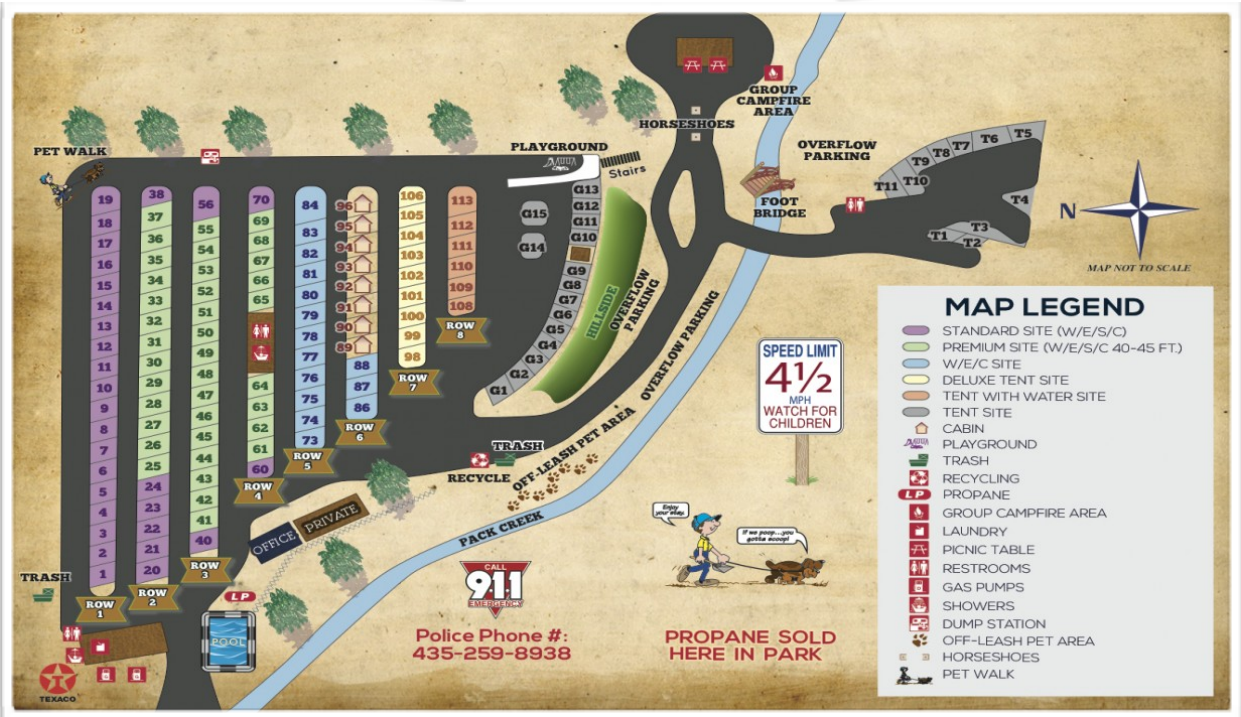
Miscellaneous: It has a warn 9.5xi winch, stereo system, CB, and tools

Current and future projects: New axles, and locker front and rear, and another t-case for crawling



Moab 2016

Mountaineers will be spending a week in Moab the first full week of June. June 4-10. First trip will be Saturday morning on the 4th, meet at the City Market parking lot at 9 AM. Most will be staying at Canyonlands RV Resort & Campground in the heart of Moab. To make reservations contact Toll-Free: 800-522-6848



April 2016						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Sharon Kapperman	4	5 Christina Eddy Seth Schooler Camiren Meyers	6 Jason Derflinger	7	8 Scott Riley	9
10	11 BOARD MEETING <i>Dave Oden</i> Byron Noehl	12	13 Bob Schleppey	14	15	16 Jennifer Romero
17	18 Rhea Tippmann Jim Dixon	19	20 CLUB MEETING	21 Aaron Grubbs	22 Justin Treece	23
24 CLUB TRIP	25 Rich Stengaard	26	27 Dave Oden	28	29	30 Scott Stultz

May 2016						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Karlen Mueller	3	4 Nathan Haywood	5	6 Jeff Mueller Stefan Martensson Isaac Taylor	7 M&L Golly
8 Bill Marquardt	9 BOARD MEETING <i>Jim Dixon</i>	10	11	12	13 Ryan Eddy	14 Misty Warner
15 S&J Claus	16	17	18 CLUB MEETING J&C Thoen	19 Bradley Peterson	20	21 CLUB TRIP Corinne Surface
22 CLUB TRIP B&H Crue	23	24	25	26 Shane Payton Alexis Stackhouse	27	28 Tonya Mercer
29 Ben Crue	30 E&B Jakson	31				

Board Meeting: May 9 7:30pm Jim Dixon
 Jun. 6 7:30pm Moab
 Membership Meeting: Apr. 20 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 May 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: Apr. 24 9:00am **King Soopers Parking Lot N. College & Willox**

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