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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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The Club Trip will be to The North Sand Hills. (North King Soopers at 8:00 am and leave at 8:30 am) April 23. Some will go up on Friday and Saturday and camp for a night or two.

### Guests at Last Meeting

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Mike & Seleta  
Nothnagel

Jeremy Zamora

Jenny Hageman

Doug Swanson

Brandon Castleberry



## March Trip Report

### *Seven Mile*

On this Sunday, it was a beautiful day to go wheeling. Of course any day is a good day to go wheeling, but on this day in particular a lot of people thought it was. We seemed to have a parking lot full of every type of 4x4 that couldn't wait to get up in the mountains. At the appointed time we followed Craig out of town and headed up the Poudre. We made one important stop at the Century Park potty box before leaving the pavement. There, we were able to count vehicles, 27 in all.

## New Member

Mike Klaege #101

## 2017 Summer Trip

Our 2017 Summer Trip will be to Buena Vista. We will be exploring the area July 22 - 28. So start making your plans to join us for this week of High Country Fun. Many will be camping at the Snowy Peaks RV Park

Address: 30430 US-24,  
Buena Vista, CO 81211

Phone:(719) 395-8481

At Rustic we turned up the Pingre Hill road where we dropped Mike C. off so he could off load his trailer. He told us to go on and he would catch up with the group by the time we got to Seven Mile. The trip planners had us going in at the top of Seven Mile and working our way down. When we turned at Goodell Corner onto the Manhattan Road,



Craig gave us a little history of the Ghost Town of Manhattan. We made a left turn at the Manhattan hanging tree onto the Forest Road that would take us to the top of Seven Mile. Just when it looked like this was just going to be an easy Sunday drive, we encountered our first big and long drifts.

With the warm weather we had been having, the snow was melting and turning to slush. The snow condition really affected those vehicles whose power or tires were marginal. If you sunk into the drift, you would get high centered and then if you spun your tires it would make Ice. Two of our Trip Planners, Coyote John and Don in their Toyota FJ-40's, made a lot of new friends on this day as they were kept busy snatching vehicles out of or through the drifts.

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It took over an hour to get the entire group a half mile to the clearing at the top of Seven Mile. But wait, we were still missing Mike C.!

Going down into Seven Mile there were several more drifts that had to be worked and again it took a while to gather up the whole group again at the Meadow. While waiting for the group to

catch up, a few went back to Stump Hill to try their luck there. At Stump Hill we came across a bunch of ATV's that weren't having any luck on the



hill. After the ATV's cleared out, our guys tried the hill with the same results. It was decided not to take our whole group back to the Hill as it would take too long to get everyone across the creek and through the drifts. We ate lunch in the meadow and Dave S. passed out some of Corrine's delicious homemade chocolate brownies. Where is Mike C?

The trip down Seven Mile was pretty uneventful. Seven Mile Creek was still in its banks and there was hardly any snow to slow our progress. We did feel sorry that we held up

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several 4x4s trying to make their way up the trail as our group of 26 vehicles was spread out coming down. The trail head was a cluster as several had to stop to air up their tires. We didn't see Mike C.s rig so we guessed that he had gone home for some reason. It was just another great day of fun in the sun and snow for the Mountaineer family!



Epilogue: Mike C. discovered a large puddle of gas under his Jeep. Upon inspection he found a section of his fuel line had dry rotted causing the leak. Not having any spare fuel line with him, he thought that to be on the safe side he would turn around head for the barn. He did leave a message for a few of our members telling what had happened.

**El Guapo**



## Events Committee

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The Club will be starting an Events Committee and is looking for volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer, Please contact Dave LeDeaux.

## Ham Radio License Class

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All those interested in getting your Ham Radio License, Please contact Jim Dixon.

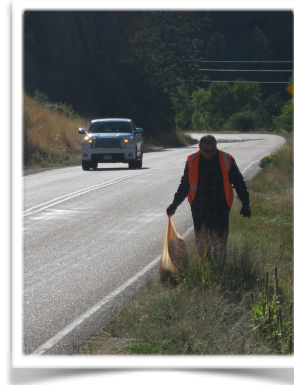
If we can get 10 people interested in a class, Jim knows someone that will come and conduct the class.



## Highway Cleanup

*Saturday, April 22*

We will be picking up trash on our adopted two mile section of Highway 14 on Saturday, April 22nd. 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.





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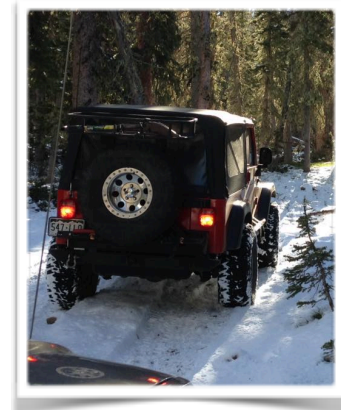
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April 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 R&R Robinson
2	3	4	5 Christina Eddy Seth Schooler Camiren Meyers	6 Jason Derflinger	7	8 Scott Riley
9	10 BOARD MEETING	11 Byron Noehl	12	13 Bob Schleppey	14	15
16 Jennifer Romero	17 Samantha Lietz	18 Rhea Tippmann Jim Dixon	19 CLUB MEETING	20	21 Aaron Grubbs	22 Justin Treece
23 CLUB TRIP  30 Scott Stultz	24	25 Rich Stengaard	26	27 Dave Oden	28	29

May 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Karlen Mueller	3	4 Nathan Haywood	5	6 Jeff Mueller Stefan Martensson Isaac Taylor
7	8 BOARD MEETING Bill Marquardt	9	10	11	12 Vincent Dyrenforth	13 Ryan Eddy
14 Misty Warner Jennifer Hansen	15	16	17 CLUBMEETING	18	19 Bradley Peterson	20
21 Corinne Surface	22	23	24	25	26 Shane Payton Alexis Stackhouse	27
28 Tonya mercer	29 Ben Crue	30	31			

Board Meeting:            May 8 7:30pm            John Schrader  
                                       June 12 7:30pm            Dave Oden  
 Membership Meeting:    Apr. 19 7:30pm            Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
                                       May 17 7:30pm            Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Club Trip:                    Apr. 23 **8:30am**            **North King Soopers N. College & Willox**