
MOUNTAIN-EARS

LARIMER COUNTY FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

December Club Trip

This month we will do some Snow Busting on Crown Point.

Please meet at the North King Soopers Wilox and North College. We will leave at 9:00am Sunday December 21st.



November Trip Report

On a beautiful Sunday morning, Mountaineers and guests gathered at the jumping off point in Longmont. By 9:30 am we had thirteen vehicles

Guests at Last Meeting

David LeDeaux

Steve & Judy Claus

Mountaineers Christmas Tradition

For the December meeting, we ask all the members to bring in some Christmas goodies to share with all your Mountaineer friends. It's fun being able to sample all these delectable consumable baked goods and swapping some great recipes. Enjoy!

headed west on highway 66 towards Lyons. We turned onto Highway 36 and followed the N. St. Vrain Creek to County Road 47. Along the way we were surprised at how much work has been done since last year's devastating flood. We took CR-47 to the Johnny Park trailhead where we stopped for a few minutes to air down.

As soon as we turned onto the trail we had packed snow and knew that it was going to be a fun day. Only a couple of our club members had ever been on the Johnny Park Road, so it was new and exciting for the rest of us. It wasn't long before we came to a few ice covered washouts that tested our traction (the power to hold to a surface without slipping), articulation (to be jointed or connected) and momentum (the impetus of a moving object, equal to the product of its mass and its velocity). These lessons were learned

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and obeyed by all as no one had to be strapped. The scenery along this trail was spectacular especially when we could catch glimpses of the snow covered Longs Peak.

We found a perfect place to have our lunch break under some trees that had enough space to have us all in one place. Despite having snow flurries off and on all during lunch, we had enough time to get to know our guests better and to catch up with Richard Marlof, an associate club member now living in Arizona. Also on this trip was club member Joe Holt who took time off from his job in the jungles of Venezuela to come home and wheel with us. After lunch, we took a dead end trail to an old mining operation. While at the mine, Joe



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noticed a very steep climb out of the mine and just couldn't resist the temptation to give it a try. He made the trip unscathed and opened the flood gates for the more adventurous among us to



also give it a try. Several made the trip but a couple had to back out. There was Craig who got nearly half way up and had flashbacks to last year when he tried a hill like this and rolled over backwards. Evan also got partially up the hill before his Toyota decided it didn't want to go any further. After getting the Mountaineer brain trust together to solve the problem, we found that he had several vacuum line leaks. After about a half an hour we were back to running out some dead end spur trails. The end of the trail came too soon and we had to drive back into

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civilization.

This was an enjoyable day of wheeling with old and new friends. But of course, nothing ever beats wheeling with the Mountaineer family.

El Guapo



December 2014						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Sally Oden	5 Kelly Ficarra	6
7 Christine Romero	8 BOARD MEETING <i>Jim Dixon</i>	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			

January 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 Ted Miller Brittany Eddy	5	6 Darla Miller Wyvonne Stengaard	7	8	9	10
11	12 BOARD MEETING <i>Jim Dixon</i>	13 Jessica Stengaard	14	15 Julie Moen	16	17 Michelle Jansen
18	19 Melissa Kemp	20 Misty Eddy	21 CLUB MEETING	22	23 Spencer Payton	24 Taylor Crue
25 CLUB TRIP	26	27 Richard Marolf Karen Riley	28 William Marvin	29	30	31

Board Meeting:	Jan. 12 7:30pm	Jim Dixon
	Feb. 9 7:30pm	To Be Announced
Membership Meeting:	Dec. 17 7:30pm	Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
	Jan. 21 7:30pm	Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
Club Trip:	Dec. 21 9:00am	King Soopers Parking Lot N. College & Willox

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