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# MOUNTAIN-EARS

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## LARIMER COUNTY FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

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### **December Club Trip**

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December's Club Trip will be Upper Cherokee Park. Trip Date Sunday December 20. Meet at the North King Soopers and leave at 9:00 AM



### **November Trip Report**

Thirteen Mountaineers gathered on a bright sunny Sunday morning in anticipation of our first official snow bashing trip of the season. The plan was to drive up to Red Feather Lakes, take a left at the Pot Belly and stop at the Bald Mountain trailhead to air down and to let Bob and Joe unload their trailers.

## Guests at Last Meeting

Tammy & Allen  
Peterson

## New Members

Jason Derflinger #81

Scott Stultz #82

## Mountaineers 2016 Board Members

### **President:**

Michelle Opdyke

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### **Treasurer:**

Tim Palmer

### **Trip Planners:**

David LaDeaux

Justin Treece

Dave Surface

Jennifer Romero

We put the Graves in front to lead on the first section of the trail. We found that the trail had a dirt section and then a snow drift followed by bare dirt again and then another drift. It continued this way for the whole day. Of course as we gained elevation the drifts got deeper and longer. A little ways into the trail, Greg Meyers had to stop because of an antifreeze leak. Upon inspection it was found that the leak was at a freeze plug on the side of the block. We all had to make room to turn the blue TJ around. Joe, Allen B. and the Thoen's volunteered to escort him back down the mountain while the rest of the group trudged on up the trail. We were stopped again when Ben C. hit a rock which took a big chunk of aluminum out of his wheel and we had to put the spare on. It was one of those hurry



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up and wait kind of days.

Up front we had to keep changing lead snow bashers as the drifts were getting tougher and longer. Allen B. put some rash on his vehicle when he hit a tree and did damage

to a fender and marker light.

Even though the trail was broken open by the



bashers up front, we still had to put a strap on some of the folks towards the back of the pack. As it was getting later in the afternoon and we had to tug people over a difficult rock pile, it was decided that it was time to turn the group around and head for home. We didn't know how close to the top we

were and had no clue what the other side of the mountain would be like. It was a



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good call.

Joe never did make it back to the group as he put Greg's Jeep on his trailer and had Greg drive Joe's Jeep back to town (that must have been a thrill a minute!).

Despite the small problems encountered along the way, it was a fun day of wheeling for the



Mountaineers family. A couple of days after the trip, Joe posted some photos of the trip on Facebook. He got some comments and questions back from one of his friends in central Africa. It was evident that Hamidu Moses had never seen snow like that before and intimated that Joe must be crazy to be in that much snow. Hamidu is right, Joe is crazy!

El Guapo





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## 50th Anniversary/Christmas Party

As many of you are aware of this year is the Mountaineers 50th Anniversary and we are planning on having a good Party to commemorate it at this months meeting. We will be holding the party on our regular Meeting day, Wednesday December 16th at the Knights of Columbus Hall. We will be changing the times slightly to allow for more time to talk and have some fun. The starting time for the Party will be 6:00pm and end between 9:00 and 10:00, depending on how much fun we are having. During that time we will take a short 30-45 minute break at 7:30 to hold a short meeting to go over Club business. We will have a main course of ham and possibly roast beef or brisket but are asking that others bring a side dish to share.

We hope to see all of you there!

Date: 12/16/2015

Time: 6:00pm- ?

Place: Knights of Columbus-Fort Collins



# Christmas Caravan for Kids

On Saturday December 5th many of us including those from surrounding Clubs joined together to participate in the Annual Christmas Caravan for Kids/Toys for Tots Event. For the past 3 years the event has taken place at the Lincoln School of Technology in Denver, Colorado and is a great place for the event. The event has grown tremendously in the past few years to over 50 Vendors and Organizations setting up booths at the event. This is a great place to not only see some of the work that is being done by some of the local shops and vendors but a good way to meet some more like minded individuals and talk about 4wheeling. This year they had an RTI Competition and Thousands of dollars worth of Door Prizes to give away. We have not yet heard on the amount of toys raised but have a feeling it will be a good days take on toys, as it always is.



## Time To Vote

Ballets (one per member family) will be passed out at the December meeting. You will be asked to vote for the most active male, female and couple in our club. You will also be voting for the member that deserves the dreaded “Boner Award” which should go to the club member with the worst luck with breakage on the club trail rides or any other reason that you can think of. We will also ask why that person deserves the honor of your vote. The secret ballots will be given to our new club president, Michelle Opdyke, and she will order the certificates along with the 2015 perfect attendance awards that will be presented during the January meeting.

To help our new trip planners, we will also be asking for your input on your two most favorite club outings.





## Retro Member's Ride

**Member name:** Bill & Jerre Vos

**Member number:** 1

**Make and Model:** Chevy Blazer

**Year:** 1988

**Engine:** 350

**Tranny:** 350TH

**T-Case:** 208

**Front Axle:** 373

**Rear Axle:** 373

**Tires and wheels:** 31-10-15

**Suspension:** Heavy Duty

**Brakes:** yes

**Accessories:** Loaded

**Current & Future Projects:**



December 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Sally Oden	5 Kelly Ficarra
6	7 BOARD MEETING <i>Jim Dixon</i> Christine Romero	8	9	10 Jason Marooney	11 Scott Ficarra	12 Mike Braskich Cristal Opdyke
13	14 Matthew DeWitt	15 Steve Claus	16 CLUB MEETING	17 Teresa Shively	18 Adrian LeDeaux	19
20 CLUB TRIP	21	22 John Jansen	23 Bob Paul	24	25 CHRISTMAS	26
27 Kyle Eddy	28 Alice Mueller	29 Carl Malone	30 Janine Bernard	31		

January 2016						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Bradley Mikkelson
3	4 Brittany Eddy	5 Haley Hergenreder	6 Wyvonne Stengaard	7	8	9
10	11 BOARD MEETING <i>Michelle Opdyke</i>	12	13 Jessica Stengaard	14	15	16
17 Michelle Jansen	18	19	20 CLUB MEETING Misty Eddy	21	22	23 Spencer Payton
24 CLUB TRIP 31 Taylor Crue Brody Deflinger	25	26 Justin Rannells	27 Karen Riley	28	29	30

Board Meeting: Jan. 11 7:30pm Michelle Opdyke  
 Feb. 8 7:30pm Tim Palmer  
 Membership Meeting: Dec. 16 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Jan. 20 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Club Trip: Dec. 20 9:00am **King Soopers Parking Lot N. College & Willox**

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