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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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The Club Trip will be to Pratt Creek Road 182 to Tie Siding on December 17th. We will meet at the North King Soopers Willox and College at 8:30 am and leave at 9am.

**ATTENTION: THE CLUB TRIP IS ONE WEEK EARLIER THAN NORMAL BECAUSE OF CHRISTMAS**



## November Trip Report

### *Old Flowers Road*

We couldn't have asked for a better November day to go wheeling in the mountains west of Fort Collins. The skies were blue and the temperature was predicted to be in the mid-60s. As we were gathering together for the trip, a 23 year club member who hadn't been on a trip in a few years showed up. Brian Graves said it was time to get back on the trail again as he has some big plans for a new Hemi power plant in his new Jeep Rubicon. At the mouth of Rist Canyon we were met by another club

## **New Members**

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Scott Knapp #108

## **Guests at Last Meeting**

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Philip Banta

Louis Dimmitt

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member that we hadn't seen on the trail for a few years, Bob and his granddaughter Savannah Schleppey, joined our convoy up the canyon.

Our first stop was in the shadow of Mount Ethel by the Stove Prairie School. This was our air down spot and we also got a count on vehicles, 15 in all. The school is the oldest operating schoolhouse in Colorado. After this brief stop, we proceeded west, meandering through the Stove Prairie and Sky Corral Ranches until we reached the Forest Service gate and the start of the "Old Flowers" Road. There was very little snow on the ground and it looked as if it was going to be an easy day. Every once in a while we would encounter a small water crossing where the water had run down the road causing an ice skating rink to form. It didn't take long for everyone to figure out that you had to get up some momentum to get over the ice and on to the next patch of dirt. We made a stop at the old cabin to stretch and get the group together again.

Before long we were into the High Park fire area. This fire consumed 87,284 acres of forestland. The fire was started by lightning on June 9th and wasn't contained until June 30th. Along the way we saw a lot of new trees coming up and a lot of blowdown on the burned area. Tim commented that in 40 years the forest will

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be back to the way we knew it. Then we came to a long uphill run of pure ice. Craig was leading, so he was the first to try this challenge. He called #2 in the line and told Seleta to stay way back as he might come sliding back down the hill out of control. Sure enough, that's exactly what he did and the only thing that stopped him from sliding into the trees was a water bar. The second time he tried it had the same result. The third time was the charm as he found some snow on the right that gave him a little more traction. Doug Lenderink gave it the ol' college try but had to get out the shovel and put some dirt on the ice for traction. While all this was going on, new club member John Carter caught up with us and joined in the fun, better late than never. Almost everyone has a story about the toboggan run. Some had to winch up while a couple in the back chained up. It took one and a half hours to get all sixteen vehicles to the top. The rest of the trip was uneventful all the way to the Pingree Park Road.

There are two ways home from this point. Half of the group were in a hurry to get home and decided to go home via the Poudre Canyon. The other half went over Pennock Pass, down the Buckhorn Canyon to Masonville. On this day, the Mountaineer family had a bunch of fun

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and what's better is that there were no breakdowns!



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**ATTENTION: THE CLUB MEETING  
WILL START AT 5:30 PM DECEMBER  
20, BECAUSE OF THE CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**



MAY ALL YOUR SWEATERS  
**BE UGLY & BRIGHT**

**JOIN US FOR AN UGLY SWEATER PARTY!**

Wednesday, December 20th at 5:30 pm  
Gift exchange for the adults (\$30 limit), activities for the kids, 4x4 Matchbox races,  
and ugly sweater contest for all!  
Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Main course provided by the club.

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## **New Club Officers**

President: Bill Dyenforth

Vice President: Greg Meyers

Secretary: Scott Riley

Treasure: Tim Palmer

Trip Planners: Craig Stumbough

Jeremy Zamora

Dave Surface

Michael Nothnagel

# Hot Wheels or Match Box Racing

At the December meeting we will be racing our Match Box or Hot Wheels 4 X 4 racers. 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.

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



December 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Sally Oden	5 Kelly Ficarra	6 Ann Lietz	7	8	9
10 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> Jason Marooney	11 Scott Ficarra	12 Mike Braskich Cristal Opdyke Shelby Peterson	13	14 Matthew DeWitt	15 Steve Claus Shane Peterson	16 Jaden Dyrenforth
17 <b>CLUB TRIP</b> Teresa Shively	18 Bill Dyrenforth Adrian LeDeaux	19 Brandon Loeb	20 <b>CLUB MEETING</b> Heather Cooper	21	22 John Jansen Dave Martin	23 Bob Paul
24  31 Michael Nothnagel Thomas Carter	25	26	27 Kyle Eddy	28 Alice Mueller	29 Carl Malone	30 Janine Bernard Troy Mynes

January 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Bradley Mikkelson	3	4 Brittany Eddy	5 Haley Hergenreder	6 Wyvonne Stengaard
7	8 <b>BOARD MEETING</b>	9	10	11	12	13 Jessica Stengaard
14	15	16	17 <b>CLUB MEETING</b> Michelle Jansen	18	19	20 Misty Eddy Kristen Schimierer
21 <b>CLUB TRIP</b> Connor Bowlin	22	23 Spencer Payton	24 Taylor Crue Brody Deflinger	25 Samantha Richards Kevin Hansen	26 Justin Rannells	27 Karen Riley
28	29	30	31			

Board Meeting: Jan. 8 7:30pm Bill Dyrenforth  
Feb. 12 7:30pm Craig Stumbough  
Membership Meeting: Dec. 20 5:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
Jan. 17 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
Club Trip: Dec. 17 **9:00am** **North King Soopers N.College and Willox**