
MOUNTAIN-EARS

LARIMER COUNTY FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

February Club Trip

This month's trip will be to Ballard, we will try to make it all the way to the top.

Please meet at the North King Soopers Wilox and North College. We will leave at 9:00am Sunday February 22nd. For those coming from Loveland and points south, we will see you in Masonville about 9:30am.



January Trip Report

About fifteen Mountaineer and guest vehicles gathered on a beautiful Sunday morning for our monthly outing. The plan for the day was to go to the upper Cherokee Park area, find snow, bash the drifts on the back roads until we got to the Boulder Ridge Road and eventually come out on Highway 287 at Tie Siding

Guests at Last Meeting

Nathan Chilson

Editor's Note

Just a reminder, I could use some Member's Rides, Please email the info and a picture to

newsletter@
mountaineers4x4.org

If you take pictures on our club trips and want to share them, please upload them on our Facebook page. (I can use them in the newsletter)

Wyoming. After a short run up to County Road 80C, we stopped to air down and let some stragglers catch up.



On up 80C, we stopped just before the little canyon to take advantage of the last potty box. The “little canyon” was icy but when we reached Upper Cherokee Park, there was still very little snow and some were wondering if we would ever see any good snow on this day. After some assurances by Jim D., we turned onto the Pratt Creek Road, #182. It wasn't long before we got into some smaller drifts that we had to power through. We were cruising along for a while before Jim came to a complete stop as a tree had fallen across the road. That was when we discovered that no one in our group had a chain saw with them. Where was Don or

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Darwin when we needed them? Jim was able to winch it to the side of the road and proceed on until we came to some more blow down. Some of the trees we were able to drive across or around but several others we had to winch out of the way.

After a quick lunch break, it was more snow bashing and the drifts were getting deeper which in several cases required the use of a snatching strap or even a winch. Jim gave up the lead to Corvette Dave and Scott so we could take advantage of their V-8 power and heavier vehicles to get through the bigger and longer drifts that we were encountering.

It was just one of those days where if you didn't get stuck, you just



weren't having any fun at all. Progress

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was slow, but we were getting closer to our goal of linking up with the Boulder Ridge Road. According to Jim's GPS we were right there when we came



across a very long and deep drift. While out walking the drift, we could see the Boulder Ridge Road right on the other side of the 200 foot long drift. It took about an hour to break open the drift and get all 15 vehicles through it. Corvette Dave's ol' FJ-40 got a workout as he got the duty of strapping about 10 of us through.

A scouting party went north on the road only to come back and report that there were drifts as far as the eye could see and there was little hope of getting to Tie Siding. Another group went to check out getting back to 80C via Boulder

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Ridge. They came and reported that there were too many drifts that way also. The only way out was the way we came in. At least the drifts were all broken open and the trees moved so that we were able to make some pretty good time. On the way out Bob O. asked if anyone had some extra gas as it looked as if he would empty his tank before reaching Highway 287. There were others that had the same concern.

On the way down Corvette Dave's control arm came loose. Scott R. had to use his winch to pull



the axle housing back into place and make repairs. To add insult to injury, Scott ran out of gas. Luckily, Dave had 4 gallons of extra gas and split it between the two vehicles. Everyone else made down the hill mostly on

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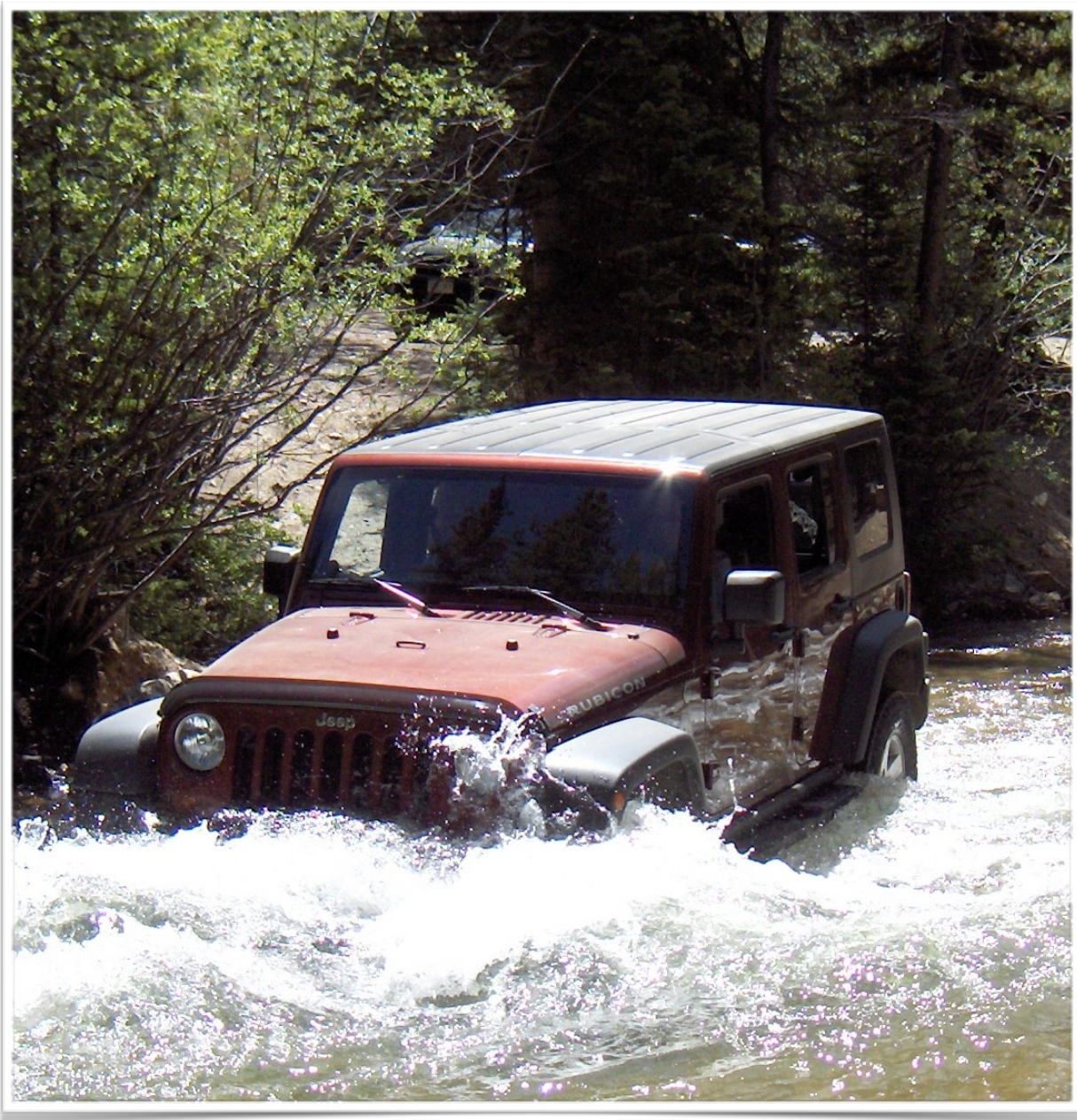
fumes including Bob.

Even though we got home way after dark, the Mountaineer family had a fun day in the snow. New Mountaineer Carl M. said he had a blast and learned a lot about his “new” Jeep and wonder of wonders, Mrs. Kinnison’s baby boy, Cody, made the whole trip without any breakage!



El Guapo





Members Ride

Member Name: Gary/Marti Helgeson

Member Number: #54

Ride Make & Model: 2008 Jeep JK Rubicon

Engine: 3.8L V6, SuperChips Flashpaq programmer

Transmission: Stock 4 speed automatic

Transfer Case: Stock 4:I

Front End: Dana 44, 4:10 ratio, electric locker

Electric sway bar disconnect

Rear End: Dana 44, 4:10 ratio, electric locker

Wheels & Tires: LT283/75R17 (33") Toyo A/T Open Country

Springs & Shocks: 3" Skyjacker lift & shocks

Miscellaneous: Warn front bumper

Smittybuilt 8000 lb winch, synthetic cable

Smittybuilt Atlas rear bumper

Engine/transmission/transfer case skid plate

Evap canister skidplate

Homemade (Troy made) running board/rock sliders

Dues are Due

It is that time of year again and Club Dues are due! With our Member/Unit Numbers reaching close to 100 we will be reassigning numbers after the March Members Meeting to fill in the gaps in the numbers we currently have. This means if your Dues are not paid by the end of the March Meeting you will lose your current number and not be reassigned one until your Dues are paid.

Cool Facts

Sound travels almost 5 times faster underwater than in air.

16 pennies stacked up equals one inch, and 16 pennies in a line is one foot.

The term "Oxymoron" is itself an oxymoron because oxy means sharp and moron means dull.

A typical lightning bolt is 50,000 degrees F, which is hotter than the surface of the sun.

Avocados have more protein than any other fruit.

February 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Chris Mercer	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 BOARD MEETING <i>Kyle Eddy</i>	10	11	12	13	14
15 Cara Thoen G&J Meyers	16 Nicholas Kemp Michelle Opdyke	17	18 CLUB MEETING Amber Yetter	19	20	21 A&A Burch
22 CLUB TRIP Christopher Kapperman	23	24	25 Colleen Stengaard	26	27	28
Judy Heiderscheidt						

March 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Patrick Burch	3	4 Paul Dangler Jeff Paben	5 Tasha Opdyke	6 Evan Meyers	7
8	9 BOARD MEETING <i>Kyle Eddy</i>	10 Kent Schmidt Rosemary McCurry	11 Travis Golly	12	13	14
15 Darren Finger	16 Janice Marolf	17	18 CLUB MEETING	19 Kelly Kapperman	20	21
22 CLUB TRIP Lindsay Weegans	23	24	25 Nate Adams	26 Lori Golly	27 Sheila Mueller	28 Todd McCurry T&R McCurry
29 Robin Noehl	30 Craig Stumbough	31				

Board Meeting: Mar. 9 7:30pm Craig Stumbough
 Apr. 6 7:30pm Dave Oden
 Membership Meeting: Feb. 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
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 Club Trip: Feb. 22 9:00am **King Soopers Parking Lot N. College & Willox**

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