
MOUNTAIN-EARS

LARIMER COUNTY FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

February Club Trip

February's Club Trip will be Prairie Divide and Lost Lake Area for Ice Racing if we can make it that far. Due to the recent snow we have been getting and the number of guests we will be setting some minimum requirements for the trip listed below:

31" tire with decent A/T or better

Mandatory front and rear tow points. Trip Date Sunday February 21. Meet at the North King Soopers and leave at 9:00 AM



January Trip Report

Eleven Mountaineers made the trip up the Poudre Canyon to our destination trail, Seven Mile. We went in at the lower end by Rustic and briefly stopped at the trailhead to air down. It didn't take long to get to the first creek crossing which turned out to be our first challenge of the day. Our vehicles fit nicely in the creek between the two

Guests at Last Meeting

Nathan Haywood

Matt Lingg

Victor Palma

Randall & Sharon
Snider

ice shelves. We had to try to climb the shelf and then get up an ice hill and eventually back to the hard pack snow again. Several of us bounced our vehicle over the ice lip and spun our tires trying to get up the sheet of ice only to slide backwards which in turn would slick up the ice even more. A few of the group decided the better part of valor would be to take a strap rather than pulverize their vehicle. On up the trail most of the other Seven Mile Creek crossings were frozen solid. We did encounter several ice flows on the road 20 to 30 feet long. All of these were navigated very carefully without any difficulty. One place we found a large ice hole that gave a few of us a problem when a wheel was dropped into the hole. The quick way to get a vehicle out was a tug from a strap. It seemed to be a



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wheel base thing as only the bigger vehicles got caught in the trap.

When the group got to the big meadow we turned left towards Stump Hill. Evan set about building a campfire to cook our hotdogs over while most of the others went to try their luck on Stump Hill. A hand full of Mountaineers completed the trip to the top of Stump Hill. The group on top had to make room for those still to come up the hill and pulled off into the trees. Darren got the Tater buried in the snow and asked for a tug. Corvette Dave came to the rescue and



hooked a snatching strap between the two vehicles. With a huff and puff and the speed of a bullet, he stretched that strap as far as it would go. It seems that he stretched his radiator hose also as a hose clamp came undone. As soon as

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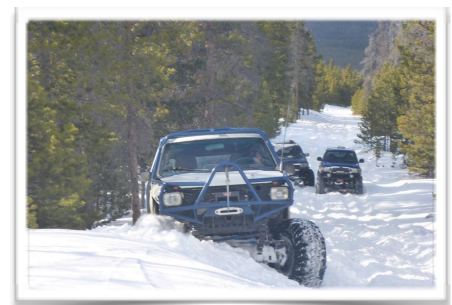
the excitement died down, the hose clamp was repositioned and Tater was freed



from the clutches of the snow bank everyone headed back down the hill to cook their lunch over the hot campfire. Corrine made enough desert brownies to satisfy every sweet tooth in the crowd.

As soon as lunch was done, we split into two groups. The group that hadn't had enough snow bashing headed to Swamp Creek to try their luck on the spaghetti works of roads in that area. The Venricks went the farthest before this group gave it up.

The other group headed for town so that they could at least watch the 2nd



half of the Broncos AFC Championship

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game. On the way out, near the Brinkhoff homestead, both groups had some fun in a few long snow drifts. It was nothing that a snatching strap or winch couldn't cure.

It was another great day of play and smiles with the Mountaineer family.

El Guapo



February 2016						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Chris Mercer	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 BOARD MEETING <i>Tim Palmer</i>	9	10	11	12 Travis Kaderka	13
14	15 Cara Thoen	16 Michelle Opdyke	17 CLUB MEETING	18 Amber Yetter	19	20
21 CLUB TRIP	22 Christopher Kapperman	23	24	25 Colleen Stengaard	26	27
28	29 Judy Heiderscheidt					

March 2016						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Patrick Burch	3	4 Jeff Paben	5 Tasha Opdyke
6	7 BOARD MEETING <i>Jennifer Romero</i> Evan Meyers	8	9	10 Kent Schmidt Arya Graves	11 Travis Golly Steven Donahoe	12
13	14	15 Darren Finger	16 CLUB MEETING	17	18	19 Kelly Kapperman
20 CLUB TRIP	21	22 Kindsay Weegans Tammy Peterson	23	24 Allen Peterson	25	26 Lori Golly
27 Sheila Mueller	28	29 Robin Noehl	30 Craig Stumbough	31		

Board Meeting: Mar. 7 7:30pm Jennifer Romero
 Apr. 11 7:30pm Dave Oden
 Membership Meeting: Feb. 17 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Mar. 16 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
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