
MOUNTAIN-EARS

LARIMER COUNTY FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

January Club Trip

January's Club Trip will be Seven Mile, we will stop for lunch at the base of Stump Hill and have a fire to roast some Hot Dogs. Trip Date Sunday January 24. Meet at the North King Soopers and leave at 9:00 AM



December Trip Report

On Sunday December 20, 2015 marked the last trip of the year for the Mountaineer Family and guests. The group started to gather at the usual spot in the King Sooper parking lot on North College Ave. with anticipation of what the day would bring. The goal of making it all the way through to Tie-siding was in everyone's mind, as well as

Guests at Last Meeting

Randall & Sharon
Snider

Travis Kaderka

Terry Kollsen

Isaac Spodeder

New Members

Travis Kaderka #83

Tammy & Allen
Peterson #84

wondering how much of the deep white powdery stuff we would encounter along the way.

The day started out with a strange feeling as one person was missing from the line up, Craig Stumbough due to an injuring he was nursing. No one could quite get past the fact that there would be no OOOGA horn to start the caravan off for the day. The caravan left King Sooper with 12 vehicles in tow north along HWY 287 to the destination turn off of CR 80c just north of Livermore. While everyone was airing down another gentleman stopped to see where we were headed and asked if he could tag a long. Being the group that we are we had no problem letting him come along for the days adventure.

Once we reached the



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trailhead at FR 182 it was decided to let those with the less built rigs take the lead so they could have some fun at their chance to break some trail. It was not long before we found ourselves in some of the deep stuff that we had been waiting for.

Allen was the first to need a tug as he found himself in a 2.5-3 foot drift and lost



all momentum. With some leapfrogging to get others to the front of the group we kept encountering drift after drift that tested even the most built rigs in the group.

One the downhill section about 1.5 miles into the trail we encountered a nice 3 foot deep drift at the top as well as a 3 foot deep drift at the bottom, which made for an interesting trip down. After helping a few people that got stuck going down hill, we continued

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our trek deeper into the forest. After about another mile or so our newly



acquired guest that joined us at the park-n-ride decided that he had enough and turned around. When asked if he would like a few to follow him out he said that he would be fine and not to worry about it. Good thing for him there were still a few people behind (Jake Thoen, Don Maresh and Corvette Dave) us still having some fun at the downhill section, as this would be an uphill climb for him and he is one that needed assistance to make it down.

Don and Dave agreed to help in making sure our guest made it out and spent quite some time getting him up the hill to safety. The rest of the group continued as far as they could and only made it to the intersection of FR 182 and FR 315 before encountering a very

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difficult section with some deep snow. At approximately 3:00 pm it was decided that we should turn around and head back the way we came in as there was no hope of making it all the way to Tie-siding. It was a wise choice as even though the trail had already been broke the group spent over an hour trying to get the remaining 9 back up the hill.



Overall it was another good day wheeling with the Mountaineer Family and guests!

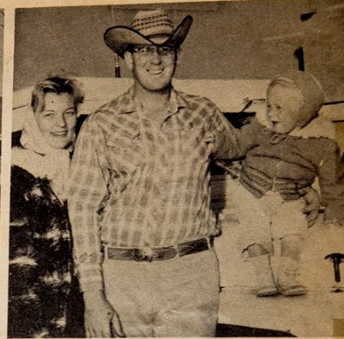


History

Four-wheelers head for the hills... the hard way



FOUR-WHEEL-DRIVE Club enthusiasts line up at 6:30 a.m. to start out on an all-day trip over Jeep trails.



DAN BELL, organizer of last Sunday's Jeep trip, poses with his wife and Dan, Jr. as one of the typical family groups in the caravan.

Thirteen vehicles make trip

A group of four-wheel-drive enthusiasts made the first of a weekly series of back country expeditions out of Fort Collins Sunday, trekking to the ghost town of Alice.

The caravan of 13 vehicles pulled out of the University Plaza Shopping Center at 6:30 a.m. The first leg of the trip was completed without a stop until the break for lunch at the abandoned London mines, a fourishing enterprise in the 1880s.

After eating, the group continued forward on the rugged Jeep trails until they came to a snow drift where all thirteen had to be hitched through. They passed through part of Arapaho National forest, crossed Kingston Peak at James Peak, and ended the first half of their round trip in the deserted city of Alice.

Dan Bell and Ter Tjerman, organizers of the car fan, hope to make these trips every week when the weather permits and last once a month.

Anyone with a four-wheel-drive vehicle is cordially invited to the caravan.

This invitation, by the way, is especially extended to President Morgan of Colorado State

University who was found by the Star to have a four-wheel-drive pick-up.

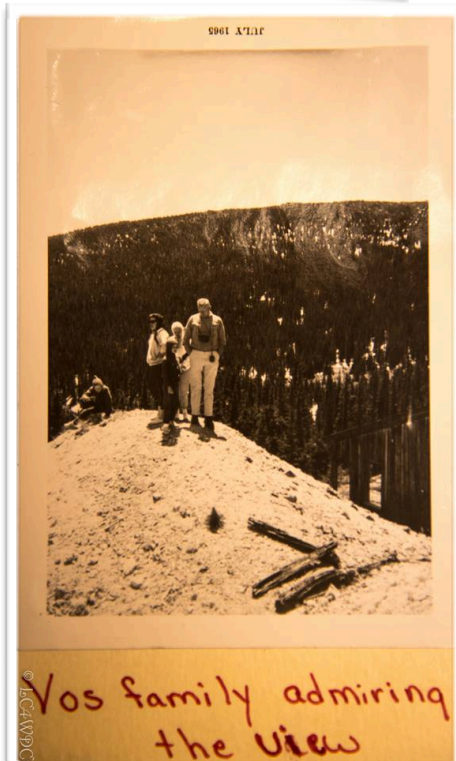
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Vos family admiring the view

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50th Anniversary/Christmas Party

As we are all aware of, 2015 marked the 50 year anniversary of the Larimer County 4 Wheel Drive Club- aka The Mountaineers, and what better way to celebrate than with a party so on Wednesday December 16, 2015 during our regular Club Meeting we did just that. It was a great night for all that attended with a very large portion of our membership in attendance, probably the largest gathering in a very long time.

The evening started off with plenty of food for everyone, even though we did start to run out shortly after beginning. Some of the night activities included some old Mountaineer videos brought in courtesy of Dan Venrick playing on the TV in the meeting hall as well as a projector brought in by JeepnDave. Along with the food and videos we had some games for the kids to play complete with prizes being awarded on the Match-Box races (Stock Class Only), and a Corn Hole Game supplied by Jim Bridge.

At 7:30 the fun stopped for a short period of time so we could conduct Club Business that included; welcoming the 2016 Board Members and a special Recognition Award being presented to Dave Oden for his dedicated years of service maintaining the Newsletter and Website for us. After the business part was taken care of we concluded the evening with drawing for the Door Prizes, which was A LOT and even a separate drawing for the kids.

Thanks to all the Mountaineers that make these Events and trips so memorable, and here is to another great 50+ years!



Cool Facts

An ear of corn always has an even number of rows because of the genetic formula which divides the cells.

The flavor we think of as bubblegum is a combination of wintergreen, vanilla and cassia, a form of cinnamon.

The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.

By weight, Bone is five times stronger than steel.

Coca-Cola would be green if coloring weren't added to it.

The smell of a skunk can be detected a mile away.

In 30 minutes, the average body gives off enough heat to bring a half gallon of water to a boil.

Vermont, Alaska, Hawaii, and Main are the four states in the U.S. that do not allow billboards.

There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with: orange, purple, and month!

The most recycled product in the world is the automobile.

Americans, on average, eat 18 acres of pizza in one day.

A soap bubble is 10,000 times thinner than the average human hair.

Ice isn't slippery. What makes people and things slip on ice is water. A thin layer of ice melts when pressure is applied to it and it is this wet layer on top of the ice that is slippery.

The lifespan of a tastebud is ten days.

There are about 760 thunderstorms every hour on earth.

The skin on your lips is 200 times more sensitive than your fingertips.

Humming birds are the only birds that can fly backwards.

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 Michelle Opdyke	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

February 2016						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Chris Mercer	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 BOARD MEETING Tim Palmer	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					

Board Meeting: Feb. 8 7:30pm Tim Palmer
 Mar. 7 7:30pm Jennifer Romero
 Membership Meeting: Jan. 20 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Feb. 17 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
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