
MOUNTAIN-EARS

LARIMER COUNTY FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

July Club Trip

July's Club Trip will be Moody Hill. Trip Date Sunday July 19. Meet at the North King Soopers and leave at 9:00 AM



June Trip Report

On a beautiful Sunday morning, Mountaineers and guests gathered for a trip to Pole Hill outside of Estes Park. In Fort Collins we had more guests than club members show up for a total of eight. That group convoyed down to Loveland and met up with the southern contingent of ten more vehicles. When

Guests at Last Meeting

Bradley & Rhea
Mikkelson

and others that we did
not get the names of.

we got to Estes Park, Craig tried to take us on Highway 7 to Pole Hill. Half of the group went the right way on Highway 36. The mistake was finally rectified by what looked like an old fashioned Chinese fire drill and amazingly all eighteen of us wound up at the Pole Hill Trailhead.

As this was one of the few trails open in the area, the trailhead was packed with our group and several others wanting to go wheeling along with parked ATV trailers. We aired down as quickly as possible and soon we were rocking and rolling on the trail. Pole Hill is not particularly a difficult trail, but it is very scenic. With all of the recent rains, the wild flowers were abundant. Pole Hill is basically shaped as a figure eight with many side trails. Route finding was not



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easy as many of the major intersections were not marked with trail numbers.

At lunch time, we found ourselves at a beautiful clearing where we all could pull off the road and have a picnic. Blankets and chairs were brought out and a lot of visiting



got done. We finished the trail after soaking up all the views around us. As it was early afternoon when we got back to the trailhead, several went into Estes Park for Ice cream and some shopping. Even though it was a short seven mile trip on the trail, it was a fun day of comradery with the Mountaineer family!



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June Trip Report #2

Along with our regular Club run this month we had a few Members go help the Forest Service on Sunday June 21st. Their objective for the day was to clear all the downed trees on Moody Hill and get the trail ready to open for the season. Mike Castell, Dave Piller and Jim Dixon all met Lenora at the trailhead at 9:00am to begin the day's work, which turned out to be A LOT. After the gate was opened for them to pass through it was only about 100 yards before they came across the first tree lying across the trail.

It was quickly realized that even with as wet as the late winter and spring time had been, the trail was in good shape and suffered from no washouts. It took the small group of 3 nearly 2 hours to reach the Rock Quarry because of the number of trees that had fallen across the trail over the winter months. When the quarry was reached it was time to

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see if the wet weather had changed the obstacle at all. Some of the loose dirt had been washed out making a few new areas to watch while trying to make the obstacle, but over all it was found to be slightly easier than in years past.

After leaving the Quarry and heading to the upper gate there where plenty of other trees lying across the trail and took an additional 1.5 hours to reach the upper gate. Along the way a group of Motorcycles had passed going in the opposite direction, and come to find out they had just had a talk with the Forest Service about the closed gate that they had decided to go around. Overall there were approximately 40-50 trees removed from the trail, and once completed the trail was opened for the season.

After completing the tree removal on Moody Hill Mike and Jim followed Lenora over to the upper gate on Kelly Flats to check the upper meadow. With

the meadow being dry it was decided that Kelly Flats could also be opened for the season. With Mike needing to get back home so his son could make it to work on time, Jim decided to run Kelly Flats by himself to make sure that no trees had fallen across the trail since the first work date a few weeks prior. There was no additional work that needed to be done on Kelly Flats, and it was good to go for the season. Overall the Mountaineers had a good day, as many members and guests had a good trip to Pole Hill and we gained two more trail openings.

Board Member Opening

We have an opening for a trip planner for the remainder of the year. If you are interested in filling this position please contact one of the current board members!



Wellington 4th of July Parade

With following the Mountaineers tradition, we once again participated in the Wellington 4th of July Parade. The day began with meeting at the usual 4th of July Meeting location, Don's House. This years group was smaller than in years past with a total of 5 rigs, but still a fun time for everyone that attended. When the parade started we all fell into line waving at the crowd while driving along, and Corvette Dave was having fun sounding his Air Horn to gain the attention of the crowd, while a couple members walked along side passing out candy to the kids.



July 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Roger Stengaard Alex Paul D&S Jansen	2 Jake Thoen	3 Wyatt Warner	4
5	6 BOARD MEETING <i>Jake Thoen</i> Kevin Castell	7	8 CLUB MEETING	9 Curtis Smelker	10	11
12	13 Linda Schrader Ken Kinnison	14	15 Julie Stone	16	17 Troy Helgeson B&M Opdyke	18
19 CLUB TRIP Aaron Eddy Dustie Treece	20	21 Jake Adams Allen Burch	22	23	24 Donna Kinnison Sharon Jansen Stephanie Payton	25
26 Macy Thoen	27 Judy Claus	28 Kinley LeDeaux	29	30 Kevin Lewis	31 B&R Noehl	

August 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 K&D Kinnison A&M Eddy
2 Judy Paul B&M Kemp	3	4	5	6 M&L Castell	7	8 B&J Marquardt
9	10 BOARD MEETING <i>Justin Treece</i>	11	12	13 Jason Bell D&C Stengaard	14	15
16	17	18 J&S Mueller	19 CLUB MEETING Greg Meyers	20	21 Cody Kinnison	22 Liam Riley
23 CLUB TRIP 30 Milly Smelker	24 31 Kim Schleppey Mindy Warner	25 Brian Graves B&K Schleppey	26	27 Katie Schrader	28 John Schrader	29 Cody Warner

Board Meeting: Aug. 10 7:30pm Justin Treece
 Sep. 7 7:30pm Michelle Opdyke
 Membership Meeting: Jul. 8 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Aug. 19 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: Jul. 19 9:00am **King Soopers Parking Lot N. College & Willox**

Members Ride

Member Name: Craig Stumbough, Unit #5

Ride Make & Model: Red 2006 Jeep TJ/Rubicon named Humpty Dumpty

Engine: 4.0 Liter

Transmission: Rubicon Stock NSG-370, 6 speed manual

Transfer Case: NP-241 w/4 to1 Low Range

Front End: Dana 44, 410 Gears, Rubicon Air Locker

Rear End: Dana 44, 410 Gears, Rubicon Air Locker, Riddler Diff Cover

Wheels & Tires: MB Wheels, BFG Mud Terrain, 33x10.50 R15LT

Springs & Shocks: Skyjacker 5" Long arm Lift Kit, Bilstein Gas Cross Flow Reservoir Shocks

Brakes: Yes (stock)

Miscellaneous: Mountain scene wrap by Bilrite Signs, ARB High Clearance Front Bumper& Bull Bar, Warn 9.5ti winch with synthetic Line & wireless remote, Rock Hard Rear Bumper & Tire Mount, PIAA Off Road Lights, Rock Ready Steering Box Skid Plate, Cat Back Exhaust, K&N Fuel Injection Performance Kit, JKS Sway Bar Disconnect Kit. Plus a dozen or so other upgrades that I have forgotten about.

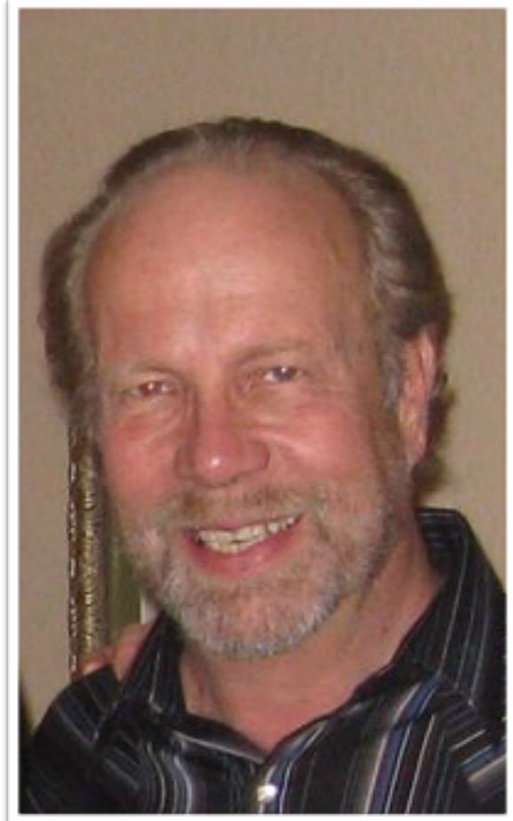
Current & Future Projects: Could be a new horn in the foreseeable future.



Richard Marlof

1/27/1946 - 6/8/2015

It is with sadness we report that Mountaineer Richard Marlof passed away on June 8th in Sun City Az. Rich and Jan became Mountaineer Members 2001. Rich was seen on the trails in his white Jeep (named Rocky) with his faithful canine companion, Pepper, riding shotgun. Rich will be missed but forever in our hearts.



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