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# MOUNTAIN-EARS

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## LARIMER COUNTY FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

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### July Club Trip

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July's Club Trip will be to Moody Hill and Crystal Mountain. This will be our annual trail clean-up trip. We will also have a secondary trip to the North Sand Hills by the route of Hohnholz Rd. We will meet at our regular Trip Meeting spot at the North King Soopers at our regular time and leave at 9:00 am Sunday July 24.



### June Trip Report

#### *Easy Trip up Storm Mountain*

In June the club decided to have two trips, one easy and one that was a lot more technical and further away from home. Only three vehicles met at the King Soopers parking lot for the easy trip up Storm Mountain. We left Fort Collins at the appointed time and

## New Members

Doug Lenderink #90

## Guests at Last Meeting

Diane & Steve Benz

Kyle Jensen

Jason Richards

Nick Valente

Chris Wymbs

headed south to pick up the southern contingent waiting in Loveland. That added six more vehicles to our convoy up the Big Thompson Canyon to Drake where we picked up the last Mountaineer for this trip.

The ten of us turned onto the Cedar Park Road and had to carefully navigate the narrow canyon road and switchbacks as there was a lot of on-coming traffic on the road. We followed Storm Mountain Drive to Galuchie Meadows where we stopped to air down. The drive up the mountain was a walk in the park for most all of our group. We topped out at 9,918 feet and most of us took the short final challenge before parking and digging out our lunch.



The views from the top were spectacular. We could see all three parks clearly, Cedar Park, Estes Park

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and Rocky Mountain National Park. Looking east, we were trying to pick out the land marks around Fort Collins, Loveland and all points east. We stayed on top eating lunch, gabbing and soaking up the panorama laid out in front of us for about an hour before heading back down the mountain. It was a short, fun and easy Sunday drive for this small group of the Mountaineer family.

El Guapo



## June Trip Report

### *Difficult Trip up Spring Creek*

Eight mountaineers and guest met at Downieville for our Spring Creek trip. This trip was in memory of Darwin as this was one of his favorite trails. As previously discussed black tape was placed across our stickers in memory of

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Darwin. Darwin was sure missed on this trip. Corvette Dave took the lead and missed the turn off for the trail. After backing up and making big the turn



we headed up spring creek. The first obstacle the rock wall presented a challenge for some and Scott Riley put some pin striping on his driveshaft but no damage. Dan took the far left line and made it look easy. We managed also to enjoy the beautiful weather and scenery. At the rock garden everyone got to test their skills getting through, all was good until Bob Opdyke blew apart his drivers side hub into pieces. A few





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minutes were spent removing the rest of the hub and fabricating a



water bottle to fit on to keep the dust out. We ate lunch in the shade at the Rock garden before continuing on. We continued to follow our leader on a

route many of us hadn't taken before, it consisted of a shelf road and lots of



switchbacks. We encountered an area where a rock slide had covered the road. As there was no way around, it was up and over the slide. Someone previously had used spray paint to mark where you needed to drive over it, to far over the line and it was a long way down. We came out in Georgetown.

We ended the day with stopping in town for ice cream.

( we decided that since Darwin wasn't there to give Bob crap all day like he always did he was responsible for breaking Bob's hub. It was his way of saying hi and giving him a hard time )

Michelle



# Member's Ride

**Members Name & Unit Number:** Bill & Judy Marquardt #17

**Vehicle Year, Make & Model:** 2013 Jeep Rubicon 10th Anniversary

**Engine:** Stock 3.6L V6

**Transmission:** 5 Speed Auto

**Transfer Case:** Stock 4:1 Low Ratio

**Front End:** Stock Dana 44

**Rear End:** Stock Dana 44

**Wheels & Tires:** Goodyear 315/70 R17 34" on AEV Pintler Wheels

**Springs & Shocks:** AEV 3.5" Dualsport Suspension

**Brakes:** Stock

**Miscellaneous:** Hanson Front Bumper with Warn Zeon Winch. AEV Rear Tire Carrier with AEV 10 gal Fuel Caddie. Tarraflex Rear Axle Sleeve Kit. Pure Jeep Sway Bar Skidplate.

**Current & Future Projects:** Wheeling and Backcountry Exploration. We tow a Ruger Off-Road Trailer with a Tepui Rooftop Tent when Camping.







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**PIG**   
**ROAST**

**When:** Saturday, August 20th 2016

**Time:** Arrive 2:00pm or after – Eat between 4-5pm

**Where:** Braskich's Plantation

2192 N. Taft Hill Rd, Fort Collins

Dinnerware, Lemonade, Iced Tea and Water will be provided by the club

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please join the family fun, including a one-lane bowling alley. Looking forward to seeing you there!

July 2016						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Roger Stengaard Alex Paul  D&S Jansen	2 Jake Thoen
3 Wyatt Warner	4	5	6 Kevin Castell	7	8	9 Curtis Smelker
10	11 BOARD MEETING Dave LeDeaux	12	13 Linda Schrader Ken Kinnison	14	15 Julie Stone  J&K Rannells	16
17 Troy Helgeson  B&M Opdyke	18	19 Aaron Eddy Dustie Treece	20 CLUB MEETING	21 Allen Burch	22	23
24 CLUB TRIP Donna Kinnison Sharon Jansen Stephanie Payton 31 Talynn Kaderka B&R Noehl	25	26 Macy Thoen	27 Judy Claus	28 Kinley LeDeaux	29	30 Kevin Lewis

August 2016						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  A&M Eddy K&D Kinnison	2 Judy Paul	3 Vihaney Graves	4	5	6  M&L Castell
7	8 BOARD MEETING Dave Surface  Doug Lenderink  B&J Marquardt	9 Kristi Graves	10	11	12	13  D&C Stengaard
14	15	16 A&J Romero	17 CLUB MEETING	18 J&S Mueller	19 Greg Meyers	20
21 CLUB TRIP Cody Kinnison	22 Liam Riley	23 Milly Smelker Oakley Peterson	24 Kim Schleppey Mindy Warner	25 Brian Graves  B&K Schleppey	26	27 Katie Schrader
28 John Schrader	29 Cody Warner	30	31			

Board Meeting: Aug. 8 7:30pm Dave Surface  
 Sep. 12 7:30pm Craig Stumbough  
 Membership Meeting: Jul. 20 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Aug. 17 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Club Trip: Jul. 24 9:00am **King Soopers Parking Lot N. College & Willox**

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