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# MOUNTAIN-EARS

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## LARIMER COUNTY FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

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### **March Club Trip**

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This month's trip will be to Seven Mile, we will have fire to heat up whatever food you bring along.

Please meet at the North King Soopers Wilox and North College at 8:30am. We will leave at 9:00am Sunday February 22nd.



### **February Trip Report**

On Sunday morning we had only four vehicles meet at our normal jumping off point on north College Ave. Jim D. led those four across Fort Collins slushy streets to meet up with ten other four wheelers waiting at Masonville. The lower elevations had just gotten a couple of inches of new snow so we

## Guests at Last Meeting

Nathan Chilson

Holland Hibbitt

Mike Klaege

## 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)

knew that we would have enough snow to play in at our destination, the



Ballard Logging Road. For many of us, this was the first chance to travel the Buckhorn Road as the road was closed for over a year for flood damage repair. We stopped to air down at the Moody Hill parking area. Just as we were ready to continue on, six or seven vehicles from the Cheyenne club caught up with us and we knew that there was going to be a crowd on the mountain. The flood waters from the little Buckhorn Creek had washed out almost all of the bridges in the canyon. No wonder it had to be closed so long.

When we turned onto the Ballard Road, we could see some fresh tracks in the snow indicating that we weren't alone. With Jim B. and Joe H. leading

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the way, we made good progress until we caught up with a group of four 4 wheelers struggling to make headway. We were in a hurry up and wait situation until they let our group around to break trail. By the time we got to the big meadow, we could see that it would be a fun day in the fresh snow. It wasn't long before we could hear engines at full throttle. The rev counters were hitting the red line in a sometimes futile attempt at beating the snow into submission. Up front Joe and Jim B. were making slow progress up the ice hill. Craig had to head back early as he had a front drive shaft cv joint going bad (by the time he got home it was howling). Jim D. wasn't feeling well and decided to escort Craig down the hill. Our guest in



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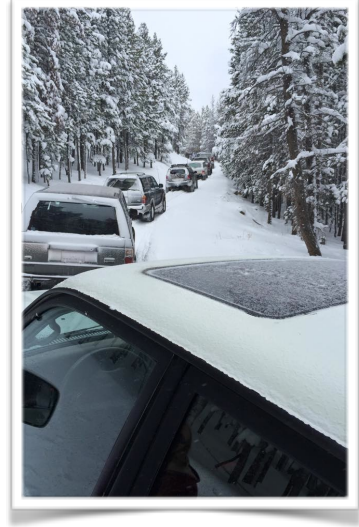
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the Land Rover got ice stuck in the bead of his tire (whoops, it's a Land Rover, we should say "tyre"). Dan couldn't get the "tyre" to take air so they had to change



it in the snow drift. Greg M. had problems with the automatic transmission on his Bronco and also had to make an early retreat minus a couple of gears.

While all of this fun (winching, strapping and flat fixing) was happening the vehicles from the Cheyenne Club were added to the mix. The first big climb out of the meadow was taking the toll on almost everyone that gave it a go. There was several ice flows hidden under the new snow. You would get so far and then slide back down the hill as if you were on a toboggan run. Joe

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finally made it to the top of the ice hill (no small feat) but didn't go over the top as the other side was worse. Dan spent most of the trip towards the back of the pack helping several along the way. When our Wyoming cousins had their fill of trying the ice hill, Dan wanted to give it a try. He huffed and puffed and went up the ice hill lickity split and made it to the top without any mechanical aids and beat Joe's high mark on the hill by 6 inches. It was a fun day for most of the Mountaineer family.



El Guapo



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1996 Ford Damon Intruder motor home. Well cared for. 61,500 miles. \$13,500 OBO.

Auto haul trailer sturdy enough to haul Wild Oats all over. Needs a paint job. \$2,500 OBO.

Any interested parties can contact Mark Pepper at 307-259-6903 or [markpepper1000@hotmail.com](mailto:markpepper1000@hotmail.com)



## **Members Ride**

**Member Name:** Scott Riley #59

**Ride Make & Model:** 1989 Chevy Crewcab

**Engine:** 350 (with 200,000+ miles on it)

**Transmission:** 700r4

**Transfer Case:** NP241 with slip yoke eliminator

**Front End:** Dana 60, 5.13:1 gears, Lock-Right locker, Reid Racing knuckles, Yukon alloy shafts, Offroad Design high-steering arms with PSC hydraulic ram assist

**Rear End:** GM 14 bolt, 5.13:1 gears, Detroit locker

**Wheels & Tires:** 37" tire, 17" wheel

**Springs & Shocks:** Alcan leaf springs designed by Offroad Design. Doetsch Tech monotube shocks

**Brakes:** 4 wheel disc brakes

**Misc:** The truck was originally a 2wd and I converted it to 4wd in the spring of 2013. The front and rear bumpers were made by me. The front bumper houses a Tabor 12K winch. Seating for 5 in the cab utilizing PRP suspension seats. For those that are curious it has a 164" wheelbase. Angry Duck hood ornament from the movie Convoy.

**Current & Future Projects:** Motor swap to a 5.3L Vortec. Roll bar of sorts in the bed. Cage for the cab. Rear 4-link suspension with air bags. Rear winch. Custom fabricated dash.



## **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**

Fingernails grow nearly 4 times faster than toenails.

Sixty cows can produce a ton of milk a day,

Although jellyfish and crayfish have the word fish in their name, they aren't actually fish.

The word "maverick" came into use after Samuel Maverick, a Texan refused to brand his cattle. Eventually any unbranded calf became known as a Maverick.

One gallon of used motor oil can ruin approximately one million gallons of fresh water.

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 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> <i>Craig Stumbough</i>	10 Kent Schmidt Rosemary McCurry	11 Travis Golly	12	13	14  A&A Burch
15 Darren Finger  G&J Meyers	16 Janice Marolf	17	18 <b>CLUB MEETING</b>	19 Kelly Kappeman	20	21
22 <b>CLUB TRIP</b> 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				

April 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Valorie Miller
5 Christina Eddy Seth Burch Camiren Meyers	6 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> <i>Dave Oden</i>	7	8 Aure Marvin Scott Riley	9	10	11 Byron Noehl
12	13 Bob Schleppey	14	15 <b>CLUB MEETING</b> Cassandra McCurry	16	17	18 Jim Dixon
19 <b>CLUB TRIP</b>	20	21	22 Justin Treece	23	24	25 Rich Stengaard
26	27 Dave Oden	28	29	30		

Board Meeting: Apr. 6 7:30pm Dave Oden  
 May 11 7:30pm Cliff Dukes  
 Membership Meeting: Mar. 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Apr. 15 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Club Trip: Mar. 22 9:00am **King Soopers Parking Lot N. College & Willox**

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