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## LARIMER COUNTY FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

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### November Club Trip

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November's Club Trip will be Bald Mountain. Trip Date Sunday November 22. Meet at the North King Soopers and leave at 9:00 AM

We may also have a second trip the following Sunday November 29 to Miller Rock or Indy depending on interest from club members.



## October Trip Report Fun Daze 2015

It was a perfect day for the Mountaineers annual Fun Daze Event. It wasn't raining or snowing and even the wind wasn't blowing just to name a few things encountered in the past few years. The sun shone brightly as the group of Mountaineers and friends

## Guests at Last Meeting

Scott Stultz

Tammy & Allen  
Peterson

Jason Derflinger

## New Members

Allen Burch #79

Chuck Graves #80

gathered in Fort Collins for the trip. We convoyed up Highway 1, went around Wellington and took county road 66 east to the top of the bluff and then on to “The Little House on the Prairie” (better known as the Brian and Sue Graves homestead). When we arrived, we were met by our hosts , Brian and Sue, and the event planners who had everything set up for us as well as a couple of quadcopter drones piloted by Dave Oden and Jim Dixon. For your viewing pleasure, the videos and photos of the day’s fun may be seen on the Mountaineers Facebook page.

The first thing everybody tried was the RTI ramp to test the articulation on our vehicles. Scott wrote down everybody’s score which can be found in this newsletter.



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As always, the tank trap was very popular as was the rolling logs and rock pile. The tank trap only claimed one victim this year.



It seems that Darwin couldn't get his red scoter whoaed up fast enough and got bucked off. Neither Darwin nor the scoter was injured in the accident. Several got turtled on the rocks and had to suffer the indignity of having to take a strap to get out

of trouble. The mogul hills were also lot of fun. Dan and Tara Venrick set up



the divorce course (blindfold race). When the dust cleared, Cristal Opdyke and guest Travis Kaderka were declared the winners. The Venricks also set up a Handyman Jack winching contest where

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the object was to see how to use your Handyman Jack to get yourself out of trouble.

Around noon the dinner bell rang and we were treated to a savory pulled pork lunch. Members also brought several delicious side dishes and desert treats.

We also had a drawing for prizes that had been donated by some of our clubs business supporters. The finishing touch to a great day was the blowing up of a Honda. When all the final bets

were placed we fired up the car.

The object was to guess how long the Honda engine would last at full

throttle and no coolant. Everybody settled in and waited for that Honda engine to expire. It didn't take too long for the radiator to start spewing steam. Then all of a sudden the prairie grass caught fire and the plastic rear bumper



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melted and went up in a ball of flame. At that point it was decided that the engine had to be turned off and the fire extinguished. The timer was stopped at 5:36:88. Bob Opdyke had guessed the closest time at 5:35 and was declared the winner of the cash pot.

After a cooling down period, a few people worked hard to get their four wheelers on top of the three cars to see how flat we could get them. Feeling good about winning the big cash pot, Bob began his assault on the hunks of metal. It was on his third pass while trying to climb

the Honda that his Toyota took a tumble and did an easy roll onto its side.

Before the dust settled and the truck was pulled back onto its wheels, the club stickers were turned over as per club tradition.



Neither Bob nor the truck was hurt in the roll over and all he could say afterword was “I’ve been trying roll this thing for quite a while”. Bob, all we can say is that you weren’t trying hard enough!

It was a fun day for the Mountaineer family and there were enough smiles to last us quite a while. As one Mountaineer used to say, “The fun meter was pegged all day!”

Thank you Brian and Sue!!

El Guapo



## 2015 RTI Scores

NAME	WHEELBASE	DISTANCE	SCORE	VEHICLE
Jake Thoen	106	85	802	4Runner
Allen Burch	106.5	96	901	4Runner
Jim Bridge	95	118	1242	Jeep
Carl Malone	105	114	1086	Jeep
Travis Kaderka	102	82	804	XJ
Brad Mikkelson	100.5	102	1015	XJ
Scott Riley	164	126	768	CrewCab
Don Maresh	90	79	878	FJ
Bob Paul	90	70	778	FJ
Craig Stumbough	94	112	1191	TJ
John Schrader	99.5	109	1095	FJ
Dave Pillar	93.5	78	834	YJ
Justin Treece	93.5	99	1059	TJ
Jason Derflinger	106.5	97	911	K5
Joe Holt	98	106	1082	TJ
Dave Surfase	99.5	101	1015	FJ
Crystal Opdyke	131	60	458	Dakota
Bob Opdyke	101.5	78	768	Toyota pickup
Brenda Jackson	102	70	686	Toyota pickup

## Mountaineers Celebration

This year has been an exciting and good year for the Mountaineer Family. We have grown a lot over the last 6 months and appreciate everyone of you. This year also marks the Mountaineers 50th Anniversary so on top of our usual Christmas Meeting in December we will also be Celebrating our 50th at the same time. We will be planning a big party to celebrate so be sure to attend the festivities. There will be more details released as they become available, but it will be a good one.





# Member's Rides

Michael Castell

## 99 Jeep Wrangler

Stock 4.0L with 5 speed manual transmission

37x12.5x15 Pitbull Rocker Radials 15 x 8 Champion beadlocks

Front Axle- High Pinion Dana 44, ARB, 4:56 gears, Chromoly axle shafts, Yukon Super U-joints, 3/4 ton Warn hubs, high steer, custom heavy duty drag links and tie-rods

Rear Axle- Super 44 (33 spline Chromoly shafts) also with an ARB and 4:56 gears.

Suspension- Teraflex LCG, custom built four link in the rear, stretched 5 inches, Heretic Fab heat treated rear lower links

Currie Antirock front swaybar

1" body lift and heavy duty motor mounts with 1" lift

Transfer Case- TeraLow 4 to 1 with SYE

Teraflex Belly Up skid plate

Warn 9000 winch with synthetic rope, wireless remote and in cab controls

Poison Spider Stinger with radiator hoop

Poison Spider tube fenders

Poison Spider crush corners

TnT aluminum Guardian Sliders

Wilderness rear bumper, basket, tire carrier, shovel and axe mount, gas can mount, and CO2 tank mount

RCI racing fuel cell and a custom 3/8" steel skid plate

SWAG Offroad drop down tailgate conversion

Battlement FAB full cage

Raingler cage nets

Alpine Stereo with ipod connection and controls, Infinity Speakers

Tuffy center console

Tuffy rear under-seat drawer

Cobra 75 WXST CB

ADE Theft Protection system

## 2007 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited Rubicon

Totally stock



November 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Ron Kapperman  G&M Helgeson	3	4 Andrea Paben Tyler Schleppey	5	6	7 Anna Mueller
8	9 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> <i>Michelle Opdyke</i>	10	11 Drew Claus	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 <b>CLUB MEETING</b>	19	20 Jim Jansen	21 David LeDeaux
22 <b>CLUB TRIP</b> Bob Opdyke Darwin Stengaard	23	24 Dick Jansen Kimberly Malone	25	26 <b>THANKSGIV</b>	27	28 Darold Klein
29	30					

December 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Sally Oden	5 Kelly Ficarra
6	7 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> <i>Jim Dixon</i>  Christine Romero	8	9	10 Jason Marooney	11 Scott Ficarra	12 Mike Braskich Cristal Opdyke
13	14 Matthew DeWitt	15 Steve Claus	16 <b>CLUB MEETING</b>	17 Teresa Shively	18 Adrian LeDeaux	19
20 <b>CLUB TRIP</b>	21	22 John Jansen	23 Bob Paul	24	25 <b>CHRISTMAS</b>	26
27 Kyle Eddy	28 Alice Mueller	29 Carl Malone	30 Janine Bernard	31		

Board Meeting: Dec. 7 7:30pm Jim Dixon  
 Jan. 11 7:30pm TBA  
 Membership Meeting: Nov. 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Dec. 16 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Club Trip: Nov. 22 9:00am **King Soopers Parking Lot N. College & Willox**

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