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# MOUNTAIN-EARS

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## LARIMER COUNTY FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

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### November Club Trip

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We will be doing Seven Mile this month. Please see article later in this issue for more details.



## October Trip Report

### *Storm Mountain*

A group of Mountaineers and guests gathered at the North College King Soopers parking lot for the planned trip up Storm Mountain via the Masonville route. At the sound of the horn, the convoy started across town towards Horsetooth Reservoir and on up to Masonville to pick up the rest of the club members waiting for us. We turned off the Buckhorn Road onto a dirt private property road for a mile and a half until we reached forest service boundary and trail head where we stopped to air down. The road

## New Members

Shar Gerber #119

Zachary Hopkins #120

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through the private property is only open during hunting season.

It was a perfect day to be in the forest; in fact it was a tee shirt and windows down type of day. We had our first causality of the trip after a couple minutes into the trail. Our newest club member, Zack, had a problem with a bad fuel injector and had to turn around and limp back

home for repairs.

After running through the forest and over a few rock outcrops



we came to the High Park fire area. The High Park fire was started by lightning on July 9th 2012 and burned for 21 days before containment. It burned 87,284 acres or the equivalent of 136.4 square miles. It is amazing to see that there are patches of ponderosa pine trees that are already over 5 feet tall in just 6 years since the fire.

We turned off onto the Spruce Mountain Loop which eventually comes back into the main Storm Mountain trail. This fun loop trail has some spectacular views of the eastern plains and

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straight down into some deep canyons along the way. It also has some neat rock outcroppings to climb over. Back onto the main trail, we made good time through the forest. There was some snow in the areas which were remnants of the previous week's snow storm. When we reached Galuche Meadow it was straight up 12 noon, a perfect place to spread out for our picnic lunch.

With full bellies it was time for the final push to the top of Storm Mountain. Along the way, there is one nasty rock to climb. We each had to pick our line and go for it. When it was one of our newest club members turn to try his luck, he wasn't sure his Nissan Pathfinder could make it over the obstacle. With a little expert encouragement and guidance from our club president (El Jefe), Mark was able to conquer the obstacle and gain a whole lot of newfound confidence in himself and his Pathfinder. As we climbed towards the top, the scenic views became more spectacular. Within a hundred and fifty feet of the top, there is a short optional extracurricular challenge rock climb that is sure to test man & machine one last time before reaching the landing pad.

It was fun to see all of our vehicles (plus some that were already there when we arrived) clustered in a bunch on the crowded landing pad. From the top we could look down at

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Loveland and beyond to the eastern plains of Colorado. Looking to the south, we could see

G l e n n  
H a v e n ,  
Estes Park  
and the  
snowcapped  
peaks in  
R o c k y  
M o u n t a i n



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Park. On the north side we could gaze down into the Buckhorn Canyon and beyond into Wyoming. After taking in all the magnificent views the horn sounded and it was time to make our way back down the mountain. We navigated the winding road through Cedar Ridge, Cedar Park and didn't stop until we got to Drake where we found a wide spot to air up our tires and hook up the quick disconnects again. It was time to get back to reality again. Oh, there was some more breakage on the trip. Craig didn't realize he had a problem until he got on pavement again. On close inspection he had broken the left upper control arm bracket at the rear diff. All in all, everyone enjoyed their day of wheeling Storm Mountain with the Mountaineer family.



El Guapo

# November Trip Plan

## *Seven Mile*

1. SANTA COPS – Please bring a new (not used) kids unwrapped toy or gift with you. The value should be under \$30.00. We will have someone from Santa cops there to pick them up. If you will not be going on the trip, bring your toys or gifts to the club meeting and we will be sure that they get to Santa Cops.
2. WHEELING WITH FRIENDS - We will be wheeling with our sister clubs, The Big Thompson 4 Wheelers and possibly a few from the Trail Ridge Runners. The big T club has a tradition of having a chili cookout on all of their trips and we have been invited to join in. If you would like to partake in this, just bring a can of chili for each person in your group and it will be added to a big cooking pot and heated over an open fire. Cheese, onions, bowls and spoons will be provided by our club.
3. WHERE & WHEN – The Big T club will leave from the downtown Loveland Safeway parking lot at 8:00 am. They will convoy to meet with the Mountaineers at the North College King Soopers. Santa Cops will be there to pick up the gifts. We plan on leaving for Seven Mile at 9:00 am or shortly thereafter. Our chili lunch will take place either in the big meadow or at the base of Stump Hill.



November 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Tracy Loeb G&M Helgeson	2 Ron Kapperman	3
4 Andrea Paben Tyler Schleppey R&A Lietz	5	6	7 Anna Mueller Allison Carter	8	9	10 Jason Richards Jake Warner
11 Drew Claus	12 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> Sam Warner	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Jim Jansen	21 <b>CLUB MEETING</b> David LeDeaux Roy Robinson Christian Saavedra	22 Bob Opdyke	23	24 Dick Jansen Kimberley Malone
25 <b>CLUB TRIP</b>	26	27 Bridget Peterson	28 Darold Klein	29 Tom Washburn Adaline Zamora	30	

December 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Sally Oden	5 Kelly Ficarra	6 Ann Lietz	7	8
9	10 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> Jason Marooney	11 Scott Ficarra	12 Mike Braskich Cristal Opdyke Shelby Peterson	13	14 Suzanne Knapp Matthew DeWitt	15 Steve Claus Shane Peterson
16 Shar Berber Jaden Dyrenforth	17 Teresa Shively	18 Bill Dyrenforth Adrian LeDeaux	19 <b>CLUB MEETING</b> Brandon Loeb	20 Heather Cooper	21	22 John Jansen Dave Martin
23 <b>CLUB TRIP</b> Devan Knapp Bob Paul 30 Troy Mynes	24 31 Michael Nothnagel Thomas Carter	25	26	27 Kyle Eddy	28 Alice Mueller	29 Carl Malone

Board Meeting: Dec. 10 7:30pm Bill Dyrenforth  
 Jan. 7 7:30pm TBA  
 Membership Meeting: Nov. 21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Dec. 19 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Club Trip: Nov. 25 **9:00am** **North King Soopers N. College and**