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# MOUNTAIN-EARS

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## LARIMER COUNTY FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

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### October Club Trip

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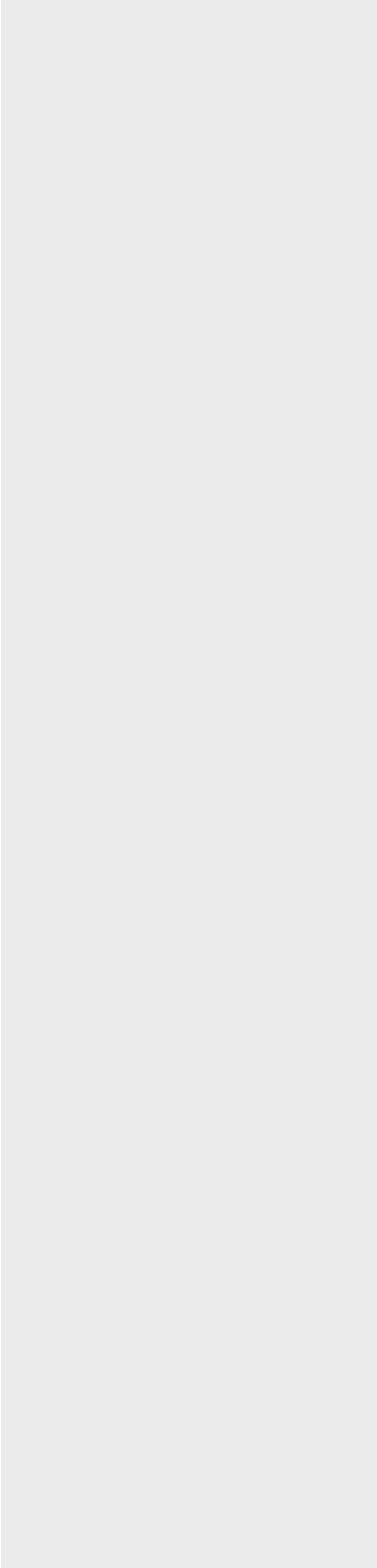
The Club Trip will be to Middle Saint Vrain & Coney Flats on October 22nd. We will meet at the Walmart in Longmont on the corner of HWY 66 & HWY 287 at 8:30 am and leave at 9am.



## September Trip Report

### *Storm Mountain*

This club trip was planned for this time of year as the road at the beginning of the trail is across private property and is only open twice per year during hunting season. We were worried as the private part of the road tends to get very muddy after a rain storm and it had rained for two days prior to our trip. The morning of the trip, Mountaineer Nathan H. ran the mile and a half of private road at 7:00 AM and thought we could get our group through without causing any resource damage



to the road.

A bunch of Mountaineers and guests gathered at the King Soopers lot and promptly at 9:00 the horn blew. On our way to pick up the Masonville group we could see that the mountains were obscured by low hanging clouds. At the trail head we counted 18 vehicles in our convoy. We went through the Dion private property and stopped at the top when we got on Forest Service land to air down our tires. By this time we were in the cloud which was not good as this is one of the most scenic trails in our area. We encountered no hunters along the trail which is not normal for the last day of the first season. Guess trying to hunt in the clouds would not be fruitful.

Bouncing along the trail we missed the Spruce Mountain turnoff as it was not marked. We didn't miss much as this portion of the trail is known for the spectacular views of the eastern plains. The only "wildlife" that we saw were five cows grazing by the road. We only had one small rocky challenge area just before we got to Galuchi Meadows where we regrouped for the final push to the top of Storm Mountain. Along the whole trail the patches of aspen trees were showing their golden fall colors. We did have one rock outcropping that gave a few of us a problem. Maybe it was the wet tires but all it

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took was another try on a different line, a little finesse and just a little more of the skinny peddle and everyone made it up the rock just fine. Towards the top of the mountain, we started to get hit by some falling ice and thought it might be hail. It turned out to be frozen cloud melting and falling off the trees. Most everyone took the final challenge at the top before settling in for lunch.

On top, all we could do was to use our imagination to see out onto the plains or Rocky Mountain National Park to the southwest of us or look down in the valley at the town of Estes Park. Everything was still obscured by the clouds. After lunch, the trip back down the mountain was uneventful. At Galuchi Meadows, we split into two groups with one going back the way we came and the other going through Cedar Park back to Highway 34. Even though we didn't get to see much scenery, the Mountaineer family had a great day of wheeling!

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## **Poudre Canyon Cleanup Saturday, October 21st**

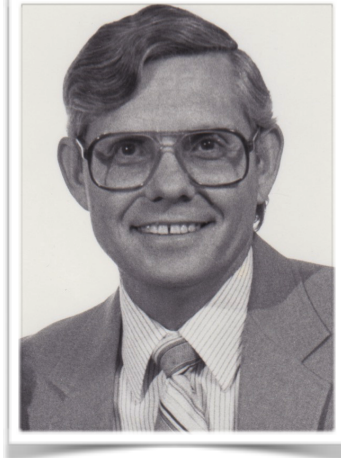
We will do our final adopt-a-highway cleanup of 2017 this coming Saturday, October 21st. Our area of cleanup is between mile marker 117 and 119, which is just a mile or so up the canyon from Ted's place. Please meet at mile marker 119 (picnic rock parking area) at about 8:45 so we can start promptly at 9:00am. Bags and safety vests are provided so all you should have to bring is gloves and a hearty appetite. No, you won't have to eat the road kill; afterwards we will head down to the Braskich Plantation where Mike and Bianca will be cooking up a blueberry pancake and bacon breakfast for us. You can eat out on the wooden deck by the pond and listen to the 20 foot high waterfall or go out to the hut and bowl a line or two on his regulation size (complete with automatic pin setter) bowling alley. If pinball or ping-pong trips your trigger, they have that too. Hope to see you there! Guests are welcome. Any questions, call Craig at 221-5524.

## Death in the Mountaineer Family

Harold Oden November 8, 1936 to September 17, 2017

Harold Oden was born November 8, 1936 in Tucson Arizona to Emil and Opal Oden. Harold was the middle son of three, his older brother Quinton passed away on May 6, 2017 and his younger brother Vance passed away on September 20, 1988.

After years of service in industry and faithful service to the church's schools, Harold Oden and his family moved to Champion Academy in 1989 from Southern California to manage one of the Champion Academy industries: T-Pak. He is survived by his wife Betty Oden, son and daughter-in-law Dave & Sally Oden.



## Member's Ride

**Members Name & Unit Number:** Mike Nothnagel #102

**Vehicle Year, Make and Model:** 2017 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited Rubicon

**Engine:** 3.6 L Pentastar V6

**Transmission:** 5-speed Automatic

**Transfer Case:** 4:I Rock-Trac

**Front End:** Next Gen Dana 44 w/ 3.73 gears and Tru-Loc locker

**Rear End:** Next Gen Dana 44 w/ 3.73 gears and Tru-Loc locker

**Wheels and Tires:** Stock Rubicon 17" x 7.5" 5 on 5 w/BF Goodrich Mud Terrain A/T LT255/75R17

**Spring and Socks:** Stock

**Brakes:** Stock

**Miscellaneous:** Custom Joker & Harley spare tire cover, Bilstein 5100 steering stabilizer, and Poison

Spyder Customs BFH II front bumper w/D-ring tabs and trail stinger.

**Current and Future Projects:** Currently relocating all possible low hanging equipment. Rotated sway bar disconnect motor, relocated vacuum pump, and installed the new front bumper. Soon to move evap canister and install custom cat-back exhaust to delete the stock muffler and pull the tail-pipe up and in. Cutting stock fender flares soon, to allow for new wheels and larger tires in the spring. Also removing the rear bumper and installing Ace Engineering's rear crossmember armor and recovery points.



October 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CJ Stone	2 Mike Golly Byron Nash Ryan Adams	3 Marti Helgeson  T&B Palmer	4 Clifton DeWitt	5 Patrick Riley Riley Ann Mikkelson	6 Elaine Allbrandt Sarah Paul	7
8 Mike Klaege	9 BOARD MEETING	10	11	12 Gary Helgeson  J&L Schrader	13	14 Alice Kinnison
15	16	17 Juna Schmierer	18 CLUB MEETING  A&L Grubbs	19 Rachelle Washburn Dustin Paben	20 Nick Valente	21
22 CLUB TRIP Tim Palmer Chuck Graves	23	24	25	26 Melony Dixon Peggy Scheck Kyle Haywood	27 Laura Gibbons	28 Mike Castell Layla Marooney
29	30 Xavier Bettrey	31 J&L Marooney				

November 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Tracy Loeb  G&M Helgeson	2 Ron Kapperman	3	4 Andrea Paben Tyler Schleppy R&A Lietz
5	6 BOARD MEETING	7 Anna Mueller Allison Carter	8	9	10 Jason Richards Jake Warner	11 Drew Claus
12 Sam Warner	13	14	15 CLUB MEETING	16	17	18
19 CLUB TRIP	20 Jim Jansen	21 David LeDeaux Roy Robinson	22 Bob Opdyke	23 THANKSGIVING	24 Dick Jansen Kimberley Malone	25
26	27 Bridget Peterson	28 Darold Klein	29 Tom Washburn Adaline Zamora	30		

Board Meeting: Nov. 6 7:30pm Don Maresh  
 Dec. 11 7:30pm David LeDeaux  
 Membership Meeting: Oct. 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Nov. 15 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins  
 Club Trip: Oct. 22 9:00am **Wal-Mart HWY 287 & HWY 66 Longmont**