
MOUNTAIN-EARS

LARIMER COUNTY FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

September Club Trip

September we will be running 2 trips, both on Sunday the 25th.

Trip 1:

Johnny Park/Pole Hill

Meet at the Longmont Walmart located at Hwy 287 and Hwy 66

Time: 8:30am and depart promptly at 9:15am

Trip 2:

Caribou Trail

Meet at the Longmont Walmart located at Hwy 287 and Hwy 66

Time: 8:30am and depart promptly at 9:00am



August Trip Report

Kelly Flats

On Sunday August 21st, 9 Mountaineers and 4 guests gathered at the usual meet location for one of the monthly trips. This trip would be to Kelly Flats and one that none of the guests have ever been on. At promptly 9:00am the group of wheelers loaded up and headed for the trail by way of the Poudre

Guests at Last Meeting

Reyes Murrieta

Tom & Rachelle
Washburn

Jason Richards

Bill & Suzie Glover

Rich Lietz

New Members

Bill Dyrenforth #91

Tom & Rachelle
Washburn #92

Rich & Ann Lietz #93

Jason & Samantha
Richards #94

John at the Pig Roast



Canyon.

Once at the parking area for Kelly Flats everyone began to air down and many of the members were more than willing to give some advice to the guests as a couple of them had never been 4-wheeling in Colorado before. Shortly before heading up the trail a brief drivers meeting was held to help the new comers understand the rules of the trail and to divide up as to have someone with experience between them if assistance was needed.

Once we reached the turn off for the Heart Attack Hill by-pass we broke into two groups with three vehicles taking on Heart Attack

Hill. While the majority of the group chose to take the by-pass, it was not an



uneventful endeavor as one of our own, Colleen Stengaard, found herself slid off

Highway Clean-up

Saturday, September 24th

We will be picking up trash on our adopted two mile section of Highway 14 on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Meet at mile marker 119 at 9:00 AM which is a couple of miles above Ted's Place in the Poudre Canyon. The cleanup only takes about 45 minutes. Bring gloves. After the cleanup we will go to the Braskich Plantation for a yummy blueberry pancake and bacon breakfast.

2017 Summer Trip

Our 2017 Summer Trip will be to Buena Vista. We will be exploring the area July 22 - 28. So start making your plans to join us for this week of High Country Fun.

the trail and in a precarious situation. Jim D. and Don quickly jumped into action to help out. While using one vehicle to pull her backwards back onto the trail, Don used his winch to stabilize the front of her jeep to keep it from sliding further off the trail and to what most likely would have been a role over.

With Colleen safely back on the trail we continued up the bypass to find the other three from Heart Attack Hill at the Junction. We continued from there after a short break for lunch at the Chutes. Lunchtime was a good time for the new comers to see a little action from some of the more built rigs and John Schrader did not disappoint when he came bouncing through the chutes heavy on the skinny pedal and at one point only having one tire touching



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the ground. Dave Surface even made the trip through the Chutes claiming it was his first time ever attempting it.



After lunch the group continued the remainder of the trail which was uneventful other than the views. Once the end of the trail was reached we headed down to the Sevenmile parking area to air up and a little more socialization since that would put us closer to paved roads before airing up. It turned out to be a good day of wheeling with part of the Mountaineer Family as we also had another group that headed to Middle Saint Vrain and Coney Flats for a trip.



Jim Dixon



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August Trip Report

Middle Saint Vrain / Coney Flats

Sunday morning 12 Mountaineers and guests met at the Wal-Mart in Longmont for our monthly club trip. The group of vehicles started the procession toward Camp Dick and the trailhead. The group aired down at Camp Dick and headed up the trail.

After about 2 hours into the trip while stopped, Greg Meyers and family caught up to us. The



group had now added 1 more to our ranks. We proceeded on along the trail with no problems and no breakage.

We had beautiful weather for this trip and once again had a great time with the Mountaineers Family.

Michelle Opdyke



Holy Cross Trip

In the high mountains outside of Leadville the Mountaineers and guests began arriving for a weekend of camping and wheeling. Some arrived early in the day to stake our camping spot while others arrived throughout the night and next morning. While sitting around the campfire the first night we learned that Dave S is a master marshmallow roaster and made all of us perfect roasted marshmallows. We awoke to a cold 23 degrees outside Sat morning with a heavy frost covering everything. As the morning warmed up we began to prepare for the days trip. We had 9 vehicles for our trip



and no one in front of us when we started out. It was smooth going with no problems. At French creek the water was very low and there were only 2 vehicles ahead of us trying to make it through.

Everyone in our group made it through French creek with no breakage or strapping, even including young Garrett Mercer, who at the age of 11 drove his dad's Toyota up a harder line out of the creek like a Pro. We headed upward to Holy Cross City and squeezed in around other

vehicles to stop for lunch. After lunch 3 vehicles headed back down while the other 6 headed toward Cleveland rock to watch or try to climb the rock face. Chris, Dan and Bob decided to give it a try.

Chris Mercer was the first to make it up without winching, Dan gave it his all but the Toyota with wet tires just wouldn't climb, Bob made it part ways up before becoming wedged between a tree and a rock



where he couldn't go forward or backward. Chris had to winch him over the rock. Now it was time to turn around and try to get back down, easier said than done. With the help of a strap and a

few friends on the end Bob made it down right side up, followed by Chris. As Bob was headed back down the trail ahead of everyone he dropped down a ledge and the truck decided to do a handstand with only 2 front tires on the ground, a quick throttle action kept it from ending up on it's roof, but that



save by Bob meant a broken tie rod end instead. Luckily he had a spare and with a little work and help it was fixed and back ready to proceed. The rest of the trip back to camp was uneventful.

Back at camp the group had a fire glowing and we enjoyed another evening around the campfire. Sunday morning we all began to pack up camp and prepare to head home.

Dave and Corrine apparently saved the day on the way home when they rescued Coyote John from the side of the road and transported him to get a truck and trailer to recover the cruiser which had broke down on the drive home just outside golden.



Other than some chilly weather we had a great trip and a great time camping with the Mountaineers family like usual.

Michelle Opdyke



Gun Safety Class

On Saturday August 20th the Mountaineers had a different kind of Event, one that we have not done before. With the vast membership that we have and growing, there are always new things we can help each other with. One of our newest members, Troy Mynes, is a certified firearms instructor and offered to hold a class for fellow Mountaineers. With the help of Craig Stumbough and Bill Marquardt this came together as Bill agreed to allow the group to use his property to hold the class, and the class was

taught by Troy Mynes with help from Tim Palmer and Doug Burdette.

The original plan was to have a Gun Safety Class during the first part of the day and an Intro to Gun 1 the second. There ended up being 19



Mountaineers attending the class in the morning and everyone was excited to learn something new, some of which had never fired or held a gun before. The first part of the class was all classroom material presented by Troy and Tim on the basics of Gun Safety and operation.

After the completion of the Classroom portion it was time for the Live Fire. This portion was broke up into groups of 5 while the others watched from a safe distance. Each person was required to successfully hit a 6” target with 20 rounds. Two of our top shooters were Rachelle Washburn and Judy Heiderscheidt, neither of whom have ever fired a gun. In all it was a good day for the group of Mountaineers as all were able to successfully complete the course and earned their certificate to obtain a CCW permit if they choose to do so.

We would like to give a HUGE Thank You to our instructor for the day Troy, as just days prior he injured himself and ruptured his ACL but with the class already scheduled and so many attending he endured the pain to complete the course. While we were not able to get to the second class that was planned, we are taking responses as to the interest for it and will schedule accordingly if wanted.



September 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Cotton Riley	8	9	10
11 Brett Newton	12 BOARD MEETING Cameron Klein D&K LeDeaux	13 Jennifer Meyers Mark Richards	14 Cory Kinnison	15	16 Alex Stone Eric Treece C&M Smelker	17
18 S&A Stultz	19	20 Skylar Payton	21 CLUB MEETING	22 Heidi Crue	23 Austin Eddy	24 Nathaniel DeWitt Troy White Becky Palmer Mina Richards
25 CLUB TRIP Haper LeDeaux	26 R&K Kapperman	27	28 D&S Oden	29 Bev Klein	30	

October 2016						
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
9	10 BOARD MEETING	11	12 Gary Helgeson J&L Schrader	13	14 Alice Kinnison	15
16	17	18 A&L Grubbs	19 CLUB MEETING Rachelle Washburn Dustin Paben	20	21	22 Tim Palmer Chuck Graves
23 CLUB TRIP / 30 Xavier Bettery	24 / 31 J&L Marooney	25	26 Melony Dixon Peggy Scheck Kyle Haywood	27 Laura Gibbons	28 Mike Castell Layla Marooney	29

Board Meeting: Oct. 10 7:30pm Justin Treece
 Nov. 7 7:30pm Scott Riley
 Membership Meeting: Sep. 21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Oct. 19 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: Sep. 25 9:00am **WalMart Hwy 287 & Hwy 66 Longmont**

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