
MOUNTAIN-EARS

LARIMER COUNTY FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

February Club Trip

This month's trip will be to Seven Mile, we will try to make it all the way to the top. Please meet at the North King Soopers Wilox and North College. We will leave at 9:00 am Sunday February 24th.

Bring chains if you have them.



Photo by Jake Thoen

January Trip Report

Ballard

On a beautiful Sunday morning, Mountaineers and guests gathered at the North College King Soopers for our scheduled monthly trip. We had only nine vehicles in our convoy and as we passed the Masonville Mercantile we picked up two more. There were five other Jeeps in a bunch at the Mercantile but we learned later that they were from the Front Range of Colorado Off Road Club which is a 4x4 internet group. We stopped in the Buckhorn Canyon at the Moody Hill staging area to air down. On up

Last Meeting

January's meeting had 4 guests with us. We had a presentation from the State Association.

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the Buckhorn Canyon we passed the Front Range Club as they had stopped to air down also.

We turned off the Buckhorn onto the Ballard Logging Road and continued up the road to the Greer Road. When we came to the large clearing on the Greer Road, we broke into two groups, one following the main trail while the other took a spur trail that eventually came back into the main trail. That 2nd group had fun breaking through some large drifts and dodging the trees on the narrow spur before they caught up with the other group. We chased out the main trail until we came to the end at a locked gate going into private property. Getting everyone turned around looked like a Chinese fire drill. We retraced our route back down to the Ballard Road.

About four miles in, at the clearing we caught up with the Front Range Club in the large meadow. They were having a lot of trouble getting up the first hill coming out of the meadow. They would get partway up the hill, lose traction on the ice and then slide back down the hill while out of control. It took a while, but they soon learned that speed and momentum would get them up the hill. Our group waited in the meadow while they got four vehicles up that first hill. They were ready to

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call it a day as they knew there were a lot of hills ahead before reaching the crest of this first section of road. That is until 5 Mountaineers came right up the hill with no problem and they decided to fall in behind us. So, the Mountaineers had 3 Toyotas, 1 Jeep and 1 Ford on the trail. The rest of the Mountaineers stayed down in the Meadow.

We made it to the top landing with the Front Range club in tow. At that point one of the Front Rang club asked Don what was in Jake and Cara's white Ford Explorer that made work so well in the snow. They were amazed when Don told them that it was stock! After going down a long steep hill, the trail flattens out and we found no tracks in front of us. Cotton took over the lead and was bashing fresh snow and making good progress. The group got to what our club calls "toboggan hill". It is called that because almost every year, we only get this far on the trail and this hill gets so slicked with ice that the only ones to make it to the top are

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chained up. This year the fresh snow gave us enough traction that everyone made it to the top. As we progressed the snow got deeper. At first we were able to make yards per snow bash, and then it got down to only feet per bash. When they were only a few hundred feet from the end of the trail we were down to inches per bash. At that point it was time to call it off, turn around and head back to the meadow and pick up the rest of our group for the trip home.

The Mountaineer family had a lot of fun on this trip. Plus we got to wheel with a new club and make some new friends to boot.

El Guapo



Photo by: Jake Thoen



Mountaineers in Moab Week

The date has been set for our week in Moab. The first trip will leave from the Moab City Market at 9:00 am on June 1st, 2019. We will have an organized trip every day through Friday, June 7th. More about this at the meeting. Be sure to put in for your vacation time at work for this fun time in Moab. A lot of us stay at Canyonlands Campground.

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Just a reminder that your club dues are due by the March meeting.

Board Meeting: 7:30pm

Mar 11th Greg Meyers
April 8th John Schrader

Membership Meeting: 7:30pm

Feb 20th Knights of Columbus, 121 N Meldrum, Ft Collins
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Club Trip: 9:00am

Feb 24th North KingSoopers, College & Wilcox

February 2019

SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU 31	FRI Feb 1	SAT 2
					Chris Mercer Kim Luiz	
3	4	5	6 Logan Carter Morgen Carter	7 Denver Nothnagel	8	9
10	11 Board Meeting 7:30pm	12 Travis Kaderka	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 Cara Thoen	16 Michelle Opdyke
17	18 Amber Yetter Presidents' Day (regional holid)	19	20 Club Meeting 7:30pm	21	22 Christopher Kapperman	23 Jeremy Zamora
24 Club Trip 9am Lucca Schmierer	25 Colleen Stengaard	26	27	28 (29th) Jody Heiderscheidt	Mar 1	2 Patrick Burch

March 2019

SUN 24	MON 25	TUE 26	WED 27	THU 28	FRI Mar 1	SAT 2
Club Trip 9am Lucca Schmierer	Colleen Stengaard			(29th) Jody Heiderscheidt		Patrick Burch
3 Brian Schmierer	4 Jeff Paben Laruen McFerran	5 Briley Zamora Hayden Lenderink Tasha Opdyke	6	7 Even Meyers Seleta Nothnagel	8	9
10 Arya Graves Kent Schmidt Daylight Saving Time starts	11 Steven Donahoe Travis Golly	12 Antonia Saavedra	13	14	15 Darren Finger	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Josh Lietz Kelly Kapperman	20	21 Luke Manno	22 Bryce Delaney Lindsay Weegans Tammy Peterson	23
24 Allen Peterson	25	26 Lori Golly	27 Hannah Anderson Sheila Mueller	28 Conner McFerran Rosie Robinson	29 Robin Noehl	30 Craig Stumbough
31	Apr 1	2	3	4	5	6