



December Club Trip

This month's trip will be Crown Point. Come to the meeting and hear about the trip first hand. We will leave the Kings Soopers parking lot on north College and Willox promptly at 9am.

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October Trip Report

Storm Mountain

On this trip, all week the weather prognosticators had been predicting that we would have to contend with snow and lots of wind for the trip. Well they missed the snow part, we didn't have any, but they got the wind part right. It kind of reminds you that an ill wind can be contagious. We had twenty one vehicles leave the parking lot at the appointed time and along the way at Masonville we added another four to our group. A couple of miles out of Masonville, we turned off onto the Storm Mountain Road. The first mile of this road is through private property and is only open during hunting season. As soon as we got to the Forest Service gate, we stopped to air down.

The wind was whipping as we started up the trail. Every

Last Meeting

Welcome our guests Matt, Issac,
and Brian.

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once in a while a dust devil would pick up the road dust and whirl it around the line of 4 wheelers and if you had your window open, you would get a face full of dirt. We weren't a couple of miles into the trip when someone call on the CB and suggested that we stop and gather the group together again as they hadn't seen the person behind them for a while and couldn't get anyone behind them

on the CB. So we stopped and waited and then waited some more. Tim finally called our tail gunner, John, on the ham radio. John said that a tree had blown down across the road blocking their way and that they would have to cut the tree out of the way with a hand bow saw. While we were stopped and waited for them to rejoin the rest of us, we noticed a strange man made structure about 50 yards off the trail to the west. Nobody had seen anything like it and we couldn't even venture a guess as to what it was. Someone went over to take a look and came back and described it to the rest of us. It was a large piece of sheet metal set about three feet off the ground and was held up by four legs. Underneath the sheet metal was a vertical metal culvert protruding from the ground. So we still didn't know what it was for.

Another mile and we turned off onto the Spruce Mountain Loop. This is a beautiful little trail that takes you to an area where there are impressive views of deep and steep mountain valleys and



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beyond to the eastern plains. After winding around the mountainside for a while, this trail eventually returns to the Storm Mountain Road. We went through Bear Gulch, past the dead end Nelson Springs trail and as we were approaching our lunch spot, we were stopped by another tree that has

just blown down and blocked the road. This tree didn't stop us for long as we just strapped it over to the side leaving enough space



for us to get around it. Our lunch stop was in Galuche Meadow. We were able to circle all 25 of us in one area. As it is almost a tradition now, Don passed out his mom's yummy chocolate chip cookies for desert.

After lunch, the final push to the top of Storm Mountain was led by Trip Planner Tim. At the top several took the extra credit challenge route before parking their vehicles. From the top, the 360 degree views are spectacular. To the east are Fort Collins and the wide open plains. Down below us on the south are the towns of Glen Haven and Estes Park. Beyond are the majestic mountains of Rocky Mountain National Park. Down the mountain we came. We went through Cedar Park and down to Drake where we stopped to air up our tires for the trip home.

This day was fun for the Mountaineer family and our guests. It really will be a memorable trip for two future Mountaineers that drove on this trip. Sixteen year old Ryan C. drove the family's 2012 Jeep JKU on the trip. This was his 2nd trip with us as he had also driven the Pole Hill Trip. Dad, Steve, rode shotgun and said that Ryan fell in behind a

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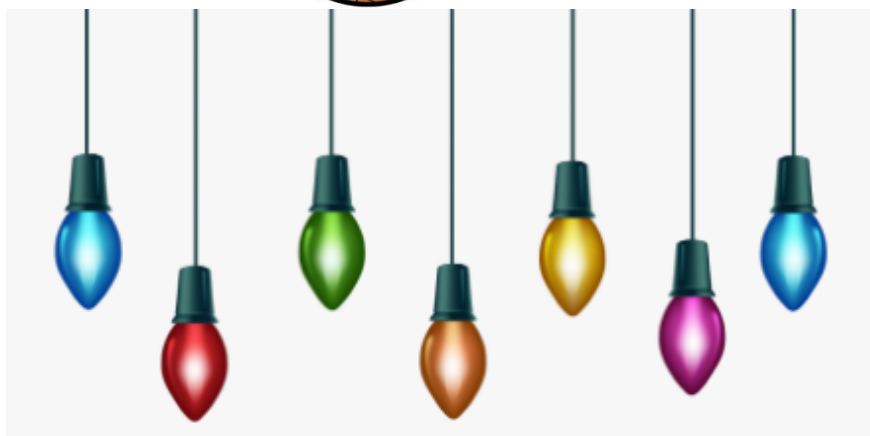
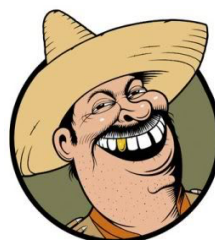
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seasoned driver and watched how that driver picked his route through the rough sections and learned a lot along the way. We had another teenager on the trip. We have watched Hannah E. grow up in the back seat of proud papa Kyles' vintage IH Scout. We also watched her over the years grow into an accomplished horsewoman. Well, the acorn doesn't fall far from the tree. Hannah showed up at the parking lot in her very own 1974 IH Scout. Driving her first 4WD trail, Kyle said she did an excellent job of picking a good line through the challenges and had a lot of fun doing it. She proved that not only could she do well with one horsepower but with 150 horsepower also. I suppose that on the next trail we will be hearing her say "Getty-Up-Scout"!

El Guapo



Decembers club meeting will be our Christmas party. More details to come.

November 2019

SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU 31	FRI Nov 1	SAT 2
Laura Gibbons Michael Luiz	Layla Marooney Mike Castell		Xavier Bettrey	Halloween	Tracy Loeb	Ron Kapperman
3 Daylight Saving Time en	4 Andrea Paben Tyler Schleppy	5	6	7 Allison Carter Anna Mueller	8	9
10 Mike Warner Jason Richards	11 Drew Claus Veterans Day	12 Sam Warner	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Jim Jansen	21 Christian Saavedra David LeDeaux Roy Robinson	22 Bob Opdyke	23
24 Nick Jansen Emberley Malone	25	26	27 Bridget Peterson	28 Darold Klein Thanksgiving Day	29 Adaline Zamora Tom Washburn Black Friday	30



Board Member Elections are this Month

Come Nominate, Volunteer and Vote for:

President

Vice President

Treasure

Secretary

4 Trip Planners

Scott Riley

CHECK OUT MY RIDE



VEHICLE YEAR, MAKE AND MODEL: 1989 Chevy 3500 crewcab

ENGINE: 454 with Holley Sniper EFI

TRANSMISSION: 4l80e with standalone controller

TRANSFER CASE: Offroad Design Magnum Box 4 speed NP205

FRONT END: Dana 60 with ARB locker & 5.13 gear ratio

REAR END: GM Corp 14 bolt with ARB locker & 5.13 gear ratio

WHEELS AND TIRES: 17" wheels & 37" tires

SPRING AND SHOCKS: Offroad Design custom leaf springs & Bilstein 7100 shocks

BRAKES: Hydroboost 4-wheel disc brakes

MISCELLANEOUS: Built with "recycled" parts: Engine from 85 K30, transmission from 95 K3500, NP205 from 1980 K20, Axles from 79 K30.


Tuesday Car Show

2nd Tuesday of Each Month


Join us for Taco Tuesdays Car Show at the Taco Bell in Wellington 6pm.

Show off your ride.





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