



## September Club Trip

This month's trip is Red Cone. We will meet in Grant to leave at 9am. So no one is left behind please be there before the 9am leave time.

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## Johnny Park & Spring Creek

This month's trip was very much up in the air as the fast moving Cameron Peak Fire had closed down almost all the trails up the Poudre River and the Laramie River Valleys. The trip planners finally settled on the Johnny Park area. It has been well over a decade since the club has had an official trip to this area. Twenty two vehicles, of which seven were guests, met up at the old K-Mart parking lot in Loveland ready for a fun day on the trail. Straight up 9:00 am, Trip Leader Tim Palmer held a drivers meeting and led us up the Big Thompson to Estes Park. We turned onto highway 7 toward Lyons and a few miles later turned onto C.R. 47 and stopped to air down.

## Last Meeting

A special Thank You to the Finger family for letting us use their arena for the meeting.

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There is a short trail (2.6 miles) called Button Rock just before Johnny Park. We pulled into the Button Rock parking lot and up the trail we started. Just before leaving the lot, one of our guests discovered that he had taken too much air out of one of his tires (it



was at 8 Lbs.) so we stopped for several minutes for him to air up the tire. The trail is fairly easy but it had a couple of loose rock areas that you could spin a tire or two. The end of the Button Rock Trail winds up at the parking lot for Johnny Park. We had to stop for a guest to check out a problem with the rear sway bar on his Rubicon. We found that he had lost a nut on one end. Not being able to find a spare nut of the right size in our group, the sway bar was removed so that we all could move on.



Trail leader, Tim, got us organized again and off we went on the 4.9 mile long Johnny Park Trail. It was like a bunch of lemmings following the Pied Piper. Not too far into the trail is a little challenge consisting of a rocky climb over a large pile of rocks. There are several different lines to

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choose from. Everyone must have chosen the right path for their vehicle as we all made it over the rocks unscathed. At this end of the trail there are a few fun steep rocky sections to maneuver. We found an area where we all could pull off the road for our lunch stop. With our bellies full, we continued on through the forest. After reaching the highest point on the trail (8,520 ft.), you normally get some spectacular views of Longs Peak, but on this day the peak was partially hidden by the smoke from the Cameron Peak fire. At the end of this trail, 6 or 7 attendees had enough bouncing over the rocky trails and decided to head to the barn.

But wait we weren't done yet. Tim offered one more extra credit trail, Pierson Park. This road used to go through but during the big flood a landslide closed it a little way past the halfway point. Now you can only go in about 5.2 miles, turn around and go out the same way you came in. The road in places is very rocky which will shake up your innards. When you are near the slid area, there is a very long and steep downhill expanse of loose rock. On this trail we hit the high point of the day at 9,330 feet. Back at the starting point we aired up for the trip home.

Just another fun day of wheeling with the Mountaineer family!

El Guapo





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## Spring Creek



We started out on a beautiful sunny Sunday morning. We had a short list of attendance of only 3 vehicles including my Jeep & 2 Toyotas. We met at Downieville and headed to the Spring Creek trail head. Once at the trail head, we aired down and discussed the trail we were about to enjoy. The trail started with steep climbs and rocky ground. As we came to the first obstacle, "The Wall" I tried the right side first with no luck. I tried the left side with some help and made it over. It was the Land Cruiser's turn. Also, with a little help, he made it up the right side. The 4 Runner made it look easy driving up the left side. Back on the trailing, we were bouncing around for a while. We stopped for lunch and it was entertaining to watch a few broken side-by-sides pass. Our second obstacle was "The Tight Left Corner" which we navigated through unscathed with some careful spotting. The third obstacle was "The Rock Garden" which was exciting. With a slow go approach and careful driving, we all made it through. The last part of the trail, "The Switch Backs" which was the part I disliked the most. You can see I-70 but it takes an hour to get on it. When we reached Georgetown, we aired back up and bought snacks for the long drive home. It was a fantastic day of wheeling.

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## September 2020

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