



December Club Trip

This month's trip is TBD. Please join us on FaceBook Live to hear where the trip will be.

Just a reminder that due to COVID we are unable to meet in person again this month. Look for us on FaceBook Live.

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Cherokee Park and Around

We had ten rigs show up at the King Soopers parking lot for our trip on a beautiful Sunday morning. When this trip was planned, the weather prognosticators had predicted snow for the day before the trip. Well, they were wrong. We didn't even have a hint of snow even at the higher elevations but the trip must go on. After a short drivers meeting, we left our meeting place and headed north on highway 287 and the first stop was at the beginning of the Cherokee Park Road (80C) to air down. Darren and his passenger Ben C. were waiting there for us.



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On up the Cherokee Park road we made a quick stop at a potty box before turning off onto the Prairie Divide Road. We saw a little bit of snow beside the road every once in a while and that turned out to be about the only snow we would see on the day. We made such good time that we decided to visit Lost Lake. Several got out of their vehicles to stretch their legs and walked down to the lake. We then went back to the Creedmore Lakes road and then turned onto the Chicken Park Road. Along the way we saw our first remnants of some spot fires. We found a clearing and pulled off the road to have our lunch break. Chicken Park is an easy road meandering through the pine tree forest with a clearing every once in a while. It eventually ends up back onto the Creedmore Lakes road headed towards Red Feather Lakes.

Darren noticed on his mapping program that there was a road called Many Thunders that would take us back down to the Prairie Divide road. We made the turn onto Many Thunders which was very steep coming down from the top.



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Finally some of us got to put our rigs in 4WD low range so as not to use our brakes on the hill. We noticed that this road is a natural drainage for the area. The fire fighters had scraped off all the vegetation twenty or thirty feet on either side of the road for a fire break the whole length of the



road. Thank goodness that the Cameron Peak fire never got to this area. As soon as we reached the Prairie Divide road, someone called on the CB about a majestic moose in the brush near the road. Pictures were taken and then we drove a couple of miles into Red Feather Lakes.

After a short detour to see Elf Lane, Gnome Road in Red Feather, our caravan went down the Manhattan Road. It didn't take too long before we saw the fire damage. It was a little strange to see the trees for ten to fifteen feet on either side of the road were green. Everything beyond the green trees was total devastation. It was amazing to see that the firefighters had saved all the houses in the Cunningham Corners area as well as all the houses on the Pingree Hill road down to Rustic. In some cases the fire burned to the back of the house but the house its self was saved. We saw a lot of equipment up there being used for repair and rehabilitation. Kudos to our intrepid firefighters for the fantastic job they did. The last stop of the day was at the 7 Mile trailhead to air up our tires.

We covered a lot of territory on this day, 100 miles round trip to be exact and it was a fun day for the Mountaineer family. Even though we didn't get to do any real 4-wheeling on the day, we got to explore some roads that we had never been on before.

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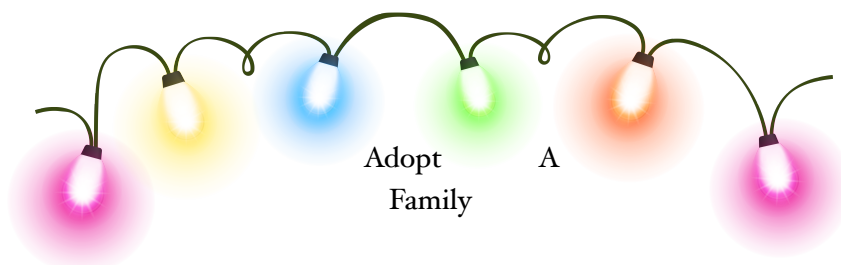
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Our family this year has 2 children. The club voted last meeting to donate \$200 towards the family. If you would like to purchase gifts for the family, please contact Michelle Opdyke 970-227-9361 to arrange dropping the gifts to her. Michelle will make sure they get to the family.

Our Family:

Jason, male, 7 years old. He likes legos, Minecraft, and hot wheels cars. Things he needs included shirts size M, pants size 12-14, and shoes size 5 big kids. He would like a slime kit.

Stephanie, female, 1 year old. Her interests include, stuffed animals, books, walker toys, and mega blocks. Things she needs include clothes size 12 months and up, diapers size 4 and wipes please. She would like a ride on rocker.



December 2020

SUN 29	MON 30	TUE Dec 1	WED 2	THU 3	FRI 4	SAT 5
Adeline Zamora Sam Washburn					Sally Oden	Kelly Ficarra
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Jon Lietz				Jason Maroney	Scott Ficarra	Cristal Opdyke Mike Braskich Shelby Peterson
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Matthew DeWitt Suzanne Knapp	Shane Peterson Steve Claus	Jaden Dyrenforth Shar Manno	Teresa Shively	Adrian LeDeaux Bill Dyrenforth	Brandon Loeb
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Leather Copper Klaege		Dave Martin John Jansen	Bob Paul Devan Knapp	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	
27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1	2
yle Eddy	Alice Mueller	Carl Malone	Janine Bernard	Michael Nothnagel Thomas Carter New Year's Eve	New Year's Day	Bradley Mikkelsen



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