



## October Club Trip

This month's trip is TBD.  
Please attend the meeting  
to find out about the trip  
and the meet up location.

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## September Trip Report

*Red Elephant, Mill Creek, and Bill Moore Lake*

Be sure to check out the video Nick posted.



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There are a lot more pictures on FaceBook. Check out the gas prices in this photo online. WOW

## Old Flowers Road Trip

It was a beautiful Sunday morning when thirteen Mountaineer and guest vehicles gathered for an alternate club trip to the Old Flowers Road. During the drivers meeting trip leader Craig passed out a biography about the man who had built the road that we would be wheeling on this day. Promptly at 9:00 we headed out and drove through Laporte and Bellvue. While going through Bellvue, it was pointed out that Jacob Flowers had founded the town of Bellvue. We saw the two prominent structures that he built and still stand today, the mercantile/post office building and his red stone house.

At the trailhead we stopped to air down and stretch a little bit. What we would drive on this day is just a short

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section (12 miles) of the road that Jacob Flowers built, as the original road went all the way to North Park. He was commissioned to build the road by Fort Collins business men so that they could ship supplies to the booming mining towns of Teller City and Lulu in North Park. The first part of the road was lush and green and had not been touched by the Cameron Peak fire. When we got to a beautiful green meadow, we stopped to get out and poke around for a while at an old falling down cabin. It is rumored that this old cabin is tied to a nearby green quartz mine.

On up the road we got into the burnt-up part of the forest. First there was the High Park fire in 2012 and then the more recent Cameron Peak fire. We noticed that the trees are already growing back fast. In places the pine trees are so thick that they are touching each and are already 2 to 3 feet tall. The aspens are also coming back and are 5 to 6 feet tall. After reaching the west end of the trail, we headed up to the Fish Creek Picnic area on the Pingree Park road for a lunch stop. This picnic area hadn't burned and to the relief to all, the restrooms were unlocked. We filled the picnic tables and had a good time getting to know each other. It was pointed out that almost half of the 4WD vehicles on this trip we driven by ladies. The picnic ended when (It's almost a Mountaineer tradition now) Sandy Maresh passed out her homemade cookies for desert.

We went up Pingree Hill until we reached County Road 44H, the Pennock Pass Road. Pennock Pass was named for Charles E. Pennock who owned a nursery and seed company in Fort Collins and was married to Jacob Flowers daughter Lydia. The first mile or so was still green forest but once we got to the switchbacks the scenery changed to the scared remnants of the Cameron Fire. The scenery did not change until we got about a



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mile over the top of the pass. By the time we got to the Upper Greer 4WD trail we were back in the green forest. Greer has been closed since the fire as a little bit of the south end was burned. During the drive down the Buckhorn road we encountered several sections of road reconstruction going on.

When our group reached the paved Stove Prairie road our official trip was at its end as several headed home via Rist Canyon and the rest went towards Masonville and then split again between Loveland and Fort Collins. It was another fun day of wheeling with the Mountaineer Family.

El Guapo




## **HIGHWAY CLEANUP**

**Saturday, October 23rd**

**We will be picking up trash on our adopted two-mile section of Highway 14 on Saturday, October 23rd. Meet at mile marker 119 (Picnic Rock) at 8:45 AM which is a couple of miles above Ted's Place in the Poudre Canyon. The cleanup only takes about 45 minutes. Bring gloves. Delicious LaMars doughnuts will be provided. Hope to see you there!**

## October 2021

SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30	FRI Oct 1	SAT 2
ry Hopkins			Bev Klein		CJ Stone	Byron Nash Mike Golly Ryan Adams
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Helgeson	Clifton DeWitt	Patrick Riley Riley Ann Mikkelsen	Elaine Albrandt Sarah Paul			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Schmierer			Meeting			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Trip		Byron Gerber Kyle Haywood 2 more	Laura Gibbons Michael Luiz	Layla Marooney Mike Castell		Xavier Bettrey
31	Nov 1	2	3	4	5	6
	Tracy Loeb	Ron Kapperman		Andrea Paben Tyler Schleppey		



**If you want to be more involved in the club now is the chance. We will be taking nominations all the board positions at this month's and next**

**month's meetings. The elections for the 2022 board will be at the November membership meeting. Please plan on attending the next two meetings.**

