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## 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER MEETING DETAILS

**3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr Meeting, Saturday, July 21, 9:30 a.m.**

Hosted by: Calamity Mesa Loop Trail,  
Gateway CO, by Jerry Smith

Current plans are to hold the meeting near Calamity Mesa Loop Trail, camp and wheel the trail Sunday. We will meet at the Orchard Mesa City Market (2770 US-50, Grand Junction, CO 81503) at 9:30 am and leave by 10 am for the trail meeting/camping spot. This is tentative considering all the fire issues the state is currently experiencing. If the area is closed or a potential issue, we will have do another trail.

## UPCOMING QUARTERLY MEETINGS

**Fourth Quarter 2018**  
**October 20-** Garrison St Grill  
in Lakewood Hosted by Big  
Horn Jeep Club

**Second Quarter 2019**  
**April 20-** CSC4W -  
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**First Quarter 2019**  
**January 19**

**Third Quarter 2019**  
**July 20**

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The purpose of the Association is to represent, educate and advocate for the 4x4 clubs and promote responsible motorized recreation use and conservation of our public lands and natural resources. To promote cooperation and friendship and inter-communications among the clubs, to liaise with other motorized recreation organizations and to bring forth a united voice and effort to benefit our clubs and members.



#### NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

The Newsletter staff would like to thank everyone who sent articles, but we are always in the need for more. If we cannot fit every submitted article in the current edition, we will hold for the next edition. If you do not find it in the next issue, please contact us and let us know so that we can make sure that we have it. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about this newsletter, please feel free to contact us at: [newsletter@hightrails.org](mailto:newsletter@hightrails.org).

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# Northern District Land Use Update by Adam Mehlberg

## Canyon Lakes Ranger District:

No updates no meetings.

## Boulder Ranger District:

New District Ranger, Angela Gee, who worked in North Carolina previously.

**Bunce School Road FR105 (Backbone ATV)** – Planning for spring cleanup projects and signing. Will need additional fencing for route control. FR105 gate bypass will need to be blocked. Sign routes for positive reinforcement. NORAC is adopting the T-33 crash site road, Backbone ATV has adopted the rest of Bunce School network.

**Park Creek FR202 (Backbone ATV)** - Projects to continue route control fencing. Blocking of illegal routes at the end of Park Creek spur roads. Install signage. Camping areas will need fencing. Tentative project date of June 16.

**Caribou FR505 (NORAC)** – Planning route control fencing projects. Hazard tree assessment of dispersed camp sites. Working with Boulder Watershed to replace fencing along muddy area. Possible abandoned vehicle to remove.

**Kingston Peak FR353 (NORAC/Rising Sun)** – Two vehicles, Land Cruiser and Cherokee, are stuck. Gate will stay closed until they can be removed. Planning fencing projects. Planned field trip with engineer to look at the road through the alpine meadow and determine solutions to flood damage and road definition.



## Middle St. Vrain FR114, Coney Flats FR507 (Trailridge Runners)

– Seasonal opening June 24, afternoon. A few downed trees to clear. Fencing project for dry lake at Coney Flats. Coney Creek foot bridge extension and plank repair project planned. New sign to install at Middle St. Vrain trail head at entrance obstacle.

**Miller Rock FR252 (Trailridge Runners)** - June 9-10 project to install gabions and rocks to repair the south side obstacle so it will be drive-able was completed. Now there will be access to FR252 and FR254 shown on the MVUM.

**Jenny Creek FR502 (Rising Sun)** - Projects include campsite restoration, post and cable maintenance, buck and rail work to block bypass routes. Assess mud bog area between Jenny Lake and Rollins road. Projects tentatively planned for August 11 or 18 or 25.

**Switzerland Trail FR93 (OSCO)** - May 5th the Offroading Subarus of Colorado did campsite restoration projects and cleanup projects.

**Rollins Pass Road FR149 (OSCO)** - July 15th project planned for 4WD road cleanup, Jenny Lake camping area modification work, and bypass route closure and re-vegetation near the top of the pass.

**Lefthand Canyon OHV** – Scoping request is now out on the Forest Service web site. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51312>

## Front Range Recreational Shooting Information:

Recreation Sports Shooting – in case you are interested in what's going on see this website <http://www.sportshootingpartners.org/>

A poster for "Save Our Sport" by COHVCO. The top half features the text "SAVE OUR SPORT" in large white letters on a blue background, with "Protecting Our Land and Access Since 1987" and "COHVCO" below it. The middle section shows three photos: a person on a motorcycle, a person on a snowmobile, and a person on a mountain bike. Below these are three red boxes with white text: "Public Land Closed to OHV Use", "HOW CAN I HELP?", and "OHV use areas still face an additional 70% Closure". The bottom section shows three photos of off-road vehicles: a green Jeep, a black Jeep, and a yellow ATV. At the bottom left is a red circular logo with "COHVCO.ORG", "SOS", and "SAVE OUR SPORT". At the bottom right is a QR code. The text "When you buy your OHV sticker, also purchase your \$25 S.O.S. sticker and become a friend to COHVCO. Spread the word. Save Our Sport!" is at the bottom.



# Rocky Mountain Offroad Expo

By Ige Gustavson



This year, I finally made the trek to Grand Junction to check out Grand Mesa Jeep Clubs Rocky Mountain Expo. I didn't have the time off work to attend the Rock Junction wheeling event, but with the raffle vehicle being back in swing, I went out to help Brian man the booth at the vendor show.



If you haven't been, you should try to attend next year. There were plenty of vendors with wares to sell, an obstacle course for participants to go and crawl over and a back field where you can drag all your old parts and hopefully turn them into new parts for someone else. You can use the money you earned selling your stuff to buy raffle tickets for some of the cool swag they were getting rid of that evening. Maybe you'll be lucky enough to come away with one of the show and shine trophies.



But the best part was all the rigs. I like eye candy and while you would assume they're all Jeeps since it is a "jeep club", you could find some impressive non Jeep rigs, and some real unique Jeeps while you're at it. It's geared towards all enthusiasts and the parking lot showed that by finding beautiful stock restorations parked next to rock buggies.



## Mark your calendars. It's held the first Saturday in June!

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## Adopt-A-Road / Volunteer Projects, by Adam Mehlberg

The end of spring has been a hot one. We have a major wild fire near Durango, and some smaller ones as well, and Summer has only just begun.

The passes have melted out, or will melt out early this year, and higher elevation roads will be open earlier, giving them a longer season this year. Now is the time to get started on those volunteer projects on our public lands. Many of our 4WD roads will be seeing more traffic this year, meaning monitoring and maintenance is going to be very important.

Hours reported this year are shown in the summary chart elsewhere in the newsletter.

**\*\* Deadline for 2018 hours is September 15 \*\***

Any hours reported after this date will go into 2019 and will be reported to the managing agencies late, which will not help them in their annual reports.

### Enter the hours on the Hightrails web page at:

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**Remember that the drive time to and from the project counts.**

You can document hours your club members meet with the public land agencies to do planning for on the ground projects, or time spent interfacing with the public as a volunteer for the Forest Service or BLM. You may also document hours for hosting 4WD roads and running trail patrols.

**Thank you for your volunteer efforts!**

### Colorado Association of 4WD Clubs Inc. Adopt-A-Road / Volunteer Project Hours to date

Jun-18

Club	Project	Hours	Total
Adopt-A-Road Committee	Documentation	35	35
Creeper Jeepers Gang	Hwy 550 Clean up, Molas Pass	32	614
	Black Bear Pass, FR648, FR823	150	
	Blanca Peak, FR975	174	
	Elwood Pass FR667	258	
Larimer County 4WD Club	Kelly Flats, FR168, FR172	48	96
	Moody Hill, FR132, 513	48	
Mile Hi Jeep Club	Spring Creek/Silver City FR712.2J	77	77
Horsetooth 4 Wheelers	Bald Mountain, FR517	16	16
Trailridge Runners 4WD Club	Middle St. Vrain, FR114	80	291
	Coney Flats, FR507	33	
	Miller Rock, FR252, FR253	162	
	BRD OHV meetings	16	

**Total**

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## Letter From the President - Ige Gustavson

Thanks all for still sticking with us while we get things back on track. We've been asking what we could do for you, our club members, and had little response until we got one long list from one club. Since then, we've been working on that list. Last year, we created sections on how to start and maintain a club and instructions on grant applications. This year, we are finally back on track with the raffle rig and we are bringing back our end of year event, End O' Summer!

These are things that we really want to have help you out, but at the same time, we need your help to make it successful. We've always been about helping clubs grow. One way is to invite clubs to the events we attend. We have a booth at many major events and your clubs are welcome to come and hand out fliers and talk to perspective members. This gives your club a nice tented area with tables already set up and saves any booth rental fees, but we rarely get clubs taking us up on this offer. I wonder, do you know this is available to your clubs? Are we not doing a good enough job getting the word out? Are your delegates and district vps letting you know this is available for your club? Just in case, I want you to know that your clubs are invited to any event we attend!

We want your club to grow and be successful! Registered clubs are the ones keeping trails open and we want trails open and are doing most of the educating of new users as to how to take care of our outdoors and the trails, so, we need you to succeed for us to keep wheeling. Kind of a double-edged sword, but we need your help in order for us to help your club. Judging by the conversations that Brian O'Connors and I have had with folks at the last couple of events, there are a lot of folks new to the state that are looking for information on clubs, so please, next time you see us at an event, feel free to come join us under the tent and promote your club.

In addition to directing these new people to the club listing, we've been letting them know about our End O' Summer event as it should be a great time with three events tied into one, so that would be a great event for your clubs to gather up some new members. Because the event fell on the last weekend of September and is traditionally held in the same area as another great event, we've joined forces and are tying our event in with the Second Annual 14erFest. To top that off, it's also National Public Lands Day on the 29th, so we decided to throw that into the mix. We hope to see your club Sept 28-30 in Buena Vista and that you will be able to find new members to help your club grow and succeed while helping to educate new users about our states great outdoors and trail etiquette.



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By: Ige Gustavson

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This year, Stay the Trail was the charity of choice and the event was held at Peak Place in their hometown of Colorado Springs. While mainly a get together for Land Cruiser lovers, it was also a show and shine, some folks brought stuff to sell and there was a People's Choice award given out by Peak Place. A dollar from every drink sold went to Stay the Trail and I did my share to donate, but I was mainly there for the eye candy. There was everything from bone stock FJ40s to a supercharged 1FZ powered FJ55 and a coveted by many 2017 75 series that was never sold in the U.S.







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# Colorado Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER Meeting Minutes

## Call to Order - Ige Gustavson

## Pledge of Allegiance- All

## Roll Call - Brian O'Connors

### Following Clubs were in attendance:

Clubs present were; Big Horn 4x4's (Host Club), Big Horn Jeep Club, Colorado Springs Christian Four Wheelers, Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Trail Ridge Runners and Ute Pass Iron Goat.

## Introductions - Ige Gustavson

## Review and Approval of the 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr Meeting Minutes - Brian O'Connors

## Review and Approval of the 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr Treasurer's Report – Larry McGimsley

## Report of Officers and Clubs President – Ige Gustavson

### Northern District VP

**Trail Ridge Runners** reported they took a club trip to Arizona in February, they are working on Miller Rock and Middle St. Vrain should be open by mid-June.

**Rising Sun** is holding their Cruise Moab event Horsetooth Four Wheelers suggested holding a 4x4 Swap Meet in the fall

### Central District VP

**Big Horn Jeep Club** will be doing a club run up Holy Cross on June 24 and has a work day planned for July 20 and another one on a date to be determined in July. Raffle Rig update will be covered separately.

### Southern District VP – Jeff Stemas

**Big Horn 4x4's** has the a clean up day scheduled for 23 June up on Eagle Rock, Saran Wrap, Gold Camp and the 379 Road with the other Colorado Springs area clubs. Will also host a "Reward Run" with the Rocky Mountain Kids who help out on the clean up day and planning a Holy Cross trip 16 – 19 August.

**Colorado Springs Christian Four Wheelers** held their Annual Kick Off Meeting on April 14th, great turn out. Planning a breakfast and trail run on April 28 and will be helping with the Trail Clean up on June 23rd that was covered already by Big Horn.

**Ute Pass Iron Goats** reported that they are still waiting on the check from BF Goodrich for Chinaman being selected as one of their top trails. Planning a clean up and maintenance weekend on Chinaman for May 5 & 6. Working on getting the port-a-potty back out to Chinaman by May.

Working with CORE, COHVCO and TPA on the Travel Management Plan comments that are due in January 2019 and have decided to financially support COHVCO & TPA this year since they are two groups that are working hard to keep trails open in Colorado. Suggested that we all adopt CORE's slogan of "Closure is not Management" when dealing with the National Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

### Western District VP – Jerry Smith

Working on a connector trail through National Forest land and some private land to make a loop of the Pace Lake and Cone Mountain trails (We did receive the Easement from the private land owner).

**Creeper Jeepers Gang** will be doing Chokecherry Canyon Trail near Farmington, NM on May 21st, doing a trail clean up project and a local Sheriff's Candidate is supplying lunch. Mineral Creek is open to the camp ground and Animas Forks is open if you drive up from Silverton.

**Grand Mesa Jeep Club** has their Rock Junction May 31 and June 1st and the Rocky Mountain 4x4 Expo on June 3rd coming up. Working on an easement thru private property that was blocking access to a trail from Moab that would great a loop using the Pace Lake Trail and the John Brown Road. Held a Grand Opening Ceremony with the BLM on a new extreme trail near Bangs Canyon along with two new mountain bike trails. Also doing some GPS mapping of two trails that they hope to tie into the Rim Rocker Trail. Working with the NFS on adopting two new trails near Paonia. Planning several trips to Moab.

## Committees

### Adopt A Road – Adam Melberg

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## Land Use/COHVCO – Open

Still need a volunteer to serve as a Board Member.

## United Four Wheel Drive Association – Jerry Smith

The Department of the Interior (BLM) is looking for ideas on how to expand recreation on public lands, please send your comments or suggestion to Jerry Smith at [onejerrysmith@gmail.com](mailto:onejerrysmith@gmail.com) Jerry also commented, when it comes to comments on Travel Management Plans there appears to be a "Cult" with in the Forest Service of employees that will oppose anything other than Wilderness areas.

## Club Membership –Larry

No new Clubs have joined

## Associates & Supporting Memberships – None

**FEAT** – Wade Larson, no report.

**Stay the Trail & Tread Lightly** – Still need a volunteer to serve as our Liaison Officer.

## Old Business

**Website** – We need someone to volunteer to maintain our website and who is familiar with Club Express

**Raffle vehicle** – Almost done, still need a spare tire and wheel, battery, Hi-Lift jack and recovery gear. Suggestion was made to look into insurance again on the Raffle Rig to protect our investment, protect those who volunteer to tow or store it and maybe the trailer since the trailer is stored at a private residence when not being used and often times at a 4x4 shop or other business between events. Events for the Raffle Rig are listed below:

All Things Jeep National Go Topless Day May 19

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Rock Junction and Rocky Mountain 4x4 Expo, May 31 – June 3.

4 Wheel Parts Truck & Jeep Fest, Denver, July 7-8

Set Them Free Off Road, Chafee County Fairgrounds, Jul 13 – 15

All 4 Fun, Empire, CO, July 28 – August 4

Crawlin' to a Cure, Eagle County Fair Grounds, August 18

Christmas 4 Kids, Ram Off Road Park, September 8

Be Heard Off Road Show, 4 Wheel Parts, Denver, September 15

COA4WDCI 50th Anniversary Celebration & End O'er Summer event heldt in conjunction with CORE for 14'er Fest and National Public Lands Day, Buena Vista September 28 – 30  
Christmas Caravan 4 Kids, Denver, December 1.

**Club Grants** – None

**Public lands day determination** -Date and events Sept 29

**Affiliated club memberships** - Reminder!

**Virtual club membership**

No votes, no united membership, no holding office \$ 5 per member min \$50 annual membership  
Sharing of event info

**Special edition** – still need club info

End O'er Summer 50th anniversary – Buena Vista tie in with public lands day and 14er Fest

COA4WDCI 50th Anniversary Celebration

**New Business**

**UTVs allowed in**

Only 50" and wider that can't run on the ATV trails. Time to start nominating kids for the scholarship grant to be presented next meeting

**Trail grants**

Off road hall of fame celebrating clubs over 50 years . Wilderness Plan impacts Holy Cross

**Scheduling raffle rig calendar**

Grand mesa jeep club has elected to rejoin Nominations for President, Treasurer, Western VP and Central VP

**Future Meetings**

**3rd Quarter 2018** – July 21, hosted by Jerry Smith Calamity Mesa.

**BOD Meeting-** July 7 - Truckfest

**4th quarter meeting** – October 20  
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**2nd Quarter 2019** - April 20 hosted by Colorado Springs Christian Four Wheelers

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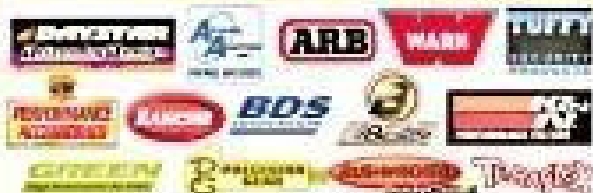
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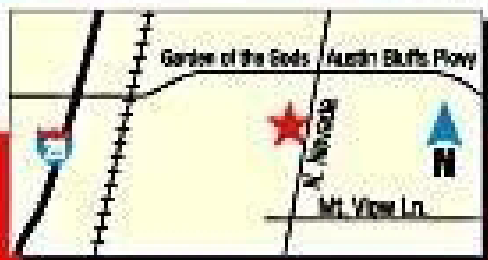
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