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1st QUARTER MEETING DETAILS

1st Qtr Meeting, Saturday, January 20, 10 a.m.
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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.

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Northern District Land Use Update by Adam Mehlberg

Canyon Lakes Ranger District:

No updates no meetings.

Boulder Ranger District:

Bunce School Road FR105 (Backbone ATV) – Bunce School does not seasonally close and will be open through the winter.

Caribou FR505 (NORAC) – Seasonal closure in December.

Kingston Peak FR353 (NORAC/Rising Sun) – September 24 Cleanup completed. Forest Service multi-club run of Kingston Peak done on September 30. The U.S. Forest Service's Clear Creek Ranger District closed Kingston Peak Road two weeks early, Oct 16, due to safety concerns as a result of snow conditions. While the road typically closes for the season Oct. 30, several vehicles got stuck there, requiring rescue and bringing attention to safety conditions on the road.

Middle St. Vrain FR114 (Trailridge Runners) – Mud bog repair is holding. Seasonal closure run completed on November 26. Middle St. Vrain and Coney Flats were snow covered and icy. Host site was closed.

Lefthand Canyon OHV – Scoping request is now out on the Forest Service web site. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51312>
No documents are available yet.



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

The end of the public lands managing agencies fiscal year is here. This years total hours is 11,963 hours for all clubs, member and non-member that reported to me. If you have not reported your hours by now, you can send them to me to go in to next year's report.

**** 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.

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

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A Season of Giving

by Ige Gustavson

COA4WDCI and its clubs are getting more and more into giving during the holidays. Southern clubs are still doing their Christmas for Kids event and hopefully we'll hear from them on how that went, Mile High Jeep Club (not a member) is continuing what was originally a State Association event, Christmas Caravan for Kids and it's getting bigger every year. Now the northern district clubs have teamed up and partnered with Santa Cops of Larimer County.



The Mountaineers with Horsetooth Four Wheelers and Big Thompson had the first annual Santa Cops toy drive in October at 4wp in Loveland and had a good turnout. Santa Cops of Larimer County called it a fill the truck event and northern Colorado 4wheelers did just that. They also did a little shopping at 4wp, got caught up with old and new friends, and played on the ri ramp out back.



A little over a month later, some northerners joined back up to caravan to Denver for the Caravan for Kids along with around 500 other four wheelers who came to donate toys, visit with vendors, eat from some great food trucks and check their flex on the MetalCloak indexing trailer. Santa was there and in the side room, there was a bounce house and some sweet rc truck courses to keep the kids busy. It was also the first public albeit incognito display of the 2018 raffle vehicle.

These are great events to check, along with the southern version Christmas for Kids. Giving back to the community feels good, looks good to the public, and is a great way to see what other folks have made work and help unite the four-wheel drive community. Now on to the pictures because those are worth a thousand words.



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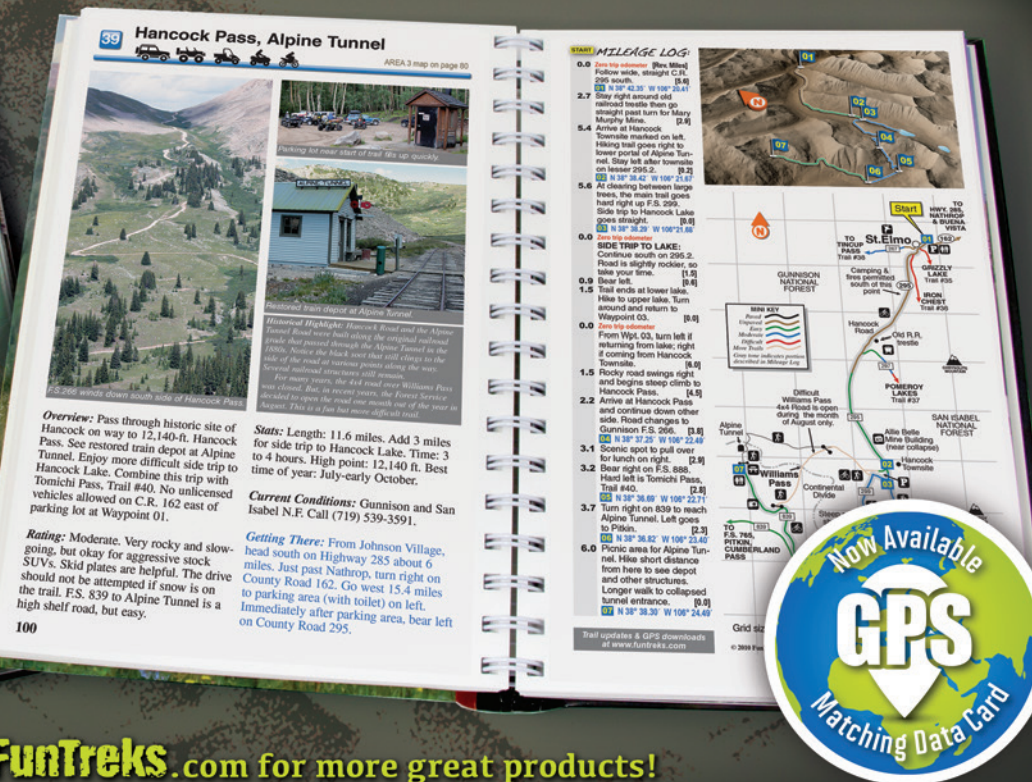
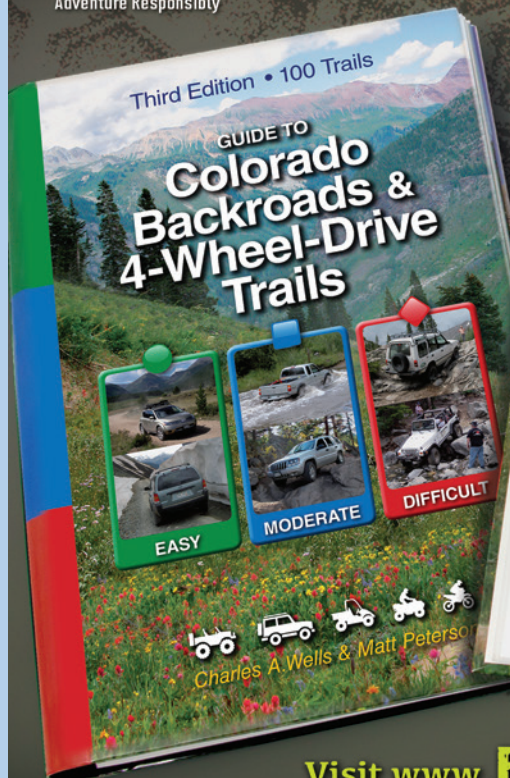
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Letter From the President - Ige Gustavson

On behalf of the Colorado Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs, I wish everyone a Happy New Year! Hopefully, you had a safe celebration and maybe got some snow wheeling in. Remember, winter is no reason not to enjoy your 4x4. Or if you have a work space, maybe you're getting your rig prepped for a good summer of camping. I spent it in Moab, enjoying it in the off season just like their commercial suggests...unfortunately, so was half the state of California. Hotels and restaurants were booked, but thankfully the trails were mostly empty.

I went out with a couple friends and we did meet up with some Utah locals I know for a half day Saturday exploring some abandoned buildings. Moab is so much more than just the trails you know. For now, Utah has a lot of great stuff to explore if you like history, but soon the snow will melt, and Colorado has the same to offer. I love finding new places to see and go. My goal this year is to see the little-known trails, no matter how small, that our state has to offer. I don't want them to go forgotten and I want to see something new that many others haven't while I can.

I'll say it again, I want to enjoy stuff while I can because I've made it well known that I think anyone that's not fighting for every trail we have is crazy. The entire country is losing trails at an alarming rate. I challenge everyone to find one of these not oft thought of trails and "adopt" it. Not in a literal sense, although I would love it if you did, but care for it and let others know about what you like about it. Do a trail writeup. Find what kind of users spend time there, be it fishermen, hunters, atvs and encourage them to contact the land use agency and adopt the trail. Don't let the roads that aren't popular get overgrown and disappear and don't let any of the agencies "forget" to put a trail on the mvum because no one knows the trail and cares enough to keep it.

In addition to my goal of hitting the unknowns, I have a responsibility to this association and this is the year we will finally be back on track. We got the long-ignored financials figured out last year and had to start anew, but now we've got everything organized again and we are ready to have an official budget, something we haven't



had in years. I won't go into the why outside of just to say that we had an inexperienced treasurer and the job wasn't done correctly. At the same time as our treasurer fiasco, we also had a hitch with the raffle vehicle and trying to get the license squared away from that failed venture turned into a much larger fiasco than expected, which was compounded by the issues with the treasurer not doing the job properly. That, in turn, took long enough that by the time we had the Secretary of State appeased, we had missed most of this year's events and many of the vendors fiscal years for donations.

What that does mean is that this year, we have an almost complete raffle rig to start the year off with and we are ready to get back to things like donations to our land use advocates and programs like FEAT. Hopefully we can get the Association back to it's heydays and get more of you encouraged to get involved again. If you have any suggestions, comments, wishes and wants, feel free to contact myself at President@hightrails.org, or any of the other board members.

We would love to hear how you think we're doing or if you think we need to do something more. If you prefer face to face contact, a rarity in this day and age, you can always talk to us as the delegates meetings.

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Colorado Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc 4th QUARTER Meeting Minutes

Call to Order - Ige Gustavson

Pledge of Allegiance- All

Roll Call - Brian O'Connors

Introductions - Ige Gustavson

Review and Approval of the 1st Qtr Meeting Minutes

(no 3rd quarter) – Motion made by Jerry, seconded by Jesse and approved.

Review and Approval of the 2nd Qtr Treasurer's Report

(no 3rd quarter) – Motion made by Randy, seconded by Jerry and approved

Report of Officers and Clubs

President – Ige Gustavson

Northern District VP – Open

Big Thompson worked on the Hessie Road Trail and did a vehicle recovery

Larimer County "The Mountaineers" did some trail clean ups, adopted five new trails, organized and ran the Santa Cops Toy Drive at 4 Wheel Parts in Loveland. Working on a getting a State Trust Land Lease or easement to access to trails. NORAC logged 1,300 hours of volunteer hours working on trails. Reported that T-33, Iron Clad, Caribou and Kingston Peak are now closed for the season.

Trail Ridge Runners worked on the Middle St. Vrain trail and held a Rollins Pass Pot Luck Dinner. Planning a Moab Trip in 2018 and opening Miller Rock Trail if the NFS can get the rocks moved and this will lead to other trails being open also.

Central District VP - Jessica Surface

Big Horn Jeep Club – much work needs to be done on Holy Cross and will be looking for other State Association Clubs to come and help out in the late Spring early Summer of 2018.

Southern District VP – Jeff Stemas

Western District VP – Jerry Smith

Creepers Jeepers had a great write up in the Durango Herald on their club and trail projects they have worked on.

Fun Treks has a new Northern Colorado Trail Guide book out and is working on a

new Southwest Colorado book.

FJ Cruiser website has some great trail information on it.

Committees

Adopt A Road – Adam Melberg

11,963 Volunteer Hours were turned in for 2017, this number is low as several clubs never turned in hours. Adam reminded everyone that all volunteer hours should be counted, including working Stay the Trail events, etc.

Land Use/COHVCO – Open

Need a Board Member from the State Association.

United Four Wheel Drive Association – Jerry Smith

Jerry will be attending the SEMA Show Oct. 31 – Nov 4 and also the ORBA Meeting.

Club Membership – Larry reported no new clubs

New Member Applications- None

Associates & Supporting Memberships – None

FEAT – Wade Larson has resigned as Chairman

Stay the Trail & Tread Lightly – Need a Representative

Raffle vehicle – postponed the raffle to 2018. Vehicle is a 1998 Jeep Cherokee and needs the following: Battery, Front Axle Sleeves, Head Liner, Gears (Ring & Pinion, Front is Dana 30 and Rear is a Chrysler 8.25", prefer 4.88:1), Recovery Kit, Hi-Lift Jack, Control Arms, CB Radio and Antenna, Lockers (at least for the rear axle).

News Letter – Kerry Beach is still serving as coordinator even though he moved to TN and Shannon is doing the lay out.

Club Grants – None

Public lands day - Date and events Sept 29 or 30. Suggestion was made to do some thing with the Rollins Pass Pot Luck and Trail Cleanups. Need to follow up and see if there is a State of Colorado date in May 2018 since the National Day is

in September and most trail projects are done in the Spring.

Affiliated club memberships

Virtual club membership

No votes, no united membership, no holding office

\$ 5 per member min \$50 annual membership

New Business

Elections – Nominations

Secretary – Brian O'Connors

Parliamentarian –

Southern District – Jeff Stemas

Northern District – Ray Comeau

Twin cone closure – As a result of the successful 2016 law suit brought and won by the Nature Conservatory and Quiet Use Coalition it is unlikely we will succeed in getting Twin Cone re-opened. One factor in this law suit was that the MVUM maps for that area were wrong and it is critical that clubs get the current maps for their area from the NFS & BLM and check them with what is really on the ground. Comments were made about Iron Mike and the south side of Georgia Pass during this discussion.

Dues – Voted to return dues to \$10 per year for each Club Member in 2018.

Special edition – Need Club Info!

Christmas for kids (springs event)

Brian motioned to donate \$200, 2nd by Bob and approved.

Future Meetings

1st Quarter 2018 – January 20, Hosted by BOD, Unser racing

BOD Meeting – Sat., January 6th at Larry's

2nd Quarter 2018 – April 21, Hosted Big Horn Four Wheelers of Colorado Springs.

BOD Meeting - Sat, April 7

3rd Quarter 2018 – July 21, hosted by Jerry Smith on the Western Slope.

BOD Meeting- Need Date

4th quarter meeting – October 20th Board of Directors Meeting -

Adjourn



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