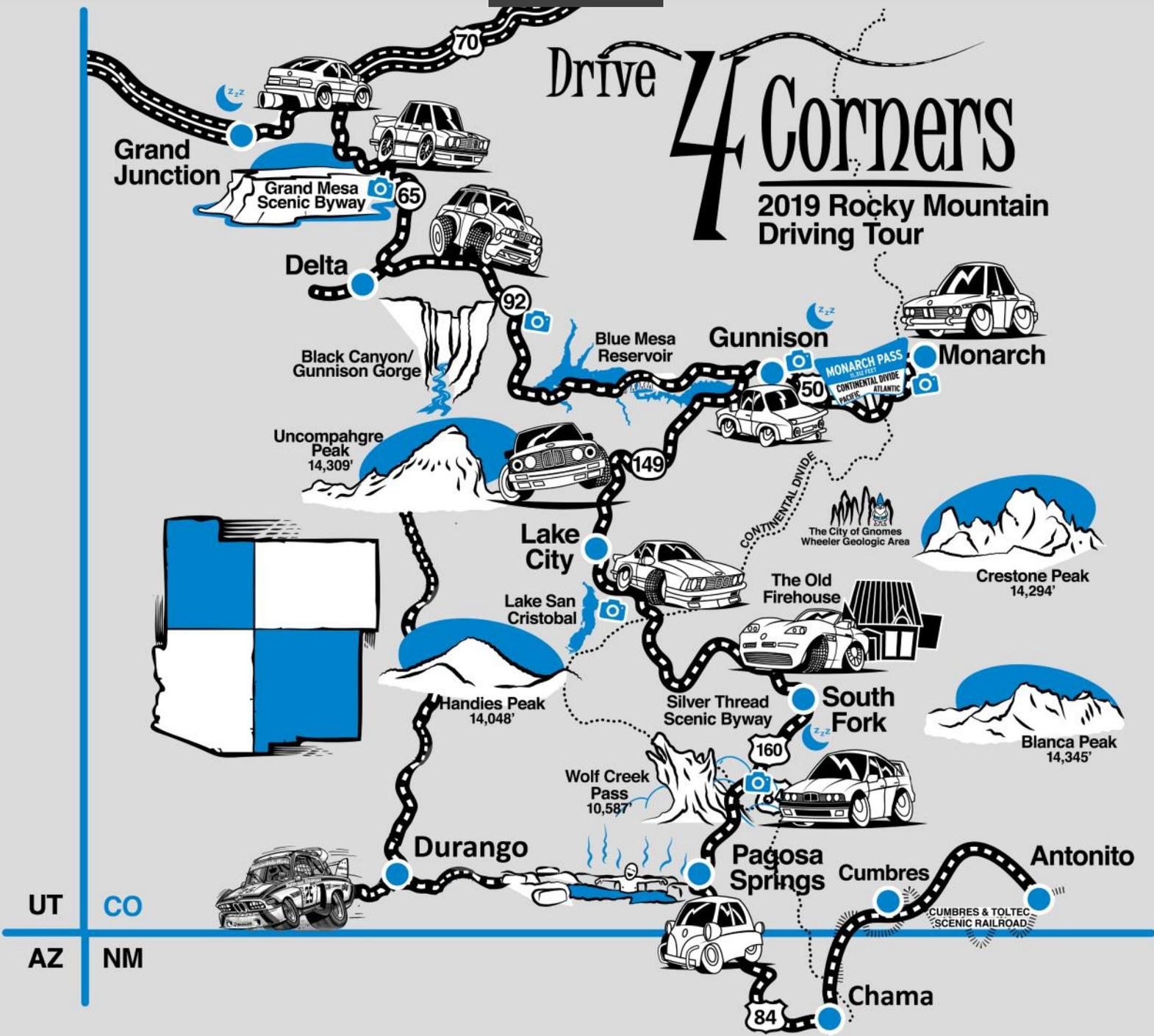


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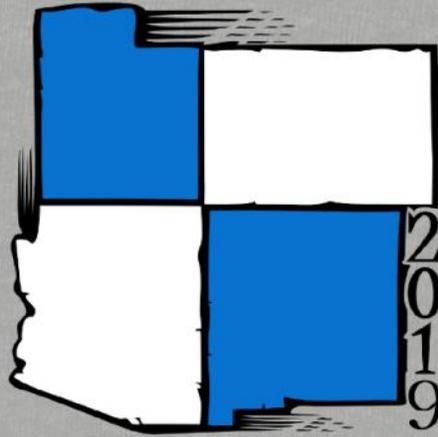


August 15-18, 2019

Drive 4 Corners 2019

Rocky Mountain Driving Tour

The scenic route



is the only route

*Welcome! The Drive 4 Corners Event Team is excited that you are able to join us for the 2019 driving tour. We have organized a scenic driving route that is a path less traveled through the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. **Knowing the driving route, schedule, and having meal plans is your responsibility.** Be sure you know where you are going— we have provided address' for this purpose.*

We will have a few checkpoints and recommended stops, but sections of the route may not have cell service. Due to the nature of the event home base changing nightly, it is important that you have a good idea of where we are going in case you are separated from the group. Attend any activities at your leisure, but we recommend joining for the driving groups and the social gatherings!

-Drive 4 Corners Event Team

Safety Information

All participants should be aware of the safety concerns of high altitudes which are along the route! To avoid altitude sickness, be sure to stay hydrated. Drinking lots of water will be the best way to prevent altitude sickness or dehydration.

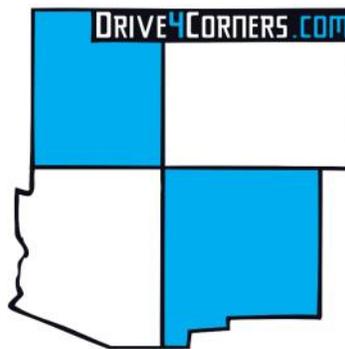
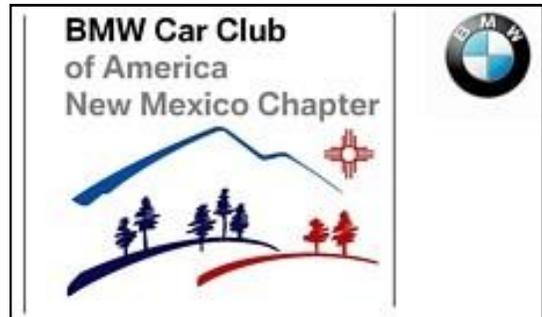
Bring at least 1 liter of water per person in your vehicle. Snacks are recommended as well. Some of the route and stops are at high altitude where the sunburn risk increases dramatically. Always wear sunscreen SPF 30+ sunblock!. This is especially important at higher elevations!

Drive 4 Corners does not condone unsafe or erratic driving. Please follow all local driving laws and be courteous and safe in all situations when driving between D4C 2019 stops. All participants of Drive 4 Corners must read and sign the waiver of liability to assume all risks involved in the weekend. **Obeying all traffic laws and driving in a safe manner is the best way to ensure your trip driving tour is enjoyable and safe!**

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Description	Name	Number
General Questions	Tom Schultz	303-249-4632
Go-carting in Grand Junction	Tim Schultz	303-513-6638
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Exxon Palisade Group Drive Leaders	Marc Belz Aaron Blair	719-351-4248 303-918-3709
Crawford, CO Regroup	Greg Frank	719-352-9988
Gunnison County Fairgrounds Ice Cream Social	Tom Schultz	303-249-4632
Monarch Extended Drive	Aubrey Wright	214-500-9600
Blue Mesa Reservoir Meetup (Iola Boat Ramp)	Marc Belz	719-351-4248
Lake San Cristobal Group Photo	Aubrey Wright	214-500-9600
Freemon's General Store [CASH ONLY]	Freemon's General	719-658-2954
The Old Firehouse—Awards & Group Photo	Ted Schultz	303-249-4586
Wolf Creek Pass Meetup	Tom Schultz	303-249-4632

Notable places along the Route

Grand Mesa Scenic Byway

Before settlers came west, the Native American people populated Colorado, Utah and the surrounding areas. The Ute Indian tribe lived in the Grand Mesa Area and called the Grand Mesa "Thunder Mountain" because of how the mesa towers over the valley 6,000' below. In 1776, the Utes guided Europeans through the area. Later, buggy trips would bring touring travelers to area. Stage lines and freight wagons soon replaced the buggy trips. In 1911, road improvements were made from convict labor provided easier travel. In 1933, the Civilian Conservation Corps built "Veteran Road" (now Land's End road) that twists its way to the top of the mesa. The area is blessed with over 300 stream fed lakes.

West Elk Loop Scenic Byway & Gunnison Gorge

The late 1800s brought prospectors and miners from all over the country. When the hills had given up their gold, many of the miners stayed to help build and maintain towns by ranching. The West Elk Loop starts at Carbondale and travels through Paonia, Hotchkiss, Crawford, Gunnison, and Crested Butte. This byway circles dazzling scenery. The mountain ranges and alpine wildflowers bring nature to you, and the farms and cattle ranches commemorate those who began here. The Black Canyon of Gunnison is the only canyon with such a narrow opening, steep walls, and gigantic depth.

Blue Mesa Reservoir

Blue Mesa Reservoir — part of Curecanti National Recreation Area — is the state's largest body of water, which means abundant recreation and boating opportunity. As US Hwy. 50 winds through the pinyon-dotted, high-mountain desert between the rural community of Montrose and the mountain college town of Gunnison, it opens up into a broad landscape of sparkling blue water and talus-sloped hills. Boaters love the 29-mile-long reservoir, which has several arms that lead into secluded canyons. The fishing is legendary, as it's stocked with millions of fish each year, and it is home to the largest kokanee salmon fishery in the US.

Silver Thread Scenic Byway

Between silver and cannibalism, the region of the Silver Thread Scenic and Historic Byway is rich in history. Creede boomed in 1890, but was abandoned when the silver prices dropped in 1893. Beauty surrounds the region. The San Juan Mountains are visible from the byway, and the Wheeler Geologic National Area provides views of exquisite land formations (4 wheel drive vehicle plus a hike where the road ends). Also in the area is Collier State Wildlife Area. Here, 700-1,000 Elk have been spotted gathering before migrating. Don't miss the North Clear Creek Waterfalls, known for being the most photographed site, or Spring Creek Pass, home of the great Continental Divide. The Ute Indians used the area long ago for what they called "Little Medicine," or hot mineral waters. Today, these hot springs are resorts and privately owned.

Lake City & Slumgullion Earthflow

Lake City got its start as a supply camp for the area mines. In September 1873, American officials met with Chief Ouray of the Ute tribe and finalized the Brunot Treaty. The treaty placed the Ute on a reservation in Utah and opened up the San Juan Mountains to white settlement and a gold and silver boom in the late 1800's. During Lake City's heydays, the city was often described as one of the most attractive in the San Juan Mountains due to the scenic location. The city was made a National Historic District in 1978 and features over 200 historic buildings. Just up the road a few miles south east of Lake City is the Slumgullion Earthflow. It is a slow moving active landslide, that crawled down the valley about 700 years ago and is approximately 4 miles long and 2,000 feet wide. Lake San Cristobal, which inspired the name of the town, was dammed by the earthflow. It has been a National Natural Landmark since 1983 and is also an Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

Cumbres Railroad & Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic Byway

Wolf Creek Pass sees some of the most snow in the state of Colorado and is a great stop along a spirited drive. Following the route south brings participants through Chama New Mexico and their encounter with the Cumbres & Toltec Railroad. The railroad was originally constructed in 1880 as part of the Rio Grande's narrow gauge San Juan Extension, which served the silver mining district of the San Juan mountains in southwestern Colorado. Stalled by the Silver Mining Bust, the tracks were mostly dismantled until through the combined efforts of a group of railway preservationists and local civic interests, the most scenic portion of the line was saved. The Byway goes from Chama, NM following the trails of the Spanish Conquerors through to the oldest town in Colorado (San Luis) as well as Fort Garland, Antonito, and Alamosa. As you're traveling the byway, consider visiting the oldest church in Colorado, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish church in Antonito, built 1858.

D4C 2019 Route Details

Thursday August 15, 2019

Show up and meet other D4C participants at this .9 mile carting and autocross course. We will be carting for approximately one hour from 2:15pm-3:15pm and then will be transitioning to cars for the second hour until about 4:30pm. Cost will be approximately ~\$50 per driver for two full hours. Then, a social dinner will be held for those convening to relax and socialize after a day of getting to Grand Junction. See details below.

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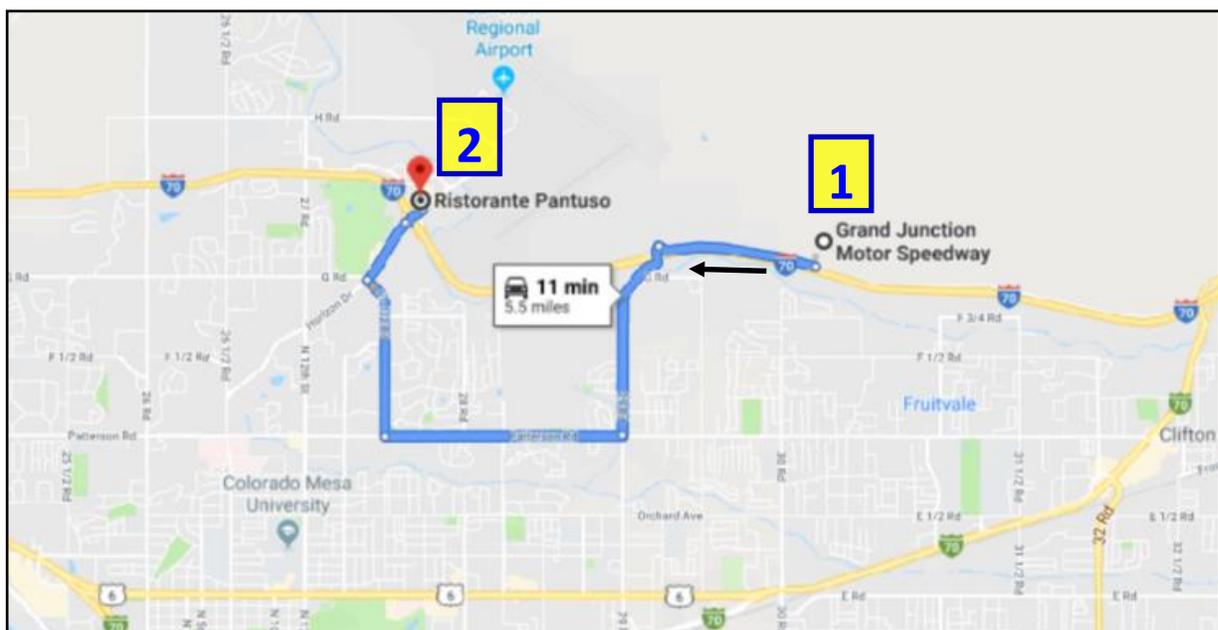
Start: **2:00pm. Grand Junction Motor Speedway**— 3002 N I 70 Frontage Rd, Grand Junction, CO 81504
2:15-3:15pm. Go-carting marathon, 15 carts at time and ~ 12 minute sessions
3:30pm-4:30. Timed car runs on the track

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Route Note: Follow the frontage road back to 29 Rd. Then follow Patterson Rd to 27 1/2 Rd to Horizon Dr towards the GJ Regional Airport [5.5 mi to next]

End: **6:00-8:30pm. Ristorante Pantuso**— 755 Horizon Dr, Grand Junction, CO 81506

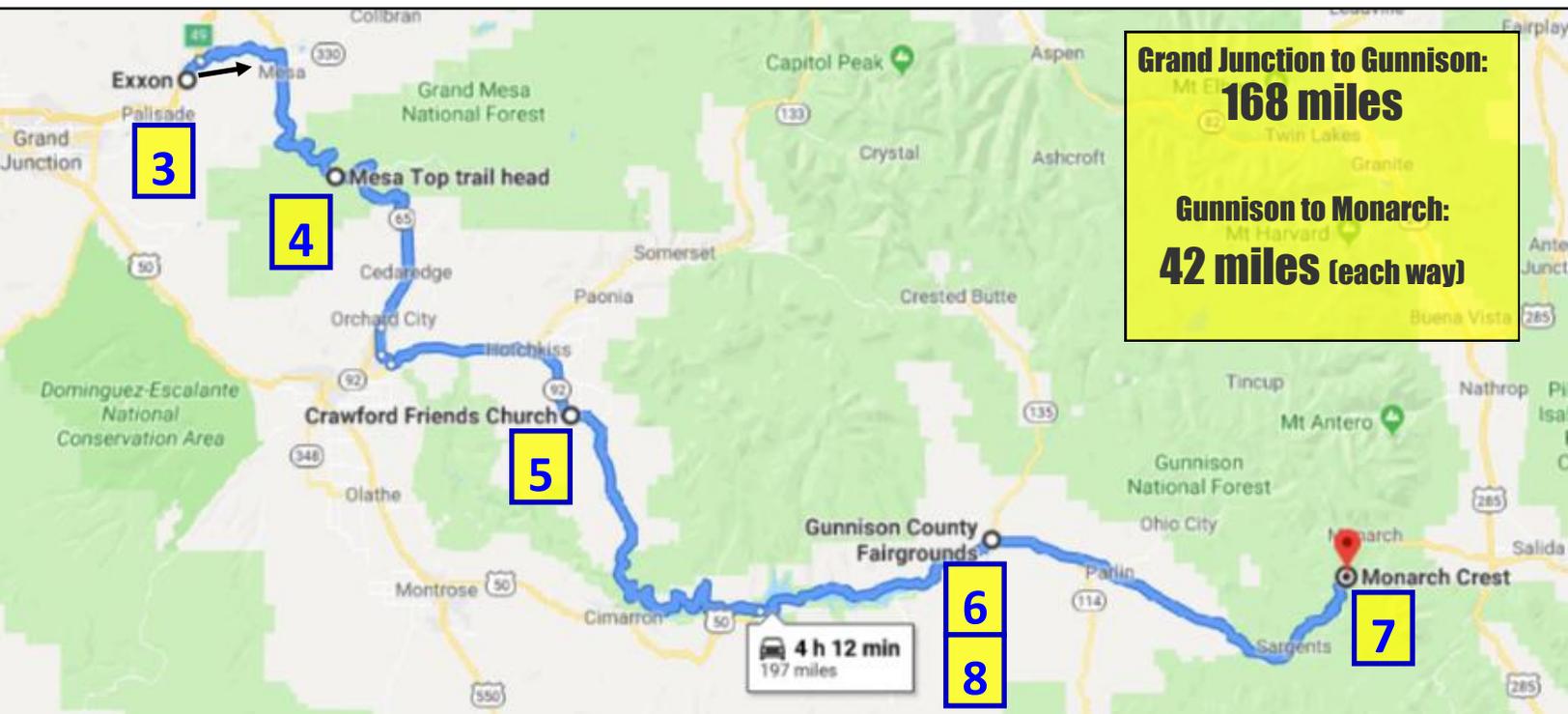
Note: Mention Drive 4 Corners group and ask to be seated in the mezzanine area.



Friday August 16, 2019

Meet up for two scenic byways of driving. We will convene at a gas stop and group up. From there, groups of cars will be released towards the two scenic byways of the day. A suggested short hike will get you out of the car to enjoy the scenery of the Grand Mesa before lunch on your own. A regroup near Crawford, CO will begin the second leg. A third leg can be added, or participants can socialize at our meeting space in Gunnison before an ice cream social.

- 3** **Safety Meeting: 9:00am. Exxon Palisade Truck Stop**— 1040 I-70, Palisade, CO 81526
- Depart:** **9:30am. Take I-70 E for 2 miles and exit 49 to Follow CO-65 N (Grand Mesa Scenic Byway). [32 miles to next]**
- 4** **Suggested Stop: 10:15am. Mesa Top Trailhead**— Forest Rd 1151B, Eckert, CO 81418 (32 miles from start). Stop for a brief hike with a mix of open meadows and forests lake & ponds. Otherwise, this is an interesting stop for a group photo due to the nature of the parking lot. Lunch is on your own, so Orchard City, Cedar Edge, Hotchkiss, or Crawford are places to grab a meal. **[31 miles to next]**
- Route Note:** Turn left on CO-92 E towards Hotchkiss/Gunnison to continue along the route. **[25 miles to next]**
- Regroup 1:** **2:30pm. Crawford Friends Church Lot**— 3842 Stearman Ln, Crawford, CO 81415
- 5** **Depart:** **3:00pm. Follow CO-92 for the spirited section of West Elk Loop Scenic Byway. [44 miles to next]**
- Route Note:** Once reaching Blue Mesa Reservoir, take US-50 E (left) into Gunnison. **[26 miles to next]**
- 6** **Regroup 2:** **~4:30pm. Gunnison County Fairgrounds**— 280 S Spruce St, Gunnison, CO 81230
Gunnison will have food and music on a shut down main street. Alternative for those finished driving.
- Depart:** **5:15pm. Extended Drive to Monarch Pass**— Follow US-50 E to Monarch Pass. **[42 miles to next]**
- 7** **Regroup 3:** **6:00pm. Monarch Pass Meetup**— Monarch Crest Parking Area
- Depart:** **6:30pm. Return to Gunnison**— Follow US-50 W into to Gunnison (42 miles).
- 8** **End:** **7:00-10:00pm. Gunnison Fairgrounds Ice Cream Social**— 280 S Spruce St, Gunnison, CO 81230
Ice Cream included for participants



Saturday August 17, 2019

For those who enjoy car shows, free to spectate is the Gunnison Car show taking place in Jorgensen Park from 8:00-3:00pm. Perfect for a slower day. For those interested in a group drive, a later start will begin at the Iola Boat launch lot so the group doesn't get as separated. A drive over the Silver thread scenic Byway will be sure to get your driving fix for the day. Unique stops at Lake City and Freemon's General Store are places off the beaten path. Be sure to reconvene Saturday eveing for our main social gathering starting with Angry Ass Solutions Bimmers and Brews.

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Car Show: 8:00am-3pm. Jorgensen Park - 503 East Tomichi, Gunnison, CO 81506

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Start: 10:00am. Iola Boat Launching Lot Meetup. 32000 CO-149. Gunnison, CO 81230

Depart: 10:30am. Take CO-149 S (Silver Thread Scenic Byway). [47 miles to next]

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Suggested Stop: 11:30am. Lake San Cristobal — Co Rd 33, Colorado 81235.

Route Note: Take a group photo of ~15 cars and continue along CO-149 towards Freemon's General. [32 miles to next]

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Suggested Stop: ~1:00pm. Freemon's General Store Burgers & Ice Cream [CASH ONLY] 39354 CO-149, Creede, CO 81130

Route Note: Follow CO-149 S towards South Fork, CO. Turn Left onto US-160 [41 miles to next]

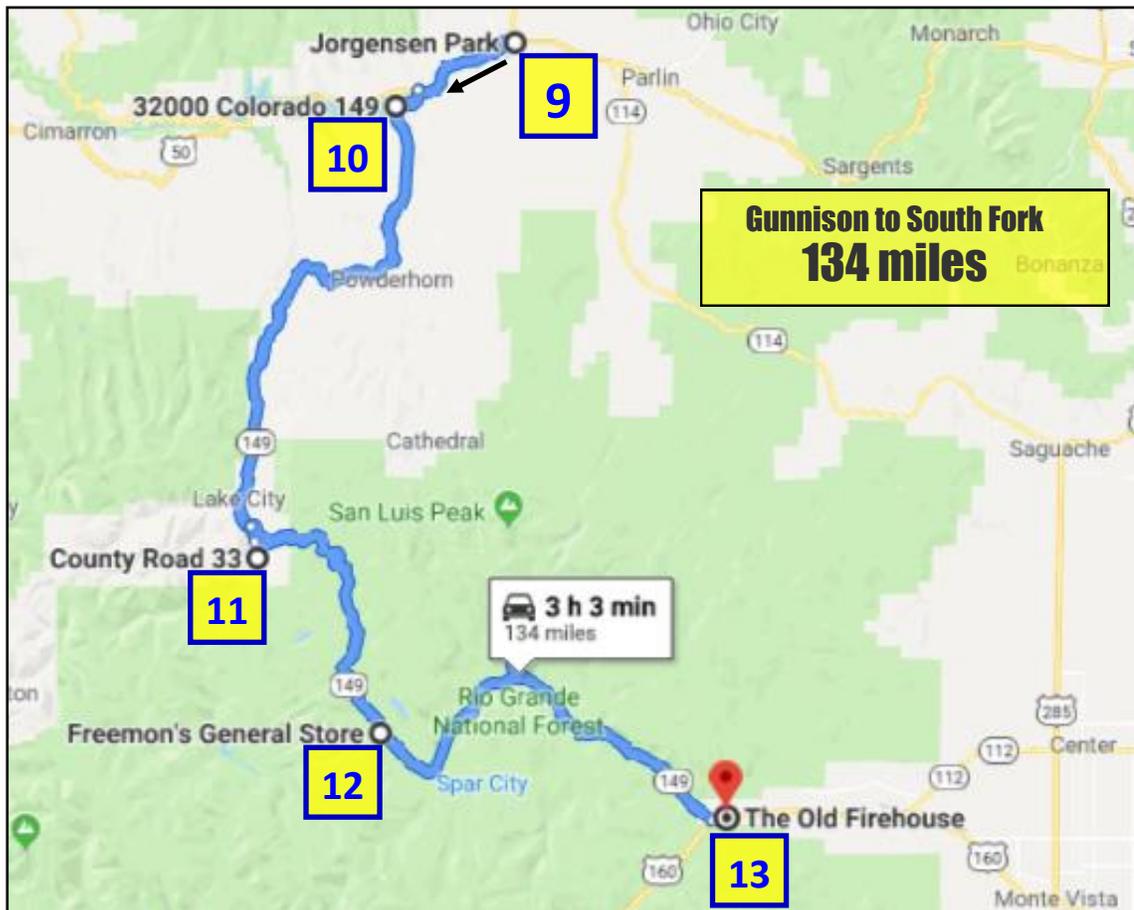
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End: ~5:00-10:00pm. The Old Firehouse— 30B Jackson St, South Fork, CO 81154

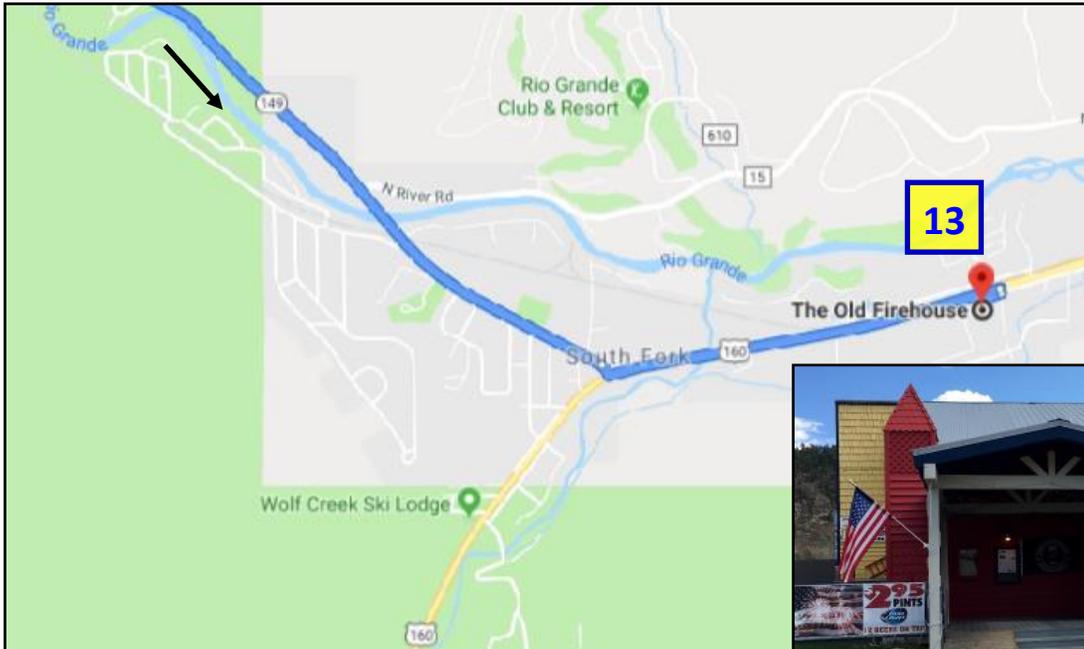
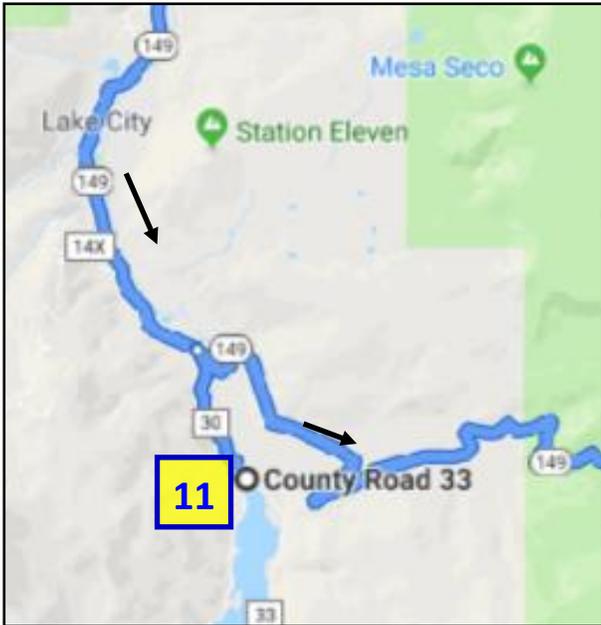
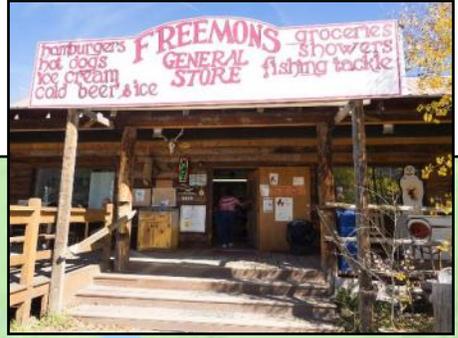


Angry Ass Solutions 'Bimmers and Brews 2019' begins our social evening.

6:30pm. BBQ dinner included for all participants. Awards and a few prizes.



Saturday August 17, 2019



Sunday August 18, 2019

An informal breakfast begins the day for participants to socialize one last time before they hit the road, whether that be for their trip home, or the last leg of the trip. The Old Firehouse will serve as a gathering point before departing to a nearby Wolf Creek Pass. A group photo will serve as the last opportunity for such before a smaller group of enthusiasts continue south to Chama, NM and follow the last scenic byway of Los Caminos Antiguos down and around towards Antonito, CO.

- 14** **Start:** *7:00-9:00am. The Old Firehouse— 30B Jackson St, South Fork, CO 81154*
Social breakfast and send off for those headed home. Disperse at your leisure.
- Depart:** *9:45am. The Old Firehouse— 30B Jackson St, South Fork, CO 81154*
Group up/depart for those headed to nearby Wolf Creek Pass Group photo along US-160 W. [19 miles to next]
- Stop:** *10:00am. Wolf Creek Ski Area— US 160*
- 15** **Depart:** *~10:45am. Follow US-160 W towards Pagosa Springs, CO. [44 miles to next]*
- Route Note:** *Turn left on US-84 E [44 miles to next]*
- Suggested Stop:** *12:15pm. Arrive in Chama, NM and find lunch.*
- Deapart:** *TBD. Take NM-17 N [47 miles to next]*
- Route Note:** *Follow along the Cumbres & Toltec Railroad into Antonito, CO and Fort Garland, CO. Disperse at your leisure.*
Have a safe route home whichever direction you are headed! We home to see you again next year.

