



Rocky Mountain Over The Hill Gang

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BOWLING FOR FUN

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2012 AT 4:00 PM
LUCKY STRIKE LANES, BELMAR SHOPPING COMPLEX
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15, 2012



Dust off your bowling shoes and come join in the fun.

We will meet at the Lucky Strike Lanes, 415 South Teller St. in Lakewood, (Belmar Shopping Complex). After bowling we will walk to a nearby restaurant for dinner.

Non bowlers are welcome to come and cheer on their favorite "pro" and join us for dinner. Mark your calendar for a "nostalgic" afternoon of fun.

Bowling rates are \$5 per game for each bowler. Shoe rentals are \$2.95 per person. The reservation is currently for 2 games. Bowling two games should take approximately 2 hours. No money is payable until the evening of the event. We are committed to a certain number of

participants, so if you register and can't attend, be sure to cancel.

To register for this event, login to the CMC website, click on Programs, Social Events and look for RMOTHG Bowling. When you register, please be sure to answer the two questions:

1. Do you plan to bowl?
2. Are you going to dinner?

Hope to see you there!

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SECTION CHAIR'S MESSAGE



"If I had been on 'Bowling for Dollars, I'd wind up owing them money."

Ricki Lake

That's probably what is going to happen to me on Saturday, February 18th! Lue has arranged for us to bowl at the Lucky Strike Lanes in Belmar starting at 4:00 PM. We will bowl for about 2 hours and then visit one of the restaurants to dine, laugh, tease, and admire everyone about their

"form" or gutter balls! (I have a lot of experience in gutter balls.) Last time I checked, there were some tickets available!! Go to the website and register. This should be very fun, hope to see you there!

Don't forget, our CENTENNIAL Celebration Kickoff will happen on Saturday, February 11th at the CMC clubhouse! We will have Mark Obmascik delighting us with his adventures

climbing the Colorado 14'ers, Tom Noel will be talking about Colorado in 1912 and John Fielder will be speaking about our plans for the group membership photo shoot on the 100th anniversary of the day of the club's first outing. What's not to like about this program??? Sign up on the website. CMC member's charge \$20.00, *Priceless*. How many century events does one get to sign up for?

Downhill skiing is happening too! Carpools are arranged from Woolley Mammoth lot row JJ off I-70 Morrison (exit 259) or, meet everyone at the ski area, Monday at Vail; at the top of the gondola at 9:00 AM, Tuesday at Breckenridge; meet inside the Ski Hill Grill at the base of Peak 8 at 9:00 AM and Thursday at Keystone; meet at the Summit House at 8:45 AM.

If you need information about carpooling or have questions, please contact Wayne Tomasello wtomasello@comcast.net for information.

Kathy Malone

BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL

MARCH 1ST & 2ND

AT THE PARAMOUNT THEATRE

Tickets are now on sale for the 2012 Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour! Hosted by REI, the showings will be at the Paramount Theatre on March 1-2, 2012. Tickets are \$15 and proceeds benefit the CMC. A unique selection of films will be shown each of the two evenings. Tickets are available at REI locations, at the CMC office, or online. Visit www.cmc.org/BANFF to buy tickets.

Many thanks,

Rachel Scott



SNOWSHOEING

We are off to a tough start for snowshoeing this year. Your leaders decided to cancel three of the four Wednesday snowshoe trips due to adverse weather and road conditions. As indicated in our weekly emails, all trips are subject to change due to conditions.

We look forward to an exciting new month of snowshoeing in February. We have selected several scenic locations for all RMOTHG members to enjoy.

You may be interested in an article posted on the REI website with several great snowshoe tips and suggestions. The article is posted at

<http://tinyurl.com/75be4oj>.

Newbies, experienced snowshoers and anyone wanting healthy exercise and fun are welcome. We shoe/hike at a casual pace (usually an easy snowshoe) for about two hours, eat lunch together and then return. You have other choices, too, with Joe Leahy who leads longer, more challenging hikes on Other Day Hikes. Look for his separate article.

To be on weekly list announcing snowshoe location, meeting times/place, email Jeff@JFlax.com.

Jeff Flax



Hans and Joan helping each other get snacks out of their packs on the Deer Creek Trail, Friday Jan. 13th.

Tentative February Snowshoe Schedule:

Feb 1 st	North Rock Creek
Feb 8 th	Brainard Lake
Feb 15 th	Bear Lake to Bierstadt Lake (RMNP)
Feb 22 nd	Leader's Choice
Feb 29 th	Chief Mountain

For a list of ten essentials we all carry on OTHG hikes/snowshoe treks, see

<http://www.rei.com/expertadvice/articles/ten+essentials.htm> ! (Press ctrl key and click.). Newbies: View REI's article with snowshoeing tips at <http://rei.com/expertadvice/snowsports>. In the link, click *snowshoeing*.

CENTENNIAL SERIES OF HIKES

RMOTHG let's participate in the *CENTENNIAL SERIES* of hikes this coming fall. We will have 5 training hikes leading up to the 6th hike which will be a 14'er: Mt. Democrat.

The Mt. Democrat hike will be on September 8th in conjunction with the CMC centennial celebration. All leaders will be provided a spot device to broadcast a signal to the celebration tent in Breckenridge.

You may only miss one of the training hikes and still join us on the last hike up Democrat. You will be able to qualify for your B classification on these hikes.



Hike dates are (hopefully the weather is with us):

August 1 st	Crater Lake
August 8 th	Twin Sisters
August 15 th	Notch Top Mountain
August 22 nd	Grizzly Peak
August 29 th	Ptarmigan Mtn.
September 8 th	Mt. Democrat

Please give me a call if you would like to participate in this series. Sign up will be available through the CMC trip site in July. It should be a lot of fun.

Carole Adler

303-985-9286 – after 6:00 PM

TRAVEL ADVENTURE PHOTO SHOW/SOUP DINNER

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2012 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

COST: \$5 PER PERSON

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 21, 2012

We are planning this event for the first time. We think it will be a great way to share some of our member's adventure travel experiences and give us a glimpse of what we do when we're not participating in RMOTHG activities. A special invitation to our new members, come socialize and learn more about the RMOTHG.

Our planning team has invited five RMOTHG members to each prepare photos of a trip they have recently taken. They will narrate as the pictures are shown on the large screen. The activity will be held at the CMC Building located at 710 10th St. in Golden. We will be in the C and D Conference rooms located on the first floor. A sign will be posted just inside the door to direct you to the conference rooms.

Of course we can't have a RMOTHG event without food. The plan is to have three different crock pots of soup. Each attendee will be asked to bring one of the following; appetizer, salad or



dessert. The club will provide soft drinks, wine and beer as well as all paper goods and utensils. The suggested program will be 4:00 PM; 4:30 PM social time with appetizers.

4:30 PM; first two presentations followed by dinner.

After dinner, we will see the three remaining presentations with a brief

intermission for dessert.

The cost of the evening will be \$5 per person.

We hope this program is of interest to you. Our members do a lot of traveling, so if participation is high we can schedule another program for a later date. To sign up for this event log in to CMC, click on programs, social events, look for RMOTHG Adventure Travel/Soup Dinner. Be sure to answer the question as to what you will bring; appetizer, salad or dessert. The registration dead line for the activity is March 21st.

All of us on the planning team hope to see you there!

Frank Burzynski, Sue Henley, Sue Osborn, Sue Fratantuono

If you have difficulty signing up, call CMC Membership at 303-279-3080 ext. 2.

CRANES OF SAN LUIS VALLEY

Anyone interested in a trip to San Luis Valley March 13-15 to see the *Sandhill Cranes*? We would be going to Monte Vista the week after their big crane festival when it is a little quieter. 20,000 sandhill cranes arrive from their wintering grounds in New Mexico and stay near Monte Vista until late March or early April to eat the grain in the fields before they leave for their summer breeding grounds in Idaho. Hopefully, while we are there we will see the sandhill cranes perform their courtship dance.

Cost still TBD will be for 2 nights stay, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners. We can take a cooler and pack lunches for 2 days.

Tentative itinerary:

- Tuesday, drive to Monte Vista, check in, dinner, do an evening hike to see the cranes.
- Wednesday morning breakfast, see the morning crane lift off, hike with the CMC members down there, dinner on the town
- Thursday morning, check out,

breakfast, see the morning crane lift-off and then head back to Denver.

Questions? Call Sue Henley 303-570-0129



OTHER DAY HIKING & SNOWSHOEING



We have done eighteen trips so far this season. We have enjoyed very good weather with a lot of Colorado blue skies and mild temperature (with a little wind sometimes). We shoed in some awesome snow! We met some Bighorn sheep up close and personal. Next month promises to be better yet.

You may have read the recent CMC Rucksack where my compliments and gratitude were conveyed to our own RMOTHG member, Gordon Cook. The Rucksack article entitled [Saluting CMC Sherpas: Gordon Cook](#) commented about our Three Mile Creek Trip in December, "One of our trip leaders took the time to email the CMC office about a WTS

graduate and member. On one of the leader's recent trips, Gordon volunteered to return to the trail head and drive a member back to her car at the meeting place when she was not feeling well. This allowed the rest of the group to continue the hike while he missed out on the rest of the trip. What he did was a step above the normal CMC member participation. So thank you Gordon!".

Joe Leahy

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There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad gear.

The exhilarating trips scheduled for February are:

Date	Place	Type Hike	Trip No.
Thursday Feb 2 nd	Ruby Gulch	Mod. Snowshoe	17121
Thursday Feb 9 th	Coney Flats Trail IPW	Diff. Snowshoe	17123
Tuesday Feb 13 th	Kingston Peak	Diff. Snowshoe	17124
Friday Feb 16 th	Timberline Falls RMNP	Diff. Snowshoe	17125
Monday Feb 20 th	Lake Isabelle IPW	Diff. Snowshoe	17126
Thursday Feb 23 rd	Herman Lake	Diff. Snowshoe	17127
Tuesday Feb 28 th	Niwot Mountain IPW	Diff. Snowshoe	17128
Wednesday Feb 29 th	Emerald Lake RMNP	Mod. Snowshoe	17129

I plan to schedule a 14er next month, maybe Bierstadt.

FULL MOON SNOWSHOE

Get out the long underwear, family, friends, and dogs. Let's do a full moon snowshoe Friday, February 10th. All guests will have to sign a CMC waiver. We will hike for about 2 ½ hours. The location is TBD (hopefully Mt. Evans road) but check the CMC website after February 4th for the



official hike description, location, times and trip number. Head lamps or flashlights are necessary. CMC has just published new "doggie hike" rules so notice them in the trip description too.

Questions: call Sue Henley at 303-570-0129

UP COMING ACTIVITIES

February 18 th	Bowling & Dinner
March 1 st & 2 nd	Banff Mountain Film Festival
March 13 th thru 15 th	Cranes of San Luis Valley
March 20 th	RMOTHG Board Meeting
March 25 th	Travel Adventure Photo & Soup Dinner

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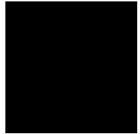
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