Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum

And Lunch!
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17
10:30 AM

Join us at the Broomfield Veteran’s Memorial Museum followed by lunch at the nearby Old Chicago, Broomfield. The Museum is free. They are opening it up and will have a docent there just for us.

The Broomfield Memorial Museum was established to honor all men and women who have served in the armed forces of the United States of America and to preserve and perpetuate the military history of our nation for the benefit and education of generations to come. It is a unique facility with exhibits and information of military service from all major conflicts.

The museum takes part each year in services for Memorial Day, Flag Day and Veterans Day. It has a circulating library of books and videos that cover most military conflicts. The museum sponsors an educational trunk for schools that includes products and activities for students to see and learn. This is a must see if you or someone close to you has been in the military.

Following the museum visit, lunch will be at Old Chicago, who has $8 lunch specials and will give us separate checks.

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BROOMFIELD, CO 80020
303-466-5834
https://oldchicago.com/locations/broomfield

http://www.broomfieldveterans.com
Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum
12 Garden Center
Broomfield, CO
303-460-6801
It is located off of Midway and near Highway 287

Do sign up on the CMC website so I know how many are coming. Questions – feel free to email me, Lou Ann Dixon, at louanndixon@gmail.com or call me on my cell 720-935-5895. Look forward to seeing you there!

ON THE INTERGENERATIONAL HIKE AT WATERTON CANYON IN LATE DECEMBER
THE WHOLE GANG DID 4.6 MILES
YIPPEE!!!
THOSE OF US WHO HAD THE PLEASURE OF HIKING/SNOWSHOEING WITH DAVE DAMOUTH ARE VERY SADDENED AND SHOCKED BY HIS PASSING ON JANUARY 14th. He certainly exemplified the saying “Live Life to the Fullest”. Dave had a PhD in High Energy Nuclear Physics and he was pretty darn “high energy” himself - he had the physical stamina of someone half his age, wide-ranging interests, scientific as well as artistic talents, and extensive knowledge of so many many subjects.

Dave was a hiker leader since 2011 for the Denver Group, the RMOTHG, and most recently the “Bobcats”. He led 26 hikes during that time - hikes that were challenging and involved his passion: “bushwhacking”. Dave was always patient and helpful to others. (He also had the amazing ability to fall asleep during a hike’s lunch break, even on rocks - see picture below!) If you haven’t yet read his personal website, I heartily encourage you to do so at: http://damouth.org/Bio.shtml Dave was a most remarkable man and will be greatly missed by the many he inspired with his enthusiasm, generosity, and friendship.

The winter season activities have had a great start...by the end of January there have been: snowshoe hikes - 16 trips with 172 participants, and X-country skiing - 4 trips with 22 participants. Thanks to snowshoe leaders who have offered the participants on the roster a “Plan B” when adverse weather caused the initial destination to be changed. Remember to sign up on the “wait list” if a trip is “full” - many times waitlisted members get moved to the roster.

Thanks to Diana Bliss, social committee, who organized the well-attended Happy Hour at Simms Steakhouse on January 19th. Diana will be “retiring” from the social committee after 3 years...thank you, Diana, for all the social events you helped make possible for RMOTHG!

The next RMOTHG board meeting is March 13, 2:00 - 3:30, at the Golden Public Library, 1019 10th Street, Golden. Any RMOTHG member may attend.

Get outside and enjoy life! Elaine

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do, than by the ones you did do....” ~ Mark Twain
SNOWSHOEING

Keep your fingers crossed for good February snow! We prefer snow on the trail, though, not on roads. Winter roads and weather challenge our trip planning, so thanks for understanding when we have to cancel as we did in January. We may offer alternate trips where possible (Deer Creek and Reynolds were beautiful in snow!), but sometimes logistics difficulties interfere! Thanks especially to our hut leaders who rescheduled their hut trip despite the many hassles. We also thank all of you for coming prepared for winter weather changes, even with shovels in your cars for possible parking lot problems. Snowshoeing in our picturesque Colorado mountains is worth our effort!

If you’re not on our snowshoe email list and want to snowshoe or winter hike with us (We welcome newbies or experienced shoers!), email Jeff.Flax@gmail.com. Jeff sends emails Friday between 5 and 6 p.m. describing the next Wednesday trips with links to CMC so you can sign up easily. We usually shoe or spike-hike a casual pace about two hours, find a pleasant spot for lunch, return, and talk about our day at optional snack stops afterwards. Come join us for good outdoor exercise, delightful camaraderie, and happy uplift in scenic Colorado winter!

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

Wed, Feb 1 Mayflower Gulch
Coney Flats
Golden Gate

Wed, Feb 8 Abyss Lake Trail
Leader’s Choice

Wed, Feb 15 Coney Flats
Mt. Evans Road
Boreas Pass
Brainard Lake

Wed, Feb 22 Caribou Ranch
North Rock Creek
Mayflower Gulch

Feb 27 – Mar 1 HUT TRIP
(Happily rescheduled!)
**RESCHEDULED HUT TRIP: FEB 27, 28 & MAR 1**

Due to severe weather on the original dates, the January hut trip had to be rescheduled. The 10th Mountain Division Hut system was kind enough to locate another opening so we could reschedule the trip. Due to the date change, a number of slots opened up. We hope you can join us for what is sure to be a fun time in the mountains.

We will stay in Jay’s and Chuck’s cabins on Vail pass, after snowshoeing there on Monday, February 27. The snowshoe in is 2.7 miles with an elevation gain of 693'.

We will share communal meals, social time in evenings, sauna, and day hikes Monday & Tuesday, and leave for town on Wednesday, March 1.

This is a fun chance to get to know others in RMOTHG, while having a great winter adventure!

Please go to the website for the full details of the trip and to sign up. [https://www.cmc.org/Calendar/EventDetails.aspx?ID=34742](https://www.cmc.org/Calendar/EventDetails.aspx?ID=34742)

The trip will fill up fast so don’t delay!

Carole Adler         Frank Burzynski         Martha Delporte

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**2017 RMOTHG TURQUOISE LAKE CAMPOUT**

The RMOTHG Turquoise Lake Campout 2017 will be **Wednesday, July 26 through Saturday, July 29**. Mark these dates on your calendar and come and enjoy 3 nights of camping, hiking, biking, kayaking or just relaxing along the shores of beautiful Turquoise Lake in the Baby Doe Campground near Leadville. Look for more details in upcoming newsletters.

Please call if you have any questions!

Colleen Landy, Camping Coordinator - 720-842-5051
**Introduction to Hiking Safety Seminar**

Learning how to be safe in the backcountry is a major reason many members join the CMC and the RMOTHG. So we've developed a one-evening seminar especially for members who want to learn the basics of hiking safety.

The Introduction to Hiking Safety seminar will teach you:
- the many aspects of safety you need to be aware of, including subjects such as lightning, avalanche, animal encounters, getting lost (or staying found) and being stranded over night,
- how to avoid, prepare for, and how to respond to safety challenges,
- an introduction to the extensive program of in-depth, hands-on safety training offered in the CMC Denver Group’s adult education curriculum.

**THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD AT THE CMC IN GOLDEN ON TUESDAY, MARCH 28 AT 6:30.**

The price is just $5.00 for members and $10.00 for non-members.

To learn more or to register for the seminar, go to [http://www.hikingdenver.net/schools/introduction-to-hiking-safety](http://www.hikingdenver.net/schools/introduction-to-hiking-safety)

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**CMC Adventure Travel**

**Silver Falls Canyon Llama Trek**

This trip will take you through geologic wonders and ancient human history. You will be hiking on pioneer trails, while descending geologic layers. The hike starts in Silver Falls Canyon, a two-hour drive from Boulder, Utah via the Burr Trail Road. We will camp on the Escalante River near the mouth of Silver Falls Canyon. We will take daypacks and llamas will carry the majority of our gear.

**Date:** April 30 - May 5, 2017 (6 days)  **Price:** From $2,042

**Scotland’s West Highland Way and Optional Ben Nevis Climb**

Hike Scotland’s West Highland Way for 95 miles beside lochs, waterfalls, and craggy mountains in the Scottish Highlands. This famous route is walked by over 50,000 people each year, making it the most popular long distance walk in Scotland. The path uses ancient roads, including drovers’ roads, military roads and old coaching roads. We will walk the traditional route from south to north to the foot of Scotland’s (and the U.K.’s) highest peak, Ben Nevis. Weather permitting, options after completing the West Highland Way include a climb to the summit of “the Ben” (4,409 feet), or an excursion on the West Highland Railway/Ferry to Mallaig and Armadale. While hiking will be the trip’s focus, the group will also tour medieval Edinburgh, Stirling (famous for being the home of William Wallace), the Eilean Donan Castle in the Scottish Highlands, and a Scotch distillery.

**Date:** May 8 - 21, 2017 (14 days)  **Price:** From $3,200
FUN PHOTOS

PLEASE Email YOUR photos to Maryann - tophillnews@gmail.com

BEAUTIFUL HOAR FROST ON PONDEROSA

WHO USES THIS TINY NEST?

COVERING HER MUDDY BOOTS TO KEEP HER DRIVER'S CAR CLEAN!

ELK HERD AT APEX!
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