1727 Tremont Place, Denver, starting promptly at 1 pm.

Then a short walk off to Wild Women Winery (website: winerycolorado.com), corner of 17th and Champa, immediately after, for wine tasting. $25 for tour and wine tasting. Sign up on the CMC website. For more information, call Ronnie Knueven, 303-588-4526.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23
TOUR THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF WESTERN ART

The 2017 Fly Fishing School is coming up soon. For those of you who want a good start at fly fishing, want a refresher, or know someone who would be interested. Please pass this information along. School nights are on April 5, 12, 19, 2017, 6:30 to 9:30 pm plus two field trips on April 22 and 29. CMC Denver group member fee is $180 and other CMC members pay $200. You will get a great manual, plus lots of supplies that will help you with your fly fishing skills. If interested, go to the CMC Website and pull it up on the calendar or go directly to https://www.cmc.org/Calendar/EventDetails.aspx?ID=34976 for more information and to sign up, or contact Pablo Balan, School Director at pablobalan@comcast.net.
Downhill skiing, snowshoeing, X-country skiing, hut trip, golfing, biking, ...what?!?  Wait a second…golfing and biking?  Our February weather has been rather extreme. Even though there have been record high temperatures, we know March (our snowiest month) and April are unpredictable, so don’t put that winter gear away. Last year we had a blizzard on March 23rd....

Thank You to Vern Bass for representing RMOTHG at the New and Prospective Member meeting at CMC on Feb. 13th. These meetings allow for presentations by various CMC schools, sections, etc and then a Q & A session after the meeting. The meetings usually have about 40-50 people attending.

Thank You to Lou Ann Dixon, brand new member of the social committee, for organizing the trip to Broomfield Veterans Museum, a new venture for RMOTHG, on February 17th. The social committee has other great new ventures planned this year, so watch for announcement of them!

FYI - The RMOTHG board has been meeting at the Golden Public Library for the past year in order to save money....the Golden Library has meeting rooms that are free. Next RMOTHG board meeting is March 13th, 2:00 - 3:30, at the Golden Public Library, 1019 10th Street in Golden. Any RMOTHG member may attend.

Get outside and enjoy life!

Elaine

“The wind gives the rain, then builds us a rainbow
The wind is the singer who sang the first song...”
~ John Denver

From the Social Committee:

1) We have listened to your suggestions and have changed the annual meeting time. It will be a BRUNCH on September 17th at the Mt Vernon Country Club. Great venue! Great views!  The menu looks fabulous and the bar will be open!  Let’s see how this daytime event goes.

2) Ida Sansoucy got an email from a potential social committee member BUT lost the contact name. Please call or email iderann@q.com or 303 888 4485 if you are still interested. I apologize for the goof.

3) WE NEED VOLUNTEERS. Interested? The perks are many..........its a people thing.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

2017 RMOTHG TURQUOISE LAKE CAMPOUT

The RMOTHG Turquoise Lake Campout is getting closer!  Mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 26 through Saturday, July 29. More details will follow in the April newsletter, with sign up instructions in the May newsletter.

Any questions? Please call

Colleen Landy, Camping Coordinator - 720-842-5051
CPR/AED Classes Offered by Denver Group’s Wilderness First Aid School - Two Classes Available

The CMC Denver Group's Wilderness First Aid School (WFA) is offering three-hour American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR and AED (automated external defibrillator) evening classes at the AMC/CMC on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, and again on Monday, May 8, 2017. The class also covers how to relieve choking victims. The class tuition is $20 (Denver Group leaders can apply for SALT scholarships, which covers the cost of the class - see https://goo.gl/XuhvKm). For more information contact Jeff Flax, Denver Group WFA School Director, at Jeff.Flax@gmail.com. Registration sign-up is be available for both classes on the CMC calendar at http://www.cmc.org/Calendar/Classes.aspx.

RMOTHG JERSEYS AND JACKETS

Many of you (almost 80) already purchased one of these jerseys or jackets and love them! The design was custom made for the RMOTHG by the graphic artist who owns the company, Free Spirit Wear (web link below). They have produced quality sports jerseys and jackets for cycling or hiking for many years. If you are a newer member or just haven’t had a chance to order one yet, take a look at the photo below. I have some sample jerseys and jackets in a variety of sizes. For those of you who would like to try on the samples for sizing, please contact me at 303-512-3006 or at rmothgjersey@gmail.com. I highly recommend trying on before ordering because this is custom made clothing and cannot be returned. Note that women’s sizes tend to run smaller. Windjackets are Unisex or Men's sizing. Once we have a minimum of 20 orders, we can purchase at the wholesale price.

Prices 20 or more jerseys/jackets - wholesale pricing:
Unisex (Men's) & Women's SHORT sleeve $43
Unisex (Men’s) & Women's LONG sleeve $49
Unisex Windjackets $51
If you are interested in ordering, notify me of your interest or with questions at rmothgjersey@gmail.com

Size charts for Free Spirit Jerseys and Jackets
Mens  http://www.freespiritwear.com/pages/size-uni.html
Women's  http://www.freespiritwear.com/pages/size-wss.html

For additional information about these products, check http://www.freespiritwear.com/
Can't believe it's almost March! Will we have a St. Pat’s blizzard like the one in 2003 or will we continue being California? We leaders hope for good snow in March which is supposed to be our snowiest month. We also hope our weather cooperates for our Wednesday winter hikes and snowshoes after being a stinker causing us to cancel some February treks. Some of you have been lucky, were able to actually snowshoe. We’ll hope luck better favors us with snow in March!

If you haven’t yet snowshoed with us and want to receive Jeff’s emails about the following week’s hikes and snowshoes, email him at Jeff.Flax@gmail.com. We still welcome both newbies and experienced shoers, and it’s not too late to try the sport if you haven’t. You’ll join a welcoming, supportive group as we shoe for approximately two hours to a scenic lunch spot, savor the scenery, and return with optional after-shoe/hike stops for further camaraderie. See our tentative schedule below. Weekly emails may add trips, change others! Thanks for your patience, flexibility, and openness to changes! We appreciate you!
Portugal: Sintra Coastal & Heritage Trails

CMC has offered Adventure Travel trips for over 40 years, but NEVER to Portugal. It’s time to visit this land of fabulous cultural and historical sites, wonderful hiking, ocean views, and spend time in Lisbon, one of Europe’s great capitol cities largely undiscovered by Americans. Come to the land of expansive views, warm temperatures, friendly people, the unique music of Fado, and a European capitol with hills even better than San Francisco, with an uphill tram instead of cable cars. Great dining opportunities for the trail overnights as well as Lisbon. Seafood anyone? Madeira wine anyone (from the Portuguese island of the same name)? Also, Conde Nast Traveler has recognized Cascais as a Top Ten place to retire.

Grand Canyon Raft & Hike 2018

The Grand Canyon, designated a World Heritage Site by the United Nations in 1979, is among the Earth’s greatest ongoing geological spectacles. About 65 million years ago in Earth’s shifting, a huge area of land was lifted a mile and a half above sea level, forming what is now the Colorado Plateau. For the last 6 to 10 million years, the Colorado River has been slowly carving its way down through the center, exposing 2 billion years of geological history. There are also prehistoric traces of human adaptation to a particularly harsh environment.

This unique trip to the Grand Canyon offers participants the opportunity to experience this World Heritage Site on a motorized raft for 188 miles through the best of the canyon, departing from the historic Lee’s Ferry and ending with a helicopter ride from Whitmore Wash and a plane flight back to the start. It is especially ideal for those who would like to hike in areas that can be reached only from the river, and those who have always wanted to experience the canyon but who do not wish to make the 7 mile, 4500’ trek in and out.

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

CO STATE PARKS ANNUAL PASSES
PURCHASE AT QUANTITY DISCOUNT

State Parks offers a discount on annual passes if purchased in quantity. We need only purchase 20 or more passes at one time, for each person to obtain an annual pass for $56.00 (20% discount), instead of $70.00 if purchased individually. I am Kathy Kurtz, RMOTHG member, and will be the point person to collect money, purchase and distribute passes, as I did in 2015 & 2016.

Drop dead date for confirming your interest to me by email is Mon. April 17. Once I hear from at least 20 people, I will be purchasing quantity passes this year, assuming I receive your checks by April 24. I will email you all to verify the amount.

Process for purchase and receiving – On Tues April 18, I will email everyone who responded to me with their desire to purchase a pass. That message will include my mailing address, information on how to proceed as well as the check amount needed. The amount depends on whether we get over 49 responses, which would reduce the price even more.

Drop dead date for sending me a check for the specified amount is Mon April 24.

Check mailing info. The check needs to be made out to me so I can deposit the checks and write one check to CO State Parks. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope, which I will use to mail you your annual pass.

I realize that some of you may be out of town during the week of April 18-24. If you wish, you can mail me a check earlier, address below. In the unlikely event that enough folks who responded don’t send checks, I will mail back everyone’s check in your self-addressed envelope.

NOTE: When purchased in quantity, the date for one year’s use will be the date of the quantity purchase, around April 28, 2017.

CO Parks and Wildlife website link:  http://cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/Pages/ParksPassInfo.aspx

Contact info for Kathy Kurtz:  kmkurtz47@gmail.com  303-512-3006; 809 Union St., Lakewood, CO 80401.
FUN PHOTOS

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

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THE MOUNTAIN MAN

BRAINARD LAKE

NO MOTOR BOATS?
ON THOSE FROZEN WAVES?

INSIDE THE WARMING HUT.
GETTING WARM?
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In case of a serious illness or death, please contact Jane VanderKolk to send out a note to our members from RMOTHG. Her email is jane.vanderkolk@comcast.net