The Lumber Baron Inn’s Victorian parlors make the perfect setting for Denver’s newest tea house. Afternoon Tea is served the traditional English way, featuring a variety of fancy finger sandwiches alongside scones, crumpets and fresh cookies. Everything is baked fresh daily in house and presented in a collection of fine china. Currently teas are from Denver-based tea Teakoe, that crafts blends in small batch by hand. Learn more: https://www.teakoe.com

Dietary Restrictions: They are happy to accommodate dietary restrictions given 48 hours notice. Dietary restrictions on the day of the tea cannot be accommodated without prior notice. Please be sure to notify us at the time of reservation. All gluten free tea reservations are an additional $6 per person.

Though a stately example of the Queen Anne architecture common in Denver in the late 1880s and ’90s, the 8,500-square-foot Lumber Baron — also known as the John Mouat Mansion — isn’t on Denver's official list of designated historic landmarks. Still, the mansion is a highlight of the Potter-Highland historic district, the thirteenth historic district to be established in Denver, in 1979, and expanded in 1987.

The Lumber Baron is now an elegant bed and breakfast. It celebrates the Scottish heritage of the mansion and the neighborhood. It offers brunch on Saturday and Sunday, afternoon tea daily, prix fixe dinner Thursday, Friday and Saturday and several types of social functions including wine, beer, spirits, dinners and holiday events.

Cost is $40 per person which includes $30 for the tea, $2.70 tax, and a 22% gratuity. Libations are not included in the price of the tea and can be purchased separately.

Address: 2555 W 37th Ave, Denver. (303) 477-8205

Date and Time: Thursday April 21, 4:00 PM

Please sign up on the CMC website.
By popular request - Come join in the tasting of Creekside Cellars wines overlooking Bear Creek. Just a mere 30 minutes west of Denver, Creekside Cellars provides a special place to celebrate at 28036 CO-74, Evergreen, CO. For the price of $30, it includes the tasting, a history of winemaking by Creekside’s sommelier, Kelly, and their wonderful antipasto.

For more information, please see creeksidecellars.net, or for reviews - tripadvisor.com, yelp.com, coloradowine.com.

PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE CMC WEBSITE NO LATER THAN MAY 16

For more information, please email Ronnie Knueven at knuevenru@comcast.net.

Please come join us at the Chatfield State Park for our Annual Picnic on Saturday, June 11, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. Chatfield State Park is located at 11500 N. Roxborough Park Road, Littleton, CO 80125 (off C470 on Wadsworth exit south.) For more information regarding Chatfield State Park, see cwp.state.co.us. A daily entrance fee of $10 or an annual State Park Pass is required on all vehicles entering the park (your responsibility.)

We have reserved the Marina Point Picnic Shelter. Lunch will be served starting at noon until 1 pm. Hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers will be provided by the RMOTHG.

*** PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER, SALAD, SIDE DISH, OR DESSERT TO SHARE – YOUR CHOICE. WE ALSO ASK THAT YOU BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGES – THAT MEANS YOU BRING YOUR OWN WATER, SOFT DRINKS, BEER OR WINE.***

There will be hikes, bike rides and horseback riding available through the RMOTHG, but you must sign up separately for those “trips” on the CMC website. There are horseshoes and a volleyball area available at the picnic site – no sign up necessary. If you have corn hole games, please bring along. There are lots of activities available at Chatfield State Park. There are 26 miles of trails and an abundance of parking, as well as swimming, boat rentals, a model airplane field, and an electric vehicle charging site at the Plum Creek or Deer Creek entrance.

For questions, please contact Ronnie Knueven at knuevenru@comcast.net.

PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE CMC WEBSITE NO LATER THAN JUNE 4
TURQUOISE LAKE CAMPOUT

APRIL 15 – REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR SURVEY MONKEY
APRIL 30 – LOTTERY

REGISTER HERE: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XKCV6BR

HELP WANTED

SOCIAL COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR FRIENDLY, AMBITIOUS, FUN-LOVING MEMBERS

TO JOIN SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Contact Ronnie Knueven knuevenru@comcast.net for interview

by Frank Burzynski
It’s officially spring in Colorado which means sunny warm days as well as chilly winds and snow! But we know the season for hiking and cycling is nearly upon us. Our activity coordinators and trip leaders are already planning the summer schedule. We will have much to look forward to. Remember to thank them for all their efforts, experience and generosity as volunteers.

While we are contemplating our next trip and a pleasant summer, we cannot ignore the reports of terror, pain and suffering of the Ukrainian people. The RMOTHG board has been shaken by this humanitarian crisis and the enormous needs of the people involved. We have talked about charities that we might individually support and thought that others might be interested in them as well. Highly rated charities, meaning they are financially transparent, accountable and provide at least 90% of their funding directly to programs and services, can be found at www.charitynavigator.org.

Some of those listed are:

Recently, I was checking on CMC member benefits and was impressed with the growing number of businesses offering discounts. A 40% discount is offered on admission at the American Mountaineering Museum. Outdoor Trail Maps can be purchased at a 15% discount. Gear discounts at the Wilderness Exchange and Golden Bike Shop. 3 months free use of Gaia Premium! These are just a few that appealed to me but there are many more businesses listed and discounts offered. Check it out before you shop.

The Turquoise Lake campout lottery is still accepting applications for the August 9-12 event until April 15. We want to see you as we sit around the campfire. Go to the survey monkey and complete your registration today.

The next RMOTHG board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2. Contact any board member (listed on the back page of this newsletter) for concerns or agenda items.

Please contact me if you have questions,

carol wier
carolwier365@gmail.com

THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR PHOTOS! KEEP EM’ COMING!

Please Email YOUR photos - of hikes, bike rides, events, natural beauty, anything of interest,

to Maryann - tophillnews@gmail.com
IF YOU'VE GOT QUESTIONS ...
WE'VE GOT ANSWERS ...

Please email questions you would like to see answered in this section to Janice Johnson at jajohnson1952@gmail.com.

Q: Sometimes I get emails notifying me that I've been moved off the waitlist for a hike and sometimes I find out I'm actually on the roster when I get the leader's email the day before the hike. When I don't know until the day before I sometimes can't make the hike. Why doesn't the CMC system notify me every time?

A: We are aware of this issue but, unfortunately, we cannot correct the problem. The good news is that the CMC membership system is due to be replaced sometime this year.

In the meantime, we recommend that everyone monitor their trip status as follows:

• Log in to CMC.org
• Select the Members tab and then click on My Membership
• Click on My Trips to see all upcoming trips
• Scroll down to find out if you are still on the Wait List for a trip -- there will be a yellow box telling you your position on the Wait List
• If there isn't a yellow box with your Wait List position you have been moved off the Wait List and are now on the Roster for the hike
• Please cancel your spot on the trip or wait list as soon as possible once you know you can't make it

RMOTHG 2022 MEMBER SURVEY

It's been four years since we asked for member feedback regarding the activities offered by the RMOTHG. We realize that many of you are new to our group and also know that the pandemic affected the frequency and format of our activities. Your input is needed so that we have a better understanding of where we've been and what we should prioritize going forward in order to meet your needs.

The survey is anonymous (unless you choose to provide your name and contact information) and should take only a few minutes of your time. Please click on the link below to access the survey.

RMOTHG 2022 Member Survey

Please note: This is the same survey that was emailed to all members last week. If you have already completed the survey, thank you! There is no need to take the survey again.
FOR THIS NEW FEATURE, PLEASE SEND YOUR TRAVEL PHOTOS & A SHORT DESCRIPTION TO Maryann - tophillnews@gmail.com

SWITZERLAND
~Carol Zurcher

THE GIRLS ~ I love cows - they’re so cute.

April 21  High Tea - Lumber Baron Inn & Gardens, Denver
May 23   Wine Tasting - Creekside Cellars, Evergreen
June 11  Annual Picnic - Chatfield State Park Marina Point
August TBD Graffiti Tour - Denver
August 8-11 Turquoise Lake Campout
September 11 Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet - Mt Vernon Country Club

We are always open to suggestions and ideas. Please forward to Ronnie Knueven at knuevenru@comcast.net
Can’t believe April is our last official month of snowshoe season for RMOTHG! We have more trips to offer and while writing this in March, our snowiest month, we’re hoping for more snow in April! Maybe it’s end of season but if you haven’t snowshoed and still want to start now, come join us! Snowshoeing is fun, not hard. We also offer spike hikes when snow is hardpacked and icy (You wear spikes instead of snowshoes.) It’s not too late to have fun with RMOTHG members in Winter! If you’re not yet on the snowshoe email list letting you know about the following Wednesday trips and other-day trips, email Snowshoe.list@RMOTHG.org and ask to be put on it! Then watch for Jeff Flax’s posted announcements of next Wednesday’s trips at 5 p.m. Friday nights! He’ll also post other-day trips when leaders offer them so watch your emails. Sign up for trips you feel fit your skills and interests. When you register for a trip, trip leaders also send you a last-minute info email about weather and important things to know the night before or a couple days before the trip. Watch for those emails, too, when you sign up for a trip!

We’ve enjoyed having you with us this Winter season and hope to see you on the slopes again next Winter! Until then, Summer hiking starts in May so hope to see you on the trail for Spring, Summer, Autumn hikes with our lively, fun-loving RMOTHG members!!! BIG THANKS to our Winter snowshoe/spike hike leaders who’ve made our Winter snowshoe season possible!

~Elaine Kallos
The weather is warming up. I’ve seen hard-core cyclists out on the roads, cycling shops are having sales, the calendar says May is a month away and I went looking for my bike. The Rocky Mountain Over The Hill Gang (RMOTHG) biking season must be getting close.

Our regular cycling season is from the first Friday in May through the last Friday in September. Most meeting times are 8:30 am with departure at 9:00 am. The morning rides finish with an optional lunch at a nearby restaurant.

There will be two styles of riding groups: Hares and Terrapins. Hares ride approximately 20 to 30 miles at a speed of 10 to 12 mph. Terrapins ride approximately 10 to 15 miles at a speed less than 10 mph with more stops. Most of our trips are on paved, level bike paths. Sometimes we encounter some hills and gravel trails.

The essential items for participating are plenty of water, necessary tools to repair a flat tire (replacement tube for your tire size,) appropriate clothing for changes in the weather, ID and a medical card. Wearing a helmet is mandatory.

Email notices are sent out several days prior to the excursions to describe the weekly ride and the meeting location. Guests are allowed with signing of a waiver form. Guests may participate in two of our activities before joining RMOTHG section and the Denver Group of CMC.

If you are interested in riding, please contact Wayne Tomasello by email at bicycling.list@rmothg.org requesting to have your name added to the cycling list. Only RMOTHG members will be added to the list and you’ll receive weekly email reminders to sign up at www.cmc.org.

Wayne Tomasello
RMOTHG official hiking season starts in May and we will be adding a new twist on our usual offerings. We have been asked to run an Ascending Hike series specifically for RMOTHG members. The CMC Denver Group has been running them for several years and they are quite popular. These are a series of hikes that start out very easy and gradually "ascend" to harder hikes. The purpose is to empower hikers to increase their speed and stamina in a safe setting. Participants sign up for each trip individually and do not need to participate in all the hikes. These hikes may be scheduled on Wednesdays or other days depending on the leaders' availability and they will be labelled as RMOTHG Ascending Hikes. If you need a little help getting up to speed for the summer, this program may be for you.

If you are an RMOTHG current member and wish to receive announcements about upcoming RMOTHG hikes, please send your e-mail address to hiking.list@RMOTHG.org. If you were already on the list last year, you will still be on the list.

NAME THAT ANIMAL!

IF YOU RECOGNIZE THIS TRACK, PLEASE SEND YOUR ANSWER TO
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BUTLER GULCH

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**IF A FELLOW RMOTHG MEMBER HAS A SERIOUS ILLNESS, INJURY, OR HAS PASSED AWAY,**
please contact our RMOTHG secretary to send a friendly note to that member/member’s family.

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