February 18  Bowling/Happy Hour - Hangar 101, Lakewood
March 21  Golden Puzzle Room - Lakewood
April TBD  High Tea - Lumber Baron Inn & Gardens, Denver
May TBD  Bocce Ball/Lawn Bowling - Washington Park, Denver
June TBD  Wine Tasting - Creekside Winery, Evergreen
June 11  Annual Picnic
August 8-11  Turquoise Lake Campout

We are always open to suggestions and ideas. Please forward to Ronnie Knueven at knuevenru@comcast.net
LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL BOWLING EVENT!

FEBRUARY 18 – 4 to 7 pm

SIGN UP by FEB 14

You won’t want to miss this fun and games event at Hangar 101 at 7575 W. Jewell Avenue #6801, Lakewood - from 4 to 7 pm on Friday, February 18. Check out their website at www.hangar101billiards.com for more information and menu.

For only $35 per person (pay when you arrive) it includes:

* 2-3 hours of bowling
* Unlimited pool
* Any food item (food menu below)
* 2 drink tickets (anything, except of couple expensive tequilas and scotches)
* Package already includes taxes, but not gratuity (20%) and can be paid all together or separate

For more information, please contact Kathleen O’Riley at kiorily@yahoo.com or Barb Edwards at barbgedwards@gmail.com.

To make your reservation, go the CMC website at www.cmc.org/calendar/eventdetailsaspx?ID=54637 no later than Monday, February 14.

Current Covid restrictions will apply.
GOLDEN PUZZLE ROOM

MAR 21 - 11:15 am  ~  SIGN UP by FEB 28

Have you ever gotten lost and couldn’t find your way out? For those of you that have never gotten lost, this is for you. We will be going into a room and be given clues to find your way out. You may even be blind folded or hand cuffed. You will be given 1 hour to find your way out, however, you can exit at any time. Watch their 16-minute video at www.goldenpuzzleroom.com, click on “more” then click on “escape room 101”.

The Golden Puzzle Room is at 1350 Independence Street, Lakewood.

Date is Monday, March 21 at 11:15 am.
Space is limited to 12 people. Cost is $27.

Questions? Contact Ginny Keir at gjkeir@gmail.com or 303-619-5074.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday, June 11, 11:30 am to 2 pm

Chatfield State Park, Marina Point shelter.
There will be biking, hiking, swimming, and horseback riding available.

More details to follow.

SAVE THE DATE!

TURQUOISE LAKE ANNUAL CAMPOUT

August 8-11
Have you noticed the light each day is getting just a little bit longer? That is why I find February to be a very encouraging month! We can start out hiking a little earlier and be out a little later.

Another reason I am fond of this month, is that it provides a great time to start planning outings and trips for the warmer months.

One of those special outings in our future is the annual RMOTHG Turquoise Lake Campout. Mark your calendars for August 8-11 now. We are in the process of reserving our favorite Baby Doe campsites for your enjoyment. There will be hikes, opportunity to use your kayaks, canoes or standup paddleboards, and maybe a bike ride. The Baby Doe campground is close to Leadville which offers additional activities. Watch for more information about registration and camp logistics.

Check out these two fun things to do:
1. Northern Colorado Group is hosting a Mountain Book Club. Their read is *Imaginary Peaks – the Riesenstein Hoax and Other Mountain Dreams* written by Katie Ives and published by the Mountaineers, our partner in the new website. This book is reported to be a well researched, true tale of adventure and mystery. It depicts the desire of first ascents, the lure of the unexplored and the role of imaginary, fantastic and metaphorical mountains. It is available in hard back, or on your kindle and in some libraries.
2. Back Country Film festival showing in Golden at the American Mountaineering Center on Feb. 5. Proceeds benefit the CMC Conservation Program. Signup on the trip calendar. Discount tickets for members.

February is a great month for snowshoeing, skiing and even hiking. Get outside and enjoy. And don’t forget to treat that special someone to chocolate and flowers on Feb. 14.

Warm regards,
Carol Wier

Please email or call if you have questions

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**CMC SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

for Trip Leaders and Trip Leaders in Training

If you need to renew your Wilderness First Aid, CPR and/or Avalanche training certifications, or are interested in taking these classes to become a trip leader, scholarships are available for classes offered through CMC.

Information on classes and scholarships is available on the CMC Leadership Project web page, which can be found under the Classes and Courses tab or by clicking here:

[https://cmc.org/ClassesandCourses/CMCLeadershipProject.aspx](https://cmc.org/ClassesandCourses/CMCLeadershipProject.aspx)
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: How can I find out about upcoming hiking, snowshoeing and biking trips?

A: The best way to find out about upcoming trips is to sign up to receive email notices for each type of activity. Once a trip is open for registration, an email notice is sent out by our volunteer coordinators to notify members.

Bike trips - Members sign up to receive email notices by sending an email to bicycling.list@rmothg.org.

Hiking trips - Members sign up to receive email notices by sending an email to hiking.list@rmothg.org.

Snowshoeing trips - Members sign up to receive email announcements by sending an email to snowshoe.list@rmothg.org.

PLEASE NOTE!! The weather dictates whether hiking or snowshoeing trips are offered. If you are interested in winter hikes sign up for the Snowshoe emails in addition to the Hiking emails.

Each activity has volunteer coordinators who help leaders schedule trips and get them on the CMC calendar. You can find contact information for the coordinators on the last page of each month's Hill Topics newsletter.

In addition, all trips are posted on the CMC Calendar with RMOTHG as part of the title. A simple way to see what's open for registration is to enter RMOTHG in the KEYWORD SEARCH box and click on SEARCH. All Active RMOTHG trips and social activities on the calendar will show in a List view.
Thanks to RMOTHG leaders for leading Winter 2022 snowshoes and hikes, and for our members who sign up for them! Glad you’re all keeping the spike-hikes and shoes happily going! We’ll continue to offer snowshoe/spike-hikes when leaders can lead them and when roads and weather cooperate. Most trips shoe/spike-hike for two hours till lunch at a scenic spot, and return, having had great exercise outside! Our hikes aren’t just on Wednesdays so watch for trips on other days, too. **Jeff posts next week's Wednesday trips by 5 p.m. Friday evenings.** He’ll post other day trips a few days in advance whenever a leader offers a trip, so watch your email. Read the descriptions to see if a trip fits your interest and skills and sign up. Leaders also send an email update the night before a trip for important changes in meeting times, weather info, so look for those, too. Jeff includes info about vaxxing requirements for each trip listed. For those of you not already on our email list, email [Jeff.Flax@gmail.com](mailto:Jeff.Flax@gmail.com) and let him know you want to be on the list. Come join our fellow RMOTHG outdoor revelers and give yourself a February Valentine of a RMOTHG trip in our Colorado Outdoors!

~Elaine Kallos
FUN PHOTOS

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

A VERY FROSTY DAY AT APEX PARK

SNOW FLOWERS ON S MESA TRAIL

ARE THESE SPIKES OR MUD SHOES??
# ROCKY MOUNTAIN OVER THE HILL GANG

A Section of the Colorado Mountain Club Denver Group

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## If a Fellow RMOTHG Member Has a Serious Illness, Injury, or Has Passed Away

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.