



Rocky Mountain Over The Hill Gang

Hill Topics

November 2014



SPECIAL THEATRE OUTING

Kindertransport

NOVEMBER 15 ~ 7:30 PM CURTAIN
OPTIONAL DINNER ~ 5:30 PM



RMOTHG member Diane Gilboa, Producing Artistic Director of Theatre Or*, invites members to a performance of "Kindertransport" on November 15, at 7:30 pm at the Mizel Arts and Culture Center (MACC) at the JCC, 350 So. Dahlia. An optional dinner at 5:30 is planned at 730 South Bar and Grill, at 730 University Avenue, Denver. To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Kindertransport, Theatre Or teams up with MACC to present this moving drama about a Kindertransport participant who wants to bury her past, and her relationship with her daughter, who needs to understand her mother's story in order to forge her own identity. The Kindertransport rescue mission transferred about 10,000 children, most of whom were Jewish, to safety in England before the onset of World War II. The majority never saw their parents again. A post-performance discussion with cast will be held. **To sign up, email Diane Gilboa at theatreor@mindspring.com** and let

her know how many seats you want and whether or not you also wish to join the group for dinner. Diners will receive 15% off their dinner menu including wine. Seats are limited and reserved this year, so sign up early. Diane will send you payment instructions for theatre tickets. For dinner, you can pay at the restaurant.

**'The most moving play I think I have ever seen.' -
The Sussex Express**

*Or is the Hebrew word for light.



HELP!

Social Events Coordinator Needed

Jane is retiring in December! It's time to pass the baton as Coordinator. It is also time to recruit members for the Social Committee, who assist the Coordinator. Do you enjoy attending and planning events for groups? As Coordinator, you would work with a 3 or 4 member committee to plan and carry out a variety of activities, such as seeing plays, visiting historical sites, and attending other interesting events. The job also involves planning our very popular summer picnic, annual dinner meeting, and holiday party. Please consider becoming Coordinator or joining the Social Committee. For more info about what the job entails, contact Jane VanderKolk at jane.vanderkolk@comcast.net

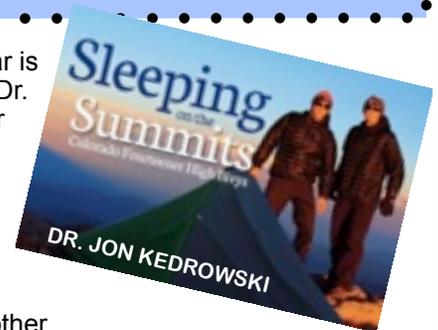
CMC DENVER GROUP ANNUAL DINNER

NOVEMBER 9 ~ HONORS TWO RMOTHG MEMBERS!

The CMC Denver Group's Annual Dinner is on November 9, returning to the Green Center on the School of Mines campus in Golden. The social hour is from 5:00-6:00 pm & the dinner begins at 6:00 pm. Last year we had over 75 RMOTHG members attend the dinner – with designated tables available for our members. The Green Center has a renovated sound and video system, allowing all attendees to hear and see the event.

Neil Schliemann & David Grimes will be honored this year with Denver Group Service Awards. These awards are given to a handful of Denver Group members each year for exemplary contributions to the Denver Group. Neil has gone above & beyond as the Denver Group Treasurer. Dave built & maintains the RMOTHG database, which allows us to communicate with members regarding trip announcements, member renewals & welcome letters, & numerous other functions critical to our section.

Our speaker this year is Dr. Jon Kedrowski. Dr. Jon is well-known for summitting and sleeping on all of Colorado's 14er's, skiing the world's highest 20 volcanoes, climbing Everest, and many other adventures. He is a guide out of Avon, Colorado. You can read more about Dr. Jon at <http://www.jonkeverest.org/>



Please join us to celebrate Neil and Dave's awards and enjoy a great evening with friends. The cost of the dinner is \$38 for members and non-members. To sign up for the dinner, go to <https://www.cmc.org/Calendar/EventDetails.aspx?ID=28200> (also under events on the CMC webpage). Please contact Jeff Flax if you have any questions – Jeff.Flax@Gmail.com.

SECTION CHAIR'S MESSAGE



What a fabulous fall we are having in Colorado this year! I hope you have had time to enjoy it. And please let election season end as quickly as possible!

I am the new Chairperson of the RMOTHG Board. If you have any ideas or thoughts about Board activities, please contact me or any other board members. When we meet in November, we will make plans for the year. I hope we will have at least one focus item for the year, as well as our standing discussion items concerning budgets, training, and membership. We welcome any members who would like to come to the meetings. Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month, beginning in November, at the Mountaineering Center in Golden, from 2:00 to 4:00.

Our social event for October was a tour of Cherokee Ranch and Castle. Several docents told of the fascinating role the Castle and associated property has played in Colorado history. Although it had been in private ownership since it was built in the late 1920s, it is now run by a foundation that was set up by the second and final owner, Tweet Kimball. Thanks to Diana Bliss for organizing and hosting the event.

As our hiking and biking activities begin to wind down, please remember to thank your leaders who have provided such great experiences this summer. In addition, Pete Spandau, biking, and Michael Tamny, hiking, also deserve many thanks for all their efforts with coordinating their respective programs.

Happy hiking and biking!

Martha Delporte



October 29 marks the end of the organized portion of the RMOTHG hiking program - no more email announcements of next week's hikes. Taking the break now gives hiking trip leaders a chance to get their energies back when the winter programs start, usually in December. You might consider giving an **atta girl/boy** if you run into one of our 24 active trip leaders listed below. We wouldn't have a program without their volunteering.

Carole Adler	Marc Hasfjord	Dave Riter
Robert Collins	Sue Henley	Margie Schliemann
Sandy Curran	Elaine Kallos	Neil Schliemann
Dave Damouth	Kathy Malone	Barb Schwarz
Marion Dries	Nancy Martinets	Jim Stelzig
Curt Edlund	Jennifer May	Jim Stookesberry
Hassan Elghandour	Sandy McRae	Michael Tamny
Jeff Flax	Winnie Prall	Roger Wendell

We'll start analyzing the statistics we've collected during this year's hiking program - through the end of September, there were 63 trips with 748 hikers, one trail work trip, and two field days. If you have opinions on how things ran, please send them to hiking.list@rmothg.org.

And thank you - we wouldn't have a hiking program without you.

Michael

A PEEK AT UPCOMING SNOWSHOE/WINTER HIKE SEASON!

With sandwiches and cider, snowshoe leaders met October 20 and created the 2014-2015 snowshoe schedule!

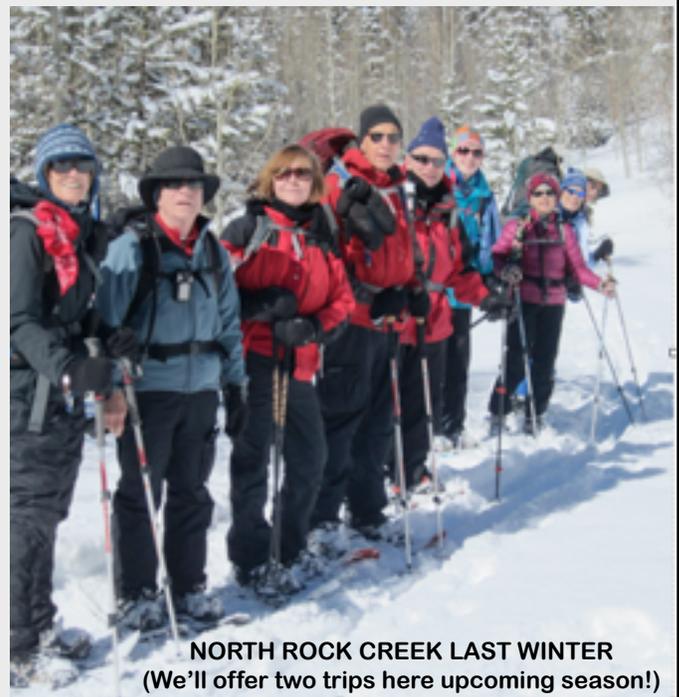
Start thinking snow, snowshoes, microspikes/yaktrax, shovels in your car, winter gear! To receive our weekly Wednesday snowshoe/winter hike trip description emails, starting in December, and maybe November if we get big snows in the foothills, write to Jeff at Jeff.Flux@gmail.com.

Alan Apt who wrote *Snowshoe Routes: Colorado's Front Range* will show slides of 80 trails, talk about snowshoeing basics in CMC's Foss Auditorium, 7 p.m., Thursday, November 6. He's a snowshoe treasure! Look for him on CMC's calendar. It's free! Sue Henley, one of our leaders, has even planned a special snowshoe in February with Alan as leader!

If you've never snowshoed, and want good info: Go to *REI.com*. Click on *Learn* at top, then *Expert Advice*. Next on left, scroll down to *All Snowsports*. Underneath, click on *Snowshoeing*. Scroll down the list to click on *All Snowshoe Articles*. Lots of great info and videos on snowshoes, snowshoeing basics, ten essentials!

CMC also has snowshoe books. For a list of publications and ordering information, go to: <http://www.cmc.org/Store/tabid/124/rvdsfcetid/books-and-publications-2/Default.aspx> or <http://goo.gl/DPEMZV>

If you can walk, you can snowshoe. Look for our *Official Snowshoe Season Welcome* in December's newsletter!



NORTH ROCK CREEK LAST WINTER
(We'll offer two trips here upcoming season!)

Ring in the Holiday Season by joining us at the Annual Holiday Party. A potluck meal with turkey and ham plus appetizer, salad, side dishes and dessert will whet your appetite. Like most holiday feasts, there will be lots of delicious, familiar and some new dishes to try. The fun and socialization begins with complimentary wine and soft drinks at 3:00 PM, followed by dinner at 4:00 PM.

What to bring:

- An appetizer, side dish, salad or dessert to share.
- Please bring one of the above according to the first initial of your last name.
 - A – D Salad
 - E – K Appetizer
 - L – Q Dessert
 - R – Z Side Dish
- If you are willing to supply a cooked ham (2 needed) or turkey (3 needed), notify Jane prior to the event. You will be reimbursed if you volunteer to bring a turkey or ham.
- A beverage if you prefer something other than wine, water or a soft drink.

After dinner, we are providing continued socialization and will end the evening with a new and improved White Elephant exchange. Bring your finest, most treasured item to participate with the anticipation of an receiving a fabulous item as seen on the Antique Roadshow in exchange.



ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY DEC. 7

Please bring a child's toy for any age group for a contribution to The Action Center in Lakewood. Participation is optional. If you wish to bring wrapping paper for the child's gift, it will be appreciated.

Sign up by **December 3rd** at www.CMC.org. Log-in as a member, click event and go to the Calendar to select RMOTHG holiday party. If you do not see a confirmation after sign-up or have other difficulty, please call CMC membership at 303-279-3080, ext. 2.

The party is at CMC, located on the corner of 10th St. and Washington Ave; 710 10th St, Golden. Use the rear entrance. Please direct questions to Jane VanderKolk at jane.vanderkolk@comcast.com

ANNOUNCING ... CMC HAPPENINGS



NEW CMC MEMBER ORIENTATION WEBINAR

November 5, 6 pm New CMC Member Orientation Webinar <http://www.cmc.org/Calendar/EventDetails.aspx?ID=28319>

December 9, 6 pm - New CMC Member Orientation Webinar <http://www.cmc.org/Calendar/EventDetails.aspx?ID=28320>

Learn about the many ways to get involved with the Colorado Mountain Club. We will discuss recreation, education and conservation opportunities, and give an overview of trips, volunteer opportunities, and programs of the CMC, including our award-winning Youth Education Program and CMC Press. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and get contact information for your local group.



FUN PHOTOS

PLEASE Email
YOUR photos to
Maryann -
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MT STANLEY FROM BERTHOULD PASS,
OVERLOOKING WINTER PARK & LAKE GRANBY
~ submitted by Robbie Monsma



WHY?

WHY is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'?

BECAUSE Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

WHY are many coin collection jar banks shaped like pigs?

BECAUSE Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of a dense orange clay called 'pygg'. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks.' When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a container that resembled a pig and it caught on.

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