



Rocky Mountain Over The Hill Gang

Hill Topics

December 2014



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.



ANNUAL
HOLIDAY PARTY
DEC. 7

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 are still needed), please notify Jane prior to the event. You will be reimbursed if you volunteer to bring a ham.
- A beverage if you prefer something other than wine, water or a soft drink.

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.

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 (wink!) to participate, with the anticipation of receiving a fabulous item as seen on the Antique Roadshow in exchange.

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

SPECIAL THEATRE OUTING

Kindertransport

EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 14

THEATRE OR EXTENDS
KINDERTRANSPORT DISCOUNT TO
RMOTHG MEMBERS:

Theatre Or's critically acclaimed production of *Kindertransport* has been extended through December 14. Those Over-the-Hill-Gang members who signed up but couldn't make the

- November 15 performance because of snow can exchange their tickets for another performance, and those who still want to see the Post's 3 1/2 star-rated production can call the box office at 303-316-6360 and ask for the CMC discount.
- In all, 44 signed up for the provocative theatre event on November 15, with a post performance discussion with cast members, and 26 dined at Seven Thirty University Avenue. CMC member Diane Gilboa produces.

SECTION CHAIR'S MESSAGE



A month ago we were enjoying our fall weather with hiking and biking. Now ski areas are opening across the state, and our snowshoe program is beginning. Check this newsletter for information on where and when we will snowshoe.

Approximately forty RMOTHG members attended the CMC Denver Group annual dinner in November where awards were given to 2 of our RMOTHG members. David Grimes was honored for his exemplary efforts to develop and maintain our RMOTHG database. Neil Schliemann was honored for going above and beyond his responsibilities as the Denver Group treasurer. Congratulations to both of you.

Over thirty-five RMOTHG members attended our November social activity which was the play, "Kindertransport". Several folks said, "it was a powerful play held in an intimate theater setting". Our thanks go to Diane Gilboa for organizing the event. Our new social committee met the week of November 17th, and I'm excited about their ideas and energy. Diana Bliss, Joan Cloud, Kathy Kurtz, Ida Sancoucy, and Joanne Valvano are leading the charge. I think we will have lots of fun and meaningful activities in the year to come. Meanwhile, this month is our Holiday Party potluck to be held at the Mountaineering Center. Jane VanderKolk has something up her sleeve with a different approach to the white elephant gift exchange. We are encouraged to also bring a child's gift to share with Jefferson Action Center.

The Board of Directors for RMOTHG met Monday, November 17th. The majority of the meeting was spent discussing our annual budget. Minutes will be posted on our website.

Stay warm and healthy as our season changes. I hope your holiday travels, and those of family and friends are safe.

Martha Delporte



ANNOUNCING ...

CMC HAPPENINGS

NEW CMC MEMBER ORIENTATION WEBINAR

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.

WELCOME TO SHOWSHOE SEASON!



NORTH ROCK CREEK LAST WINTER

DEC 3 DEAD HORSE CREEK (A)
PARMALEE GULCH (A)
DEC 10 RACCOON CREEK (A)
KEYSTONE GULCH (B)
DEC 17 CONEY FLATS TRAIL (A)
SCOTT GOMER (A)

Welcome to our official snowshoe / winter hike season! We've included December's schedule above, and look forward to seeing you on one of our treks in Colorado snow (We'll offer other day snowshoes for Big Snows in the foothills!)! If you'd like to receive our weekly email telling you about the next snowshoe/winter hike, please email Jeff.Flux@Gmail.com.

We welcome all snowshoers ~ newbies or experienced! Snowshoeing is easy, good exercise, a "cerebral sedative" (Matisse said that first), and much fun with camaraderie with our lively OTHG members. Every week we carpool to a different trailhead, snowshoe or hike a casual pace for two hours, enjoy lunch in a pretty spot, and return. On the way home, we offer optional snack stops where we get to know each other.

We're serious about safety, and OTHG members come prepared for winter weather changes and varying snow conditions (See REI website, click the *Learn* tab, go to snow sports and follow links to snowshoeing with articles about ten winter essentials and snowshoe tips for gear and shoeing.). Lots of us take Wilderness First Aid so folks pitch in whenever we need them (Always bring your first aid kit, and id with vital info.). We also always carry yaktrax and/or microspikes for varying snow/ice conditions. THINK SNOW!

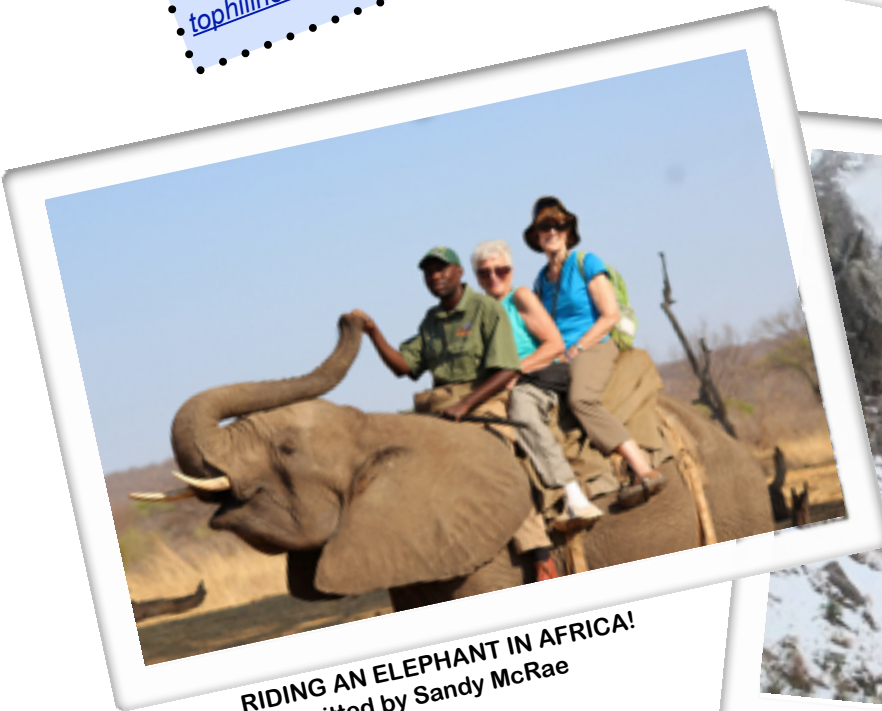
~Your snowshoe leaders happily scouting our December outings!

FUN PHOTOS

PLEASE Email
YOUR photos to
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ROSALIE PEAK
~submitted by Doug Margheim



RIDING AN ELEPHANT IN AFRICA!
~submitted by Sandy McRae



GLACIER GORGE
~submitted by Doug Margheim

BETCHA DIDN'T KNOW THIS!

~submitted by Pete Spandau

1 Grape Cluster = 1 Glass
75 Grapes = 1 Cluster
4 Clusters = 1 Bottle
40 Clusters = 1 Vine
1200 Clusters = 1 Barrel

1 Barrel = 60 Gallons
60 Gallons = 25 Cases
1 Vine = 10 Bottles
1.2 Vines = 1 Case
30 Vines = 1 Barrel

400 to 600 Vines = 1 Acre
1 Acre = 5 Tons
5 Tons = 332 Cases
76.5 Vines = 1 Ton
1 Ton = 126 Cases

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