



LOVELAND MOUNTAIN CLUB
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President's Message:

Happy New Year!

Thanks to **Betsy Mosehauer** for making the arrangements for the Holiday Brunch at Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch on December 1st; and to **Dick Lottes and Mike Mosehauer** for the slide show of 2018 hike photos. And thanks to all of you who donated door prizes – I think we had 25 or so!

At the brunch we recognized **Jane Davis** with a gift for her contributions to the LMC over many years, including serving on the board; leading many hikes and heading up Round Mountain Trail Maintenance twice each year. Thanks Jane!

FYI, with the current legal climate in our country, the LMC Board is working with a legal advisor to develop a Liability Waiver to protect club members who take on hike responsibilities. The waiver will need to be signed by all members as well as guests who join hikes. We hope to have more detailed information to send out to you soon.

2019 Club dues are payable from January through April, by check or cash, at a Club Meeting, or by mail to the PO Box at the top of the Newsletter. On May 1st members who have not paid dues will be dropped from the roster. This is in fairness to members who pay their dues. In the past we have made multiple attempts to contact members, and we are not doing that again.

We have openings for two Board Members this month and for yours truly the President in March. Contact Ted Hartman at 970-292-8431 if you are interested in serving your club.

Mark your calendar for the New Year's Day Hangover Hike with a 10:00 AM start time! And don't forget the January 7th Club Meeting with Nature Photographer Erik Stensland sharing his amazing photos and the stories behind them.

Our February 4th meeting will be our annual potluck dinner. We will celebrate the Loveland Mountain Club's 41st Anniversary with some of the best food and social time in Loveland! Hope to see you there or on a hike.

Steve Bergstrand 970-292-8804 or 916-600-2209 cell/text, or stevebergstrand73@gmail.com.

Help Wanted! Two weekend hike coordinators are needed, one for September and one for October. Help LMC by taking on one of these months. The job involves gathering hike descriptions from hike leaders and forwarding them to Melanie to publish in our Newsletter. Contact Penny Kragie at pakragie@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

Club Meetings:

Monthly meetings are from 7 – 8:30 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3333 Duffield Avenue, Loveland, 80538, on the first Monday of the month (unless otherwise scheduled due to holidays).



Monday, January 7, Erik Stensland:

In 2004, Erik Stensland and his family settled near Rocky Mountain National Park, which enabled him to pursue his love of nature through photography. With the beauty of Rocky Mountain National Park literally on his doorstep, Erik frequently rises long before dawn to hike back to remote lakes or up high peaks to capture the unparalleled beauty of the Park in warm morning light.

His work has been featured in many publications, in numerous galleries and purchased for use in hotels, hospitals, and businesses across the country. Erik has three galleries: his primary one is in downtown Estes Park, Colorado, another is in Grand Lake, Colorado, and a third is in New Mexico, where he shows his Desert Southwest work.

Erik has authored numerous books including a couple of award-winning books. Wild Light: A Celebration of Rocky Mountain National Park was judged to be the best nature and environment book of 2015 by the Independent Book Publishers Association. In 2018 Erik's most recent book, Whispers in the Wilderness received two of its top awards for independent publishing. It was given the top honor in the inspirational category and in the gift book category. This brings to four the number of national awards won by this book so far since its release in December of 2018.

Erik is currently working with the Rocky Mountain Conservancy to create a new hiking guide for Rocky Mountain National Park. This new guide would convey the values of the park and help our increasing number of visitors not only to have an amazing time but also learn to care for and protect this special place.

To learn more about Erik and his work visit his website: imagesofrmnp.com

Monday, February 4, 2019; 6:30 PM:

41st Anniversary Celebration! Trinity Lutheran Church, 3333 Duffield Avenue, Loveland, 80538. We will have our annual Pot Luck Supper. Please bring an appetizer, salad, or entrée. If you want to bring a dessert, please sign up for it at the January meeting. Drinks will be provided, but bring your own dinner ware.

March 4, 2019; Beth Conrey:

Beth Conrey is past-president of the Western Apicultural Society, the Colorado State Beekeepers Association and the Northern Colorado Beekeepers Association. She is co-founder of People and Pollinators Action Network (PPAN)—a local grassroots organization focusing on pollinator policy in Colorado. She also serves as Treasurer of the Pollinator Stewardship Council (PSC)—a national non-profit focusing on pollinators and pesticide policy. She operates Bee Squared Apiaries, a chemical-free, 60 hive beekeeping business in Berthoud which produces terrific honey, gorgeous beeswax candles and indulgent soaps.

Editor's Notes:

If you need to contact me about special announcements or questions regarding the newsletter, please feel free to use my personal email mlpenning@sbcglobal.net. I am happy to send out group emails to the membership regarding any hike additions or changes, meeting announcements, etc. Hike leaders should also contact the appropriate hike coordinator about any additions or changes.

I hope you have a peaceful, interesting, and happy New Year!

Melanie Pennington, Editor

"I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes.

Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're Doing Something.

So that's my wish for you and all of us, and my wish for myself. Make New Mistakes. Make glorious, amazing mistakes. Make mistakes nobody's ever made before. Don't freeze, don't stop, don't worry that it isn't good enough, or it isn't perfect, whatever it is: art, or love, or work or family or life. Whatever it is you're scared of doing, Do it. Make your mistakes, next year and forever."

– Neil Gaiman

Special Thanks to our December Hike Leaders:

Carol W., Doug B., Gabi M., Steve B., Tom B., Jane M., and Jane D. gave of their time and expertise to lead hikes last month. Thanks to all for your time and effort!

Hike Coordinators:

Weekend Hike Coordinator for 2019: Penny Kraigie - pakragie@gmail.com or 571-643-6803

Weekend Hike Coordinator for January: Ted Hartman: rt.hartman@hotmail.com or 970-292-8431

Tuesday Hike Coordinators: Jane and Dan Maddigan: 412-680-8919

Thursday Hike Coordinators: Tom Bruch: tabruch@msn.com or 970-405-7794

Important Hike Information

Loveland Mountain Club welcomes non-members to join us for any of the hikes we offer. Membership is encouraged after two hikes. Visit www.lovelandmountainclub.org for more information about club activities and membership.

- **Disclaimer: A hiker assumes the risk of any injury to person or property resulting from any of the inherent dangers and risks of hiking, snowshoeing or participating in any of the club's activities, including driving or riding to and from the trailhead, and may not recover from the Loveland Mountain Club for any injury resulting from any of the inherent dangers and risks aforementioned.**
- All participants must contact the hike leader to participate in a hike. Contact the hike leader at least three days prior to the activity
- Hike leader should notify participants in case of change of weather, etc. Participants should inform the hike leader if they are unable to make the trip
- If you want to go on a hike, pay attention to the hike classification (see below) to ensure that you are up to the challenge. Hike leader should discuss individual skills with each participant to ensure they are ready for the hike
- Participants should refer to the suggested hiking equipment list
- When hiking, lead and rear hikers should be readily seen. Person in front should wait for the slower hikers
- The last two cars of each trip should leave together so no one gets stranded
- Hike leader needs to be assertive as necessary; if in doubt, the hike leader is in charge and should not be questioned
- There should be a minimum of four participants. If there are not four, it is no longer a club activity
- Participants should pay gas money to the driver and bring a change of footwear and a bag for dirty boots

Classification ratings

EZ Hikes: Hikes of less than 4 miles and less than 600' of climbing; these hikes will be highlighted in yellow.

A. Up to 8 miles maximum round trip with elevation gain up to 1200 feet

- B. 8-12 miles maximum round trip with elevation gain of 1200 to 2500 feet
- C. 12-15 miles maximum round trip, and/or elevation gain of over 2500 feet. Steep or rough terrain may be encountered
- D. More than 15 miles round trip, and/or elevation gain over 3500 feet. Trips in this classification may require additional climbing skills
- E. Designates peaks of any classification as dangerous. Basic mountaineering skills and/or the approval of the leader will be required

Some hikes will not exactly fit these ratings and may be designated A/B or B/C, etc. to convey the real nature of the hike. In those instances, pay close attention to the stated distance and/or elevation gain and discuss with the hike leaders when you call them to arrange to join the hike.

Hike Offerings

Saturday, December 29; No hike scheduled. Contact Barbara at bajalpine@gmail.com if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

Sunday, December 30; No hike scheduled. Contact Barbara at bajalpine@gmail.com if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

Tuesday, January 1; Annual Hangover Hike:

Start the New Year out right by hiking 6 miles round trip on the Coyote Ridge trail gaining 600' elevation by the time we reach the junction of the Blue Sky trail! Please bring a homemade treat to share (savory or sweet) and whatever beverage you would enjoy sharing, and we will welcome 2019 in with friendship & fun! Cups, napkins, plates will be provided by LMC. Please try to carpool from Kmart if you live in Loveland or meet at the trailhead if you are coming from the north. We will begin the hike around 10:00 AM. E-mail Kathy at: langandesign@yahoo.com.

Thursday, January 3; Timberline Falls/Embryo Lake:

This will be a Class B moderately difficult, twisted-loop snowshoe hike of approximately 7.5 miles with a gain of 1,900'. Half of this hike will be off-trail in likely deep, untracked snow. Snowshoes are required although we may be carrying them for half of the outing. Micro Spikes and trekking poles are highly recommended. From the Glacier Gorge Trailhead, we will reach the Loch/Mills Junction via the standard summer trail before taking the winter route through the Loch Vale Gorge. We will cross the lake and continue to Timberline Falls climbing quite steeply as we near the falls. Our return to The Loch will be off-trail via tiny Embryo Lake. After re-crossing The Loch, we will ascend slightly with the intent (depends upon weather and group interest) of climbing the West Glacier Knob before dropping down to Serendipity Pond. Our final steep drop through the forest and deep, soft snow will reconnect us to the "Winter Trail" for our return to the trailhead. TH to TH time will be approximately 6 hours with a

comfortable pace. Please contact trip leader Pete Langer at 970-227-3614 or langner_pete@hotmail.com for more information or to sign up.

Saturday, January 5; No hike scheduled: Call Ted Hartman at 970-292-8431 if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

Sunday, January 6; Compass Class:

This hike will focus primarily on teaching participants the basics of using a compass and GPS. If you have them, please bring your compass and GPS with you as the instructor does not have any spares. **Don't purchase anything just for this hike; we will share the equipment we have.** The hike will be to Rabbit Ears (off the Cow Creek Trail) and will involve about ½ mile of bushwhacking. The point of the hike is more about learning compass and GPS usage, not reaching the destination, although the hike will only be about 3 miles round trip with 500 feet elevation gain. This will be a class A+ hike done at a casual pace. Contact Ted Hartman at 970-292-8431 before January 4 for more information or to sign up for the hike. **There will be maximum of 8 hikers.**

Tuesday, January 8; Chasm Falls:

This is an easy 5 mile R/T hike in RMNP and great for snowshoe practice. The falls are beautiful frozen or running. We park at Fern Lake Trailhead and walk up Old Fall River Road. We can return the same way or swing down to Endo Valley Campground. Email Ruggmor@aol.com or call Carol 970-685-4943.

Thursday, January 10; Mills Lake:

This Class A snowshoe hike will be 5 - 6 miles in length (round trip) and less than 1000 feet of elevation gain. It will be led at a slow to moderate pace. It is a great hike for beginning snowshoe users. Call Jane D. for more details or to sign up at jcdflyfisher@gmail.com or 260-413-2686.

Saturday, January 12; Joe Mills Mountain:

Class B Hike, 6 mile round trip with 1,650 feet elevation gain. Snowshoe hike from Bear Lake T/H, follow trail towards Lake Helene and bushwhack to Joe Mills with difficulty of hike dependent on snow conditions. Contact Douglas 970-672-7629 or douglasbxtr@gmail.com.

Sunday, January 13; No hike scheduled: Call Ted Hartman at 970-292-8431 if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

Tuesday, January 15: Lake Helene Snowshoe:

This scenic Class B hike begins at Bear Lake. Our round trip distance is 6.5 miles with 1,340 feet elevation gain. At our destination we'll enjoy views of Tourmaline Gorge surrounded by its various 11,000- and 12,000-foot peaks. To join the hike, contact Danielle Brown at draker55@yahoo.com or (970) 980-4642.

Thursday, January 17; Piper Meadows:

This approximately 4 mile, Class A loop hike starts in Glen Haven. The initial climb out from Glen Haven is somewhat steep but elevation gain is less than 1000 ft. After the initial climb much of the hike is flat to rolling along Piper Meadow, named for Henry Piper who operated a dairy farm here from around 1913 to the 1930s. The foundations of some of the buildings can still be seen. There will be views of the Mummy Range and several other snow covered mountains. Traction devices may be needed and the meadow portion may offer some snow shoeing opportunities depending on the conditions. Contact Greg Coonfare at 720-289-8392 for meeting time and place.

Saturday, January 19; Sourdough Trail at Brainard Lake Rec Area:

This will be a Class A hike of 4.9 miles and only 616' of elevation gain. We will hike the loop connecting the Sourdough, S. St. Vrain and Waldrop Trails. Trailhead elevation is 9729' and max is 10,275. Bring both spikes and snow shoes. Email Steve at stevebergstrand73@gmail.com for time and meeting place.

Sunday, January 20; Lake Haiyaha Snowshoe Hike:

This Class A hike will leave from Bear Lake. It is 5 - 6 miles round trip and you need to expect off trail snowshoeing. The elevation gain is less than 1000 feet. The hike will be led at a slow to moderate pace. Call Jane D. if you would like to sign up or have other questions: jcdflyfisher@gmail.com or 260-413-2686.

Tuesday, January 22; Crosier Mountain #3 (Garden Gate Hike, Glen Haven):

This will be a slow, easy, Class A hike to the top of the meadow. It is about 3.5 miles round trip with less than 1000 feet of elevation gain. Contact Bob Crawford at 970-744-0526 or Lrrp1@concast.net.

Thursday, January 24; No hike scheduled: Contact Tom Bruch at tabruch@msn.com if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

Saturday, January 26; No hike scheduled: Call Ted Hartman at 970-292-8431 if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

Sunday, January 27; No hike scheduled: Call Ted Hartman at 970-292-8431 if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

Tuesday, January 29; No Hike Scheduled: Contact Jane Maddigan at maddigan2@gmail.com if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

Thursday, January 31; Boulder Brook Snow Shoe:

Join us for this out-and-back, Class B snowshoe outing with a RT distance of 4.8 miles and total elevation gain of 1,430 ft. Bring traction devices in case we find less snow pack than anticipated. We'll begin from

the Storm Pass Trail Head and use the Boulder Brook trail until it intersects with the North Longs Peak Trail, on which we'll head west to an overlook. Contact Danielle Brown at draker55@yahoo.com or (970) 980-4642 to join the outing.

Tuesday, January 5; No Hike Scheduled: Contact Jane Maddigan at maddigan2@gmail.com if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

Thursday, February 7; The Loch and West Glacier Knob:

This adventurous snowshoe hike is about 6 miles round trip and approximately 1200' of elevation gain. We will start by going up the drainage to The Loch, then the rest of the hike is mostly off trail. From Serendipity Lake, we will climb The Knob and then take off cross country visiting small lakes and beaver ponds on our way back to the trail. This is a class A hike and will be led at a slow to moderate pace to accommodate beginning snowshoe users. Call Jane D. to sign up or for more details: jcdflyfisher@gmail.com or 260-413-2686.

***Hike Leaders:** Please call the RMNP Backcountry Office at 970-586-1242 and report any changes in trail conditions after your hike. They have requested our help as they cannot cover the hundreds of miles of trails. Also call this number the day before your hike for the latest road, trail and weather conditions at the Park.*

Interested in posting your "Club Hike" pictures to the club Facebook page?

Please forward your pictures to Dick Lottes at longs91peak@yahoo.com or Steve Bergstrand at stevebergstrand73@gmail.com prior to the end of the day following the day of the hike. The number of pictures posted to Facebook is limited to 10 so the possibility exists that all your pictures will not be posted. Request you do not annotate your pictures, please? Visit our Facebook page Loveland-Mountain-Club to see photos from recent hikes.

Check out the Loveland Mountain Club website for more information about the club:
www.lovelandmountainclub.org

Useful Telephone Numbers

Rocky Mountain National Park – Backcountry Office 970-586-1242

Rocky Mountain National Park – Emergencies 970-586-1204

Colorado Road Conditions 303-639-1111

Larimer County Emergency Number (connects to Sheriff) 970-416-1985 (or just dial 911)

Links to useful information can be found at Joeandfrede.com/wx/mountain_weather.ppt.