



LOVELAND MOUNTAIN CLUB
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Presidents' Message

This is my first message as incoming President of the club. If you have not heard, you pronounce my name like a stream of water "brook." Close to five years ago I was looking on the web for a hiking club to get out more with other hikers. I found the Loveland Club and was impressed with its website. Coming to a meeting, the folks I met were friendly and encouraging and I joined right away. After a year I felt bold enough to start leading hikes. The next step was becoming a hike coordinator and later joining the board. The rest is history. Now I look forward to working with all of you to further our outdoor experiences together.

On March 7, the club enjoyed the annual potluck with about thirty in attendance at our new venue-Grace Community Church. Thanks again to Rich Kurtz for making the meeting location possible. The food was delicious. We do have not only great hikers but also great cooks!

At the meeting members elected new officers and board members:

President-Tom Bruch

Secretary-Cindy Brusko

Treasurer-

Board Member-Pam Berthold

Board Member-Karen Goggin

Board Member-Brenda McGeorge

Board Member-Gabi Miles

Board Member-Betsy Mosehauer

The position of Vice-President is still open, and we need someone to step up and fill this as there will be times when the President is unable to come to a meeting. Programs are no longer under the VP because a committee is now managing that. So, the duties of the VP are not time consuming.

The Treasurer position is now open with Linda Hollingsed being unable to assume it at this time. Please give this your thought.

Committee and Coordinator positions are as follows:

Website-John Pape, Pam Nelson

Newsletter-Melanie Pennington

Program Committee-Danielle Raker-Brown, Lynne Niemeyer

Round Mountain Trail Maintenance Coordinator-Jane Davis

Hospitality Coordinators-Donna Pierce, Ellen Edwards

Facebook Administrator-Pam Nelson

Facebook Photo Editor-Donna Pierce

Goodwill Ambassador-Karen Goggin

Hike Coordinators:

Weekend-Penny Kragie

Tuesday-Steve Bergstrand

Thursday-Gail Frasier

A big thank you to everyone for volunteering to fill these positions.

At the meeting, a thank you card and gift certificate to a favorite restaurant was presented to Betsy Mosehauer for her outstanding work as president over the past three years in leading the club through a challenging time.

The big need right now is to offer more hikes to the members. With Spring weather on the horizon and the Covid Pandemic trending down, hopefully more of you prior hike leaders and new budding hike leaders will take us on some adventures. The hike coordinators eagerly await your dates and descriptions!

Remember: Club membership fees are now due, and you can pay by sending your check made out to the Loveland Mountain Club (\$30 per family or \$20 single) and mailed to LMC, PO Box 983, Loveland, CO 80539. You have until March 31 to pay.

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 4, 7 pm at Grace Community Church, 240 Barberry Place off 14th St SW. The speaker is Estee Rivera of the Rocky Mountain Conservancy. Hope to see you then!

Tom Bruch

President

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Monthly Meetings

Meetings take place at Grace Community Church, 240 Barberry Place, Loveland. The Church is located off 14th Street SW, east of Taft and west of 287. Turn south onto Valency Drive and take the first right onto Barberry Place. It takes a slight left-hand curve and dead ends into the Church parking lot. The entrance is on the East side next to the main entrance. Masks are optional at this time, but may become mandatory based on the status of the pandemic in Larimer County.

Monday, April 4, 7 – 8:30 PM

Our speaker this month will be Estee Rivera Murdock, who is the Executive Director of the Rocky Mountain Conservancy. Estee will give updates on on-going Fire Recovery efforts in RMNP, new wildlife research initiatives, and other exciting projects in the park and other nearby public lands.

Monday, May 2, 7 – 8:30 PM

Speaker TBD.

OBITUARY for Dave HOLLINGSSED

David Hollingsed, 74, passed away on March 13, 2022, at his home in Loveland, Colorado. Dave passed away after contracting Malaria on a recent trip to Uganda. Dave is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Linda Hollingsed; his sons, Michael (Andi) and Scott (Maribeth)

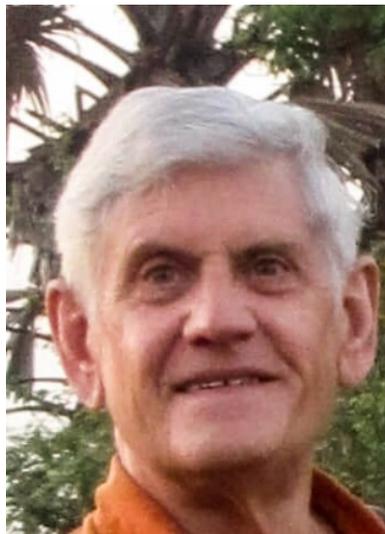
Hollingsed; his grandchildren Cody, Max and Blake Hollingsed and his sister Paula (Cary) Miller. Dave was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and grew up there and in Canada. He graduated from Carnegie-Mellon University in 1969 and worked for Standard Oil/British Petroleum for his entire 34-year career. Dave began his career in college by visiting gas station restrooms to review and update their design. He played an instrumental role in implementing self-service gas stations in Michigan. He went on to buy and sell chemicals in New Jersey and was later transferred to Cleveland, Ohio. He concluded his career in Naperville, Illinois, leading a team of over 60 people tasked with implementing software that would unite the operations of chemical plants in North America, Europe and Asia. Dave retired at the age of 56 and spent 18 glorious years traveling with his wife to 78 countries.

Throughout his life, Dave was active in Scouting and earned the rank of Queen Scout, the highest Scouting award achievable in Canada. Dave served as Scout Leader for his sons during their tenure in Boy Scouts. Both sons obtained the rank of Eagle Scout.

Dave enjoyed volunteering as a trail ranger assistant for Larimer County and Fort Collins. He volunteered as an usher at the Rialto Theatre in Loveland. He was president of the Loveland Mountain Club and the webmaster for Loveland Garden Club, Pedal Club and Loveland Mountain Club. He also volunteered for Be the Gift.

Dave was caring, easygoing and always quick with a joke. He never thought twice about going out of his way to help others. He was loved by his family and friends and adored by his grandchildren. He made a positive impact on the lives of all who were lucky enough to know him and will be deeply missed. A celebration of life will be held at Desk Chair located at 201 E. 4th Street, Loveland, Colorado, 80537 in the Cleveland Room on Sunday, April 10, 2022, at 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the House of Neighborly Services, 1511 E 11th St, Loveland, CO 80537.



Editor's Notes:

I have led a few hikes over the past year and a frequent flyer at my hikes was Dave Hollingsed, along with his wife Linda. Dave always had a kind, easygoing way with everyone in the group, always had interesting things to talk about, and had a great sense of humor. He was a very active member of the Loveland Mountain Club, and he will be sorely missed by us all. My heart goes out to Linda and to their family. Happy trails, Dave.

I would like to give a warm welcome to our newly elected president, Tom Bruch. Tom has taken up many leadership roles in his time with the club, and has made a big impact already, as a hike leader, a hike coordinator, and a board member. I am looking forward to working with him and to supporting his efforts to preside over our wonderful organization.

The March weather played havoc with our hiking plans, so I am hoping for some better weather in April!

If you need to contact me about special announcements or questions regarding the newsletter, please feel free to use my personal email melpenning1010@gmail.com. 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.

Melanie Pennington, Newsletter Editor

Thanks to our March Hike Leaders:

Tom Bruch and Melanie Pennington volunteered to lead hikes last month. Many thanks to our hike leaders for stepping up to put nice hikes together for us!



Hike Coordinators:

Weekend Hike Coordinator for 2022: Penny Kragie - pakragie@gmail.com or 571-643-6803

Tuesday Hike Coordinator: Steve Bergstrand: stevebergstrand73@gmail.com

Thursday Hike Coordinators: Gail Fraser: billgailfrasier@gmail.com

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
- 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

Covid Related Protocols for Loveland Mountain Club Hikes

- Group size will be at the discretion of the hike leader taking into consideration management of the group, parking availability and difficulty of the hike. As always, participation will be on a first come, first serve basis.
- Hikes are open to whoever wants to lead a hike and those hikers who are comfortable in attending.
- Masks are not mandatory while hiking but may be needed when in a car.
- Full disclosure of vaccination status would be desired so that hiking and driving in groups can be done safely. Participants should disclose their vaccination status to the hike leader and other participants. Participants may then choose either to drive their own vehicle to the trailhead or carpool with others. Carpool drivers may request riders to wear face coverings inside their vehicle.
- If you must step off the trail for a moment to social distance, stop rather than continuing to walk alongside the trail thus preventing trail erosion.
- Include with the *essential items* in your backpack a facemask and hand sanitizer.
- Sign the Loveland Mountain Club Waiver of Liability-2020 if you have not already. Hike leaders should carry a small supply of the waivers with them.

- Please cancel from the hike if you are feeling any symptoms associated with COVID-19 or have had contact with anyone known to have symptoms in the last 14 days.
- Hike leaders must honor all local and county closures and have the necessary reservations for the Rocky Mountain trails. Leaders should plan to avoid popular, over-crowded trailheads and have a Plan B ready in case the trailhead/parking area is already crowded.

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

Thursday, April 7: Big Hole Wash and Ruby Wash Trail

Located in Red Mountain Open Space north of Fort Collins, this route forms a large loop hike all the way around Big Hole Wash and Ruby Wash. For most of the hike, you'll have stunning views of the surrounding area, especially the red cliffs and sweeping vistas in the open landscape. We will even venture briefly into the Great State of Wyoming. This hike is rated A+ with 7.9 miles RT, 800' elevation gain and maximum elevation of 6,930'. Trails are generally easy and gradual but will cover a lot of distance. Vaccinated hikers only please. To sign up contact Tom Bruch at tombbruch1964@gmail.com.

Saturday, April 16: Rabbit Ears (rescheduled from March 19)

This will be a 3- mile round trip Class A+ hike and will include a short bushwhack with 500 feet of elevation gain. The Rabbit Ears are two distinctive granite blocks which can be seen from the Cow Creek Trail, and our destination will offer commanding views of the surrounding Cow Creek Valley. We will hike down the trail for a while and then bushwhack through the forest up to the formations. There will be a

very short tunnel that will need to be crawled through (hands and knees) right near the formations. This hike will be done at a casual pace and is suitable for hikers just getting into off trail hiking. Traction devices will be required. There will be a maximum of 8 hikers because of limited trailhead parking. Fully Covid vaccinated hikers only please. Call Ted Hartman at 970-292-8431 before March 17 for more information.

Looking ahead to next summer:

Like it or not — and there appears to be a pretty even split on the matter — Rocky Mountain National Park will for the third straight season be implementing a timed-entry permit reservation system. Late last year, the park proposed using the system for a third year in 2022. That plan was approved recently by the National Park Service. The system will run May 27 to Oct. 10 and be similar to the one used in 2021, according to a park news release. There are a few changes in this year's version of the system, so here is what you need to know, as planning will be key to entering the park when you want to.

When you can start booking: Reservations will go on sale through www.recreation.gov starting at 10 a.m. MDT May 2 for May 27 through June 30.

The next releases will occur at:

10 a.m. MDT June 1 for July and any remaining days that have not been booked for June

10 a.m. MDT July 1 for August and any remaining days that have not been booked for July

10 a.m. MDT Aug. 1 for September and any remaining days in August that have not been booked

10 a.m. MDT Sept. 1. for October and any remaining days in September.

2 types of reservations to be offered

Like last year, one permit will be for the Bear Lake Road Corridor, which includes that area as well as access to the rest of the park. This reservation period will be from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The second permit will be for Rocky Mountain National Park excluding the Bear Lake Road corridor. This reservation period will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Permits issued using the reservation system will allow park visitors to enter the park within two-hour windows of availability. The reservation system will apply to all areas of the park.

Once again, reservations are not required if entering the park before 5 a.m. or after 6 p.m. for the Bear Lake Corridor or before 9 a.m. or after 3 p.m. for the rest of the park.

Day-before reservations still an option

Initially, 30% of the timed-entry permits will be held and made available for purchase at 5 p.m. the day before a visit through www.recreation.gov. The day-before permits are expected to sell out fast, so it's better to plan ahead if you can.

For answers to frequently asked questions and other information, visit

<https://www.nps.gov/romo/playourvisit/timed-entry-permit-system.htm>

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 LMCphotos98@gmail.com with Hike Destination and Hike Leader in the subject line of email, by 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.

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 http://joeandfrede.com/wx/Mountain_Weather.ppt

Loveland Mountain Club Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnification – 2020

Signed waivers can be submitted at the next club meeting, to your hike leader, or mailed to the club address: LOVELAND MOUNTAIN CLUB, PO BOX 983, LOVELAND, CO 80539.

Parties and Definitions. The individual whose name appears at the bottom of this waiver shall be referred to as “Participant.” Loveland Mountain Club, Inc., is a Colorado non-profit corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Colorado and registered with the Colorado Secretary of State. Loveland Mountain Club, Inc., including its employees, agents, volunteers, instructors, guides, officers, directors, and members shall be referred to as “Released Parties.” Loveland Mountain Club and its employees, agents, volunteers, instructors, guides, officers, directors, and members either partially or wholly sponsor, organize, direct, conduct, or pay for various recreational activities, events, and trips that include, but are not limited to: hiking; snowshoeing; mountain biking; skiing and geocaching (collectively referred to as “LMC Activities”).

Specific Activity if Not a Member of LMC: _____

Waiver: Participant desires to participate in LMC Activities. In consideration and exchange for allowing Participant to participate in LMC Activities, Participant, for him/herself, heirs, personal representatives and assigns, agrees **not to sue the Released Parties, and to hold harmless and release any Released Parties from any and all liability and/or claims for any injury, death, accident, illness, property damage, or property loss** arising from Participant’s engagement in the LMC Activities, including, but not limited to, those claims based on any **Released Party’s alleged or actual negligence or breach of any express or implied warranty.**

Assumption of Risk. Participation in any recreational activity or LMC Activities carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. The specific risks vary from one activity to another. Some risks include but are not limited to: 1) minor injuries such as scratches, bruises, and sprains. 2) major injuries such as broken bones, eye injury or loss of sight, joint or back injuries, heart attacks, and concussions. 3) catastrophic injuries including paralysis and death. 4) exposure to unstable, steep, slippery terrain, wild or poisonous animals, insects or plants, altitude sickness, lightening, cold weather, avalanches, various other forces of nature, extreme remoteness from medical facilities, and/or equipment malfunctions and/or 5) contraction of or exposure to airborne illness and infectious diseases. I understand and agree that I am solely responsible for my own safety and well being while participating in LMC Activities.

I have read the previous paragraphs and I know, understand, and appreciate these and other risks that are inherent in participating in LMC Activities. I hereby assert that my participation is voluntary and I knowingly assume all such risks.

Indemnification and Hold Harmless. I also agree to **indemnify and hold** Released Parties **harmless** from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities including attorneys’ fees brought as a result of my involvement in any LMC Activities and to reimburse the Released Parties for any such expenses incurred.

Severability: Participant expressly agrees that the foregoing waiver and assumption of risks agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of Colorado and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

Acknowledgement of Understanding: I have read this waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement, fully understand its terms, and **understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue.** I acknowledge that I am signing the agreement freely and voluntarily, and **intend by my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability** to the greatest extent allowed by law.

PARTICIPANT

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

If Participant is a minor under the age of 18 please **also** fill out the legal guardian's information below.

PARTICIPANT'S LEGAL GUARDIAN

Print Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____