



**March, 2021**

# **Flatirons Ski Club**

An Outdoor Multi Sports and Social Group  
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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE MARCH 4TH, 2021  
VIA ZOOM**

## **MARCH GENERAL MEETING**

Our speaker for the March 4th General Meeting will be Eric Coppock. He is member Nancy W.'s son-in-law and a software engineer with Ball Aerospace. For the past eight years, he has been working on the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) which will be the largest, most powerful and complex space telescope ever launched into space. It will fundamentally alter our understanding of the universe.

JWST is to become an orbiting infrared observatory that will complement and extend the discoveries of the Hubble Space Telescope, with longer wavelength coverage and greatly improved sensitivity. The longer wavelengths enable Webb to look much closer to the beginning of time and to hunt for the unobserved formation of the first galaxies, as well as to look inside dust clouds where stars and planetary systems are forming today.

There's a lot of software in the system, both on board the spacecraft and on the ground. Eric's domain is the ground analysis software; this is the software that analyzes the optical aberrations in images taken by the observatory, determines what microscopic corrections should be applied to the telescope to improve the image quality and manages the hardware clearances and safety of the telescope mirror segments.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our March General Meeting and to learning more about the JWST, which is scheduled to launch this fall.

**\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\***

## **FSC General Meeting Date Change for May**

Please note that the May General Meeting date is changing to **May 13, 2021**, as several members will be in Moab on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## **APRIL FOOLS' DAY GATHERING via ZOOM**

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30 PM, we will gather and share April Fools' stories via Zoom!!

We will again be using breakout rooms – 4 or 6 people in each room for approximately 30 minutes to visit, chat, and engage in a planned activity. You will then be transferred back to the main room, and you will learn of the activity awaiting you in the next breakout room where you will meet a new selection of companions.

One activity will be talking about April Fools' Day jokes you have experienced in the past – as perpetrator or victim! Another activity may be a “Would You Rather...” set of questions. Other ideas are in the works.

Feel free to dress in “Fools' Costume” - silly hats or however you would like to embrace the spirit of the day!

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Whatever you like to do in the Winter, we've got you covered. There have been several great downhill ski trips, with more to come. There are also cross-country and snowshoe outings, plus the year 'round hikes. And if getting out in the cold and snow doesn't appeal, there are the book club and the FAC.

All comments have been positive for our general meeting programs, most recently Ranger Christi on Rocky Mountain National Park. Janet F., our VP, obtained Christi's slides and they are available on our website, so if you missed the program, it's the next best thing. Announced elsewhere in this newsletter is the March program given by Eric Coppock, who happens to be Nancy W.'s son-in-law. There is another special offering in April – PARTY TIME AGAIN. See separate announcement from our Social chair, Eleese M.

Once again, for the General Meeting in March we will open the meeting up to social time at 6:30, with the business meeting starting at 7.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Dorothy C., has been hard at work, and we have a full slate of Board members on which to vote in April, the one item of business before the April Fools' Day party. Many thanks to those who agreed to take on the leadership responsibilities necessary to keep the Club running smoothly. We are truly blessed.

With vaccines well underway, we can hope that this COVID 19 pandemic will start to wind down, and we can get back to seeing each other in person. Zoom has been a good substitute, and we are all learning new ways to use that platform, but it just isn't the same. Adapt or die! I suspect Zoom will stay with us after the absolute need for it has waned. Louisa

## 2021 Flatirons Ski Trip Calendar

Dates	Destination	Lodging	# of Spaces	Nights	Lift Tix	Total Cost per Person	Deposit	Balance Due	Trip Leaders
Feb 26- Mar 1	Fraser, CO	Fraser House	6 rooms 12 people	3	Misc.	\$110	\$25	1/7/21	Linda/Chris P.
Mar 3-5	Granby, CO	Snow Mnt Ranch	8 rooms 16 people	2	Misc.	\$185	\$25	1/7/21	Beth G.
Mar 8-11 or 12	Aspen, CO	Element Hotel Basalt	20 rooms 40 people	3 or 4	IKON	\$335-3N \$445-4N	\$75-3N \$100-4N	2/4/21	Sandy M.
Dec- April	Mid-Week Skiing Mon. & Thurs.				EPIC & IKON				Ed H., Mon. Rich E., Thurs.

### SUGGESTED CAR POOL FEES FOR THE OVERNIGHT TRIPS

These suggested car pool fees are based on 5 cents per mile and 2 or more passengers. They represent a reasonable cost of providing a vehicle to the various ski resorts beyond merely gas usage. The fees include round trip to the resort and intermittent trips as needed to the base area. Final pricing is up to the discretion of the driver, so make sure you have an understanding with the driver before you leave. If there is only one passenger, the passenger should consider paying for all the gas. Additionally, all occupants need to share equally when there are parking fees and if there are additional side trips passengers should share in the associated gas costs.

Snowy Range - \$20  
 Wolf Creek - \$40  
 Fraser - \$15  
 Aspen - \$40

Leadville - \$15  
 Steamboat - \$20  
 Granby - \$15

## 2020/2021 FLATIRON SKI CLUB / MID WEEK SKI SCHEDULE

*Join us for a day of pleasurable skiing without crowds and lift lines.  
Please contact the trip leader as described below:*

Ed H.

Rich E.

\*Please contact Ed, the Monday ski trip coordinator, and/or Rich, the Thursday ski trip coordinator, to be put on the Monday and Thursday skier's email distribution lists. Please indicate if you are a Monday or Thursday skier or both.

### MONDAY/TUESDAY

### THURSDAY

March 1 – Breckenridge	\$10		March 4- Eldora	\$5
March 8- Keystone	\$15		March 11- Copper	\$10
March 15 – Vail **7:30	\$10		March 18- WP/MJ 8:30	\$10
March 22 – Breckenridge <b>8:30</b>	\$10		March 25- Copper	\$10
March 29- Keystone <b>8:30</b>	\$10			
			<i>April 1- A-Basin <b>8:30</b></i>	<i>\$10</i>
<i>April 5- Breckenridge <b>8:30</b></i>	<i>\$10</i>		<i>April 8- Copper <b>8:30</b></i>	<i>\$10</i>
<i>April 12- Keystone <b>8:30</b></i>	<i>\$10</i>		<i>April 15- WP/MJ <b>8:30</b></i>	<i>\$10</i>

\* CARPOOL FEE PER PERSON (CASH)    \*\* ADDITIONAL PARKING FEE (CASH)

***Locations are subject to change based on weather/snow conditions.***

***Occasionally, Ed and Rich may need an alternate leader when they are away on ski trips. This information will be in the monthly newsletter.***

### PLEASE NOTE FOR THIS WINTER!!

**Each person must be responsible for making a reservation at those ski areas that require a reservation. Parking reservations are required for Copper and Eldora Ski Resorts**

### Snowshoe or Cross-Country Ski Tuesday Mornings

Slap on your Nordic skis or snowshoes or bring both and join fellow FSC members for an outing. Meet behind North Boulder Park at 7th and Dellwood to leave at 9:15 AM so arrive early. If we know where we are going I will send out an email to club members. Car pools will form according to comfort level. Feel free to drive yourself alone if you feel safer. Depending on weather and snow conditions, we may have our last trip on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Questions? Contact Dorothy C.

## Aspen/Snowmass



**March 8-11, or 12, 2021**

All skiers must have a reservation. Reserve your ski days ASAP on the IKON website. I have an opening for a female skier at this time. No COVID test required. Dinner survey deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Look for final email with trip details.

**Sandy M.**

## FSC Snowy Range Ski Trip

Thirty members of the Flatirons Ski Club had a great time in Centennial, WY and the Snowy Range Ski Area. The weather was cold and very windy but the snow conditions were fabulous. The Old Corral Lodge was a wonderful place to stay and gave us a great dinner in the private ballroom the first night. It was an easy drive to Centennial, up and back, with good weather.

Trip Leader: Stew W.

## FSC Moab Trip May 3 - May 8

Flatirons Ski Club has now has rented 3 houses in Moab, UT for the 35 members who have signed up for car tours of Arches N.P. & Canyonlands N.P., 4WD car tours BLM lands near Moab, hikes on trails in Arches and Canyonlands, a canoe trip down the Colorado River Canyon and mountain bike trips on trails East of Moab.

All beds are now taken for the 5 nights but you can still join the group's activities by camping or renting an accommodation at a motel or the Lazy Lizard Hostel in Moab.

Info: Stewart W.

## Photos Needed

Stewart Woodward is putting together a photo slide show of Flatiron Ski Club activities this year for the FSC May General Meeting on May 13. If you have some interesting photos please E-mail them to Stew W.

## Great Summer Activity Opportunity

Our beloved Stew Woodward is retiring after 30 years as Summer Activities chair...thank you, Stew!! Richard P. and Dorothy C. have agreed to work together as Summer Activity coordinators. Currently Stew coordinates the Moab Trip and the Tenth Mountain Hut trips. Richard & Dorothy would like our FSC members to think about fun summer activities you would like to share with the club. Leaders hotel expenses are paid for. Trips are usually 1, 2 or 3 nights long to enjoy hiking, biking, kayaking, wild flower hikes, the Aspen and Telluride Music Festivals, Glenwood Springs pool and Adventure Park, October Fest in Vail, fall leaf watching hikes, etc. If you would like to lead a summer trip, please contact Dorothy C. or Richard P. with your fun trip proposals.

## FSC Book Club Schedule for 2021

Monday, March 8, 2021	<u>Sold On a Monday</u> by Kristina McMorris
Monday, April 12, 2021	<u>The Big Burn</u> by Timothy Egan
Monday, May 10, 2021	<u>Never Split the Difference</u> by Chris Voss, et al
Monday, June 14, 2021	<u>The Mosquito</u> by Timothy Winegard
Monday, July 12, 2021	<u>The Girl With a Pearl Earring</u> by Tracy Chevalier
Monday, August 9, 2021	<u>Dead Run</u> by Dan Schultz
Monday, September 13, 2021	<u>The Nightingale</u> by Kristin Hannah
Monday, October 11, 2021	<u>How to Hide an Empire</u> by Daniel Immerwahr
Monday, November 8, 2021	<u>Running with Sherman</u> by Christopher McDougall
Monday, December 13, 2021	<u>Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life</u> by David Brooks

For questions, contact Richard P.



## An Avalanche of Aspen

### Avalanche Ranch (Carbondale/Redstone)

#1 Autumn FSC Trip ---- Friday 10/08 – Monday 10/11

(Note: this is the weekend after the Apple Festival)

Premier Leaf Viewing, Hiking, Hot Tub Soaking  
Antiquing in Marble/Redstone, Fine Dining in Redstone/Carbondale

Rustic Cabins, Hot Springs Pools, Trails, the Crystal River, and golden ASPEN

Go To: [avalancheranch.com](http://avalancheranch.com)

**Leaders: Roger P.**

**Tom C**

Avalanche Ranch has been the main autumn destination of the FSC. The Ranch, at the foot of towering Mt. Sopris, is in a magnificent setting to experience Colorado's aspen colors. The club will supply chili Friday night and some form of protein on Sunday night. Easy to difficult hikes are close by. We will occupy quaint rustic cabins or the huge Ranch House where we will socialize and plan activities and have happy hours. Hot springs on the property provide large and small soaking pools with a range of comfortable temperatures (plus a waterfall !!!!).

There will be a variety of room configurations available but if you are willing to take a loft let me know. There will be a \$28.00 dollar discount if you end up in one. For most queens, married couples will take first priority, but we define couples as any mix of two people who get along with each other so don't be shy be happy. The trip will cost \$253 per person for three nights.

Mail \$53.00 to Roger P. to reserve your spot now. Make your check out to Flatirons Ski Club.



## THURSDAY HIKERS

We meet at 8:45 at the Meadows Shopping Center (SW corner of Foothills Pkwy and Baseline) on Thursdays. After deciding on the hike, we will leave a 9:00 am. People can car pool from the Shopping Center, if they want, or they can drive by themselves to the trailhead. It is up to the individual and their comfort with carpooling. Meadow Shopping Center is at the southwest corner of Foothills Highway and Baseline. We usually park close to the frontage road that circles the parking lot. Just look for people standing by their cars.

The weather is changeable. Be prepared for all types of weather, and conditions. Everyone must have a mask and be willing to wear it. Social distancing is followed. We generally hike 6 to 8 miles at a moderate pace. Please be prepared to do this and please be considerate of others. Due to the winter weather or holidays, there will be days when we do not hike. Call Sue E. or Louisa Y. to confirm that we will be hiking.

### Want to Sell Something?

Every month, members will now have the opportunity to sell something (ski equipment, etc.) by having their items listed in our FSC Club Newsletter. Submit your items via email to Monica A., in the body of your email or as an attachment (.doc or .docx). Submissions will need board approval. Monica will need to receive your information by the Wednesday before the monthly board meetings. Items will be posted in the Newsletter sometime during the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month. Items will appear in the newsletter only once, they will not roll over to the following month's newsletter.



## MARCH 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Snow Shoe Cross Country 09:15	3	4 Thursday Hike 08:45 <b>General Mtg 7:00 PM</b>	5	6
7	8 Book Club 6:45 PM	9 Snow Shoe Cross Country 09:15	10	11 Thursday Hike 08:45	12	13
14	15	16 Snow Shoe Cross Country 09:15	17	18 Thursday Hike 08:45 <b>Board Meeting 7:00 PM</b>	19	20
21	22	23 Snow Shoe Cross Country ?? 09:15	24	25 Thursday Hike 08:45	26	27

### Board Members

President	Louisa Young		
Vice President	Janet Fredericks		
Secretary	Mary Anne Davitt		
Treasurer	Martha Parks		
Publicity	Donna Scott		
Newsletter	Monica Abbott		
Membership	Linda Giandinoto		
Social Chair	Elease Miller		
Safety Chair	Sue Evans		
Downhill Chair	Donna Cooper		
Activities	Stew Woodward		

### Members at Large

Mailing	Larry Rittenhouse		
Webmaster	Roger Briden		

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