



September 2022

Flatirons Ski Club

An Outdoor Multi Sports and Social Group
www.FlatironsSkiClub.com

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 6TH, 7PM
AT UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BOULDER
5001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, BOULDER 80303**

Message from the President

The annual Membership Picnic is scheduled for September 17 at the Louisville Community Park. See the article below for more information. September is the time to pay your annual FSC dues and to sign the waiver. Membership runs from October 1 through September 30. In early September, the Membership Chair (Linda Giandinoto) will email you the FSC General Policies and membership waiver form. Activities of the Flatiron Ski Club are guided by the FSC General Policies. By signing the waiver form, members are agreeing to the policies and practices of the Flatirons Ski Club.

At the October 6th General Meeting, the upcoming ski trips for 2023 will be presented by the trip facilitators. The trip schedule is included in this newsletter, and trip locations include Crested Butte, Steamboat, Winter Park, Snowy Range, Aspen, and Monarch / Wolf Creek. I would like to recognize and thank the FSC Downhill Chair (Rosie Piller) and the trip leaders (Tom Cannon, Linda and Chris Paris, Donna Cooper, Louise Geil, Beth Gaffney, Jan Knies, and Sandy Morris) for their work in planning the winter trips.

Beth Gaffney, President

TUESDAY HIKES

Starting September - Tuesday evening hikes are officially over due to short days and fall activities.
Thank you to all the leaders who lead us on interesting and varied hikes.

Thanks to all the cooks and good food.

Pat Irwin – your trusty coordinator

2023 FSC Save-the-Date Ski Calendar

Dates	Destination	Lodging	# of Spaces	Nights	Lift Tix	Trip Coordinator
Jan 17-20	Crested Butte	Cristiana Guesthaus	23	3	Epic	Linda & Chris Paris
Jan 23-26	Steamboat #1	Holiday Inn	50	3	Ikon	Tom Cannon
Jan 31-Feb 3	Monarch Mtn (& Wolf Creek*)	Baymont (Salida)	16	3	M: 69+ ski free WC: Misc	Donna Cooper & Louise Geil
Feb 6-9	Winter Park	Snow Mtn Ranch	28	3	Ikon	Beth Gaffney
Feb 14-16	Snowy Range	Old Corral Hotel	20	2	Misc	Jan Knies
Feb 21-24	Steamboat #2	Homewood Suites	30	3	Ikon	Sandy Morris
Feb 28-March 3	Winter Park	Fraser House Alpine Center	10	3	Ikon	Linda & Chris Paris
March 6-10	Aspen	Comfort Inn & Suites (Carbondale)	40	4	Ikon+	Sandy Morris

* We will be staying at the Baymont by Wyndham in Salida for all three nights. Monarch Mountain is 30 minutes away from the hotel, and Wolf Creek ski resort is 2 hours away.

** Note: The sign-up for Flatirons' scheduled ski trips in 2023 will begin *after* our October 6, 2022, monthly meeting. We will let you know the particulars after the FSC Board meeting in August. Deposit amounts and trip costs will be noted in the Ski Calendar in the October newsletter. No sign-ups or deposits will be taken by the trip leaders until the October meeting.

**Annual Membership Picnic
Louisville Community Park
September 17, 2022, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

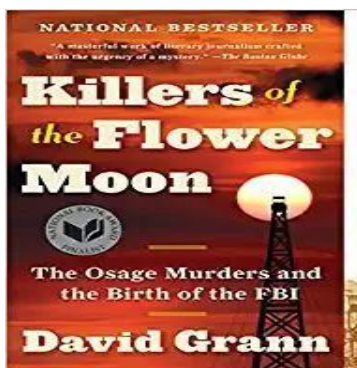
This is a great opportunity to get together with members and learn about future activities. Friends are welcome to come and learn about the many activities of the club. A list of 2023 ski trips will be available, although sign-ups will not be until the general meeting in October, but you will be able to SAVE the DATES for your favorite trips.

Members, please bring your membership dues and, if possible, a signed waiver. The form can be downloaded from the club website. There will also be forms available at the picnic.

The club will provide a pulled pork main dish, brats, veggie burger and soft drinks! Please bring a vegetable dish, salad or dessert to share.

Directions: From E South Boulder Road go South on 95th St (H42) to Pine Street turn right (West) on Pine and continue straight until you see the park on the right. Some parking is available at the first turn, but there is more parking if you continue and turn right on Bella Vista Drive – you can also park on the street along here.

Questions: Elease Miller 303-530-4376



FSC Book Club

DATE: Monday, September 12, 5:30 PM

PLACE: Pat Irvin's home

DISCUSSION LEADER: Cindy Menard

BOOK: Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann

In the 1920s the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Indian nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, they rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe.

Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off. The family of an Osage woman, Mollie Burkhart, became a prime target. Her relatives were shot and poisoned. And it was just the beginning, as more and more members of the tribe began to die under mysterious circumstances.

In this last remnant of the Wild West - where oilmen like J. P. Getty made their fortunes and where desperadoes like Al Spencer, the "Phantom Terror", roamed - many of those who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered. As the death toll climbed to more than 24, the FBI took up the case. It was one of the organization's first major homicide investigations, and the bureau badly bungled the case. In desperation the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to unravel the mystery. White put together an undercover team, including one of the only American Indian agents in the bureau. The agents infiltrated the region, struggling to adopt the latest techniques of detection. Together with the Osage they began to expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.

Thursday Hikes *****Fall Time Change*****

Because of the shorter days, our meeting time will change to 8:45 AM as of September 1. We continue to meet on Thursdays at the Meadows Shopping Center. We will leave Meadows at 9:00 AM. People can carpool from the Shopping Center or they can drive by themselves to the Trailhead. Meadow Shopping Center is at the southwest corner of Foothills Highway and Baseline. We usually park close to the 1st Bank and ReMax building. Just look for people standing by their cars.

As always come prepared for all kinds of weather and bring lots of food and water, etc. We generally hike 6 to 8 miles at a moderate pace. Please be prepared to do this and be considerate of others. There will be days we do not hike due to the weather.

Email or call Louisa Young or Sue Evans to let us know you are going to join us or if you have any questions.

**3rd Thursday Hike - September 15th
Storm Pass/Estes Cone from Lily Lake**

Let's test our mettle with this two-destination hike and hope for good weather (good weather= cool no rain). Although this is in RMNP we do not need a pass to park at Lily Lake. This is an uphill climb for two miles then a gentle uphill to the pass. To the Cone is strenuous and optional. Mostly shade with views, 7.5 mi rt, 2200'. Meet at Meadows for carpooling 7:30a, leave at 7:45a. Details by email Monday before hike. Weather decides. Dolores afainer@yahoo.com

Crane Festival

The ski club is planning a trip to Steamboat Springs over Labor Day weekend September 1-4, 2022, to see the Crane Festival. There are viewings, talks and field trips. We are also planning to do some hiking the area. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn at Steamboat. The cost per person will be \$350 for 3 nights.

For more information contact Dorothy Cohen.

**Gunnison, Colorado - Bicycle Trip Announcement
September 6 – 8, 2022, Tuesday through Thursday of Labor Day Week**

This is a three-day ride that can be extended to four days by riding some of the optional rides which are detailed in the ride description. The rides are all on hard surfaces and use routes that have moderate or light traffic. All three rides are in and out using the same route so the length of the ride can be adjusted to individual desires and abilities. For singles, attempts will be made to provide the names of other singles if roommates are sought. A complete ride description can be obtained by contacting Richard Patnoe at rpatnoe@gmail.com.

**Let's Play Games
September 16, 2022 - 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM**

Location: Sandy Morris' House, 1283 Graham Circle, Erie, CO, 80516

Please bring an appetizer, a beverage for yourself (I will have water and seltzer) and your favorite games (optional – I have many).

RSVP to: swimmie864@hotmail.com or 303 955 4910 by September 14th



AVALANCHE RANCH TRIP and APPLE FESTIVAL trip in 2022
September 30 – October 3, 2022

(None scheduled for 2023, so this may be the last)

<https://avalancheranch.com/>

Avalanche Ranch is 11.35 miles south of Carbondale, CO and 5 miles north of Redstone, CO.

For those who are new to the club, the Avalanche Ranch trip has been run for many years by the club. We rent cabins at Avalanche Ranch and soak in the brilliant color of the area, especially the golden aspen, the green pines, the gray mountains, the blue sky and occasionally the white snow on the mountains. The Apple Festival is an event run by the staff once a year. They provide meat and others provide everything else. But what I find most interesting is the community of people who attend, most are local, and they play bluegrass music for at least an hour around the campfire.

Other than the Apple Festival, there are wonderful hikes to be made and the weather is almost always perfect. Did I mention that there are several hot tubs and a hot pool which are free and open to us twenty-four hours a day?

The club provides chili on Friday night and protein on Sunday night. On Saturday, the Ranch will provide the protein and each guest is asked to bring something for the huge potluck. We have the Ranch House this year for happy hours and generally getting together.

The price will be \$255 a person for three nights of paradise but there are many queen beds which will need to be filled so anyone willing to share a bed with someone else will have a much better chance of getting on board this remarkable trip.

The trip is full now but send in a deposit check of \$50.00 made out to FSC to get on the WAITING list.

Send checks to:
Roger Povilus



STAR PARTY

October 22, 2022



In the Spring we had a program given by the Longmont Astronomical Society. In connection with that, we learned that they sponsor Star Parties in which a limited number of people gather in the evening to see celestial bodies through provided telescopes.

It has come together! Choosing a date when there is less moon to interfere with viewing, we settled on October 22. It doesn't interfere with any other Ski Club activities of which I am aware. Arrival time will be 6:30, just after sunset on that date. It will happen at the home of MJ Post who lives in the Eldorado Springs area (I have address and directions). Attendance is limited to 20 people. If there is a lot of interest, I will try to schedule a second session.

Call or email Louisa Young to reserve your spot. 303-444-6428
Louisa.Young@Colorado.EDU

Reminder: please make trip checks out to Flatirons Ski Club, not the trip leader; however, mail checks to the Trip Leaders as identified in the announcements.

Thanks, Martha Parks

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

FAC has been an FSC tradition for many years. Everyone is welcome. We meet at Rincon Del Sol starting at 4:00 p.m. every Friday. Rincon Del Sol is on Arapahoe just west of the intersection of Folsom and Arapahoe. Hope to see you there.

September 2022 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM Crane	2 FAC 4:00 PM Festival	3 Steamboat
4 Springs	5	6 Bicycle	7 Trip	8 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM Gunnison	9 FAC 4:00 PM	10
11	12 Book Club 5:30 PM	13	14	15 3 rd Thursday Hike 7:30 AM Board Mtg 7:00 PM	16 FAC 4:00 PM Game Night 4:30 PM	17 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Membership Picnic
18	19	20	21	22 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	23 FAC 4:00 PM	24
25	26	27	28	29 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	30 FAC 4:00 PM Avalanche Ranch Trip	To October 3

Board Members

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