



Brief

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Photo by Will Barrett

**Our Mission:** The Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative, through cooperative efforts, seeks to conserve unique natural areas, preserve historic & cultural sites, promote diverse recreation, and develop community business opportunities.

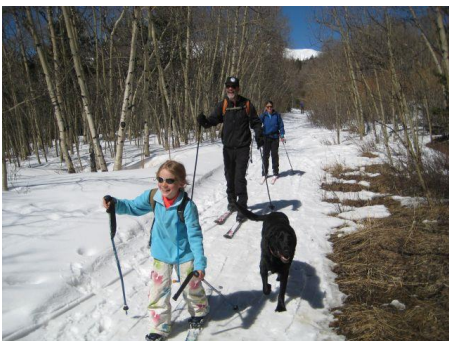
## MRHI's Winter Recap!

**Bingo Night:** In February, members of the community came out to support MRHI as we hosted Bingo Night. Prizes included MRHI merchandise as well as donations from local businesses. MRHI raised \$300 to help aid efforts to continue to work towards our mission and would like to thank everyone who came out to support us. We would like to thank the businesses who donated prizes: South Park Brewing, USFS South Park Ranger District, Dorothy's Homemade Tamales, High Paw Pet Supplies, Main Street Garage, and Even In The End. We would also like to thank the Alma Foundation for allowing us to host and benefit from the proceeds that night; proceeds usually go the Alma Foundation Scholarship Fund. Each year the Alma Foundation awards two scholarships to RE-2 graduating seniors. Applications are available at the RE-2 High School Counselor's office. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit and need. Bingo is the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at Alma Town Hall. 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. Bingo. We hope everyone will come out again!

**Poker Glide:** 2015 saw MRHI's 8th Annual Poker Glide Family Ski and Snowshoe. Twenty-three participants came out on March 14th to enjoy snow and sunshine on Aspen Alley while competing for prizes for best and worst poker hands. Winner of best poker hand went to Dave Aceto; Melanie Walker won for worst poker hand. We would especially like to thank our sponsors: South Park Brewing, USFS South Park Ranger District, Dorothy's Homemade Tamales, Even in the End, One Spirit Dance & Yoga, Kelly Stelling, Al-Mart, Alma Storage, Stephanie Kuenn, Alpine Sports, Kathy and Dean Butler, Flexible Massage Therapy, The Shepherder, Colorado East Bank and Trust, and Heart of the Matter. A big thank you to Jara Johnson for organizing and running this event, and all of our volunteers for making it possible. We hope to see you all in the fall for Poker Ride!



Photo courtesy of Dave Cooper



Left and middle photos courtesy of Dean and Kathy Butler



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**Outdoor Adventure Series - The Mining Camps Speak with Bill & Beth Sagstetter:** Thirty-seven people came out on March 27th to hear Bill and Beth Sagstetter give a talk about deciphering old ghost towns of the west. The presentation included how to search for clues on site and in pictures to give a better understanding of the area at the time, as well as riveting stories of their own personal exploration adventures. They have written two books: *The Mining Camps Speak* and *The Cliff Dwellings Speak*. We hope everyone who came out enjoyed having these experts come share their experience and knowledge!



# Calling For Your Photos!

MRHI is holding our annual Photo Contest! We are seeking submissions of photographs **taken in the Mosquito Range** (extending from Hoosier Pass to Weston Pass and from Highways 9 and 285 to the ridgeline of the peaks). Thirteen of the best photos will be chosen to create our **2016** fundraiser calendar. **Winners receive a MRHI membership and a free calendar.** Winners will be announced at the MRHI Annual Meeting on May 16, 2015.

## GUIDELINES

Photographers are asked to submit their entries as digital files. All digital files must be **10 MB or smaller**, and must be in JPEG or JPG format. Photos should be high resolution of at least **300 DPI with dimensions of 12x12 inches**. Photos must be in landscape mode. With your photo submission please include the title and location of the photo, your name, address, and phone number. **Please note:** If a photo is chosen from your submissions, then just one will be used not multiples from a particular photographer.

**Please submit your photos by April 30, 2015.** Cost of submission is \$5/photo, \$10/3 photos or \$25/10 photos. Please make checks payable to MRHI with a notation that it is for the photo contest. Photo submissions may be emailed to [calendar@mrhi.org](mailto:calendar@mrhi.org) or a CD may be mailed to: MRHI, PO Box 375, Alma, CO 80420

## RULES

No photos will be considered outside our study area of the Mosquito Range.

If a check is received for photos outside the study area, the money will NOT be returned but instead be considered a donation. If we do not receive the check by May 10, 2015, submitted photos will not be considered.

## LICENSE

By entering the contest, all entrants grant an irrevocable, perpetual, nonexclusive license to MRHI, to reproduce, distribute, display, and create derivative works of the entries (along with a name credit) in connection with the contest and promotion of the contest, in any media now or hereafter known.

More details can be found on our website at [www.mrhi.org](http://www.mrhi.org)



## Happy Earth Day!

**Did you know:** The first earth day was held on April 22, 1970; started by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, it is now celebrated on April 22 every year. The first international Earth Day was held in 1990. More than 200 million people in 141 countries celebrated.

## Make Every Day Earth Day! Here's how you can help:

Help keep the air clean by carpooling, riding bikes, or walking.

Help keep our mountain backyard beautiful by reducing the amount of trash you throw away, reusing items or finding new uses for them, donating unwanted items, or recycling.

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## Support MRHI, Become A Member!

By becoming a member of MRHI, you support:

- environmental education programs for youth and families as well as our Outdoor Adventure Series for adults
- efforts to map and protect rare plants and fragile ecosystems only found in the Mosquito Range
- trail maintenance to keep the area spectacular

To become a MRHI member, you can either visit our website at [www.mrhi.org](http://www.mrhi.org) or request a membership slip from [vista@mrhi.org](mailto:vista@mrhi.org) and mail it back to us at PO BOX 375, Alma, CO 80420. Thank you for your support! Membership levels: Basic - \$25; Family - \$60; Youth - \$10; Business - \$100; Corporate - \$250.

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