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Monument Hill Club

K-News

April 4, 2026

Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program



Colorado Youth Outdoors

Marty Trujillo



Jim Wolf called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Zoomers were Barrie Town, Rich Rima, Dr. Marlen Bizub, Steve Hall, Gov Vaughn and Bennie Nasser.

Dave Bailey was Sergeant at Arms.

Marty Trujillo led the Pledge Of Allegiance.

RF Smith was this week's Scribe.

Member Concerns

Rich Hicks led member concerns.

Noria Gerig's Funeral Service is on Thursday, April 9 at 1:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 219 East Bijou Street. Refreshments following the service. Please use the parking lot on Weber St. Internment will be at Pike's Peak National Cemetery on Tuesday, April 14 at 10:00 am.

Warren Moore's Internment is on Thursday, May 28 at 1:00 pm at Pike's Peak National Cemetery. Funeral Service at 3:00 pm at The Church at Woodmoor.

Rich led a morning prayer: Heavenly Father, In this holy season, we gather with grateful hearts, thankful for the gift of fellowship and for the shared mission that unites us in service to our youth and our community. Bless the young people we support, that they may grow in confidence, character, and compassion. May this sacred season renew our spirit and strengthen our commitment to serve. Amen.

Guests and Visiting Kiwanians

There were no visiting Kiwanians or guests of members for today's meeting. Jim Wolf introduced our guest speaker, Marty Trujillo, of Colorado Youth Outdoors. Welcome, Marty!

Upcoming Programs

- April 11 - Water for Northern EP County, Dana Franzen and Ron Martinez
- April 25 - Member Bios

Membership Minute

Jim Wolf told us that next week's meeting will be held at the Woodmoor Barn instead of our normal meeting place, Big Red. Big Red will be hosting the District 38 Art Fair next Saturday (our members are welcome). We will need to be out or the Barn not later than 930.

Upcoming events are:

- April 11 - Club Meeting Held at Woodmoor Barn **Not** Big Red Next Week
- April 11 - District 38 Art Fair At Big Red
- April 14 - Happy Hour at Goat Patch Brewery 4 p.m.
- April 16 - Konnectors at Goat Patch Brewery 5:30 p.m.

March Madness Home Stretch

Larry Young updated our March Madness competition. There was a big change as we head into the final weekend. After the first weekend, Bill Keaelin was the leader, but he's dropped all the way back to 10th place and Pete (no, Pete loudly told us, it's Vickie) Peterson now has a commanding lead. Number 2 is Jack Fry, and in third is Larry Young. With 59 entries, we've raised \$295 for the Foundation through this year's competition. Good luck to UConn and Michigan, and congratulations to the Illini and Arizona for making a great Final Four.





SLP Notes

Mike Luginbuhl spoke about SLP initiatives. Lewis Palmer Middle School will be having two more activities for its Builders' Club. A sign-up sheet was passed around for learning alongside students, from 7:45-10:30 am and 11:30-1:30 on Wednesday, April 22, and the same times on May 6th for finals assistance. Call Mike if you missed the sign-up.



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Colorado Springs Club Car Show

Jim Wolf reminded us that the Colorado Springs Kiwanis Club will hold their annual Car Show on May 16th at Fountain’s Metcalf Park. Scan the QR code to register your car in the show.

Birthdays

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

Birthdays 28 MAR – 3 APR 2026



Happy Birthday

Dean Snow

APR 4th

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On Apr 4th in HISTORY

- **Founding of Microsoft (1975):** Bill Gates and Paul Allen established Microsoft in Albuquerque, New Mexico, forever changing the world of personal computing.
- **Formation of NATO (1949):** Twelve nations signed the North Atlantic Treaty in Washington, D.C., creating the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for collective military defense.
- **Hank Aaron's Milestone (1974):** Baseball legend Hank Aaron tied Babe Ruth's record of 714 career home runs.



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Humor

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

A young cowboy from Montana goes off to college.

Half way through the semester, having foolishly squandered all his money he calls home.

"Dad," he says, "You won't believe what modern education is developing! They actually have a program here in University that will teach our dog, Ole' Blue how to talk!"

"That's amazing," his Dad says. "How do I get Ole' Blue in that program?"

"Just send him down here with \$1,000" the young cowboy says "and I'll get him in the course."

So, his father sends the dog and \$1,000.

About two-thirds of the way through the semester, the money again runs out. The boy calls home.

"So how's Ole' Blue doing son?" his father asks.

"Awesome, Dad, he's talking up a storm," he says, "but you just won't believe this -- they've had such good results they have started to teach the animals how to read!"

"Read!?" says his father, "No kidding! How do we get Blue in that program?"

"Just send \$2,500, I'll get him in the class." The money promptly arrives. But the young lad has a problem. At the end of the year, his father will find out the dog can neither talk, nor read.

So he shoots the dog.

When he arrives home at the end of the year, his father is all excited.

"Where's Ole' Blue? I just can't wait to see him read something and talk!"

"Dad," the boy says, "I have some grim news. Yesterday morning, just before we left to drive home, Ole' Blue was in the living room, kicked back in the recliner, reading the Wall Street Journal, like he usually does".

"Then Ole' Blue turned to me and asked, so, is your daddy still messing around with that little redhead who lives down the street?"

The father went white and exclaimed, "I hope you shot that lying dog before he talks to your Mother!"

"I sure did, Dad!"

"That's my boy!"



Happy Bucks



Rich Strom had four happy quarters (Kathy is watching his spending) for the great picture of the winners of the Stars of Tomorrow in the most recent edition of Our Community News. Rich also had a special thanks to Bob Harrigan ensuring OCN and other publications continue covering Kiwanis activities.



Greg Bielanski had a happy buck for the upcoming Soap Box derby competition (set for the first weekend in June). Greg could use some help in building a second car. Brad's House has been helping in supporting Soap Box Derby.

Greg is looking for some volunteer help to refurbish two Derby cars. He is able to take care of one and is looking for someone to help with a second car. No great mechanical skill is needed and he will help advise. The work is done over 5 days in April and May with the actual Derby in early June. Please contact Greg if you would like to help with this project (719-761-1875 or gbielanski@msn.com).



RF Smith had a happy buck for the crew of Artemus II, which launched a couple of days ago, heading for the first moon mission in decades.



Ed Tomlinson had an update on our golf program. We have 32 members signed up to play. We'll begin practice rounds April 14th at Pine Creek to establish handicaps.



Weekly 50-50 Drawing

\$78 was up for grabs in the 50-50 drawing this week, with 6 chips in the bag. Larry Young had the right ticket, but no luck.

Program

Colorado Youth Outdoors

Marty Trujillo

Scribe: RF Smith



We were joined Saturday by Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant Martin L. Trujillo, who is the Southeast Executive Director of Colorado Youth Outdoors. Marty is a 30-year Marine Corps veteran (1987-2017) with

extensive experience all things outdoors. He has been affiliated with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife SE Regional Office for the past six years. A dedicated volunteer, he serves as a Safari Club International board member and is the co-chair of El Pomar's Hispanic Advisory Council.

Marty started by giving us a little background on the start of CYO, celebrating their 25th anniversary this year. Created in 2001 in Fort Collins, CYO is a nonprofit organization that aims to bring kids and parents closer through traditional outdoor recreation. The program was initially centered around Swift Ponds, an area of repurposed water reclamation ponds southeast of Ft Collins. The land and ponds were donated to CYO where they moved their headquarters in 2014. The area supports all manner of outdoor activities including fishing, hunting, a firearms range, archery range, and education facilities. In 2024, CYO expanded to the Colorado Springs area, centering their activities around the Venetucci Farms area near Security-Widefield. Marty was selected to be the Southeast Executive Director in 2024.

Marty outlined the process by which CYO tackles one of the biggest contemporary challenges in American society—bonding families together. The CYO model is Participate, Appreciate, Communicate, Dedicate. The process starts with simple Participation, a parent and child attending to learn what activities are available, choosing something of mutual interest, and learning to work as a team. Next comes the Appreciate phase, discovering what true success really is and learning to be grateful for each other's mutual support. Then comes Communicate where, through outdoor activities, both parent and child learn to listen actively and share in a positive manner, giving feedback without fear. Finally, the Dedicate phase involves a commitment to continue to work and play together outdoors and to support others with similar needs and goals.

The CYO program relies on volunteer mentors, folks like Kiwanians, who have a passion for the outdoors and are willing to share. Expertise is not required and in many cases, Marty says, both mentor and those being mentored learn from each other through the program of experience. Teamwork is the emphasis: "The more people you lift, the higher the team climbs." One of the key objectives is to celebrate all ideas, nurturing creativity and focusing not necessarily on the task but on the process—Participate, Appreciate, Communicate, Dedicate. Working together as a team develops trust which extends into the everyday relationship between family members.

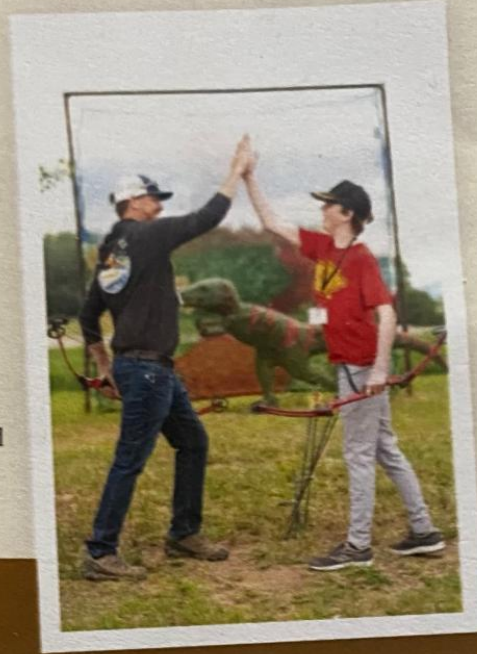


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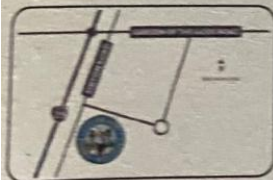
We are committed to making our programs accessible to all families. Scholarships are available.

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LOCATION

Most classes are taught at:
Colorado Parks and Wildlife
4255 Sinton Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80907

Venetucci Farms
5354 US-85, Colorado Springs, CO 80911



CYO teaches fly tying, spin and fly fishing, survival/orienteering skills, small bore, trap shooting and archery.

We teach CORE in the spring, summer and fall; each session is one night a week for 12 weeks. Classes taught on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. See class specifics on our website.

While you're learning and honing skills, we build in discussions and activities around relationships using our PACD model: **Participate. Appreciate. Communicate. Dedicate.**

After discovering dedicated time together at Colorado Youth Outdoors, we proudly connect you with other trusted outdoor organizations in the Pikes Peak Region to continue your exploration and adventures. Your journey into the outdoors is just beginning—let us help you take the next step!

You'll find it's time well spent!

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The CYO is continuing to expand, taking on four times the clientele as when they started. In 2025, they served two classes of 15 pairs over three semesters and in 2026 they will be providing some 3-day intensive exposure programs. Their curriculum spans the outdoor activities gamut, fly tying, fishing, BB and shotgun training, archery, and hunting. Their program encourages support of Colorado Parks and Wildlife through use and licensing. The CYO program has benefitted from over 2,000 volunteer hours to impact over 500 individuals and 100 families. Marty assured us that, even those who can't catch fish can be successful volunteers with CYO.

Thank you, Marty, for your service to our country and for your continued service to our youth.

The video of today's meeting is at this link: https://youtu.be/L9DX_e8oA20

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