

February 4, 2015

Rocky Mountaineers Second Annual Ski Day is a great success!

The Rocky Mountaineers Second Annual Ski Day on January 29 was a great success. We met in the morning at the base on the Mary Jane side of Winter Park and were joined by Doug Laraby, who is a professional forester and Director of Planning for the Winter Park Resort. The weather report wasn't too terrific for the day, but for the second year in a row, it turned out to be just an absolutely fabulous day with lots of sun, no wind, and very comfortable temperatures. The snow was excellent packed powder and the main runs had all been groomed with an inch or two of fresh snow. It was uncommon to have no wind at the top of Panoramic Express, which at 12,000' is one of the highest elevation high-speed six packs in North America. We skied off this lift most of the day and enjoyed great runs together.

After a great morning of skiing, the group met together in the new Lunch Rock Restaurant, which just opened this year. It is a great addition to Winter Park and provides a first class place to take a break and have a bowl of soup on the Mary Jane side. In the afternoon, it was back to the slopes for several hours of great skiing. Most of the group stayed for some refreshments at the lodge and felt lucky to have this day of skiing with Rocky Mountaineer friends. A couple folks from Fort Collins didn't connect up with the group until late in the day but had a good day anyway.

Thanks to Bjorn Dahl for organizing this year's ski day again and to Winter Park for their support of our Rocky Mountaineers group.



Photo outside the Lunch Rock Restaurant with Parry's Peak in the distant background

L-R	Dan Nolan	Ed Ryberg	Ken Kowynia	Bernie Weingardt	Jim Thinnes	Tom Thompson	
	Jim Lawrence	Lynne Larsen	Marti Dahl	Bjorn Dahl	Susan Gray	Cindy Dean	Glen Hetzel