

April 23, 1989

## Midwest Morris Ale in Exile

Congratulations,

You are now officially registered for the 1989 Midwest Morris Ale, and privy to all privileges and appurtenances thereto. Specifically, everyone who requested a bed will get one. And furthermore, we even enclose directions so you can find the place. So far, everything has been going well; we have 110 registrants from Ann Arbor to Portland, and are expecting 50 to 80 more before our May 1 deadline. Touring will largely be in Boulder both days (only 5300 feet!), and thanks to a mid-April donation, you will be enjoying an improved menu and wine with your dinners. Now, a few notes about the Ale.

Camp: As the camp is at 8500 feet, you can expect some gorgeous views and some cool weather. The cabins are all wood-heated and are not heavily insulated; consequently, if the fire goes out at night, temperatures can drop as low as 40 degrees inside. This means you should bring warm clothes for the evening and an appropriately warm sleeping bag. At the camp, bedding is not provided, so please remember to bring your own sleeping bag.

If you are planning on smoking, bring a parka, as the only place one is allowed to smoke is outside (the camp is old and wooden). There are also no pets allowed. Otherwise, be prepared for most anything; mountain weather is notoriously erratic. It may be a balmy 80 degrees or a frigid forty, or each on succeeding days. However, Memorial Day weekend has typically been one of the nicest weekends of the year, with temp's in the high 70's.

Arrival: the camp will be open at 1:00 pm on Friday, and will close at noon on Monday. Friday night, we will provide a heavy hors d'oeuvres/ light supper type meal, because there are no restaurants closer than Boulder. If you arrive early and would like supper before you go up to the camp, Boulder does have more restaurants per capita than most anywhere else in the US.

If you are flying in and for some reason you are not met, our main depot will be at Steve Winograd's house at 1810 Pine in Boulder. Give him a call at 447-8578 and we will work something out.

Altitude sickness: At the various workshops and Ales we have held in Colorado, we have yet to have a problem with this. However, as there is always a first time, we recommend that you bring some aspirin along, as that will help alleviate the problem. If anyone gets really woozy, we will have bottled oxygen at the camp.

Otherwise, plan on having a great time. And we will be seeing you soon. Aloha.

*James Louvett*



## Workshops, Mass Dances, and Other Notes

### WORKSHOPS:

The workshops that will happen (because we have leaders for them) are: Border Morris, Fooling, Beer Making and Tasting, Pipe and Tabor playing, Folk Singing, Beginning English Clog and a social dance class in tango or jitterbug. Workshops that people expressed interest in, but that are lacking leaders are: Cotswold Morris (doesn't someone have an exotic tradition they want to teach?), Rapper (beginning and experienced), and Experienced English Clog. Workshops will be 1 hour, but can be combined into a 2 hour session if desired.

If you are interested in leading one of these rudderless workshops, or have an idea for a better one (and want to lead it!) please note it on the registration form or drop us (James and Sharon LaTourrette, see registration form for address) a note.

### BEER MAKING AND TASTING:

In order to make the home brewing workshop a tastier experience, we encourage all brewers to bring a sample of their beer(s).

### MASS DANCES

The mass dances are relatively unchanged from last year, being: Winster Processional, Soldier-O Processional (written by Ed Stern, Minnesota Traditional Morris), Bonny Green Garters (Bampton), Lads A-Bunchum (Adderbury), Step and Fetch Her (Bampton), Young Collins (Bledington), William and Nancy (Bledington), Waltzing Matilda (Fieldtown), Blue-Eyed Stranger (Headington) and The Lollipop Man (Ducklington), back by popular demand. In Bacon, you will find this last dance hiding under the alias "Boys of the Bunch". If you need music or notes for any of these dances, please note it on the registration form or drop us a note, but everything except Soldier-O is in Bacon.

The official musical key of the 1989 Midwest Morris Ale is G. As usual, we'll have a mass dance practice Friday night, and a musicians meeting Saturday morning.

### CONTRA DANCE

We have the nucleus of a contra band, but will need some more musicians to help fill it out and fill in during the evening. If you are interested in playing, please add your name to the list on the registration form.

### PARTIAL TEAMS

If you are unable to bring a full side, we'll try to match you up with another partial side. In order to do this, we need to know what traditions you dance, and if you are bringing a musician. If there is a side you would prefer to dance with, just let us know. Please attach this information to the registration form.

### SKIT NIGHT

Sunday night traditionally has featured live entertainment by various teams. Samples of past acts include skits, takeoffs on morris dances, etc. Any team that wants to contribute to the fun is welcome; just get in touch with the MC on or before Sunday night.



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## • How to get to Gold Hill •

Gold Hill does not appear on many state maps of Colorado, so these instructions are important to get you there. There will be a staging spot, with coffee and refreshments, at Steve Winograd's house in Boulder (1810 Pine Street: see hand on map), and if you arrive on Friday afternoon you can recuperate before the mountain roads, and perhaps pick up a few airplane travellers if you have room. These instructions are in two parts: getting you from where you are now to Steve's, and getting from Steve's to Gold Hill. You may, of course, cruise right on up to Gold Hill by simply not stopping at his house. There are teams from all over the country coming to the 1989 Midwest Morris Ale in Gold Hill, so these directions are modular. Start at the point which best matches where you are.

*From the Midwest, Route 80:* Get to I-80 and drive West. Leave plenty of time to make the trip: road atlases often have time-estimate charts, but check to see if they are assuming a 55 or 65 mph speed limit. You can drive 65 pretty much the whole way. A note about Nebraska: Nebraska is a much longer state than is really necessary. If you plan your trip right, you can pass through it at night. To make it seem shorter, take out a pencil and divide Nebraska into six smaller states. Celebrate whenever you cross a border! Just past Ogalalla, get on I-76 which leads to Denver, and cross the state line. You may now say "We're in Colorado, where are the mountains?" You'll get enough mountain driving later. By the time you reach Fort Morgan you should be able to see the front range peaks in the distance. As you approach Denver, take the exit to Boulder on Route 7, and drive through the scenic towns of Brighton and Lafayette. Follow the signs for route 7, which will eventually turn into Arapahoe avenue in Boulder. At Folsom (which substitutes for 25th street) turn right, then left on Pine. Find 1810.

*From the Midwest, Route 70:* Drive on 70 towards Denver. Take the 270 by-pass North of town. As you approach I-25, think quickly, as the following happens rather fast: take the turn-off for Boulder and Cheyenne, and after turning get in the left lane, and take the left turn off (over the bridge) for Boulder (Route 36). You do not want to end up on I-25. Route 36 runs all the way to Boulder, where it becomes 28th street. Turn left on Arapahoe or Canyon, turn right on Folsom, and left onto Pine. Find 1810.

*From the West, I-25:* From Salt Lake City there are two routes to the Denver area. It looks longer to go on I-80 through Wyoming, but as this route is flatter, it is a shorter drive in terms of hours on the road. Take I-80 to Laramie Wyoming, and take 287 to Fort Collins. Jog over to I-25, and head South. As you approach Denver, take the exit on Route 7, and drive through the scenic towns of Brighton and Lafayette. Follow the signs for route 7, which will eventually turn into Arapahoe avenue in Boulder. At Folsom (which substitutes for 25th street) turn right, then left on Pine. Find 1810.

*From the West, I-70:* Even though it takes longer, I-70 is far more scenic than I-80 and you may want to take it in one direction or the other if there's time (and if your car can handle the grades). Take I-70 over the mountains, and after passing through the Eisenhower tunnel, watch for Route 6 to Golden. (Route 6 crosses I-70 several times, check your map to see which intersection you want.) You will wind down Clear Creek Canyon. As you exit the canyon into Golden, bear *right* onto route 58, which turns into a four-lane highway. Take the first exit on the right. Turn left at the top of the ramp (on 93), and drive the 20 miles to Boulder. 93 turns into Broadway, stick with it until you pass through the old downtown. Two blocks after the Pearl Street pedestrian mall is Pine, turn right and look for 1810.



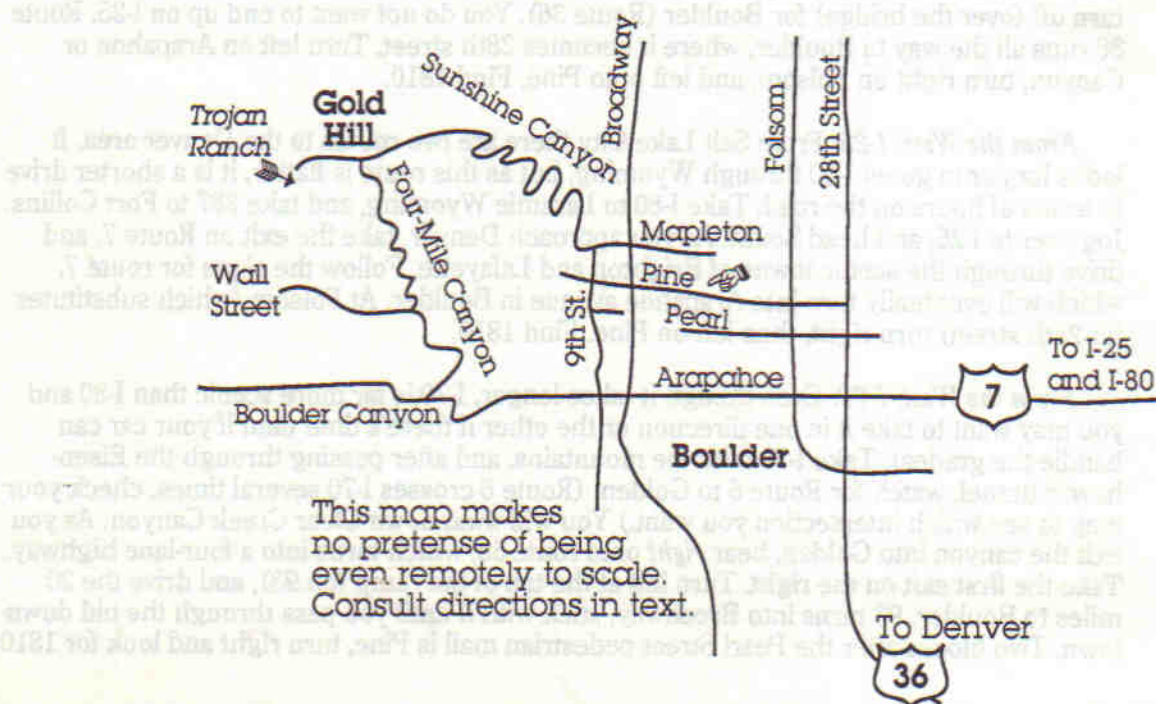
**From the Airport:** Ask at the rental car place for directions to get on Quebec, heading North to I-270. you will be taking 270 West, the exit from Quebec to 270 is from the left lane. As you approach I-25, think quickly, as the following happens rather fast. Take the turn-off for Boulder and Cheyenne, and after turning get in the left lane, and take the left turn off (over the bridge) for Boulder (Route 36). You do not want to end up on I-25. 36 runs all the way to Boulder, where it becomes 28th street. Turn left on Pine Street, and look for 1810.

### *From Boulder to Gold Hill*

There are two ways to Gold Hill from Boulder, you have your choice. *Sunshine Canyon* is shorter, but a bit more challenging for first-time mountain drivers. *Four-mile Canyon* is a bit longer, but has grades which are a bit less steep, and dramatic canyon scenery.

**Sunshine Canyon.** Head West on Arapahoe, Canyon or Pine street until you reach 9th. Turn right (North) and drive to Mapleton avenue, at the top of a hill. Turn left (West) onto the divided street. Continue West on Mapleton, and it will eventually turn right and start climbing the mountains into Sunshine Canyon. Keep driving about twelve miles along a winding road, which becomes unpaved part way along. Eventually you will descend into Gold Hill, and meet the Four-mile Canyon road from Licksillet Gulch. Drive straight through town, and pass to the left of the Volunteer Fire Department. You will leave town, and after half a mile, see the Trojan Ranch on the left.

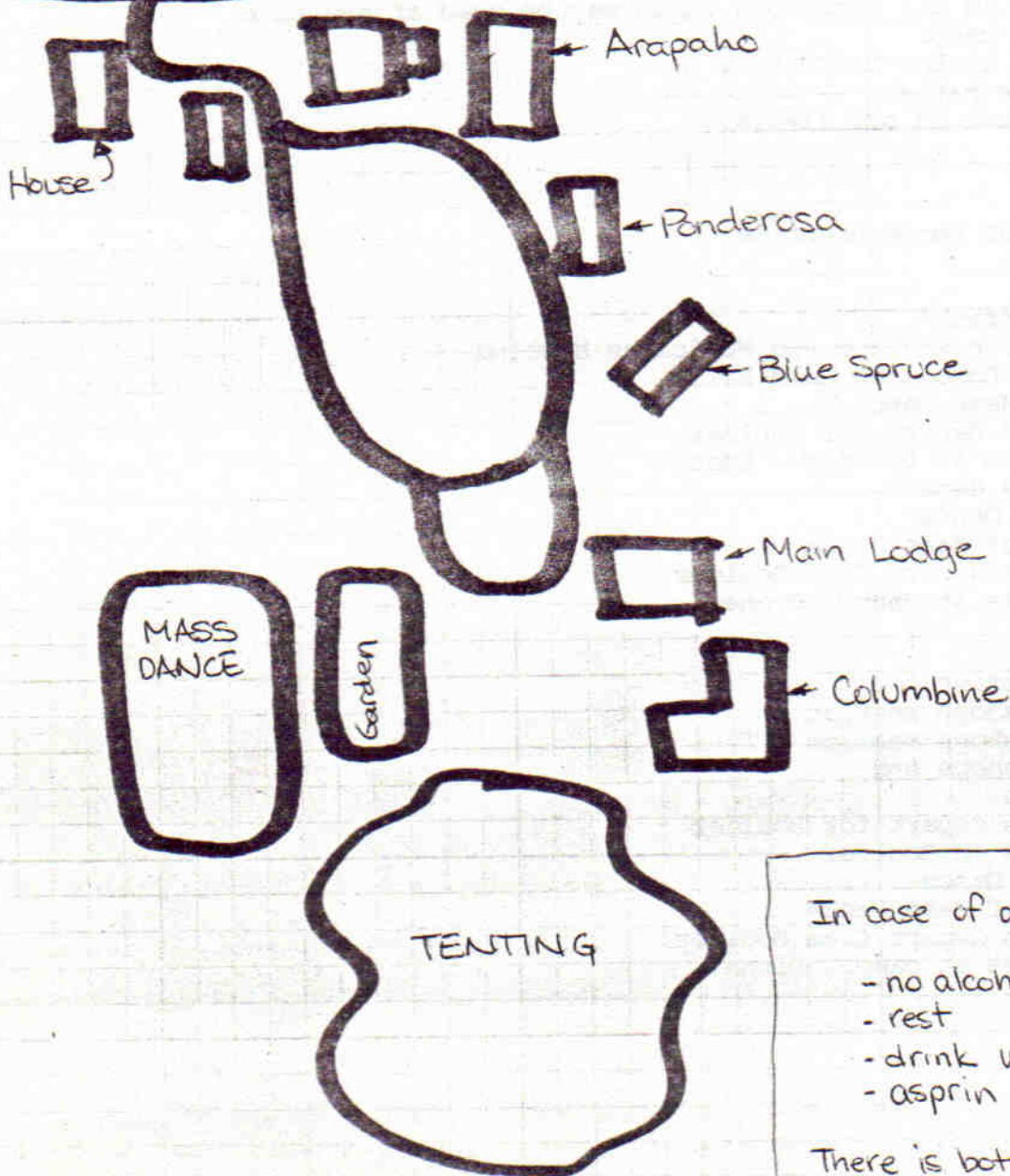
**Four-mile Canyon:** Head West on Canyon (a few blocks South of Pine), out of town into the Boulder Canyon. At about four miles, take the Four-mile Canyon road to the right towards Gold Hill. You will pass a turn-off to Wall Street, and continue climbing. When you reach Gold Hill, the road comes to a "T". Head left through town, and pass to the left of the Volunteer Fire Department. You will leave town, and after half a mile, see the Trojan Ranch on the left.



# TROJAN RANCH

PARKING

to Gold Hill  
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In case of altitude sickness:

- no alcoholic beverages
- rest
- drink water
- aspirin

There is bottled oxygen  
if anyone gets really  
woozy.



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### Camp Rules

1. Please conserve water. Use the porta-potties whenever possible.
2. No paper in the toilets, including toilet paper.
3. Only shower during the allowed shower times or there won't be enough water for the cooks to cook!

### Shower Hours

before 7:00 AM  
10:30 - 11:00 AM  
1:30 - 6:00 PM  
after 9 PM

The shower in the Ponderosa Cabin may be used at any time.

4. No pets in camp.
5. No smoking in the buildings.
6. Stay on the paths.
7. Swimming pool is off limits.

### Schedule

#### Friday

10:00 PM Mass Dance practice

#### Saturday

8 - 9 Breakfast  
8:30 Squires Meeting and Musicians Meeting  
9:30 Mass Dances at Gold Hill  
10:30 End Mass Dance  
11:00 Buses depart for Boulder  
12:00 Arrive in Boulder. Lunch  
1:00 Tours depart  
4:00 Mass Dance  
5:45 End of Mass Dance  
6:15 Buses depart from Boulder  
7:15 Arrive at camp. Dinner.

#### Sunday

8 - 9 Breakfast  
9:30 Workshops session 1  
10:45 Workshops session 2  
11:45 Workshops end  
12:00 Lunch  
1:00 Buses depart for Boulder  
2:00 Tours in Boulder  
4:30 Mass Dance  
5:45 End of Mass Dance  
6:15 Buses depart from Boulder  
7:15 Arrive at camp. Dinner.