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# Pikes Pique

## The Newsletter of the CMC Pikes Peak Group

### Pikes Peak Group Monthly Program – October 20<sup>th</sup>

#### Bill Houghton Presents: *Browns Canyon National Monument*

Brown's Canyon: "Oh yeah, that place the rafting companies take the tourists for a ride". Why should I be interested in a river that they made into a national monument? Well... it's much more than a river that they included in the monument.



It is unfortunate that we frequently ignore those things which do not apply directly to what we like to do. This is one area that is easily overlooked. During the last several years, however, it has become apparent that the area east of the Arkansas River but west of South Park is a great place to play when it is too cold to get up in the high mountains in the

Spring or Fall. It is a significant source of mountain biking and hiking trails, and with a bit of encouragement, the national monument might include several very historic trails for us to enjoy.

With future possibilities in mind, we set out to inventory the areas of the national monument for the features and areas that are unique to the park. We started with the most accessible to Colorado Springs at Ruby Mountain and explored the Turret Trail. This gave us several very nice views of the Arkansas River. We moved to the northeast and hiked FS Trail 1435. We had to share it with the cows. They make a very distinct trail but we had to avoid the droppings. This area will be spectacular when Aspen Ridge turns in the fall. Then we went down to the southwest and hiked from Hecla Junction to Seidel's Suckhole. It was a short but lively trail to watch several kayakers try to overcome the force of nature. Next, we tackled the north border of the park on the FS Trail 1434. That gave us

a few great overviews of the park but was a disappointment to have to share it with the motorbikes. We did not have to dodge any riders but they sure left a torn up trail.



After that relative disappointment, we decided to take on the unknown and theoretically trail-less hike to Railroad Gulch. We had seen photos of the gulch, which motivated us to try it. This led to a major discovery on our part, although many have been there before us. Out of the town of Turret, we hiked down Stafford Gulch (such prosaic names) on what appeared to us to be a road. It eventually disappeared, but we pressed on down the canyon. At a very noticeable departure from the canyon floor, we climbed to greet the awesome, steep canyon walls of Railroad Gulch.

Many photos later, we retraced our steps up Stafford Gulch. We began to notice distinct traces of human intervention in some of the areas along the gulch. Then, remembering that there was a stage road between Salida and Leadville, we wondered if it served the town of Turret. It would be logical to leave the Arkansas River to climb to Turret then turn back to the river following what is now the Turret Trail (FS 6045). This becomes another area to explore with the hope that it could be rejuvenated and become a hiking trail from the north park boundary to the south.

Please join us at 6:30 on October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Mountain Chalet, 226 N Tejon, for Bill's presentation.

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Interested in serving on the Pikes Peak Group Council? Please contact the Chair.

## Welcome New PPG Members!

Alexander Leon  
Fred Markham  
Andrew Marquis  
Veronica Marquis

Kathy Palmer  
Drake Shoulta  
Paul Story  
Cheryl Walker



Allyson, Jim, Cathy, Sam, Linda, Jennifer, Barb, and Gene in Jones Park

## Instructor and Trip Leader Info

### Leaderfest – October 28<sup>th</sup>

Calling all PPG Instructors and Trip Leaders for our semi-annual information and appreciation meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., this time at Old Chicago, 4110 N Academy Blvd. On top of the usual good food, drink, and camaraderie, we're honored to have Jes Meiris as our guest speaker. Besides holding the women's speed record for climbing the Nose of El Capitan, she professionally guides and instructs on a regular basis. This year she held an outstanding instructor clinic for PPG Instructors. She'll be talking to us for a short time on how to overcome the problems trip leaders and instructors may face in dealing with participants and students. Please sign up for this event on the [CMC website](#) by clicking on the Calendar button and selecting October 2015, so we will know how much food and drink to have on hand. If you're unable to sign up come anyway, but let us know. If you're not into good food and drink or camaraderie, you must come just to hear Jes speak. We guarantee you will learn something. For additional information, contact [Chris Mattingly](#).

### Trip Leaders – Have You Led a Trip Recently?

We are approaching the end of the two-year period during which all PPG trip leaders should have led a trip. If you're one of the few that hasn't led a trip yet, you still have until December 31, 2015 to do so. For complete PPG Trip Leader Information, please click [here](#).



## CMC Council Member Profile

### SCOTT KIME



Scott on Mount Wilson

#### *What is your role in the CMC?*

I am an at-large Council member representing the Advanced Rock Climbing Program (ARCPPro), which I co-direct with Collin.

#### *What CMC activities do you teach?*

I have regularly helped with BMS Snow, Ice, Rock, WFA, and also teach in all of our ARCPPro classes: Rock Self-Rescue, Sport Climbing Clinic, Anchors and Gear, Multi-pitch Concepts, and Traditional Leading. I enjoy learning new skills and then teaching them to others.

#### *How long have you been a member?*

Since 2011, I think, when I joined with my wife Kim in order to take all the BMS classes with her.

#### *What is your career?*

I am a Family Practice physician, and have worked as an Emergency Room physician at Evans Army Hospital on Ft. Carson for the last 15 years.

#### *Favorite outdoor activities?*

Hiking (just finished the CO 14ers), climbing (rock, ice, snow), downhill skiing, mountain biking, snowshoeing, canoeing.

#### *What is your favorite local hike or local crag?*

My favorite local trail is probably the Incline and Barr Trail—for a good workout and a quick getaway into the mountains. My favorite local crag is RRCOS—I've climbed there so much it's like my back yard to me!

#### *What is your favorite place in Colorado?*

Probably Pagosa Springs—my parents had a summer home there. I love hiking in the San Juans, playing in the nearby rivers, soaking in the local hot springs, skiing Wolf Creek in the winter, and eating at Kip's. A close second would be RMNP, where I cut my outdoor teeth as a child during summer visits to my grandparent's in Longmont. I think that is where I developed my love of the Colorado mountains.

#### *What's your #1 best camp food?*

Coffee—Starbucks Via made using a JetBoil—quick, easy, and a great start to a cold morning in the mountains. I also love dark chocolate with almonds.

#### *What is your worst experience camping or climbing, where everything that could go wrong did?*

My worst experience with things going wrong was on my second 14er—San Luis Peak. After being relatively sedentary for years, I had hiked my first 14er, Pike's Peak, a short time prior, with some snow and post-holing involved, in one day up and down Barr Trail, and had some symptoms from overusing my previously injured right knee. I was hiking San Luis with my father. We took a wrong turn at an intersection and went about two miles out of the way before realizing it. When we got back to the intersection, my dad didn't feel he could make it all the way to the summit and back, and I thought that I could, so I went on ahead and he took his time hiking back to our car at the trailhead. I made it to the summit OK, but it was getting late in the day and as soon as I turned around to go down, I realized my knee was not cooperating and would give out whenever I tried to flex it and step down. I figured out that the only possible way to travel down was to keep my bum knee as straight as possible. I ended up going down the steep face of the mountain—which was covered in talus—which I could descend facing in without putting strain on my bum knee. After a thousand feet or so of that, I had to bushwhack from a different drainage and find my way back to the trail (without a GPS) and with only a small flashlight (no headlamp yet). I was in a lot of pain and in a hurry to try and find the trail before it got too dark to navigate off-trail. It was one of the hardest things I've ever had to force myself to do and made me realize how much suffering I could push myself through! I actually found the trail with barely any light left, and then made my way back to the trailhead using my little flashlight. However, when I got to where I thought our car should be, it wasn't there! I was pretty sure I was on the right road, so just kept walking (in pain) figuring that I may have misjudged the location of the car, and that the road eventually led to Creede. After a while, I saw some vehicle lights coming up the road towards me, and shortly thereafter I was in the back seat of the sheriff's car. My dad had gone back to Creede and told the sheriff that I was late in getting back and they were on their way to start a search and rescue for me. Oh well, all's well that ends well, and I learned a few things about hiking CO 14ers.

#### *What is your dream hike or dream climb?*

I would love to climb the Matterhorn in the Alps.

#### *What piece of gear have you been drooling over but can't justify buying?*

One would be the Petzl Freino carabiner—a specialty biner for lowering with a GriGri—pretty esoteric!

#### *Where are places you want to hike, or climbs you want to do this summer?*

I would like to climb Spearhead in RMNP. (Continued...)

## CMC Council Member Profile (continued)

*What outdoor activity are you just plain bad at, no matter how many times you try?*

Even though I'm good with my routine biking skills, I never got proficient at using clipless pedals on my mountain bike. I've crashed countless times when stalling out and tipping over without being able to remove my feet quickly enough, and have since given up on using that type of pedal.

*You have a free month to go anywhere in the world and hike or climb. Where would you go?*

The Alps for alpine climbing and hiking.

*Best CMC trip you've been on?*

Crestone Peak in the state, Mt. Rainier with HAMS in the U.S., and Kilimanjaro outside the U.S.

## CMC Member Discounts



Another place to save money on your outdoor equipment! Mountain Equipment Recyclers at 1024 S Tejon is now offering CMC members a 10% discount on your purchase. Plus you can get cash back by selling your used equipment. Check them out at [merecyclers.com](http://merecyclers.com).

## Conservation Corner

### Lovell Gulch – Trail Improvement

It looks like fall is slow in arriving, so how about working in a day of stewardship before heading out to the aspen? This Saturday, [September 19](#), your Pikes Peak Group will be realigning part of the Lovell Gulch trail near Woodland Park. No experience is needed; we will provide all the tools and training you will need. Non-CMC members are welcome. If you can't sign up for this month, our final workday of the year will be [October 17](#). Contact [Tom Mowle](#), 719-216-3932.



Lovell Gulch Day 1

### Fountain Creek Watershed – “Creek Week”

Saturday 9/26 through Sunday 10/4 is the annual “Creek Week” for the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District. Last year, nearly seven tons of litter and debris (including old tires, a water gun, rugs, and shopping carts) were collected by volunteers. Creek Week aims to foster stewardship, raise awareness of our waterways, and make the area cleaner and safer for all to enjoy. [Register online](#). Youth aged 17 and under may participate with at least one supervising adult 21+ years. For event questions, please contact Creek Week Chair [Allison Plute](#), 719-668-4686.

### Palmer Lake – Noxious Weed Removal

Palmer Lake is continuing to work on removing escaped ornamentals and other invasive plants from town, and the area around the Palmer Reservoir Trailhead and the lower reservoir. Their workdays are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays through October, meeting at 8 a.m. at the Palmer Lake town hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Contact [Phyllis Head](#) for more information.

### Garden Park Fossil Area – Trail Construction

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, a statewide volunteer outdoor stewardship nonprofit, has an awesome upcoming volunteer opportunity near Cañon City October 17-18. Volunteers will do an overnight project working on trail construction at the beautiful and historic Garden Park Fossil Area near Cañon City. Volunteers will construct a new trail in Garden Park to help expand access for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrian users in the area. [Learn more and register here](#). Free to participate; no experience necessary; minimum age: 16. Meals and camping provided.

## PPG Classes

### **Pikes Peak WFA (Wilderness First Aid)**

Starts October 8, 2015

This sixteen hour ECSI accredited course consists of instruction devoted to medical evaluation and treatment in the wilderness setting where definitive medical care is not readily available. Two evening presentations on the variety of situations you might encounter in the backcountry and wilderness areas followed by a full day of practical, hands-on training in the field make up this course. This course satisfies a requirement for trip leaders. The classroom sessions are on 8 and 15 October from 6:30p to 9:30p. The field session is on 17 October from 8:00a to 3:00p. A comprehensive textbook is included and you will receive your WFA card. Note: This course does not teach CPR, which is taught in a separate two-hour class (with separate sign up required) right after the WFA course. For details, please contact [Paul Schoell](#).

### Winter 2015-2016 Classes & Clinics

Have you looked on in awe as each winter the CMC schedule turns to trips geared toward snow skills? Have you wanted to gain the skills to safely join in on this fun? Now is the time. This winter and spring we are again preparing a fantastic lineup of classes and clinics to build new skills and even enhance your existing skills. The instructors are certified Trip Leaders and have been through PSIA, AIARE and other related instructor training. Take a look at what's coming as this is an unbeatable deal. The classes include a fee, but the clinics are free to members. All field sessions are scheduled CMC trips and follow CMC trip guidelines. Class sign-up is already available online for everything listed below.

### **Pikes Peak CPR Training**

October 17, 2015

Knowing CPR can be life-saving! If you never had CPR training or it's been a while, this two-hour American Heart Association accredited training is for you. It includes the latest classroom instruction and hands-on training in CPR/AED for the Adult/Child/Infant (choking conscious and unconscious). This class satisfies a requirement for trip leaders. A CPR card good for two years will be issued upon completion. For details, please contact [Paul Schoell](#).

### **Pikes Peak Group HAMS**

Starts October 28, 2015

The Pikes Peak Group High Altitude Mountaineering School will start in October. This is a course designed for those climbers who want to go beyond the 14ers to take on high altitude (15,000' plus) and glaciated mountains. Classroom sessions will take place on 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 12/2, and 12/9, and include such topics as equipment, medical concerns, nutrition and menu planning, fitness and training, organizing an expedition, and group dynamics. Field sessions will be CMC trips conducted in January and February. Completion of Basic Mountaineering School (all modules) or equivalent, plus experience putting those skills into practice in the field are prerequisites for the course. Contact [Greg Long](#) to verify pre-requisites and receive a passcode.

### **Pikes Peak Hut to Hut Clinic**

December 3, 2015

Colorado has many huts which offer a warm, cozy environment for those cold winter nights. Knowing how to reserve a hut space and how to get there are key to a successful hut trip. In one evening session, which is free and open to everyone, you will learn about the principles, processes, planning, and particulars of a hut trip. There will also be an optional day trip to a hut on 5 December for those that want to get that first-hand experience of winter navigation and seeing what the inside of a typical hut looks like. Although we will not spend the night at the hut, your experience on this trip will prepare you for that future hut adventure. For details, please contact [Paul Schoell](#).

### **Skate Ski Clinic**

December 5, 2015

Learn the basics of this wonderful Nordic Center sport seen in the Winter Olympics. It is incredibly aerobic and can take years to master. However, one session can show you the basics. To quote the instructor, "Balance is key!" This clinic is great for those new to the sport or those who are just beginning to build their skills to the intermediate level. This year's lesson will be a half day of either beginner or intermediate field lessons. The clinic is free, however there is a small fee for your Nordic pass and rentals if you need them. For details and to sign up, please contact Denise and Dan Snow at 719-687-9576.

### **Snowshoe and Backcountry Ski Class**

Starts January 4, 2016

Learn the gear, maintenance, safety, and entry-level techniques for either or both of these sports. Snowshoeing is the entry into the winter wonderland for many people and a common activity in the winter schedule. BC skiing is a great way to enjoy the wilderness with a little more skill and finesse. Both are a wonderful way of beating the ever-rising resort lift ticket fees and crowds. There are two classroom sessions and one field session for the snowshoe class and two classroom and three field sessions for the BC Ski class. The cost is \$20 for the snowshoe class and \$60 for BC Ski class. There are rental costs if you don't own the gear and a trail pass for one day at a Nordic Center for the BC Ski class. The snowshoe classroom dates are 04 and 06 Jan, and the field date is 09 Jan. The BC Ski classroom dates are 04 and 07 Jan, and the field dates are 10, 17, and 24 Jan. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. For class details, please contact [Eric Hunter](#).



## PPG Classes (continued)

### Avalanche Level 1 Class

Starts January 26, 2016

This is the level of avalanche training now required for HAMS and BMS students. This is also a great level of knowledge for those who have only completed Introduction to Avalanches in the past. This course will teach you about proper gear, proper route selection, and making safe decisions by providing an understanding of terrain, snow pack, weather, and triggers. You will practice evaluating terrain, doing a beacon search, probing and digging for a "victim," and digging evaluation pits. This is the course to make all the other winter activities safer. Classroom dates are 26 and 28 Jan. The field sessions are 30 and 31 Jan. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. The cost for this class is \$150. For class details, please contact [Eric Hunter](#).

### Technical Ice Climbing School (TICS)

Starts January 27, 2016

Have you been ice climbing easy routes for a few seasons since your BMS Ice Climbing module and wondered what's next? Have you seen some of the annual Ouray Festival clips and wondered about mixed routes or leading? Have you thought you just don't possibly own enough gear yet and want to get even more? Here is your chance. Come to Ouray for an event sure to improve your ice climbing skills as well as adding to your skills with leading and anchor building knowledge. Some gear purchasing is required for this course. The classroom session is on 27 Jan. The weekend Ouray trip is 06-07 Feb. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. The cost for this class is \$175. For class details and to sign up, please contact [Grant Wilson](#).

### Basic Mountaineering School (BMS) – Ice Climbing

Starts February 1, 2016

This is the continuation of the 2015 BMS series. Completing this course will be the completion of BMS certification for many students this year. Congratulations! This course has a pre-requisite of BMS Rock Climbing or proven skills similar to those provided by that class. Classroom dates are 01 and 03 Feb. The field session is 07 Feb. There will be an optional extra trip to Ouray on 13-15 Feb. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. The cost for this class is \$70. Going on the optional overnight trip will include additional hotel and travel expenses. For class details and to sign up, please contact [Dave Anderson](#).

### Intermediate Ice Climbing School

Starts February 8, 2016

Have you only completed BMS Ice and are not quite ready for TICS yet? Have you wanted to improve your skills before taking an advanced class and just need more time on the ice with supervision and direction while developing what you have already learned? Come to this class to improve your ice climbing skills to a level making you ready for an advanced class. Some gear purchasing is required for this course. The classroom session is on 08 Feb. The weekend Ouray trip is 13-14 Feb. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. The cost for this class is \$150. For class details and to sign up, please contact [Kristen Buckland](#).

### Winter Wilderness Survival Skills Class

Starts February 24, 2016

So now you have learned from the other classes how to get out and play in the winter wilderness, but what do you do if you get stuck out there for the night? This course will discuss the gear requirements and concepts of survival in the winter wilderness of Colorado. We will then spend a night in the wilderness to put those concepts to practice. We will build several types of winter shelters and you will have the chance to spend the night in them using just what you carry on a winter day trip, or a bit more if you are concerned. The classroom session is on 24 Feb. The overnight is 27-28 Feb. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. The cost for this class is \$40. For class details, please contact [Eric Hunter](#).

## Where's Waldo?



Come join us at the Waldo Waldo 5K fun run & walk! We will have an exhibit set up all day to spread the word about the CMC. Stop by and say hi after you run/walk for a good cause!

The Waldo Waldo 5K is a Colorado Springs family-friendly 5K walk & fun run fundraiser. Registration comes with a Waldo or Wenda costume kit (characters from the popular

"Where's Waldo?" children's books) and the net proceeds generated are donated to local nonprofits that align with our mission.

The run was first set up in 2012 as a response to the Waldo Canyon Fire. Our mission is to bring people together, have fun and raise money for supporting natural disaster and fire recovery efforts, outdoor activities, and trails and open space maintenance in Colorado Springs and the surrounding community. Since 2012 we've had thousands of participants dressed as Waldo or Wenda, and raised over \$100,000 for local nonprofits.

## October PPG Trips

### Leader's Choice 13er

Saturday, 10/3/2015

Moderate C

Leader: Christie Lee, 719-635-2336, [Christie80905@gmail.com](mailto:Christie80905@gmail.com)

Details: Exploration hike leaving Red Rocks Safeway at 4:30 a.m. Call leader for signup and details.

### Lovell Gulch Trail Project #3

Saturday, 10/17/2015

Moderate

Leader: Thomas Mowle, 719-216-3932, [tommowle@yahoo.com](mailto:tommowle@yahoo.com)

Trail Mileage 1.5, Elevation Gain 200. Location: North of Woodland Park. Details: Trail work. Open to the public. Ages 16+; under 18 must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Day hike. Bring your lunch. This year and next, the Pikes Peak Group will be helping the National Forest with maintenance on Lovell Gulch Trail #706 near Woodland Park. We will be slightly rerouting sections of the trail into a more sustainable alignment, rehabilitating eroded areas on the current trail, and providing better signage. Volunteers will have a short hike to the work area. Volunteers must bring work clothes and gloves, water, snacks, sunscreen, and hat. If you are a CMC member, please log on to register. Once the project is full, we will not be able to accommodate any additional volunteers unless additional leaders and tools are recruited. This is for safety's sake—to retain a safe crew leader to volunteer ratio—and due to the number of tools available. Please cancel if needed to make room for others, and join the wait list if the trip is full. Notes: More workdays will be scheduled in 2016

### Dry Lakes

Saturday, 10/17/2015

Moderate C

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-273-1018, [ehunter67@yahoo.com](mailto:ehunter67@yahoo.com)

Trail Mileage 10, Elevation Gain 3000, Driving Distance 160. Location: Sangre de Cristo Wilderness, near Westcliffe, CO. Details: This steep trail leads to four picturesque lakes nestled between Horn Peak and Little Horn Peak in the Sangre de Cristos. Beautiful views of the Wet Mountain Valley can be seen along this route, unmatched in its remoteness and beauty.

### Macey Lakes

Saturday, 10/24/2015

Moderate C

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-273-1018, [ehunter67@yahoo.com](mailto:ehunter67@yahoo.com)

Trail Mileage 14, Elevation Gain 2800, Driving Distance 160. Location: Sangre de Cristo Wilderness, near Westcliffe, CO. Details: Come see the magnificent views of Copperstain Cliff, Macey Falls and Macey Lakes nestled between Colony Baldy and Little Baldy Mountain in the Sangre de Cristos. This is one of the more picturesque places close to home with little population on the trails. Nothing comes this close to simple beauty in the wilderness.

### First Aid Fun Hike

Saturday, 10/24/2015

Easy A

Leader: Tad McClurg, 719-522-0530, [tad1642@msn.com](mailto:tad1642@msn.com)

Trail Mileage 4, Elevation Gain 250. Location: We will meet at the Black Forest Fire Department's Station 1 located at 11445 Teachout Road, Colorado Springs, CO near the corner of Black Forest Rd and Burgess Rd at 0730. Details: This trip is half hike and half first aid review. This is not a recert for your WFA, but a chance to refresh some of what you learned during your WFA class (required). This is the first trip of this type that I have held and will be a bit of a learning experience for the trip leaders and participants. We will quickly review patent assessment and then travel a mile down the road to a county park. We will then walk the four mile loop while having first aid scenarios and general discussion. I expect to be done by 12:00. Please bring snacks and water. Also, please bring the gear that you would carry for a full day of hiking in the backcountry so that we may discuss how to use your equipment to care for your patient. This event is limited to six participants. Please contact the leader to register.

### PPG New Member Orientation Hike at RRCOS

Saturday, 10/31/2015

Easy A

Leader: Dean Waits, 719-445-0263, [dwaits24@gmail.com](mailto:dwaits24@gmail.com)

Trail Mileage 3, Elevation Gain 500. Details: We will go for a short hike in the Red Rock Canyon Open Space and then meet at the Gazebo to review the PPG New Member Orientation materials and answer questions. Guests are welcome, so bring a friend. We will be done by noon.



To register for classes or trips,  
go to [www.cmc.org](http://www.cmc.org)



## The Colorado Trail

The Colorado Trail (CT) continues to draw hikers from all over the US as well as the world. It is about 567 miles from Denver to Durango, with 33 segments of varying length, which works well for segment hikers.



For a week in August it had the full attention of Dean Waits, leader, Glenn Barr and Darrell Manceaux from Texas as they backpacked 65 miles from Twin Lakes to the Angel of Shavano TH. This part is known as the Collegiate East as it traverses near and over a few saddles of the Collegiate peaks.

The group encountered folks from Maine, Kentucky, faces from places unknown, hikers with pack mules, horseback day riders, bicycle racers heading to Durango, through-hikers, and of course a few afternoon showers and elevation gain of 13,400 and loss of 13,550.

A lot of the folks were doing the Collegiate East/West Loop, a newly opened route combining both sections of about 160 miles between Twin Lakes and Monarch Pass. The West Loop is a higher route as it travels with much of the CDT along the Continental Divide.

The wild flowers were in abundance with water flowing in most streams. There was a lot of chatter about pack weight, as often occurs, down to minute measurements and why do I have four food bars?! The trio took a revitalizing dip in the creek at Princeton Hot Springs and finished off the adventure with steaks in Buena Vista. This is such a beautiful area, especially this time of the year.

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Pikes Pique is the monthly newsletter of the Pikes Peak Group of the Colorado Mountain Club. It is a forum for enhancing skills for backcountry travel in the Colorado mountains and communicating information, news, and upcoming events to members and interested parties.

The purpose of the CMC is to unite the energy, interest, and knowledge of the students and lovers of the mountains of Colorado; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains on behalf of science, literature, art, recreation; to stimulate public interest in our mountain areas; to encourage the preservation of flora, fauna, and natural scenery; and to render readily accessible the alpine attractions of this region.

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### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Have a fun story or trip you want to share? Please submit your articles, along with pictures, to be considered for publication in the next Pikes Pique newsletter.

Please send to:

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The deadline for submissions is the 14<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Use the above contact information for corrections and comments as well.